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Principal's Notes

Welcome

On Monday, we had another new student commence at St John's School. I would like to welcome Tristan to Pre Primary. Tristan has settled into life at St John's School, forming friendships with lots of the children in the Pre Primary Class. Welcome, Tristan.

Student Attendance

It has been wonderful to see more students return to school this week. We are also very appreciative of the phone calls, emails and messages from parents/carers, keeping us up to date with the choices they have made in regard to a return to school. Some of the students have commented that school is different and they are correct with their observations. We have returned to direct mode of instruction but there are a range of implemented procedures related to teaching and learning to keep staff and students safe. Some of these measures include:

- * Spacing between students when in the classroom
- * Restrictions on mat sessions
- * Restrictions on group work
- * Single use resources and equipment where practicable
- * Regular cleaning of devices
- * Regular cleaning of resources
- * Regular cleaning of workspaces
- * Regular monitoring and cleaning of centres in the early years classrooms
- * Restrictions on classroom use

Rebranding and Marketing

The School Board has been working on the rebranding of various stationery items within the school as a follow on from updating the school website. After employing the services of a graphic designer, we are in the final stages of proofing prior to printing and distribution. The intention of the rebranding is to link the style and graphics of the school website to other various administrative aspects of the school, providing a fresh new look that truly reflects the St John's School of today. Please stay tuned for the launch of a new letterhead, envelope design, enrolment folder, with compliments slip, staff email signatures, electronic merit certificates and newsletter. All these aforementioned items are in various stages of production and will be phased in as required because we want to be mindful of waste and use our current stationery supplies before the changeover. I would like to thank the St John's School Board for their support and assistance in this initiative.

2021 Enrolments

In the coming week or so, you will see our social media advertising for 2021 enrolments, including Kindy. Please share the posts with your family and friends, spreading the word for why people should consider sending their child to St John's School. If any of your family and friends are currently undecided, please ask them to phone the school for an obligation free phone conversation with me and/or tour, once they are permitted.

Pupil Free Days – Term Two

I am aware that a Term Two Planner has not been provided to families. At the present time, there are so many dates that are tentative and we are concerned about causing confusion over events which may or may not eventuate. We will endeavour to post an increase of dates and events in the 'Dates to Remember' section of the School Newsletter to provide ample notice. In the meantime, please note the following dates for Term Two:

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| Friday 29 May | Staff Professional Development Day – Pupil Free Day |
| Monday 1 June | Public Holiday |
| Tuesday 2 June | Staff Catholic Day – Pupil Free Day |
| Friday 3 July | Staff Professional Development Day – Pupil Free Day |

Term 2 Week 3
14th May 2020

Dates to Remember

MON 25th - THURS 28th

Communio Week

WEDNESDAY 27th May

National Simultaneous
Storytime

FRIDAY 29th May

PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY 1st June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

TUESDAY 2nd JUNE

PUPIL FREE DAY

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE

Online P&F meeting @
6.00pm

IF THE
ONLY PRAYER
YOU EVER
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thank you
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WOULD SUFFICE.

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Good News Story

This week I would like to share a story where the individuals will remain anonymous. It relates to a female student showing great love and concern for her younger brother who was having a difficult time at school this week. This young lady worked hard to reassure her brother during his time of distress and once she returned to class, continue to be worried about him, requesting an update to make sure that he was feeling better. Quite often we hear stories of sibling rivalry but this week's 'Good News Story' shows the love that siblings have for each other in times of need.

In the coming week, may there be opportunities for peace of mind, body and spirit.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Religious Education News

Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we again focus on the **Fruit of Peace**.

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.
(Hebrews 12:14)

This scripture comes from the Letters to the Hebrews. It speaks of the importance for peace and holiness to work in harmony. Holiness takes the shape of many forms: celebrating the Eucharist, quiet prayer, service to others or perhaps offering the peace of Christ to all we encounter.

Communio 2020 – 'Humble, Healing, Merciful'

'Communio Week' is the name given to the annual St John's School appeal which helps the needy people in the Diocese of Geraldton. Communio Week has and will continue to be a significant event in the St John's School calendar year. Unfortunately, this year, Communio Week has had to be significantly adjusted to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is maintained.

The traditional Market Day and Games events will not be occurring this year. However, it is hoped that St John's School will be operating some Communio Week events to honour this great cause. These events will be advertised to the school community in next week's newsletter.

The theme for Communio Week 2020 is, *Humble, Healing, Merciful*.

May the Month of Mary

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them.

Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.



Administration News

Class News

An important tradition at Saint John's School is the sharing of class news at assemblies. Whilst we are currently unable to gather as a community in the physical sense, we hope that by sharing each class' news within this space can help bring us closer together.



Year One: The Year One class have been completing impressive work this term, whether from home or at school. They have been learning to recognise, describe and order Australian coins in Mathematics and in English have been writing very creative narratives.

Year Two: The Year Two Class have been busy in Science, investigating Push and Pull Forces. In Maths they have been learning to represent 3-digit numbers using base ten blocks and writing them in expanded form. For English they are focusing on sentence structure.

Year Three: The Year Three class have had a busy start to Term Two. Many students have been engaging in the learning through the digital platform, Teams whilst others have been learning onsite at school. In Mathematics, students have been learning about the analogue clock face. In Science, students have been exploring the day sky and night sky and the scientific theories associated with these two times of the day.

Year Four: Well, it has been a rather strange start to Term Two for the Year Four class. But we have come through it unscathed (we think). We are currently learning about the First Fleet, why it sailed, who was onboard, what were the conditions like and what happened to those on board when they arrived in Australia.

Year Five: Mrs Zander is very proud of all of the Year Five class this term, whether they have been at school or have been learning online. They have conducted themselves with maturity and shown themselves to be independent learners. The Year Five class have been learning about the Sun, moon, stars and planets in the Solar System. They are completing a "Moon Diary" each night at home to observe the phases of the moon.

Year Six: The Year Six class have enjoyed more numbers in the school this week and are glad to see many of their classmates again. They have been looking at and writing book and film reviews to give their peers some reading and watching inspiration during social distancing. In Maths, they have been looking at chance experiments and how to calculate probability.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to all our Merit Award winners for this week! This week we celebrate students for a range of admirable qualities. We are extremely proud to have so many talented individuals within our Saint John's School community.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child is bringing a filled water bottle to school each day and that it is clearly labelled with their name. To help us maintain a high level of hygiene practices, the water fountains at school are continuing to be used for filling water bottles only.

Hats

A number of students are currently coming to school without a hat. Even in the cooler months, all students are required to wear a hat during playtime. Please ensure that your child's hat comes to school each day and that it is clearly labelled



Emma Pollard

Assistant Principal Administration

P&F NEWS

EASTER FUNDRAISER WRAP UP

The P&F Easter Raffle Fundraiser raised a total of \$1 809.45. Thank you to everyone who made a donation or sold or purchased tickets.

Thank you to the P&F Ladies and helpers from the School that spent the time to sort and organise the raffle.

CAKE TRAYS TO BE RETURNED PLEASE

The P&F would like to donate the cake trays, distributed for the Market Day, back to the school so the children can use them for their craft projects.

Can you please return the trays that were provided to you so they can be sanitised and then used to make masterpieces!

Many thanks
P&F Committee

