



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Please check **Skoolbag App** for **EVENT** information.



Compass - Parent Login Guide

[CLICK HERE](#)

HELPFUL HINTS - [Click Here](#)

2020 TERM 1 WEEK 7

Uniform Shop: Cowan & Lewis, Wednesday 8.30 – 9.30am
Orders can be phoned directly Ph 9449 9777

OOSHC: Catholic Care - Ph 0481 602 082

2nd Hand Uniform Shop: Tuesday 8.30 – 9.30am

CSO Fees Liaison Unit: Ph 9847 0728

Compass Notifications or notes are required for all absences from school. A Doctor's Certificate is required for illness of 3+ days. Absences reported on the Compass App can only be recorded for the DAY of absence not from /to dates

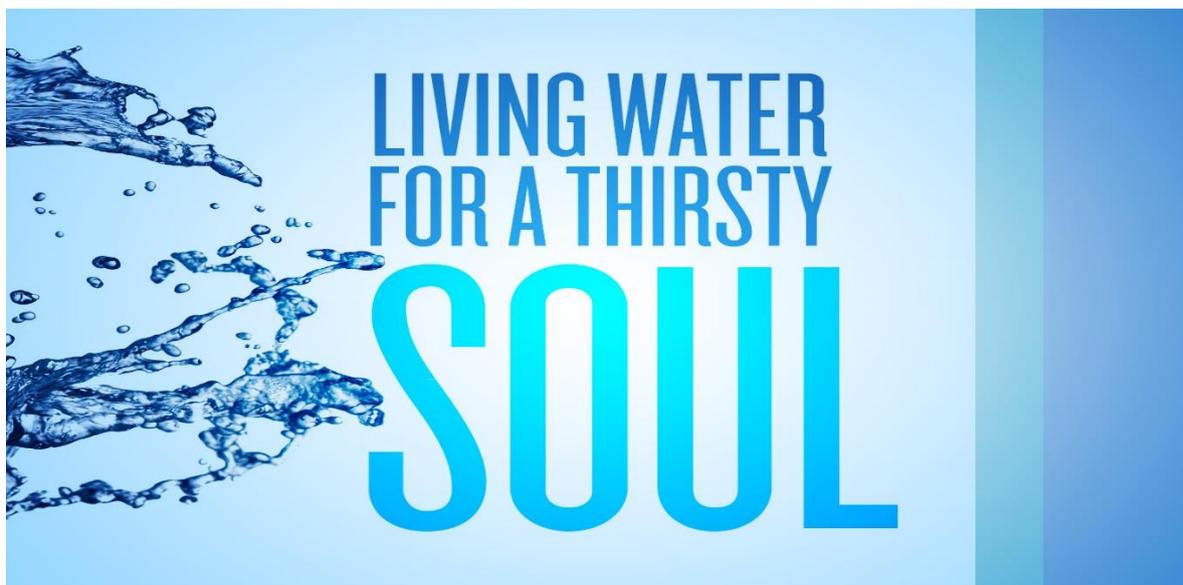
Medication (This form must be completed by a medical practitioner if any medication is required at school) [Click Here](#)

If your child is an asthmatic we require a medication form, medication as well as an "Asthma Plan"

All event information and day-to-day details are placed on the Skoolbag App

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2020

CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION



Nobody likes admitting when they have sinned. Whether you have broken a window or received a speeding ticket; you know how embarrassing it feels when someone points out what it is you have done wrong.

That's why Sunday's gospel reading ([John 4: 5-42](#)) is so remarkable. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman about her sin, she didn't respond in fear. She didn't even seem ashamed of the wrong she had done. Quite the opposite! When Jesus told her that he knew all of her sins – and named them, she was in awe of him. Their conversation then compelled her to run to her neighbours and tell them all about him.

I wonder why she responded this way? Perhaps she was touched by the mercy of Jesus and transformed. But how this happened?

First, Jesus **reached out** to her, and his love moved her heart. He knew everything about her, the bad as well as the good, and he welcomed her. He does the same for us. Before we even admit our sins, he knows them, but he never stops reaching out to us. He waits for us, just as he waited by that well.

Second, Jesus offered her **living water**. It's quite possible that this woman had been living in guilt and shame. She most likely came to the well at midday to avoid running into others, who instead would draw water at a cooler time of the day. But Jesus saw her as a child of God who needed to be set free. He offered her his love and presence, the water of life that would fill her and change her. And it did – she left her water jar behind because her encounter with Jesus gave her a new source of life.

Jesus is ready to fill us with the living water of the Holy Spirit today. He is reaching out to each one of us with compassion. Ask him to fill your heart and change your life. (Source: Five Minutes with the Word)

Jesus, thank you for welcoming me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and change me. Amen.

What's coming up?

Preparation of Children for the Sacrament of the Eucharist is underway for Year 3 students. Please keep these children in your prayers over the coming weeks.

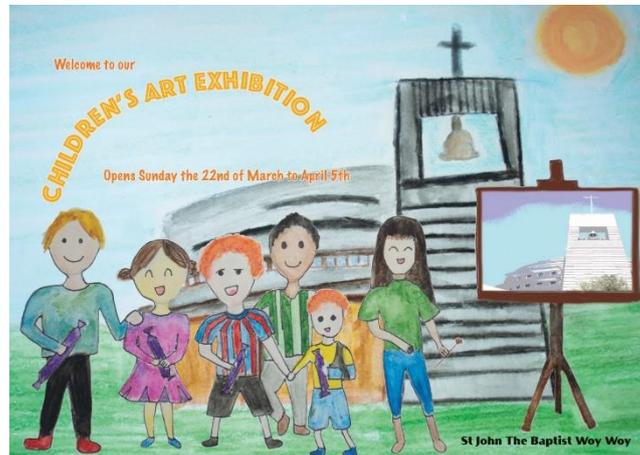


Week 8

Friday 20th March: Stage 3 Mass and Reconciliation in Hall at 12pm. Led by Year 6.

Week 9

Sunday 22nd March: 9:15am - Parish School Mass at Woy Woy Parish. Morning tea will be held after Mass and kindly provided by the families of Years 6 and Kindergarten students.



SJB Parish Children's Art Exhibition begins! Children are invited to create artworks to be added to the Children's Art Exhibition at the Parish. The theme of the artworks are to be: **"What does Lent mean to me?"** Students can bring their artworks along to the Parish or hand them in at school. [Please click here for further instructions.](#)

Friday 27th March: Stage 2 Mass and Reconciliation in Hall at 12pm. Led by Year 4.

Week 10

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April: Students will attend Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at various times with their class in the Chapel.

Week 11

Wednesday 8th April: Walking the Way ~ Holy Week. Parent Reflection Morning, 9:00-11:00am in the Parent Room [\(click here for invitation\)](#).

God Bless,

Amanda Dillon

Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Staff Development Day

A staff development day has been planned for Monday 27th April (1st day of Term 2) for staff to gather for a spirituality day. Could you please make alternative care arrangements for your children on this day. Catholic Care are available and can be contacted on 0481 602 082.



Next week our school will be celebrating **Harmony Day** which focusses on anti-bullying and our multi-cultural heritage.

Kinder to Year 2 will be participating in a colouring in competition in class. The topic is anti-bullying.

Years 3-6 will design an "Anti-Bullying" Awareness Poster in A3 size. This poster can be completed independently or with a friend. Posters could include a catchy slogan; the five steps to stop bullying; quotes to inspire kindness or the difference between bullying, or being rude and mean.

The colouring in entries and the Poster entries are **due to Mrs Hopper in Year 2 Red next Wednesday 18th.**

On **Thursday 19th March** Brainstorm Productions will visit our school to present a show about bullying.

Friday 20th March, at morning assembly different classes and students will be presenting various multi-cultural performances.

We encourage students and teachers to **dress in either their family's traditional clothes relating to their heritage.** (Remember if the dress is precious pack the school uniform to change into afterwards). Australian children can wear socks, headbands, ribbons, tshirt in green and yellow or red, white and blue. **NO face paint or colour hair spray please.** All classes will have the opportunity to parade their costumes or outfits.

Students are invited to **prepare some traditional food at home or bring a plate of food, packaged food, an artifact, a recipe or photographs** relating to their heritage to share with their class. All homemade food must have ingredients labelled with their dish.

Afternoon assembly will commence at 2.20pm.

ATTENDANCE – ATTEND MORE, LEARN MORE, BE MORE

Next week is Attendance Week and a time for us to reflect on the importance of children being present at school in order to optimise their learning potential.

Absences add up:

- being 10 minutes late each day can lead to 6 missed days per year
- missing 2 days of school each month means over an entire year of missed learning in a child's school life

Each day missed:

- puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- can lead to gaps in learning and impact on social and emotional skills

If you are having attendance issues with your child please speak to us about it so that we can find ways to address it.



Why is attendance at school important?

<p>Year 3 students with an accumulated unauthorised absence rate of 10% in each of their first three years of schooling achieved approximately 36 points lower in Year 3 on the NAPLAN numeracy domain than students with no unauthorised absences during the same period. As students generally gain 100 points from Year 3 to Year 5 (Hancock et al. 2013), a 36 point difference is almost two thirds of a year's growth in achievement that students with high rates of unauthorised absences fail to reach.</p> <p>*AITSL Spotlight on Attendance Matters Report 2019</p>
<p>In the early childhood stage of schooling, "student attendance patterns are more of a reflection of parental attitudes and behaviours and of family stability than of the student's own choices" (Connolly & Olson, 2012).</p> <p>*AITSL Spotlight on Attendance Matters Report 2019</p>
<p>"Research findings from the past decade unequivocally agree that the first years of life are a critical period of intense learning for children; these years provide the foundation for later academic and social success" – AIHW, 2015. Findings from both US and Australian studies highlight the importance of setting positive attendance habits early in a child's schooling. This includes attending early childhood education programs and early schooling.</p> <p>*AITSL Spotlight on Attendance Matters Report 2019</p>
<p>Each day missed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up• Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy• Can lead to gaps in learning and impact on social and emotional skills <p>*DBB Learning Every Day Counts Attendance Initiative Promotional Material 2019</p>
<p>What parents can do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be firm. Send your child to school every day unless they are sick• Develop good sleep and morning routines• Schedule appointments after school• Avoid taking holidays during term time• Limit screen time <p>*DBB Learning Every Day Counts Attendance Initiative Promotional Material 2019</p>

Watch the video using the link for more information: [Broken Bay - School Attendance - Primary](#)

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT - DEVELOPING NUMBER SKILLS IN MATHS

Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the number skills workshop on Wednesday night. It was great to see everyone "doing the maths" and learning some of the activities we use to help children develop their number skills. These skills are taught from Kindergarten but it can be very easy to slip into using inefficient strategies making learning more challenging as concepts require more thought. Developing number skills is a feature of every classroom across the school. The focus is on using efficient strategies to work things out and not rely on counting on our fingers

Swimming

In our Week 4 Assembly we recognized and announced our age champions for swimming. Congratulations to Quinn, Avalon, Frank, Eve, Khai, Gabi, George, Grace, Timothy, Georgina, Koa, Ava, Shaylan, Bronte, Cooper, Isabelle, Nate, Catherine, Aiden and Sophia. The year the yellow house won the carnival. 30 children went on to represent us in the next level – the Central Coast Combined Catholic Schools carnival with Catherine, Sophia, Nate, Georgina, Gabi, Khai and Quinn going to the represent our school at the Diocesan Carnival.

[Click here for photos](#)

Week 4 Merit Award Photos [Click here](#)

If you require Vacation Care this school holidays please [click here](#)

FRAN KANE

FROM THE FLO

WELLBEING WALK FOR PARENTS TERM 1

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



Thursday 26th March

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



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Library News



Books for new babies!

If you have a new baby this year, please let me know. We would like to welcome your new addition to the family with a gift - a book to love and share at family reading time.

Parents/Carers welcome in the Library

Parents and carers, you are most welcome to visit the Library before and after school Mon/Wed/Thur to read a book or borrow with your child.



Book Nook

We have placed a box of children's books in the front office – the 'Book Nook'. Please feel free to browse, swap or take for keeps!

Premier's Reading Challenge

- The Premier's Reading Challenge is underway!
- Logon details have been sent home (for NEW participants this year only).
- Previous participants already have a logon (please let me know of lost).
- For full details of Challenge and book lists please see the [Premier's Reading Challenge](#) website.
- **PRC Club** is on most Mondays at second break. Kinder and Year 1 students can have books read to them by an older 'Reading Buddy'.

Year 5 and 6 students read to Kinder and Year 1 at PRC Club. Thanks to Shontelle, Baleigh, Sami, Tahnae, Zara, Hannah, and Ciara who read last week.



Ann Hall
Teacher Librarian

CANTEEN...

Helpers are welcome on any day between 9.30am to 2.00pm, even for an hour during these times it would be greatly appreciated.

Open every day. Orders can be made on Flexischools [click here](#)



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

Cancer Council NSW link to packing healthy lunch boxes healthylunchbox.com.au

SCHOOL BANKING...

School Banking day is Friday.

If you would like to know more about School Banking please visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking Parent information packs will be sent home shortly

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

For day to day events and details visit our Skoolbag App
Please refer to the school website for more information:

<http://sjbwwdbb.catholic.edu.au>

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ROOSTERS VISIT OUR SCHOOL

Following their latest visit to our school the Roosters would like to let everyone know of their upcoming match against the Sea Eagles and Holiday Camp

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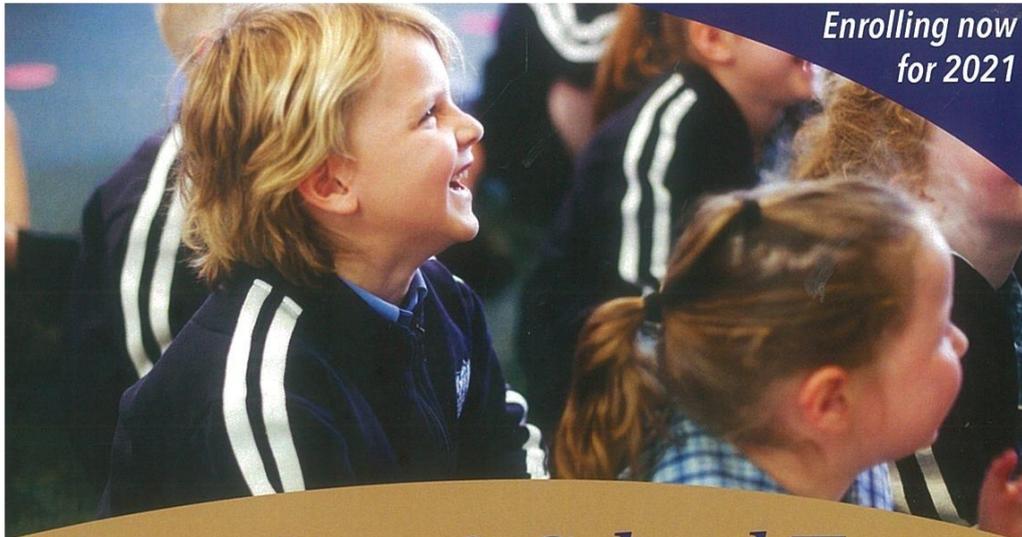
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Open Day & School Tours

FOR 2021 ENROLMENT AND BEYOND...



Find out everything you need to know about enrolling in 2021 and beyond. Morning and evening sessions available. School tours can also be arranged by appointment.

THURSDAY 2 APRIL 2020

7pm-8pm Enrolment Information Evening

FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2020

9.30am-10.30am Under 6 Fun Morning and School Tours

DISCOVER WHAT A CATHOLIC EDUCATION CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD.

A place of learning, united in faith, which integrates a community that supports diversity and is accepting of the individual's strengths and differences in our contemporary world.

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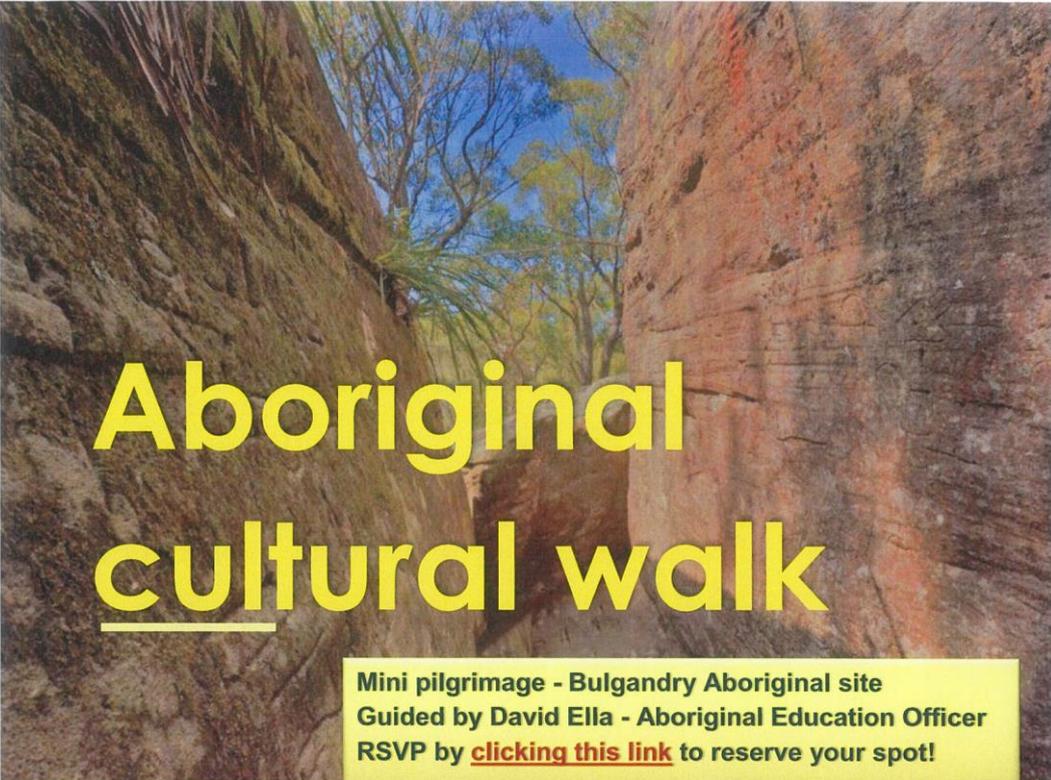
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Aboriginal cultural walk

Mini pilgrimage - Bulgandry Aboriginal site
Guided by David Ella - Aboriginal Education Officer
RSVP by [clicking this link](#) to reserve your spot!

This amazing site is protected by a wooden walkway permitting easy access to the site. Bulgandry is the name given to the ancestral hero depicted at the site. Bulgandry is wearing a ceremonial headdress holding a circular object in one hand. Everyone is welcome to come along and together experience local Aboriginal spirituality and the connection with our Catholic traditions. We will finish with a communal BBQ at Somersby Falls.

Date: Thursday April 2nd
Time: 10am – 2pm
Where we meet: The car park at Bulgandry engraving site on Woy Woy Road, Kariong.

Link for booking

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfE2HMI2YlftXiTflCSDX2G7QTP3gei7pJivVWvtoXKZp1bug/viewform>