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TERM 4 WEEK 3

28th October 2021

Principal's Notes

Congratulations

On Saturday, 23 October, Lual, Chol and Adhieu welcomed their new baby sister, Ariang, to the family. On behalf of the St John's School Community, I would like to congratulate Yousif and Nyanbuny on the arrival of their daughter. Sending all family members lots of best wishes and blessings.



2022

Any families who will not be returning to St John's School in 2022, are asked to advise the School Office as soon as possible. We are currently working on the 2022 budget and a large portion of this document pertains to calculations based on projected student enrolments. Thank you, in anticipation.

Year Six Camp

Last week, I spent the most wonderful week with the Year Six Class. I have been on ten plus camps and I can unequivocally say that the 2021 Year Six Class was one of the best behaved classes that I have ever accompanied on a camp. The students represented St John's School, their families and themselves in an outstanding manner, displaying exemplary behaviour, manners and gratitude. As a result, many of the venue facilitators expressed their appreciation for the students and how enjoyable it was to host the class. As their Principal, I am so very proud of the students and thank their parents/carers for entrusting us with your beloved children and for raising them to be fine young men and women.

I would like to sincerely thank Miss Erica Lee for organising all aspects of the camp. The Year Six Camp is a year in the making with planning for 2022 commencing immediately. Miss Lee ensured the students had a week of learning and fun with a range of measures in place to ensure the students were safe and needs met. My thanks are also extended to Mr Brett Love and Mr Michael Wright for attending the camp, working with Miss Lee across every aspect of the camp. All staff members willingly gave up time away from family to ensure the students had the time of their lives. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Term Four Enrichment

This term, the St John's School Enrichment Program has The Arts as its focus. Miss Lauren Hewitson is working with a group of students from Years Three to Six in the Music area. We look forward to sharing in their learning at the end of the term.

Combined Schools Showcase

The St John's School Choir and Miss Hewitson have had and will continue to have a very busy week as they undertake their final preparations for the Combined Schools Showcase which is being held tomorrow, Friday 29 October. The Choir attended the Tech Rehearsal on Wednesday and tomorrow will participate in a morning and evening performance. Students in Years Five, Six and the Term Four Enrichment Program will attend the morning performance, supporting our Choir and enjoying the performances of all involved schools. I look forward to joining Miss Hewitson for the evening performance for what I know will be a most polished number from the musical, Matilda. I extend a massive thank you to Miss Hewitson for co-ordinating all aspects of the performance, including the costumes. This is a very exciting week for our students' talents in The Arts to be showcased in front of the wider Geraldton community.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 29th October

NCC 2022 Yr 7

Orientation Day

Prayer Assembly - Yr 6

**Morning Showcase
Performance**

9.30am - 11.30pm QPT

Showcase Performance

6.30pm - 8.00pm QPT

Monday 1st November

**All Saints Day Prayer
Assembly**

Student Saint Dress Up

P&F Meeting 6.00pm

**Tuesday 2nd
November**

SAC Meeting 6.00pm

Friday 5th November

Prayer Assembly - Yr 4

Always End the
Day With a
Positive Thought.
No Matter How Hard
Things Were,
Tomorrow's a Fresh
Opportunity to Make
it Better.

Principal's Notes

Good News Story

Without a doubt, the Year Sixes are the stars. They ensured St John's School continued to be held in high regard with all camp activity providers. We are all very proud of you and thank you for being the best!

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

All Saints' Day Monday 1 November

This coming Monday, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' Day.

Did you know that there is a link between the Pagan celebration of Halloween and the Catholic celebration of All Saints' Day?

'Hallow' is a word that means 'Holy'. We even say it in the Our Father, 'hallowed be thy name'. We celebrate All Saints' Day on November 1. This day can also be called 'All Hallows Day' because it's the day about all the Holy people, the Saints. The day before All Saints' Day is called 'All Hallows Eve', just like the day before Christmas is called 'Christmas Eve'. Over time, people just started saying 'Halloween' instead of 'All Hallows Eve'. Unfortunately, people started dressing as ghosts and scary things on All Hallows Eve when they should have really been dressing as Saints. I encourage all families to remind the children of the importance of All Saints' Day should you be celebrating Halloween this year.

This coming Monday, we will be inviting students to come to school dressed as their favourite saint, if they wish. **If your child chooses not to dress up as a saint they are expected to come to school in their correct school uniform.**

The Spiritual Ministry will be leading an 8.45am morning Prayer Assembly on this day where select students will be invited forward to share who they are and a fact on their saint. This Prayer Assembly will take place in the Hall.

Fruit of the Spirit

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

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(Colossians 3: 1-2)

In this letter to the Colossians, St Paul reminds us of the beautiful truth about our new life in Christ, where we discover that we are all members of His holy Church. We often explain this theology to the children by quoting, 'The Church is not just a building, we, the faithful, are the Church'.

Cloaked in the spiritual Fruit of Gentleness, our Church will be deeply centered on her mission to bring salvation to all.



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

Battle of the Return Books

Each year group competes weekly to have the least number of overdue books and show the best care for the St John's library, 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 Three, for working together to return your library books on time and reset the Library for the next class to enjoy.

Before and After School Book Returns

Children who have forgotten their library books can now place books on hold to exchange on returning their current book. The Library will be open from 8.00am until 3.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday to assist children and families with this exchange.

Library Open at Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday

The Library is open during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday. So, pop on in and read a book, colour in a picture or play a board game with a friend. Our lovely Year Six volunteers are also available to read a book to you.



Religious Education

St John's School Feast Day Mass

On **Monday 22 November at 9.00am**, in the St John's Church, the school community will gather to celebrate St John's School Feast Day. Although St John the Evangelist's feast day falls on 27 December, this day has been chosen to coincide with the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday 21 November, whom the Presentation Sisters Order is based upon. The Presentation Sisters were the founding sisters of St John's School.

Two students from Pre Primary to Year 6 will be presented with a Nano Nagle Award at this celebration. The recipients, chosen by their classroom teacher, have adhered to the three pillars of Nano Nagle during the 2021 year: **Sharing, Caring and a Sense of Justice.**

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Assembly

Well done to our Year Four Class for their fantastic performance at today's Assembly. We look forward to our next School Assembly on **Thursday 18 November** where our Year Three Class will be presenting their class item for us all to enjoy.

End of Year Concerts

The following dates and times have been set for our End of Year Concerts:

Friday 3 December 6:00pm-6:45pm	Years One to Three
Friday 3 December 7:00pm-7:45pm	Years Four to Six
Tuesday 7 December 10:00am-10:30am	Pre-Primary
Wednesday 8 December 9:30am-10:00am	Kindy

Each of our End of Year Concerts will be held in the School Hall. Please refer to the note sent home last week with further details about the Year One to Six End of Year Concert and Presentation Night.

Showcase

The St John's School Choir will be performing tomorrow at Queen's Park Theatre as part of this year's Combined Schools Showcase. They will be performing in the morning show from 9:30am- 11:30am and the evening show from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Thank you to Miss Hewitson for her organisation and preparing the students to take part in this fantastic opportunity. We wish you all the best.

Year 7 High School Orientation

A number of our Year Six students will be attending the Nagle Catholic College Orientation tomorrow. Students are expected to be dropped off and picked up at Nagle by their parent/carer. Students who will be attending Champion Bay Senior High School will attend their Orientation Days, later in the term from **Monday 22 November to Wednesday 24 November**. We hope our Year Six students enjoy the experiences offered to them and that the Orientation Days assist our students in transitioning to high school with greater confidence.

Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

P&F News

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P&F Meeting

Monday 1 November
@ 6:00pm

P&F Fundraiser Raffle

Please support the school by selling some tickets to your Families & friends. All sold and unsold tickets to be returned to the office by 30th November. Money raised goes towards a new playground. Extra books can be provided from the front office.

P&F Chocolates Fundraiser

Thank You for all your Cadbury Chocolate orders. The response has been amazing.

A small amount of extra boxes have been ordered so if you forgot to place an order, or would like to sell more boxes please contact the Office on 99200 100.



— SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER —
Festival of lights
THEME **YOU-ME-US**

STALLS & CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

MIDWEST ORTHOPAEDICS FIREWORKS

KEY DISPLAY - KITE KINETICS

WWW.KITEKINETICS.COM.AU

4PM - 8.30PM
STOW GARDENS, GERALDTON

 FOLLOW US
ON FACEBOOK
MIDWEST MULTICULTURAL
ASSOCIATION - FACEBOOK

FAMILY FRIENDLY ALCOHOL
& SMOKE FREE EVENT

Be Ready, Willing and Able



Having **Conversations for life** could save a life

Conversations for life is a half-day suicide prevention workshop that's for everyone, and particularly those who are interested in keeping others safe and connected. It offers practical ways to reduce the risk of suicide before it becomes a crisis, and is part of **Lifeboat**, an integrated suite of uniquely Australian suicide prevention training programs.

Conversations for life will equip you to:

- Be ready, willing and able to have the conversation
- Plan for the conversation
- Apply **Conversations for life** principles
- Use the correct language and approach
- Work together to achieve successful outcomes.

Conversations for life will provide you with:

- Guidance from trained facilitators
- Prepared conversation planners
- Opportunity to practice your skills
- Information based on suicide prevention research
- Access to a web-based community for ongoing information, support and helpful resources.



In collaboration with the National Institute of Mental Health Research at the Australian National University



18th November 2021 9am until 1pm (Free event)
Venue: Ngala 24 Gregory St
Register: www.yellowribbonmidwest.org.au

RELEASE THE PLAYER

within



Junior League

Thursday 5-6pm

Commences 4th November

For 6 weeks

Geraldton Tennis Club

256 Eighth St

Wonthella

Contact : Natalie 0413345657

GTC Members \$55

Non GTC Members \$70

 play.tennis.com.au





HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS

PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

ARTS & CRAFTS ON THE PIAZZA

FRIDAY 5th NOVEMBER

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE
Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton**

**EXHIBITION OF HAWES-INSPIRED
ARTWORK FROM STUDENTS ACROSS
THE MIDWEST REGION**

**ART EXHIBITION AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS
DANCE
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PERFORMANCES
CHORAL PERFORMANCES
FOOD VANS
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
SOFT DRINKS STALL**