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Principal's Notes

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

'Please, thank you and sorry', are the three words that Pope Francis, 'would write on the door of every family home', as he believes that they are the key to living well and in peace both inside and outside the home. They are simple words, sometimes easier to say than to put into practise, but Pope Francis reminds us, 'they contain great strength: the strength of protecting the home, even through a thousand difficulties and trials; instead, when they are lacking, cracks gradually open up that can even lead it to collapse'.

On Tuesday night, students from Year Three, Four and Five, received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, an opportunity to say sorry and seek God's mercy and love. I would like to congratulate the following students who celebrated the Sacrament for the very first time:

Lilah Miguel Shelby Rya Mac Vincent
Ethan Samuel Jayden Alexander Iona

I would also like to thank the following students who participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation Program, supporting their classmates at this special time:

Lachlan Mitchell Aiden Eric Lual Jacob
Leroy Darcy Milia Jaxson Amelia Nate
Indi Lawrence Max

Tuesday night's celebration was the culmination of many weeks of learning, preparation and prayer. Father Bernard, Mrs Carolyn Jaeger, Mr Brett Love, Mrs Jane Smith, Mrs Natalie Bradley, Mrs Emma Pollard and Mrs Tracey Doglione all played a role in preparing the students and organising the aspects of the Liturgy. I would like to thank these members of staff for their work, efforts and guidance in helping our students to be part of a Christ-centred community.

As we follow the example of the students and reflect on the words of Pope Francis, may we say please, thank you and sorry to everyone we meet in our day to day life.

End of Term Two

Tomorrow is the last day of Term Two for Staff and students. The School Community should be very proud of the way it has navigated through all the challenges of Term Two. We look forward to Term Three and all that it will bring. Term Three commences for Staff and students on Monday 20 July.

Good News Story

I am very happy to share, this week, the good news relating to our students in the lower year levels who are evolving as readers and writers. To hear teachers describe, with joy, the students' faces as they realise they can read, beaming with great pride, is what teaching is all about. To also witness students share the stories they have written, all by themselves, is also extremely rewarding. The joy of learning a new skill has most certainly been evident at St John's School over the past week.

As the school holidays approach, may you experience a balance between physical activity, time for moments of peaceful reflection and opportunities to recharge.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Term 2 Week 10
2nd July 2020

Dates to Remember

FRIDAY 3rd July

Last Day of School
for Students & Staff

MONDAY 20th July

Students commence

WEDNESDAY 22nd July

School Photographs
(Please wear correct school
uniform)

Bendigo School Banking

FRIDAY 24th July

Prayer Assembly
Spiritual Ministry

WEDNESDAY 29th July

P&F Meeting

FRIDAY 31st July

Prayer Assembly Year 1
Student Council Meeting



Religious News

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

What a wonderful week it has been in the spiritual life of our school. Monday brought students from Year Three, Four and Five together to participate in a Reconciliation Retreat Day. The Retreat Day was an opportunity to pray, reflect and have some fun before students received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Tuesday evening. Thank you to Mrs Nicole Beaver and St John's School Staff for assisting on the Retreat Day.

On Tuesday evening, we celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the St John's Church. The students who attended represented themselves and their families with reverence and joy. Congratulations to all the students who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and the students who came to support their classmates. Thank you to Father Bernard for presiding over this celebration.

Fruit of The Spirit - Patience

This will be the last week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Patience.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, **patience**, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*
(Galatians 5:22-23)

Patience could be described as having the ability to put aside our immediate wants and needs for another. We are willing to wait our turn even though we would like to have it now. We consider the needs of others when it is appropriate rather than immediately satisfying our own needs.

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone has a restful and blessed holiday with loved ones. I am looking forward to seeing everybody return on **Monday 20 July**.

Brett Love - Assistant Principal – Religious Education



Administration News

School Photographs

All classroom and individual photos will be taken on **Wednesday 22nd July**. Please ensure that your child/ren are dressed in their full school uniform, not their sports uniform. Faction Captains and Vice Captains are requested to bring their sport uniform in their bags to change into for their group faction photo.

Forms for school photographs have been sent home with your child. You can order online at www.msp.com.au and place your order using your child's unique 8-digit shoot key. These orders close six days after the day of the school photographs, with late orders incurring a \$30 archive fee. If you are paying with cash, please place the correct amount inside and seal the envelope.

Family photos can be arranged by picking up a family envelope from the School Office. **Online ordering is not available for family photos**. Family photos will be taken between 8.20am and 9.00am on Wednesday 22nd July in the School Hall. Please see page four for full details.

Semester One Interim Reports

Yesterday Semester One Interim Reports were sent home with each student from Pre-Primary to Year Six. Reports are a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate your child's achievements and progress, as well as discuss any areas for growth in Semester Two. If you wish to discuss your child's Semester One Interim Report, you are welcome to arrange a mutually suitable meeting time with the classroom teacher. Please be aware that this meeting may need to take place at the beginning of next term.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week is usually celebrated in the month of July, however a decision has been made by the National NAIDOC Committee to postpone NAIDOC Week from the original July dates due to the impact of COVID-19 across our communities. The new date for NAIDOC Week is the **8th-15th November** and will therefore be celebrated in Week 5 of Term 4.

PLP Meetings- Term 3

Please be advised that Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) meetings for Term 3 have been scheduled during Week 3 for **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August**. These meetings are 15 minutes in duration and are used to discuss student achievement of their Semester One learning goals as well as to review and create new goals for Semester 2. More detail will be provided in a note home at the beginning of Term 3.

End of Term 2

Thank you to all members of the St John's School Community for a wonderful Term 2 and for the way each of you have navigated and supported the challenges and changes that COVID-19 has presented. I hope you all enjoy the term break and look forward to welcoming you back in Term 3.

Emma Pollard - Assistant Principal Administration

HOCKEY NEWS

St John's/Walkaway Hockey 2020 (8 week season)

All players need to register with Hockey Australia before they play their first game. You must follow this link to register: <https://www.revolutionise.com.au/geraldtonhockey/registration/>
Please click on register and not on renew.

When you register, you will be required to pay a registration fee of \$31.50 unless you are turning 8 or younger in 2020 in which case there is no cost.

Full field team

Training will take place on the turf each Tuesday between 3.30pm and 4.15pm commencing on the 21st July. The team will be coached by Mark Weston with assistance from Bill and Liz Fairall.

First game is on Saturday, 25th July.

Fees are \$35 for the season and these are now overdue.

Half Field Hockey

Team 1 (Coach: Hayley McGlynn) Team 2 (Coach: Heiner Schmidt)

Training will take place on Saturdays before games, starting on Saturday, 25th July at 10.45am on the grass fields at hockey.

The half field teams will have their first fixture on the 25th July at 11.30am.

Fees are \$35 for the season and they are now overdue.

Fees need to be paid as soon as possible.

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School Car Park

All users of the St John's School Car Park are reminded to drive slowly and carefully to ensure our students are kept safe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A yellow rectangular sign with a black border and the text 'CAUTION DRIVE SLOWLY' in black capital letters.

NETBALL NEWS

St John's Netball now only have seven players in each team. Although this is enough players to make a team, it would be great to have at least one reserve player where possible. So if you are in Year 2 to Year 6 and have been considering playing netball, please think about joining one of our lovely teams and let me know as soon as possible.

The season will go from Saturday July 25th to Saturday September 12th - or most of Term 3.

Mrs Kerr

NEW FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) has advised it will be constructing a new footpath at the northern side of Digby Street. The works commenced on Monday 29 June and are expected to go for a period of three weeks between 7:00am and 6:00pm. Traffic management will be in place during this time and residents, motorists and pedestrians are advised to exercise caution, obeying all warnings signs and directions.

CGG have also asked the members of our school community to report to the police, any activity relating to graffiti in the area, especially on the footpaths that have been recently been installed. May we all work together to preserve our community and the area surrounding St John's School.

Regards - Melissa Marquis

Online Ordering System

St John's School

SCHOOL PHOTOS INFORMATION

Our School Photos will be taken on:

Tuesday 21st (PM) and Wednesday 22nd July 2020

Class Photos/Portraits: Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not.

- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. Your child will be given an online ordering instruction slip and a unique student shootkey.
- Log onto www.msp.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- If you lose your shootkey the school reception will have a copy to quote back to you.
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **28.07.2020** Any orders received after this date will incur a \$30.00 archive fee. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@msp.com.au or call our office on 08 9240 8000

Family Photos:

- Envelopes can be obtained from Administration.
- Family photos are taken each morning before school.
- Please ensure that your family envelope and payment are handed to the Photographers on photo day.
- If you do not have the correct money we will provide any change needed when photos are delivered to school.
- Family photos **cannot** be ordered online.
- Once school has received photos, family photos will remain at reception for parents to collect.

Please Note: Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online