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TERM 1 WEEK 6
11th March 2021

Principal's Notes

Unveiling of Hockey and Netball Uniforms

Tomorrow, Friday 12 March, at the Prayer Assembly at 8:45am, we will be unveiling the new St John's School Hockey and Netball Uniforms. Kelly from Bendigo Bank will be joining us as we used funds received from the 2020 Bendigo Bank Community Grants Program to cover the costs of the shirts. All members of the school community are invited to attend.

Cricket Pitch

Have you seen the newly upgraded cricket pitch? It looks fantastic and is fully primed for lots of 20/20, one dayers and test matches to be played. We are incredibly grateful to Mr Osborn who gifted all the manual labour to this upgrade. Mr Beaver is also thanked for the assistance he supplied to get the job done.

Fogarty EDvance

On Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Emma Pollard, Mr Brett Love and I attended a two day workshop in Perth with a number of other schools, CEWA and Department of Education, primary and secondary. The two day workshop marks the beginning of our three year journey with Fogarty EDvance as a part of their School Improvement Program. Our work in the program will focus on building the capacity of the Leadership Team to make informed evidence-based decisions, strategically plan and improve student outcomes. As part of our work yesterday, we were introduced to the School Transformation Framework which helps us to have the big picture and the detail for our work in relation to teaching and learning and strategies that have great impact. We have commenced conversations in relation to the implementation of whole school approaches to teaching and learning based on research and guided by the St John's School context.

On this journey, St John's School will be supported by Fogarty EDvance through best practice research and tools, a professional mentor, Mrs Carlyn Dyer, peer support, a rich data set and access to experts and additional programs. As we continue our journey, I will provide snapshots of the milestones we are achieving so the school community is aware of the work we are undertaking.

Good News Story of the Week

This week, I would like to recognise all the students in Years One to Six. At the conclusion of Swimming Lessons, one of the swimming instructors reported that the students were very respectful, well mannered and behaved for the two weeks of swimming lessons. This is the news that principals love to hear and made the end to the week a delightful one. Once again, our students have shown that they rock!

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 12th March

Yr 6 Prayer Assembly
8:45am

Yr 1 & 2 Water Fun Day

Monday 15th March

P&F Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 16th March

Yrs 3 - 6 Swimming
Carnival
School Advisory Council
Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 17th March

St Patrick's Day

Friday 19th March

Yr 1 Prayer Assembly
Reconciliation Yr 4
T20 Cricket Yr 5 & 6

Tuesday 23rd March

Student Ministry
Meetings

Wednesday 24th March

Mass of Oils - 5pm
Yr 6 Students

Uniform Shop open

8.15 - 9.00am
Mondays



Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 12 March at 8.45am**, the Year Six Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. Everyone is welcome to attend.

150 Year Feast of St Joseph

This Year, Pope Francis declared a Year of St Joseph in recognition of 150 years of universal patronage. Saint Joseph was a carpenter, son of a noble family who God chose as the foster father of Jesus and wife of Mary. He is honoured as the patron of the Universal Church, of fathers, of families and so many other patronages. Friday March 19 has been dedicated as the Feast of Saint Joseph.

Students in all classes will be designing a poster of Saint Joseph and his holy family as part of the Communio 2021 preparations and to honour this significant saint of the Catholic Church.

Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

This will be the first week St John's School will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Joy:

*Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.*

(Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Friday 19 March, students in Year Four, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey before Easter.

Project Compassion - Caritas Australia – Be More

This week, we hear the story of Arsad.

Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet in his home, so he had to walk into the forest to the open defecation area, even at night or in the rain.

Around 17 percent of Indonesia's rural population practice open defecation, with many unaware that it contributes to spreading diseases

Arsad's family was often sick and open defecation caused neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, he took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He decided to fund the building of a toilet in his house and facilitated others in his neighbourhood to save up for toilets.



Now, Arsad and his family are healthier and have reduced their medical expenses. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. A community event, called 'Declaration of Open Defecation-Free' was even held to acknowledge their achievements. Improved hygiene practices helped Arsad's community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Caritas Australia, through Laz Harfa, also shared prevention measures and distributing soap and masks. Arsad has inspired his neighbourhood to 'Be More'.

"We help each other, the 'togetherness' is growing. Our solidarity had increased," Arsad says.

Library News

Library books are kept for one week and then returned to school. A library bag is required to borrow books.

LIBRARY DAYS

Wednesdays - PP, Year 2, Year 4
Thursdays - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6

WEEKLY NEWS

Battle of the Return Books

Each year group competes weekly to have the least number of overdue books, with the winning class displaying the St John's School library trophy for the week. At the end of the term, the class with the most weekly wins will receive a special surprise and bragging rights as the winner of the Return Books Battle. Last week's winner was Year 3. Thank you, Year 3 for working together to return your library books on time.

Lunchtime Reading with Year 6

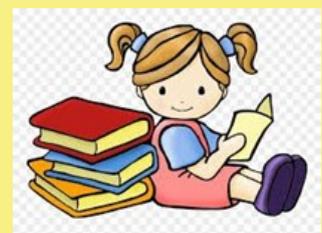
During lunch on a Wednesday and Thursday, children can come into the Library and have a book read to them by our wonderful Year Six volunteers.

Boomerang Bags

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers from Boomerang Bags Geraldton who have donated some beautiful, recycled bags to the Library to be used by our children.

Thank You

Mrs Kay Brown
LIBRARY TECHNICIAN



Religious Education

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

Catholic women are being invited to participate in a national consultation via Zoom on March 27. The event invites women to articulate and celebrate their contribution to and vision for the mission of the Catholic Church in Australia. The event is being organised by the Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry. Find more information on the home page of the Geraldton Diocese Website <https://www.geraldtondiocese.org.au/>

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Swimming Carnival - DATE CHANGE

A reminder that the St John's School Swimming Carnival has been rescheduled to **Tuesday 16 March**, commencing at 12.30pm. **This Swimming Carnival is for students in Years 3-6.** Your child/ren have nominated 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. Please see the note sent home regarding the Swimming Carnival for more information and to indicate if you are able to assist on the day.

Water Fun Afternoons

The Kindy and Pre Primary students have enjoyed a 'Water Fun' afternoon today. We hope all the students enjoyed the opportunity to engage in some fun sensory experiences! Tomorrow, our Year 1 and 2 students are very much looking forward to their 'Water Fun' afternoon and we trust that they will have an enjoyable experience. Thank you to all our wonderful staff and parent helpers for coordinating these events and assisting on the day.

Three Way Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has met for a PLP Meeting with their child's classroom teacher either yesterday afternoon or today. Additional time slots have been made available during school time next week if you are yet to make a meeting. Alternatively, you can arrange a mutually convenient time between yourself and the teacher if you require a meeting outside of the scheduled time slots.

Assembly

Thank you to our School Choir for a wonderful performance at our School Assembly today and to Miss Hewitson for her role in preparing the students. Our next School Assembly is scheduled for Week 3 in Term 2. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Harmony Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Week during Week 8, commencing Monday 22 March. Students will enjoy the highly anticipated incursion 'Beats and Pieces' on **Thursday 25 March** at 9.30am and **may wear orange accessories on this day to help celebrate cultural diversity.**

HARMONY DAY
EVERYONE BELONGS

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Meeting

Monday 15 March @
6:00pm
Everyone is welcome

Easter Raffle

If you haven't already done so we are asking families to donate an Easter treat such as a chocolate egg or bunny to add to the raffle prizes. There will be boxes in each classroom to place your donation. We are also on the hunt for baskets to assemble the prizes.

Tickets will be \$1.00 each (20 tickets included).

Easter Raffle will be drawn Friday 26th March

Please return all tickets once sold

Thank you,
St John's School Parents
and Friends' Association



Administration News

Uniform

From Week 7, teachers will be notifying parents/carers of when their child's uniform, including shoes, jewellery and hair, do not meet the school's expectations. In the first instance, teachers will have a verbal discussion with your child. In the second instance, the teacher will send home a reminder via the school diary. Uniform slips will be issued if the uniform is still not meeting expectations after a period of time. Please read below to see the uniform requirements for students in Years 1-6:

Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform	Sport Uniform (Girls and Boys)
-School dress -All black school shoes/joggers with St John's School white socks with green band or brown sandals (not surf sandals) -St John's School hat -School jumper or sports jacket	-Grey shorts or trousers -Grey school shirt with emblem -All black school shoes/joggers with St John's School grey socks with green band or brown sandals (not surf sandals) -St John's School hat -School jumper or sports jacket	-Bottle green (taslon) shorts -School sports shirt -Sports shoes (black and not skate shoes) and St John's white socks with green band -St John's School hat -Sports jacket

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

St John's Netball Teams 2021

The following is a list of the teams that we will be putting in the GNA competition this year. All teams are now at full capacity. We still need to finalise scorers/managers and an umpire for the Year 6 Team. Please let me know if you are keen and able to fill these roles.

Each player will soon get emailed the MyNetball link for the compulsory registration to the Geraldton Netball Association. Fees are payable to the School Office as soon as you can.

YEAR 2 - 3	YEAR 4 -5	YEAR 6
Elizabeth M	Sienna M	Ecelini Q
Sienna C	Ava B	Skyla B
Kelly D	Amity G	Meg N
Vienna M	Chaney J	Gracie C
Azelia C	Ezmae R	Breanna R
Darci B	Erin C	Alison G
Cheyne M	Beau W	Alyssa R
Alexis H	Heidi Bree C	Lucy W
Lucy O	Shelby D	Charlee A
Tessa H	Rya G	
Kyra C	Indi R	
Coach – Leonie Smith	Coach – Nicole Jupp	Coach – Scott Blaker
Umpire – Jen Wolverton	Umpire – Linda Osborn	Umpire – Volunteer Needed
Manager – Carmen Reid	Manager – Volunteer Welcome	Manager – Jodi Reed
Scorer – Volunteer Welcome	Scorer – Ainsley Baynes	Scorer – Volunteer Welcome
Training Day – Thursday 3pm	Training Day – Thursday 3pm	Training Day – Wednesday 3pm

