



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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<http://www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au/index.cfm>

2018 TERM 4 WEEK 4

DIARY DATES – PLEASE SEE APP FOR MORE DETAILS

Monday 5 th –Friday 16 th November	Student assessments will be carried out over these two weeks.
Friday 9 th November	2.20pm Assembly – Year 5 presenting
Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th November	HEAD LICE – CHECK AND TREAT THIS WEEKEND
Tuesday 13 th November	Year 2 Excursion to Walkabout Park Click here for note 7pm PRG Thank you to volunteers
Wednesday 14 th November	2019 Kinder Yana Programme 9.30am to 11am
Thursday 15 th November	Kinder, Years 1 and 2 Swimming Program. Click here for checklist
Friday 16 th November	Year 6 Mini Fete 12 – 1.30pm Click here for flyer
Tuesday 20 th November	Year 5 Leadership Day Mini Vinnies Cup Cake Stall
Wednesday 21 st November	9am & 7pm Kinder Information on "The importance of reading" St Edward's and St Joseph's band visiting Band Expression of Interest Due
Thursday 22 nd November	Kinder, Years 1 and 2 Swimming Program. Click here for checklist
Friday 23 rd November	12 noon Mass Years 3 & 4 followed by Year 4 reconciliation 2.20pm Assembly – Year 3 presenting

End of Year Dates are now on the Skoolbag App – check the calendar

Going on holidays for 10+ days? Complete this form please. [Application for Exemption \(10+ days\)](#)

[Medication Form](#) To be completed by a medical practitioner if any medication is required at school.

School banking will be on **FRIDAY for the next two weeks. Still send your child's banking in but it won't be returned until Friday afternoon.**

CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION...



All I Have is Yours

This Sunday we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark ([Mk 12: 38-44](#)). The Gospel reading goes like this: Jesus was sitting near the place called the treasury, where people gave money to help in the temple. This is like what we do at church when the offering plate/basket is passed along the rows. Jesus watched many rich people walk by and toss coins into the treasury. And then, a widow, a woman who had no husband, dropped two small coins into the treasury. To his disciples, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

Jesus knew that the rich people were giving money because they had much more money than they needed to buy food, or clothing, so they gave some of their extra money. But, this woman was poor. Jesus said, "This woman has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

When we are able to give what is important to us or be the best that we can, that is the gift that pleases God's heart the most. What's more, when we give it with gladness or excitement, God is even more pleased.

**Jesus, thank you for the good things we learn from your Word.
Thank you for all the ways you give to us and take care of us.
Help us, Lord, to give with happy hearts,
and help us remember to always give you our best. Amen.**

What's coming up?

Week 4

Sacrament of Reconciliation Classes - *begin this week and will run for 4 weeks.*

Week 6

Sunday 18th November: SJB Church Dedication at 2pm – SJB School Choir to perform.
Friday 23rd November: Stage 2 Mass in the hall at 12:00pm (led by Year 4) followed by Year 4 Reconciliation.

Week 7

Friday 23rd November: Infants Mass in the hall at 12:00pm (led by Year Kindy).

Week 8

Monday 3rd December: 1st Advent Liturgy in the hall at 2:40pm – led by Year 1.
Friday 7th December: Stage 3 Mass in the hall at 12:00pm (led by Year 5) followed by Year 5 Reconciliation.

Week 9

Monday 10th December: 2nd Advent Liturgy in the hall at 2:40pm – led by Year 2.
Thursday 13th December: Year 6 Graduation Mass in school hall at 6:00pm.
For Year 6 students and their families.
Friday 14th December: 3rd Advent Liturgy in the hall at 2:40pm – led by Year 3

Week 10

Tuesday 18th December: 4th Advent Liturgy in school hall at 2:40pm – led by Kindergarten.

Wednesday 19^h December: Whole School End of Year Mass in school hall at 12:00pm.

God Bless,
Amanda Dillon
Religious Education Coordinator

[Click here for the Parish Bulletin](#)

**Come join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:15 am Mass**

St John the Baptist Parish, Woy Woy Peninsula

**For ages 5-12 years / Operates most 2nd, 3rd 4th Sundays of the month excluding Christmas holidays.
Further enquires contact Christine French 4342 4548**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Thank You Night

You are invited to join us for a drink and nibbles next **Tuesday 13th November at 7pm** in the Family Room to say THANK YOU for all you've done to help at SJB this year. Please come along!



Assessment Time

During these two weeks (5 – 16th Nov) the children will be undertaking standardized testing and other teacher-set assessments. The information gleaned from these assessments will go towards each child's final grading for their report. It is, therefore, very important that all students are at school each day (and on time) during this two week period.

Year 6 Mini-fete

Year 6 will hold their annual mini-fete on Friday 16th November. Please see the flyer below for more information. Parents are very welcome to join us for these fun activities.

[Mini-fete Flyer](#)

Classes for 2019

The teachers are starting to think about splitting classes for 2019. This is a process the teachers take very seriously and spend a great deal of time working through. Each child will be asked to fill out a sociogram so the teachers can take into consideration their thoughts. *If you have a particular concern about friendships/relationships of your child please let their class teacher know ASAP so this can be taken into consideration.* No child will be moved once classes are announced.

Class Changes

From time to time we have parents requesting their child change class. Each parent believes they have the most important reason in the world why this change needs to happen. We do NOT change a child's class no matter how important you think the reason is. It is far more beneficial for a child's development and wellbeing to work through the issues and upskill those concerned rather than sending a message of failure by moving them. Learning to get along with people and managing life's difficulties is an important life lesson – one that cannot be learnt by running away from the problem.

End of Year Concert

The children have begun preparation for our end of year concert, which will be held on **Tuesday 11th December** at St Edward's Hall. It is an expectation that all children will participate in this event. If for some extraordinary reason your child/ren is not going to be present please send me a written explanation.

[Click here for Costume List](#)

Trivia and Games Night

Thank you to the PRG for organizing the recent Trivia Night. It was another fun night!

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the children who received a merit award at assembly in week 2.

[Click here for photos](#)

Bronze, Silver, Gold and AP Awards

Congratulations to the children who have recently received PBL awards.

[Click here for photos](#)

Principal Awards

Congratulations to the children who have reached the highest level for behaviour in the school, The Principal Award. These were awarded at the assembly in week 2.

[Click here for photos](#)

May we all be open to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Nicole Cumming



Invictus Games Assembly

By Emily B and Sophie W (4 Gold)

On Monday the 29th of October Mrs Magill invited Steve Cokayne and Graham Bell to come to our school to talk about the Invictus Games. Steve Cokayne was from England and his main sports are powerlifting, shotput, and the 100 metre sprint. Graham's main sport is archery.



First, Steve came in and showed us his prosthetic legs. He has a leg for all the sports he competes in, but of course one for everyday life. When Steve was 21 years old he injured his leg during a climbing accident during a military activity. He later had to get it removed, after countless surgeries. Since his injury, Steve has joined the UK powerlifting team. His personal best weight is 140 kilograms, which is like 93 Darth Vader masks. Steve has met Prince Harry and Prince Charles in person.



Graham Bell talked to us about competing in archery at the Invictus Games. He explain how he was hit by a car and suffered from terrible leg and arm injuries. Fortunately he didn't need any amputations, but sadly he went through depression and never wanted to do anything again. But when he entered the Invictus Games it inspired him to keep on going.



Mrs Magill worked with the Army Reserves at the Invictus Games. Some of the jobs she did was setting up the events for the competitors, handing out blankets at the opening ceremony and minding seats for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle!! At the end of the assembly some children were able to put on some of the clothes and hats from the Invictus Games. Some children even got to hold Steve's legs!! Mrs Magill said that it was a privilege to be able to help at the Invictus Games as she got to meet amazing people and hear inspiring stories from the competitors from all over the world.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TALK

In week 3, 'Gumnuts' from Red Bus Services visited our school with his special bus to help us learn some bus safety tips. Children from Kindy through to Year 6 learnt lots of important information about waiting for buses, how to stay safe when riding on the bus and we got to have a look at the bus that 'Gumnuts' drove to our school. Students took home a leaflet with some bus safety tips to help reinforce this information.



Waratah Shield Cricket Update

The SJB First XI returned to Bateau Bay for a semi-final matchup against perennial achievers St Mary's, Toukley. Losing the toss and bowling first the boys started strongly taking a number of quick early wickets having St Mary's in trouble at 3-8. Ewan W was particularly effective taking two wickets. Unfortunately for us a strong partnership of 60 followed and the opposition finished on a very competitive 4-96.

Our team knew that was quite a target but were determined to give it a shake. In return our boys tried gallantly picking up the run rate as the overs ticked by. James C was particularly adept with quick singles recognising them at every opportunity. In the end we fell just short missing out on the final by 11 runs.

Overall, a very good result and especially pleasing was the manner in which the boys conducted themselves playing in good spirits and demonstrating fairness and respect. Well done and a big thank you to everyone concerned.

Band Beats.....

What a fantastic performance by our very talented bunch of musicians at the recent Band Festival held by the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music at Mingara.

They represented SJB with pride and musical passion and came away with a Silver award for the Training Band, plus for the 5th year in a row, a Gold award for the Concert Band!!! Congratulations to all those involved. [Click here for photos](#)



Join the Band

Don't forget to lodge your expression of interest form by 21/11 if you are in year 3 or above and would like to be part of this awesome team of musicians. You'll learn to read music and play an instrument but most importantly, you'll have a bunch of fun along the way. [Click here for the Form](#)

All the information you need is in the attached form including contact details should you have any questions regarding costs, tutorials or instrument hire.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal



Christmas is a time of joy for most but for some it is a time of despair. There are many in our local community who aren't as fortunate as some and face a Christmas without the same opportunity of celebrating a happy day as we hope all would be able to. In conjunction with our local St Vincent de Paul conference, St John the Baptist school are seeking donations to contribute towards making Christmas Hampers. Any donations of items, no matter how small, would be appreciated. We appreciate that Christmas is often a time of financial strain for many families and do not wish to burden anyone with feeling that they have to contribute to this. Simply, if you are able to send in something small with your child to class or drop into the front office then your support would be greatly appreciated by St Vincent de Paul. Items should be sent in **Friday 16 November**.

Suggested items:

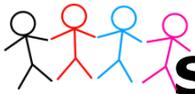
Christmas cake/pudding	packet of long life custard
packets of jelly crystals	tin fruit
cans of tinned vegetables	tin of Christmas ham
packet of pasta	jar of pasta sauce
packets of biscuits	packets of lollies / chocolate
jar of spread (jam, vegemite etc)	box of tea bags
jar of coffee	tin of milo/chocolate drink
Various Christmas decorations (bon-bons, tablecloth, candles, Christmas stocking etc)	

FROM THE FLO....

For those who could not attend our recent session on "The resilient Child" here are the top tips to building resilience in children:

1. BE POSITIVE- focus on your child's strengths
2. ENCOURAGE TEAM ACTIVITIES – expose children to different environments, different people and contexts
3. ENCOURAGE THEM TO TRY – have a go and try their best
4. MISTAKES ARE O.K – we learn from our mistakes
5. LIFE ISN'T FAIR – Teach children strategies to cope when things don't go their way
6. SET A GOOD EXAMPLE – model respect and expectations
7. KEEP PERSPECTIVE – listen to your child, tomorrow is a new day

Also, visit the character strengths website for the video and free survey to discover your children's and your own strength! <http://www.viacharacter.org/www/character-strengths-old/the-science-of-character-video>



SAVE THE DATES!



SJB PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Do you have a child with additional needs or would simply like to get together with other parents to discuss parenting, strategies, support options and anything in between?



MARK YOUR DIARY:

Thursday 29th Nov 10-11am @ Diggers, Ettalong

Come along for an informal chat with other parents; enjoy a cuppa, gain support and friendship!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

WELLBEING WALK FOR PARENTS TERM 4

I would like to invite all parents/carers to join me for a morning walk at 10am @ Umina surf Club on the



13/12/18



Let's get active whilst enjoying the beautiful coastline, conversation and good company.

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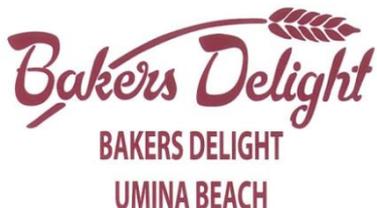
CANTEEN...

Open every day.

Orders can be made on Flexischools [click here](#)

Canteen Menu [click here](#)

The Canteen requires help on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th November, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th November. Assistance will also be needed from 13th – 19th December.



The canteen is now being supported by Baker's Delight, Umina Beach. It would be wonderful if we could return the support of this local business.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to assist in the canteen. You are very much appreciated. If you would like to become a volunteer please let me know by either emailing the school (sjbww@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or come in and say "hello" after 8.30am. **Fridays are particularly busy so any help given will be welcomed – even if your assistance is only for an hour or two, say at 9am and 1pm.**

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

For day to day events and details visit our Skoolbag App

Please refer to the school website for more information: www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au

Or click on the links below:

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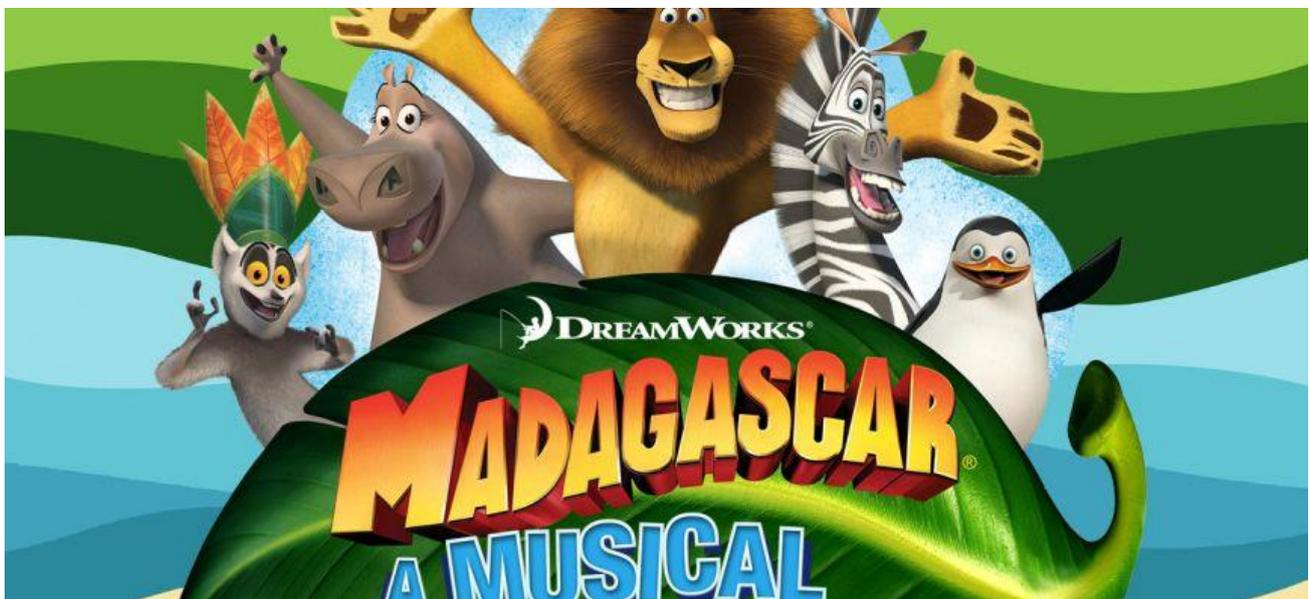
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Overdue on your school fees account? Contact Fees Liason Team

Telephone: 9847 0728 Email: schoolfees@dbb.org.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES...



STARING: SJB Student, Charlie Field

WHERE: Laycock Street Community Theatre

WHEN: 15 – 19 January 2019

Suitable for all ages. Tickets \$27

See Council's website for more details:

<https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/theatres/whats-on/madagascar-musical-adventure-jr>