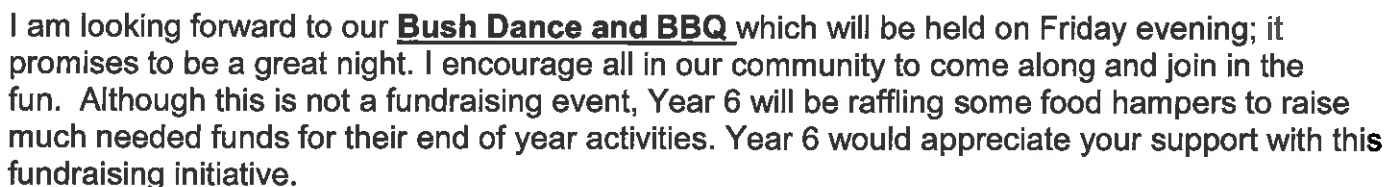




*Dear Parents / Carers*

## A Teacher's Prayer

*LOVE, for I help to shape the world.*



Our **Christmas Pageant** will be held on the 8th of December and is one of the highlights of the year. Remembering the real meaning of Christmas is always the focus of this event, as well as a showcase of our student's talents. Please mark this date in your diaries.

**St John's 10 day swimming program** concluded last Friday. Feedback from students, teachers and parents indicated that they were satisfied with the program. The students will now have the opportunity to demonstrate their swimming skills at our upcoming swimming carnival. **St John's swimming carnival** will take place at the Oasis Swimming Pool, Windsor on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Students from K – 6 will participate in the carnival. Parent/Carer volunteers are vital to run a successful carnival, please consider helping out on the day. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The student leader elections will soon be held to elect **St John's 2018 school leaders**. Our Year 5 students will put forward nominations for specific leadership roles. The nomination form outlines the expectations of a student in a school leadership position. The nomination form will be sent home for parents / caregivers to read and discuss with their child. It is a requirement that parents sign the nomination form to indicate that they support their child in nominating for a student leader role.

Last Friday afternoon St John's hosted an afternoon tea to thank the wonderful volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that our **2017 School Fete** was a success. The School Community Group with the assistance of the many volunteers raised \$11,373.76. A superb effort! The funds raised will go towards the purchase of a range of teaching learning resources and games that will benefit your children. I am very pleased to advise that St John's Community Group have started making plans for a repeat performance in 2018...yes we will be holding another fete next year. I encourage our parents / caregivers to give serious consideration to lending a hand in organising this fete.

**Grandparent's Day** Thank you to all of our wonderful Grandparent's for joining us on Friday 27th October for our Grandparent's Day Liturgy and afternoon tea. Our children's lives are enriched by having loving grandparents to share together life's joys and traditions. I hope all our Grandparents enjoyed their time at St John's.

*God Bless, Patricia*

# BBQ & BUSH DANCE

## FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER



BBQ FROM 5PM

BUSH DANCE FROM 6PM

BOOK FAIR OPEN FROM 3.30PM - 6PM



**WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT OUR BUSH DANCE THIS FRIDAY EVENING. ALL THE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN PRACTISING THEIR BUSH DANCES DURING CREATIVE ARTS AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SHOWCASING THEIR TALENTS.**

**Prizes for the best Bush Dance costume and raffle tickets will be for sale.**

**Please remember to RSVP if you will be joining us for the sausage sizzle before the Bush Dance. (A flyer came home with your child last Friday)**

# LIBRARY NEWS

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS  
AND CLASSROOM READERS**  
WITH THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR  
FAST APPROACHING IT'S TIME TO  
RETURN ALL OVERDUE BOOKS AND  
CLASSROOM READERS TO THE  
LIBRARY AND CLASSROOMS FOR  
STOCKTAKE.

Please check around your homes for any  
books that should be return to school asap

# NEW CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER

**FOR ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

St John's Primary School has been  
migrated to a new telephone system by the  
CEDP and therefore we have a new  
telephone number.

Please update your records.

**02 9854 3200**

# 2017 SUMMER BOOK FAIR

**EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE, EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL**



**The Summer Book Fair has arrived at  
St John's!!!!**

Mark a date on your calendar to come down and have a look at all the  
wonderful new books that have arrived in the library.  
These will make lovely gifts for friends and family at Christmas or stock filler's.



**DON'T FORGET YOUR ENTRY FOR THE BOOK FAIR COMPETITION**

**ENTRIES FOR THE BOOK FAIR COMPETITION CLOSE THURSDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2017 AND THE WINNERS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED AT THE BUSH DANCE ON FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER**

**Remember we will be open at the Bush Dance Friday 10th November from 3.30pm - 6.00 PM**



2017

# Christmas Pageant

Friday 8th December at 6pm in the school hall

Our Christmas Pageant will take place on Friday 8 December at 6p.m. The pageant will be based on 'the Nativity' the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The children are currently practising hymns with Mrs Noden in Music. More information in regards costuming will be conveyed to you in the following weeks.



*Kim Roffmann Religious Education Coordinator*



## Confirmation

On Friday 17th November, 9 children from Stage 3 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. We ask that you keep these children in your prayers as they receive the last of their Sacraments of Initiation.





# Grandparent's Day at St John's









FOLLOWING OUR SWIMMING PROGRAM, ST JOHN'S WILL BE HOLDING THE

## ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL ON THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2017 AT HAWKESBURY OASIS COMPLEX

*Thank you to those students that have already returned the permission/emergency note, code of conduct form and payment.  
If you haven't done so please return them asap. Parents/carers are also required to  
complete the event selection form that came home with students last week and on Monday.*

All Students are required to attend the swimming carnival as this day  
forms a very important part of the curriculum.  
All students are also required to travel to the event by bus. Parents/carers are  
permitted to take their child/children home from the carnival providing this  
has be indicated on the permission/emergency form.

### ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED***

We also urgently need Parent/Carer Volunteers to help out on the day.  
to date we only have two volunteers.

Volunteers are vital for a smooth running and successful carnival.

Thank you for your continued support of the students at St John's.



# LOST PROPERTY

**THE LOST PROPERTY BOX IN THE  
STUDENT FOYER IS OVER FLOWING  
WITH UNIFORM ITEMS**

**PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD TO CHECK  
FOR ANY MISSING ITEMS OF CLOTHING**



ANY CLOTHING STILL IN THE LOST PROPERTY BOX ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER  
WILL GO INTO THE SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP

# AWARDS

## Week 3 Values Award

### STEWARDSHIP

Jamie Hartz ES1, Shayla Baldock & Sienna Luppino Stage 1, Christian Hanna & Gurleen Kaur Stage 2, John Jiang Stage 3

### Merit Award Week 3

Mersadiez Syme ES1, Aanoheh SafeFatah & Alexander Lopez Stage 1, Tallara Spence & Alisha Xerri Stage 2, Bronte Peter & Vito Galati Stage 3

### Principal Award Week 3

Breanna Xerri ES1, Roman Hanna & Aliyah Kimes Stage 1, Kristian Albanis Stage 2, Isabelle McIntyre Stage 3

## Week 4 Values Award

### COMPASSION

Giovanni Galati ES1, Lucas Beazley & Eleanor Sharp Stage 1, Nico Hofma & Imogen Talbot-Woodford Stage 2, Candice Mercieca & Bella-Marie Hanna Stage 3

### Merit Award Week 4

Phoenix Baldock ES1, Charles Blanks & Amelia Makin Stage 1, Aaron Sciberras & Hope Gibson Stage 2, Emily Mason & Jenella Mendoza Stage 3

### Principal Award Week 4

Jelena Filipovic ES1, Shaun Tolmie Stage 1, Tyra Gray Stage 2, Page Williams Stage 3

# CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

St John's  
Primary School

Happy  
Hands  
Awards

Week 4 Term 4  
Bronze Award

Cooper Stone  
&  
Stephanie Bugeja

Outstanding effort



# WHAT'S COMING UP

6-16 November	BOOK FAIR
8th - 10th November	LIFE EDUCATION
10th November	Happy Harold
10th November	BBQ & BUSH DANCE
	From 5pm
13th November	PRC Meeting 7pm
15th November	Kindy 2018 Transition Day 2pm
16th November	BOOK FAIR LEAVES
22nd November	Kindy 2018 Transition Day 2pm
23rd November	SWIMMING CARNIVAL
29th November	Kindy 2018 Transition Day 2pm
11th December	Year 6 Fun Day
13th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass & Supper 6pm
15th December	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
	End of Year Mass 10am
	Assembly 2pm
	Arch of Tears
18th & 19th December	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS
29th & 30th	MAI Testing/SDD
January 2018	
31st January	FIRST DAY ALL STUDENTS

every learner  
every day 

CEDP Attendance Level %



School Name

St Johns Primary Riverstone

School Attendance Level %

89.1%

Scholastic Year

K

01

02

03

04

05

06

Sch Yr Attendance Level %

94.4%

84.2%

88.7%

90.0%

76.4%

93.3%

93.3%



Sarah Mansweto 26th  
October, Krishan Kirpal 29th  
October, Alexander Lopez 2nd  
November, Talara Sciberras  
3rd November and  
Hope Gibson 6th November

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

*IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL  
PARENTS/CARERS TO ADVISE THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING OF ANY  
CHANGES/UPDATES TO PARENT/  
CARERS AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS  
TELEPHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS*

*It is imperative that the school  
is able to get in contact with  
each and every child's  
emergency contacts at  
anytime.*

*PLEASE FORWARD ANY CHANGES/UPDATES IN  
WRITING TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE SO YOUR  
CHILD RECORDS CAN BE AMENDED. YOU CAN  
ALSO PICK-UP A FORM FROM THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE*

*Thank you for your support.*

## **Our School Prayer**

**Heavenly Father,**

**At St John's we pray that you watch over  
us in all we say and do.**

**Guide us with love and peace.**

**Be with us as we learn.**

**Let us make choices that create a friendly  
and respectful community.**

**Help us to be the best we can.**

**Amen**

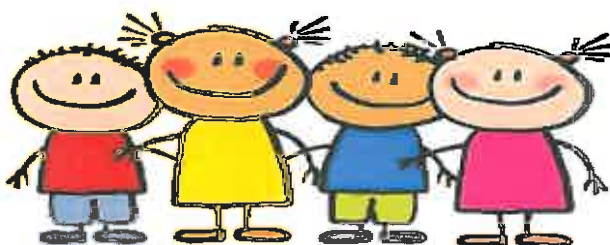


## **ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RULES**

**Be a good learner**

**Be respectful**

**Be safe**



## **2018 ENROLMENTS**

**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW  
HAS A CHILD READY TO START  
SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, IT'S NOT  
TOO LATE TO  
PICK-UP AN ENROLMENT  
PACKAGE FROM THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE**

**ALSO TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR YEARS 1 TO 6**

*ST JOHN'S THE HEART OF THE  
COMMUNITY*



# SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

School Fees are now  
**OVERDUE**

Please contact Deanne Hearnden in the school office if you would like to discuss fees further or you would like to set up a payment arrangement.

Discussing of fees will be dealt with confidentially and each person is guaranteed that they will be treated with respect and dignity.

Fees can be paid either by cash, cheque, bpay, postbillpay or by using our EFTPOS facilities.

# STAY IN THE LOOP SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEWSLETTER

Take a look at our  
website and you can  
subscribe to receive  
our fortnightly  
newsletter, event  
reminders and news

[www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au)

Please call into the school office and speak to our friendly office staff if you prefer to receive a printed hard copy and this can be arranged for you.

# LATE ARRIVALS

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

**THE GATE NEAR THE KISS AND DROP AREA WILL BE CLOSED BY THE  
TEACHER ON DUTY AT THE CONCLUSION OF KISS AND DROP DAILY**

***IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THE BELL AT 8.50am YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE INTERCOM TO  
GAIN ENTRY AND MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD TO THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE A LATE  
ARRIVAL/PARTIAL ABSENCE FORM, YOUR CHILD WILL BE GIVEN A LATE ARRIVAL PASS TO  
HAND TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER TO CONFIRM THAT A PARTIAL ABSENCE HAS BEEN  
PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE STAFF***

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT REGARDING THIS MATTER**

# every learner every day

**At school we are interested in your child's**

Well being and happiness

Engagement with learning in the classroom

Social and emotional development

**The single most important thing you can do to support all of these areas is ensure they attend Every Day**



**Lunch orders are available on Monday's and Friday's from SAM'S Gourmet Café**

Please write your child's name, class and order on a brown paper bag and enclose the correct money.

Children can then place their orders in the blue lunch order boxes located in the under-croft, near the student foyer

**Orders need to be in the boxes by 8.45am**



**REMINDER THAT PARENTS/CARERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK WHEN THEY DROP OFF OR PICK UP THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.**

**THE STAFF CAR PARK IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

**THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS IS PARIMOUNT AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR CO OPERATION REGARDING THIS MATTER**

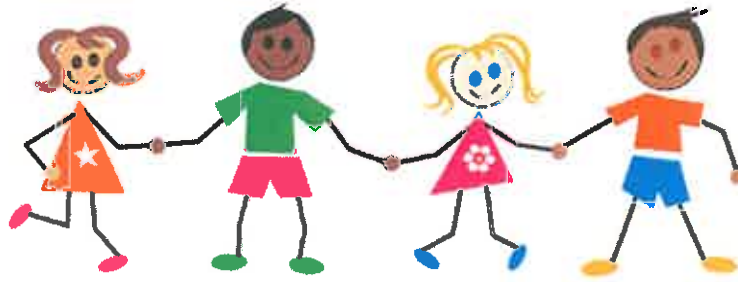
## COMPLAINTS AND GREIVENCES

If , at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to find a resolution for your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best we can to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience for our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern formally, the Catholic Education Office has procedures for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to lodge a complaint and a complaint form are available from the school office or in the Complaint Handling Policy and Procedures. These documents can be accessed on the CEDP website [www.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au)





# Building Child Safe Communities

## Important Information for Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers. All volunteers will need to complete the **Undertaking for Volunteers' Form and Training Module** online before they can volunteer at St John's, please use the link below.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

### **Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form**

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

### **Step 2: Complete the online training module**

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.

Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

***NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE TRAINING MODULE YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THE 'UNDERTAKING FOR VOLUNTEERS' FORM.***

# UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

LETTERS ARE SENT HOME TO  
PARENTS/CARERS ON A WEEKLY BASIS  
REGARDING UNEXPLAINED  
ABSENCES

THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS  
REQUIRED URGENTLY AND NEEDS TO  
BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
If your child is absent from school it is  
the Parent/Carers responsibility to  
send to school with the child (on their  
return) a written explanation of the  
reason for absence and it also needs to  
be signed by the Parent/Carer. Notifi-  
cation via telephone will be accepted  
providing the caller can be verified.

This is a legal requirement.

every learner  
every day 

## MORNING SUPERVISION

Before school supervision of  
students commences at 8.20am.  
Parents are asked not to drop off their  
children at school prior to this time.

*This is for the safety of all our  
students*

# UNIFORM EXPECTATION

Thank you very much to our parents  
for ensuring that your children  
come to school in the correct full  
school uniform and neatly  
groomed.

- ◆ BLACK LEATHER SCHOOL SHOES
- ◆ JEWELLERY - STANDARD WATCHES (Boys & Girls)
- ◆ JEWELLERY - PLAIN STUD OR SLEEPERS EARRINGS (Girls only)
- ◆ LONG HAIR MUST BE TIED BACK WITH REGU-  
LATION (SCHOOL COLOURS) RIBBON, BAND  
OR SCHOOL SCRUNCHIE AND EXTREME HAIR  
STYLES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. THIS IN-  
CLUDES STREAKS, HAIR COLOURING, LINES,  
SHAVED CUTS, UNDER CUTS, RATS TAILS,  
MULLETS ETC.
- ◆ SPORTS SHOES MUST BE PREDOMINANTLY WHITE  
WITH WHITE LACES NOT COLOURED
- ◆ SPORTS SOCK ARE WHITE COVERING THE ANKLE
- ◆ GIRLS SOCKS ARE LIGHT BLUE and BOYS ARE GREY  
WITH MAROON STRIPE (available at Lowes)
- ◆ NAIL POLISH IS NOT PERMITTED
- ◆ SCHOOL HAT IS TO BE WORN OUTDOORS AT ALL  
TIMES (St John's Primary School has a NO HAT NO  
PLAY Policy)
- ◆ GIRLS AND BOYS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR  
TIES WITH THE WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM
- ◆ GIRLS TAB TIES ARE AVAILABE FROM THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$7
- ◆ BOYS TIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$17
- ◆ GIRLS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR GREY TIGHTS  
WITH THE WINTER UNIFORM

Thank You for your co-operation



# Parent Pick-up

Parents/Carers are asked to please wait in the parent pick up area in the under-croft and

**NOT TO CONGREGATE NEAR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR IN THE AREA BETWEEN EARLY STAGE ONE AND STAGE ONE CLASSROOMS**

This is for the safety of all of our children. We appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter

# ASSEMBLY

Whole School Assembly is held

**FRIDAY'S AT 2.30PM**

All Parent's/Carers/Family and Friends are most welcome to join our school community

# SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

School commences at 8:50 am and concludes at 2:50 pm

All children that arrive after the morning bell need to be accompanied by a Parent/Carer to the office to complete a late arrival form that needs to be signed by the Parent/Carer. This is a legal requirement and the child will be processed as an unexplained partial absence if the Parent/Carer does not attend the office with the child. Please have your child at school before 8:50am.



# ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

**Tuesday and Thursday  
9:15—11:15 am**

If you have children under 5 years old, why not bring them along each Tuesday or Thursday to Playgroup in the Church Hall. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers are all welcome. For further inquiries please contact Tina on 9627 7625 or the Parish Office on 9627 1176

## School

5 McCulloch St Riverstone/PO Box 20, Riverstone, 2765  
Tel: 9854 3200 Email: [riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:riverstone@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
[www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au)

**Principal: Patricia Charlton**

Office Hours 8.30 am—3.30pm  
Call in for a School tour anytime

## Parish

Cnr Garfield Rd & McCulloch St  
Riverstone 2765.  
Tel: 9627 1176 Email: [stjohns10@bigpond](mailto:stjohns10@bigpond)  
**Parish Priest: Father Zakaria Gayed**

Weekend Mass Times:  
Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am