



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Children

Principal's Notes

St John's School Staff/Board/P&F Commissioning Mass

On Sunday, all members of the School Community are invited to attend the Commissioning Mass for the St John's Staff, Board and P&F. The Mass commences at 8.30am in St John's Church. At this Mass, the attending Staff, Board Members and P&F Executive will be asked to come forward to be commissioned into their respective roles, pledging their commitment to serve the students of the school for the 2020 school year.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Last weekend, students, from the Year Three Class, and their parents attended one of the various Commitment Masses at St Francis Xavier Cathedral or St John's Church as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. I thank the parents/carers for supporting their son/daughter as they enter the next stage in their faith development. Any parents/carers who were unable to attend a Mass last weekend, are asked to attend the final Commitment Mass scheduled for Saturday 22 February at 6.00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Year 5/6 Leadership Days

Today, we held day one of the Year 5/6 Leadership Days onsite at St John's School. The students experienced a range of physical team building activities where they were called upon to persist, collaborate, communicate, motivate, create and support. This evening we continue the leadership theme as we elect the 2020 Head Boy, Head Girl and Student Councillors, and the students are assigned to one of the Student Ministries. Tomorrow, we travel to the Geraldton Camp School to continue our work as a collective, empowering and upskilling the students as leaders of St John's School.

Student Enrolment

As mentioned last week, we received a number of new enrolments across all year levels, which is very exciting. This week, we welcome the new students from Pre Primary to Year Five:

Bridei	Zavier	Loata	Eileen
Wesley	Matari	Lachlan	Mitchell
Kelvinah	Iona	Beau	Kally
Clive	Ecelini	Kyrah	

Student Assessment

This week, I have taught in many classrooms for blocks of time. This will continue in the coming weeks to release classroom teachers so that they can undertake an array of individualised assessments with the students in the class. This valuable data will be used by the teachers to inform their teaching, differentiating the learning to meet the needs of the students in their classrooms. I also welcome the opportunity to get back into the classrooms, working alongside your sons and daughters, building relationships and fostering learning.

Leaders' Forum

On Monday 24 February, the Leadership Team will be attending the CEWA Leaders' Forum in Perth. Mrs Kylie Murphy will lead the school in our absence. I look forward to sharing our learning with you next week.

School Carpark

A reminder, to all users of the carpark at St John's School, that reverse parking is required in the safety interests of all students. Thank you.



Term 1 Week 3
20th February 2020

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found
on the School Website

FRIDAY 21st February

Prayer Assembly - Year 3 -
9.00am

Leadership Day - Years
5 & 6 - Camp School

SATURDAY 22nd February
Reconciliation Commitment
Mass - SFX Cathedral -
6.00pm

MONDAY 24th February

Mayu Biyamanha
Aboriginal Playgroup -
Monday 9 - 11am
Wednesday 1 - 3pm
Friday 9 - 11pm

WEDNESDAY 26th Feb
Ash Wednesday Mass - Yr 6

Bendigo School Banking

THURSDAY 27th Feb
Caritas Guest Speaker
9.00am - Years 3 - 6

YOU WILL
Never Have
THIS Day again

so make it
COUNT

40 Kilometre Zone

Continuing the safety message, a reminder that all roads around the school have a 40 km/hour speed limit in the morning and afternoon, as signposted. We ask that you adhere to the speed limit at all times to protect the young children in the area, be respectful of the residents and to avoid an unpleasant letter on green paper!



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Wednesday 26 February. Our Admin Ladies are more than happy to help with any purchases on this day.

In the coming week, may there be abundant examples of others loving their neighbour.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
Principal

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 21 February at 9.00am**, the Year Three Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Wednesday 26 February at 9.00am marks the beginning of the Lenten period with an Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00am for students from Years 1-6. At this Mass, students come forward to receive ashes on their forehead as a reflection on how we are living like Jesus and what we can do to improve. We welcome all parents and community members along to our Ash Wednesday Mass.



Commissioning Mass for St John's Staff, School Board and P&F

This coming **Sunday, 23 February, at 8.30pm**, St John's School will have a Commissioning Mass for all Staff, School Board and P&F Members. All of the St John's School Community are welcome to attend.

Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we once again focus on the Fruit of Love.

Scripture of the week:

'Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.'

1 John: 4-16

St John's School's Patron Saint, Saint John, wrote, *'God is Love'* (1 John: 4-8). St John is calling each of us to live in communion with each other, just as God lives in communion with us. God's love is very different from human love. God's love is unconditional, and it's not based on feelings or emotions. He doesn't love us because we're lovable or because we make Him feel good; He loves us because He is love.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

For those who were unable to attend last weekend's Commitment Masses, please note the final Mass that can be attended is:

Saturday 22 February at 6.00pm - SFX Cathedral

Students preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are required to attend a Commitment Mass.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Tuesday 24 March at 6.00pm – St John's Church

Please note that for your child/ren to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, they need to be baptised into the Catholic Church. If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

If you are interested in having your child/ren baptised, please feel free to see me or ring the Parish Office on 9964 1608 to make an appointment to speak with Father Bernard.

Brett Love
Assistant Principal Religious Education



Administration News

Permission for the Use of Photographs Note - Reminder

A reminder to please return the Permission for the Use of Photographs note that was sent home last week. If you require another form please see the School Office or your child's classroom teacher.

Leadership Camp

Today, **Thursday 20th February**, and tomorrow, **Friday 21st February**, students in Years Five and Six will take part in the annual leadership activities. During the two days, students will also elect their Head Boy and Head Girl, Student Councillors and Student Ministries. We wish them well in this wonderful team-building experience. Students must be picked up at 7.00pm on Thursday, from the School Hall.

Assembly

Next **Thursday, 27th February, at 2.20pm**, students in **Year Five** will be presenting an item at our first Assembly of the year. Our first Merit Awards for the year will also be presented at this Assembly. If your child is receiving a Merit Award, you will be notified by your classroom teacher prior to the day. All friends and family are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Swimming Carnival

The St John's School Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday 6th March** commencing at **12.30pm**. **This Swimming Carnival is for students in Years 3-6**. Your child/ren will nominate for their individual events. Please note the Aquarena will be charging a \$1.00 spectator fee to all parents and family members attending the carnival.

Pre-Primary, Year One and Year Two students will be participating in a '**Water Fun Afternoon**' at school. Further information on this event will be distributed soon.

Three Way Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) Meetings

A reminder that PLPs will be held in **Week Six of Term One**, on the **10th and 11th of March**, after school. The meetings are in 15 minute timeslots. All parent/carers are required to organise a meeting time with their child's teacher to set English and Mathematics goals for Semester One. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for families and the school to work in partnership to benefit the education of the child/ren. Please start discussing with your child/ren what they are learning and what they may like to improve, in preparation for the meetings. We look forward to seeing you and working with you to develop these goals.

Evacuation Drill

On **Thursday 12th March, at 10.00am** the whole school will be involved in an Evacuation Drill. These drills need to be carried out on a regular basis to ensure that all students and staff are familiar with the school's Evacuation Plan and to assist us in evaluating and refining our procedures. The students will be informed that a drill is going to take place beforehand and will be aware that there is no actual danger. Evacuation posters are in all classrooms and in the School Office for you to familiarise yourself with the planned routes from each area of the school. If you happen to be in the school on the day, please follow the instructions of the Evacuation Plan and any advice from staff members



Emma Pollard - Assistant Principal Administration

P&F NEWS

Clean out your closets!

We are seeking donations of pre - loved clothing for our stall at the market day. Please deliver all clothing washed and bagged to the office.

Volunteers

Please keep an eye out for the volunteer rosters on the school noticeboard. All help is appreciated to make a successful market day

Stallholders

Members of the school community are able to book a stall at the Market Day at a discounted rate. We have a meeting every Wednesday in the school library at 2.30pm if you would like to register your interest.

Can we please add a shout out for a:

- * Face painter
- * Hair extraordinaire who can help with braiding
- * A mechanically minded person to check over the caterpillar to make sure it is safe to go

Many thanks
P&F Committee



Half Field Hockey

We currently have twelve students from Years 1 - 3 for half field and we also have two coaches. There are six a side in the half field games so we really need two to four more players for the season.

If you are interested in your child playing hockey during Terms 2 and 3 then please let Mr Matthews know as soon as possible.

LIBRARY NEWS

DONATIONS - MARKET DAY STALL

The Library will be having a Secondhand Book Stall at the St John's Market Day on Sunday, 15 March. We are kindly requesting donations of good quality books to sell including fiction and non fiction for children and adults.

Please drop off your book donations to the Library. Thank you!

NEW BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

Just a few of the many new books in the Library.

EXTRAORDINARY!

A gentle tale about reaching for the stars and being extraordinary but remembering the ordinary too.

Extraordinary! celebrates the best moments in life: the ones we share with friends and family. They may be simple, they may be ordinary, but they are moments we will cherish forever.

READY, SET, CODE

Ready, Set, Code! explains how cutting-edge digital technology works and its surprising uses now and in the future. Filled with interesting examples, each chapter explores a different topic, such as artificial intelligence, sensors and data, and applies it with a fun, hands-on coding project. You will learn how to create your own chatbot, translate messages into different languages, construct a burglar alarm, make digital art and music, and launch a citizen science project.

Suitable for beginners, this book provides illustrated step-by-step instructions to teach kids to code with the highly acclaimed Scratch programming language, popular micro:bit mini computers and simple app building tools.

AUSSIE KIDS SERIES

Aussie Kids is an exciting new series for emerging readers aged 6-8 years. This junior fiction series celebrates stories about children living in unique places in every state in Australia. Meet Taj from Victoria and Zoe and Zac from New South Wales.

Thank you.

Natalie Riemer
Library Technician

