



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

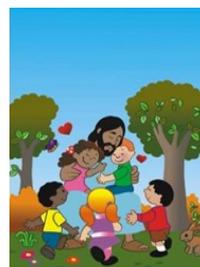
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## Principal's Notes

### Welcome

Last week, we had a new student commence at St John's School. I would like to welcome Kelly to Year Two. Kelly has had a great start to life at St John's School, adapting very well to life at a new school with the added Coronavirus layer. I know that everyone will continue to make Kelly feel welcome in the days to come.

### Student Attendance

As each day starts, we find the numbers of students attending school onsite increasing at a steady rate. As students continue to return, we have been very appreciative of the email or phone call we have received to advise the school of the change. This information provides the classroom teacher with the much needed knowledge to prepare for your son/daughter's return. If for any reason your circumstances change, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will support your decision in the best interest of your child/ren and family.

### Pick Up and Drop Off

Thank you for your co-operation and patience with the new pick up and drop of procedures. We have had a few little hurdles and we have worked, and will continue to work, through them as they arise. A few reminders of some important details:

- \* If your youngest school child is in Kindy to Year Two, you are requested to use the Staff Carpark
- \* If your youngest school child is in Year Three to Year Six, you are requested to use the Church Carpark
- \* Please drive slowly through both carparks
- \* In the Church Carpark, you are asked to enter off Banksia Street and veer right. Upon exiting, you are asked to remain to the right to avoid crossing over with cars entering

As we have an increase in student numbers, staff will do everything to ensure a timely process but ultimately there may be delays so we request your continued patience.

### Flexible and Agile

Agility and flexibility have been the key phrases for staff and students over the first week of school. Each and every day we have continually seen examples of individuals who are thinking on their feet and problem solving. Staff and students have adapted to the way that school looks like, sounds like and feels like. Because things are different, it is important that we keep an eye out for each other, offering support and ensuring that our health and well being are our number one priorities. If you have concerns in regards to how your children are coping, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the school and we can provide resources of support at this very challenging time.

### Can Cage

A decision has been made that we will no longer have the can cage on the grounds of St John's School. Previously it was in the Staff Carpark. This location was unsightly for anyone entering the school grounds and the cage took up valuable space in the carpark. It was temporarily moved to the carpark behind the School Hall however, this relocation has presented an array of issues including the cage being pushed over and cans thrown around the school grounds on numerous occasions. I understand that this decision will affect members of the school and wider community but the aforementioned problems are having a negative impact on the day to day operation of the school and there are other locations in Geraldton where cans can be recycled. Thank you for your understanding in relation to this matter.

### Good News Story

The Good News Story for this week relates to the Kindy and Pre Primary students and how well they are coping with saying goodbye to Mum/Dad/Nanna/Pop/Aunty/Uncle in the Staff Carpark. They are all now very confident at walking into the classroom with an educator. A big shout out also needs to go to the family members who have also waved goodbye to their son/daughter without too many tears!

Term 2 Week 2  
7th May 2020

### Dates to Remember

SUNDAY 10th May



TUESDAY 12th May

Online School Board  
Meeting @ 6:00pm

WEDNESDAY 13th May

Evening Online P&F  
Meeting—time to be  
advised

CANTEEN - OPEN

THURSDAY 14th May

Bookclub orders are due



### Happy Mother's Day

Wishing all the Mums, Nannas, Aunts and special ladies in our lives a very Happy Mother's Day for Sunday. May your day begin with a yummy breakfast and cuppa, a warm greeting from your child/ren, an opportunity to put your feet up and relax and no sibling fighting for you to referee. Thank you to all the ladies who take on the role of Mum. We thank you for your unconditional love and care. Happy Mother's Day.



May you show examples of peace keeping and peace making this coming week.

Mrs Melissa Marquis  
PRINCIPAL

## Religious Education News

### Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we again focus on the **Fruit of Peace**. Please find below a prayer for inner peace and strength that you might like to pray and reflect upon:

#### **A Prayer for Inner Peace & Strength**

*Lord, I come before you ready to pour out my anxieties and fears at Your feet.  
I am claiming and declaring Your promises for blessings of peace and strength over my life.  
Bring peace into my soul that passes all worldly understanding  
and make me a light for others to see Your strength.*

AMEN

### May the Month of Mary

During the month of May, the Catholic Church will honour the mother of our Church, Mary. 'Mother Mary' exhibited total obedience to God's will. Her faithfulness was a shining beacon for all of us to follow, particularly in times of trouble. Encourage your child/ren to pray to Mary during the month of May.



### 2020 Sacramental Program

As has been previously advertised, the 2020 Sacramental Program is currently suspended until further notice. Please know that Bishop Michael is very eager to recommence the 2020 Sacramental Program as soon as it is safe to do so. Although sacramental dates have not yet to be determined, it is hoped that some sacramental celebrations will occur later in the year.

### Mother's Day

This coming Sunday is Mother's Day. We thank God for all the women in our lives who love us, nurture us and protect us from harm. Students, make sure you tell your Mum, Nanna or carer how much you love and appreciate them.

**Brett Love**  
Assistant Principal Religious Education

## Administration News

### Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you for continuing to use the drop-off and pick-up 'Kiss and Drive' in the Staff Carpark and at the Church in a patient and courteous manner. A reminder that if your youngest school child is in Kindy to Year Two, we ask that you use the Staff Carpark and if your youngest school child is in Year Three to Six that you use the Church Carpark.

If you are walking with your child to and from home or parking on the verge, we request that you use the front gate at the front of the School Office to drop off/pick up your child.



### Offsite Learning Timetable Changes

Please note that due to an increase of students onsite at school, changes have been made to the Specialist Teacher Timetable. As a result, the day that specialist teachers upload their work for offsite students may differ to what has previously been communicated. This change may impact on the amount of work that is set for the day. We ask parents/carers and students to please choose the most appropriate time within the week to complete the specialist learning area work.

### Medical Forms

Last term, students who require Asthma Plans or other Medical Plans were sent home with new forms to be completed for the 2020 school year. Understandably, these forms may have been put aside in light of the disruptions caused by the Coronavirus. If you have not yet returned your child's plan to the school, please arrange to have it brought back as soon as possible. If you need a new form, please contact the School Office and a form will be sent home with your child.



### Cooler Weather

Another reminder that as we are beginning to experience cooler weather, particularly in the mornings, that parents/carers consider sending their child to school with their jumper or school jacket. Please ensure that these are clearly labelled with your child's name as these uniform items are often easily misplaced once they are taken off during the day.



### Allergy Aware School

A reminder that St John's School is an 'allergy aware school'. The foods that are particularly dangerous for some of our students are **nuts and eggs**. We ask that students do not bring these foods to school in their lunch boxes.

Emma Pollard

## BOOKCLUB NEWS

For any parent/carer, if you wish to view the current Bookclub catalogue, this is the link to the Virtual Scholastic Book Club catalogue that is out now <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/virtual-catalogue-1/>

If you wish to place an order you need to go to the Scholastic website and click on Shop, go to LOOP Parents and you will need to register and follow the prompts to place and pay for your child/s order.

It is preferred that parents/carers order online through LOOP. If this is not possible, students will need to print the order form off at home and return to school with cash.

Many thanks,  
Amy Causer  
Bookclub Co-ordinator



 Government of Western Australia  
North Metropolitan Health Service  
Dental Health Services

# Do you need urgent dental care?

Due to COVID-19 and requirements for social distancing  
**You now need to phone for an appointment.**

Please phone 99 214 373  
to make an appointment for your urgent care

*Thank you.*



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*Dear Lord,*

*Please watch over and support all mothers on earth and in heaven.*

*And help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and everyday.*

