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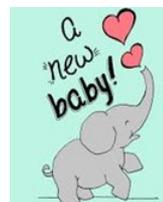
Principal's Notes

Commencement of Term Three

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope that you all had an opportunity to spend time with family and friends over the last two weeks. In the words from the website familyoffduty.com, I hope the holidays provided 'Time to fill your life with experiences, not things. Have stories to tell, not stuff to show'. My holidays were good for the most part, resting and recharging, spending time catching up with friends and family, celebrating my son's 18th birthday and fighting off a sinus infection. I particularly enjoyed not having to rush around in the mornings, taking time to ease into the day. Term Three is renowned for being a busy term so I hope we all remember to look after ourselves and each other, focusing on building our experiences and life stories.

Congratulations

On behalf of St John's School, I would like to congratulate the Comeagain family, Leroy, Jordan, Leroy (Year Two) and Connor (Pre Primary) on the early arrival of their son/brother, Dylan. Because of his early arrival, Dylan will have an extended stay in hospital in Perth. We are all very glad that he arrived safely and is getting bigger and stronger each day. Sending you all lots of best wishes. Congratulations also to Gillian and Kurt on the birth of Malachi. A new brother to Kemani, Sienna and Unique.



School Photos

Thank you to all the families for making sure their child/ren looked their very best for the School Photos yesterday. Many of us have mixed feelings about School Photos. Some of us look back and cringe at the hairstyles we had, our fluid waistline or toothless smiles, but they are an opportune moment to capture a memory of our school days. Thank you to Mrs Emma Pollard for co-ordinating all aspects of School Photos, ably supported by Mr Brett Love, Mrs Tracey Doglione and Mrs Kym Harris. I look forward to seeing the printed photos when they arrive.

August Census

Friday 7 August is Census Day with St John's School required to submit information for the State Government Census and Australian Government Department of Education and Training (AGDET) Census. This data collection provides the community and government with information about schools and students in Australia, collecting information on the numbers of students and staff per school, students on a visa, students with disability, indigenous Australian students etc. Census informs part of the My School website, giving parents and the community information about the needs of each school's students. Governments use Census data to calculate funding and create informed and tailored policies for Australian schools. Census reporting is required under the Australian Education Act 2013.

Regular school attendance is vital to help each individual student reach their God-given potential and flourish. This is particularly true for Friday 7 August so that the State and Federal Governments are provided with a true and accurate picture of the students enrolled at St John's School. If your child is absent on Friday 7 August, it is imperative that we receive a written explanation for this absence on the first day he/she returns, for our records. This procedure is vital for our funding and audit purposes. Thank you, in anticipation.

Good News Story

The first Good News Story for this week relates to the staff and their joy in seeing one of the students write independently. The student's achievement was the topic of discussion at the end of Tuesday's Staff Meeting. Staff who are currently working with the student and staff who worked with the child last year, all joined in, with great delight and excitement, as the discussion navigated around what the student had written without any assistance from an adult. This is another example of how the staff at St John's School take such great pride in the work they do and are focused on student achievement, big and small.

May you be gentle with yourself as you work, rest and play.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Term 3 Week 1
23rd July 2020

Dates to Remember

FRIDAY 24th July

Prayer Assembly
Spiritual Ministry

TUESDAY 28th July

School Board Meeting
6.00pm

FRIDAY 31st July

Prayer Assembly Year 1
Student Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY 5th August

Bendigo Banking

THURSDAY 6th August

Assembly Year 6 - School
Hall at 2.20pm

FRIDAY 7th August

Prayer Assembly Year 4

Bookclub has gone home
today. Please place your
orders by Thursday 30th
July.

To be kind

is more important than
to be right. Many times
what people need is not
a brilliant mind that speaks
but a special heart
that listens.



Religious News

Prayer Assembly – Spiritual Ministry

Tomorrow morning, at 8.45am in the Courtyard, the St John's School community is invited to attend our Prayer Assembly.

This is the first time in many months we have been able to celebrate prayer in the traditional format. If you are intending on coming **please ensure you maintain a 1.5m social distance and sanitise your hands upon entry.**

The Spiritual Ministry will lead the school in prayer.

Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) Years Three and Five 2020

As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, it has been decided by CEWA Ltd that the Year Three and Year Five Classes will not participate in the Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment in 2020.

Year Six Sacrament of Confirmation – Important Dates

The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be held on **Tuesday 15 September at 5.30pm in the St John's Church.**

A reminder that all students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **must** attend one of the Commitment Masses below with his/her family. Please see below the times for the Commitment Masses:

The Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be Sunday 2 August at 8.30am.

Alternatively, you can also attend the Commitment Masses in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following dates:

- 1 August Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm
- 2 August Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am or 6.30pm
- 8 August Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm



A St John's School representative will be present at all Commitment Masses.

The date for the **Confirmation Parent/Child Meeting is Thursday 30 July at 3.20pm** and it will take place in the School Hall. Attendance and participation at the Parent/Child Meeting **are requirements** and part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you, in anticipation, for your continued co-operation and support.

A Sacrament Enrolment Form was sent home earlier in the week for all students receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Enrolment Form needs to be filled out thoroughly and returned to your child's classroom teacher no later than **Friday 14 August.**

Fruit of the Spirit

This is the first week St John's School Community will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Gentleness.

'Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.'
(Philippians 4:5)

Brett Love - Assistant Principal
Religious Education



Administration News

Term 3

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope all of our St John's families had an enjoyable school break! Please be aware that we are currently continuing 'Kiss n Drop' at classroom doors unless you are specifically invited in by the classroom teachers. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding in regard to this decision.

School Photographs

School photographs took place yesterday and it was wonderful to see how well our students listened to and cooperated with our photographers. A reminder, if you haven't already, that photos can be ordered online at www.msp.com.au 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.

PLP Meetings - Week 3

Notes regarding Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings for Week 3 on **Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th August** have been sent home with students. Please ensure you book a time using the booking sheets at the front of classroom doors or alternatively via returning the request slip on the note. These meetings are fifteen minutes in duration and are used to discuss achievement of students' Semester One learning goals as well as to review and create new goals for Semester Two. **Please note the request slip has the incorrect date it should say Tuesday 4th August and Wednesday 5th August.**

Administration News

Recess and Lunch Procedures

Students in Years 1 - 6 have returned to eating their recess and lunch within the Courtyard Area. Hand sanitising and hand washing will continue to occur before and after eating, with students spaced out as best as possible. The playground and play equipment are also continuing to be sanitised daily.

Assemblies and Merit Awards

Thursday Assemblies in the Hall and Friday Prayer Assemblies in the Courtyard will resume this term. Class items will be presented during our Thursday Assemblies, however to reduce the number of adults in the Hall and to meet COVID-19 recommendations, Merit Awards will continue to be presented in classrooms prior to the Assembly.



Our first Thursday Assembly will be held on 6th August, with the Year 6 Class presenting an item for us all to enjoy.

Emma Pollard - Assistant Principal Administration

HOCKEY NEWS

St John's/Walkaway Hockey 2020 Full Field

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.

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

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Full Field Team

The team will be coached by Mark Weston with assistance from Bill and Liz Fairall.

Trainings are on Tuesdays at 3.30pm – 4.15pm

First game is this Saturday, 25th July vs St Lawrence's at 10.00am on Grass 1

St John's/Walkaway Hockey 2020 Half Field

All players need to register with Hockey Australia before they play their first game. You must follow this link to register:

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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.

Every child needs to have a hockey stick, shin pads and mouth guard.

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

Team 1 vs Wandina Blue 11.30am Field 3

Team 2 vs Wandina White 11.30am Field 2





NETBALL
Round 1 - Saturday 25th July



Grade	Teams	Time	Court
A Yellow	St John's v Mt Tarcoola	9.45am	1
B Blue	St John's v Gtn Primary	9.45am	2
C Yellow	St John's v Bluff Point	11.00am	10

Let's **P L A Y** Together



TUNING IN TO KIDS

A FREE SIX SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN 5 – 10 YEARS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

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- Prevent behavior problems in your child?
- Help your child to manage their feelings?

Where: Child & Parent Centre – Rangeway, Hovea Street
When: 9.30am – 11.30am, Wednesday's: 29 Jul, & 05,12,19,26 Aug & 02 Sep
Cost: FREE, Crèche TBC - subject to current COVID advice.
Facilitators: Nicola Tropiano & Anna Treloar, Ngala Parenting Facilitators
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