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TERM 4 WEEK 7
25th November 2021

Principal's Notes

2022 Kindy Orientation and Transition Visits

Over the last two Mondays, we have welcomed the 2022 Kindy students for Orientation and Transition Visits. It has been delightful to witness the joy on the faces of the students as they have a taste of life at school. We have only had a few tears and some of those have been because the students have not wanted to leave. I thank Mrs Nicole Henderson and Miss Leigh Golosky for facilitating the experiences for the students as they begin the transition of enrolling as a student at St John's School.

School Community Partnership – Eat Up

In Term Four, St John's School has partnered with an organisation called Eat Up. With the help of their partners and dedicated volunteers, Eat Up co-ordinates the making and delivering of sandwiches for schools across Australia. Twice a term, St John's School receives a batch of sandwiches to store in the freezer for students to access as required. We are very appreciative of this partnership with Eat Up and are grateful to the volunteers who meet at the Child Parent Centre in Rangeway to make the sandwiches for our students in need.

I would like to thank the staff of St John's School who had previously taken on the role of sandwich making in their own time to ensure the students had something to eat.

System Leaders' Thanksgiving Mass

Last Friday, I was in Perth to attend the Catholic Primary Principals' Association, CPPA, Annual General Meeting and the CEWA System Leaders' Thanksgiving Mass. It was an opportunity to gather to celebrate the Eucharist, commission new and transferring Principals, and acknowledge system leaders.

Faction Sports Shirts

Some time ago, all parents/carers participated in a survey regarding a number of school uniform items. One of the items related to the introduction of a faction sports shirt. We now have three designs ready for community consultation. The staff have previewed the designs, the students are currently voting and the parents will be provided with their opportunity to vote via an online form which has been sent out via SMS. The survey closes at 3:00pm tomorrow.

Please note the following points in relation to the faction sports shirt:

- The faction sports shirt will be compulsory for students in Years One to Six
- The faction sports shirts will be worn by the students in Years One to Six every Friday and as requested for faction based school events
- The current St John's School sports shirt will be worn when the students have PE on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday and when representing St John's School at Inter-school Carnivals and other specified events
- There will be a phasing in period to account for students entering Year Six

Feast Day and P&F Feast of Fun

On Monday, we celebrated our school Feast Day and it truly was a day of celebration. We commenced the day with the students being given permission to wear free dress. In the St John's Church, we celebrated Mass, led by Father Robert, and presented the 2021 Nano Nagle Awards to students who are sharing, caring and demonstrate a sense of justice. Our pizza lunch was organised by the P&F and we had lots of Mums who came in to help out. After lunch, the students got to have a turn on the water slide which was provided by the P&F. As you can see, it was a great day of celebration for the students.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 26 November
Prayer Assembly - Yr 1

Monday 29 November
Classroom Food Drive
IEP Meetings
Kindy Transition
9.15am - 10.15am

Tuesday 30 November
IEP Meetings

Friday 3 December
Prayer Assembly -
Spiritual Ministry
School Concert &
Presentation Night

Monday 6 December
Classroom Food Drive
Kindy Transition
9.15am - 10.15am

Sometimes having fun with your best friend is all the therapy you need.

Principal's Notes

Miss Jo Harris, CEWA RE Consultant, attended our Mass and commented on how beautifully the students sang. Lots of staff and students commented on how delicious the pizza was and I thank Mrs Jo Blayney and Mrs Kiri Bolton for leading this mammoth undertaking, suitably supported by lots of mums. Every bit of the pizza was home made! I also know that the students had the best time on the water slide, with lots of smiling faces.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making our Feast Day so special.

Good News Story

All the recipients of the 2021 Nano Nagle Awards are the heroes of this week's Good News Story. Thank you for being caring, for sharing and for displaying a sense of justice. Thank you, Emilio, Molly, Jacob, Tex, Jaxon, Tessa, Vienna, Chol, Lual, Aiden, Kai, Beau W, Oscar and Skyla.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year One Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fruit of the Spirit

This is the third week, St John's School will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Self-Control:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything, is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4: 8-9

In this letter to the Philippians, St Paul reminds us to focus on things in our lives that are true and good. Through doing so, we open ourselves wholly up to the peace of God, rather than the temptation of sin.

Whole School Feast Day Mass-Thank you

On Monday, we celebrated the St John's School Feast Day. A huge thank you to all the families who attended the Mass.

At the conclusion of the Mass, two students from each class were awarded our Nano Nagle Awards for 2021. The recipients of these awards have adhered to the three pillars of Nano Nagle during the 2021 school year; Sharing, Caring and a Sense of Justice.

Please see below the names of the children who received the Nano Nagle Award for 2021:

Pre-Primary	Emilio and Molly
Year 1	Tex and Jacob
Year 2	Tessa and Jaxon
Year 3	Chol and Vienna
Year 4	Lual and Aiden
Year 5	Beau and Kai
Year 6	Oscar and Skyla



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 Four. Thank you, Year Four, for working together to return your Library books on time.

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

End of Year Mass – Change of Date

The End of Year School Mass date has been changed to support a memorial service being held in our Church. The new date for our End of Year Mass is **Thursday 9 December at 9.00am**.

Graduation Mass 2021

On **Wednesday 9 December at 5.30pm**, St John's School will celebrate a Graduation Mass to officially farewell the Graduating Class of 2021.

Advent

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. We are reminded by the Church that the season of Advent is a time of expectancy. We are to prepare with joy in our hearts for the coming of Christ. Over the coming four weeks, a candle will be lit at the beginning of each Eucharistic celebration. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. At Mass this coming Sunday, the first purple candle will be lit as we wait for the coming of Christ. This candle represents hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promise he made to us

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

2022 Class Booklists

St John's School 2022 Class Booklists are due to completed online by Sunday 28 November or returned to the School Office by this Friday 26 November for Kindy to Year Five. If you did not receive a booklist please collect one from the Front Office. Due to the recent sale of Ziggies Educational Supplies, our booklists will now be supplied by Champion Education. Champion Education have very similar processes to ordering booklists as Ziggies have had in the past. Please note your options for ordering are:

- For home delivery or pre-paid school collection services: Order online at www.champion.com.au using 'PHYQ' as your code by **Sunday 28 November 2021**.
- For payment on the day of the school collection: Return the list to the school by **Friday 26 November 2021**.

School collection details are as follows:

Date: Friday 14 January 4:00pm -6:00pm OR Saturday 15 January 9:30am-2:30pm

Place: Allendale Primary School Hall

Please note that any unpaid orders that are not collected on these dates, will be returned to Champion Education. Paid orders that are not collected will be delivered to St John's School and will not be available to collect until school returns.

2022 Transition Visits

Thank you to the Kindy families who came along Monday for a transition visit. We look forward to seeing them again on the following Monday mornings to further support their transition into Kindy next year:

Monday 29 November 9:15am-10:15am

Kindy 2022 Transition Visit

Monday 6 December 9:15am-10:15am

Kindy 2022 Transition Visit

P&F News

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P&F Fundraiser Raffle

All sold and unsold tickets to be returned to the office by 30th November.



P&F Chocolates Fundraiser

There are still extra boxes available for sale please contact the Office on 99200 100.



Administration News

End of Year Concerts

The following dates and times have been set for our End of Year Concerts. Four tickets were sent home with the eldest child in Year One to Three and the eldest child in Year Four to Six on Tuesday 23 November. Office Staff are unable to allocate extra tickets to families. Families that will not make use of all four tickets are welcome to pass them on to others, at their discretion. **Tickets are not required for the Pre Primary or Kindy 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

Transition Morning Kindy to Year Five

Students in Kindy to Year Five will participate in a Transition Morning on **Tuesday 30 November**. Each class will be given the opportunity to participate in activities within their 2022 classroom and, where possible, with next year's classroom teacher.

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Over the next two weeks, St John's School will be collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to St Vincent de Paul to help those in need over the Christmas period. Families are asked to donate food items that are not past their expiry date or in glass or breakable containers. Tin foods are ideal to be donated. Food items can be dropped into your child's classroom any time up until Monday 6 December. Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations

St John's Senior Aussie of the Month went to Mac in Year 4
and the Junior Aussie went to Brodie from Year 1.



Nano Nagle Awards



Well done!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

Churches	Christmas Eve			Christmas Day	
	Vigil	Carols	Night	Morning	Evening
St Francis Xavier Cathedral	6:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	7:30 & 9:30	No evening Mass
St. John's Church Lot 1931, Off Banksia Street, Rangeway	6:00pm			8:30am	
St. Peter's Church 54 Gregory Street, Greenough				8:00am	
St. Lawrence's Church 346 Chapman Road, Bluff Point	6:00pm (School under cover area)	10:30pm (Church)	11:00pm (Church)	9:00am (Church)	
St. Patrick's Church Cnr. Howard & Third Streets, Wonthella	No Service				

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

SFX Cathedral

13th December

Monday

7:00pm

AS PART OF THE CHRISTMAS IN THE PIAZZA

THE SUITCASE MARKETS!

Give your favourite suitcase an outing & turn your craft or pre-loved treasure into

SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021
MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE PIAZZA
8.30 TO 12.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.MONSIGNORHAWES.COM/UPCOMINGEVENTS
PHONE ANN 0429 381 896
OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS IN THE PIAZZA

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER
8.30 - 12.00

LOADS OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

DEVONSHIRE TEAS / RADIO MAMA / RAFFLES
CAKE STALL / SUITCASE MARKETS
CAROLS / GERALDTON BELLS

MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE
56 CATHEDRAL AVENUE, GERALDTON
ENQUIRIES: TIFFANY O'BYRNE 0428 939 574
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THANK YOU
so very much



WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

Volunteers Building and Donating Wheelchairs to Needy Children Worldwide



*An initiative of the Rotary Club of Scarborough
in association with the Christian Brothers*

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29th October 2021

Dear Principal,

On behalf of disabled children in developing countries around the world we thank you sincerely for your generous donation towards our project.
These children are now able to get off the ground have dignity as well as mobility.
We thank you for being a caring and compassionate school community.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Olly Pickett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Br. Olly Pickett

THANK YOU