



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 4
24th February 2022

Principal's Notes

Student Leaders

Last week, the Year Five and Six Class spent two days undertaking various leadership activities on and offsite. The activities called the students to challenge themselves, grow as a team, learn about leadership and build community. Thank you to Miss Erica Lee, Mrs Cherrill Zander, Mr Michael Wright and Mr Brett Love for all the work they did over the course of the two days, providing rich learning experiences for the students. The following students have been elected to leadership positions for the 2022 school year:

Head Boy Lucas
Head Girl Chaney
Councillors Amity, Tyler, Joey, Ava, Kai, Lilah, Toby and Heidi-Bree

The following students have been elected as the Year Five Class Representatives for the duration of one term:

Term One Shelby and Mac
Term Two Darcy and Lual
Term Three Indi and Jayden
Term Four Jacob and Miguel



The following students have been elected as the Faction Captains and Vice Captains:

Abrolhos (Green) Captain	Ava
Abrolhos (Green) Vice Captain	Tyler
Pelsaert (Red) Captain	Toby
Pelsaert (Red) Vice Captain	Amity
Batavia (Blue) Captain	Lilah
Batavia (Blue) Vice Captain	Kai
Hayes (Gold) Captain	Beau N
Hayes (Gold) Vice Captain	Cooper

I congratulate all the students and look forward to working with each one of them over the course of the year.

Leaders' Forum

On Monday, Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) held their annual February Leaders' Forum, a day of professional development for Principals and Assistant Principals. Usually, this learning opportunity is held in Perth, but in accordance with the high case load guidelines, the Forum was moved online. Mrs Emma Pollard, Mr Brett Love and I listened to all the keynote speakers in individual locations in the school and took collaborative notes via a shared Word document. Whilst the experience was different to previous years, the opportunity to learn and grow in a safe environment was definitely positive.

Early Years Learning Framework - EYLF

At St John's School, the staff use the EYLF to ensure that the children receive a high quality experience. The EYLF was created and trialed by experienced early childhood educators, academics, parents and carers.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 25th February

Prayer Assembly

Year 3

Online P&F Meeting -

1:45pm

Saturday 26th February

Reconciliation

Commitment Mass

SFX Cathedral - 6:00pm

Monday 28th February

P&F Easter Raffle Tickets

sent home this week

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday Class

Liturgies

Friday 4th March

Prayer Assembly Year 4

Reconciliation Year 6



Principal's Notes

The EYLF focuses on your child's learning. The staff will work with you in order to get to know your child well. They create a learning program that builds on your child's interests and abilities, and keep you in touch with your child's progress.

Through the Framework's five learning goals, educators will assist your children to develop:

- a strong sense of their identity
- connections with their world
- a strong sense of wellbeing
- confidence and involvement in their learning
- effective communication skills

Code of Conduct – Statement Two

Conduct Statement Two from the St John's School Code of Conduct is, '**You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.**'. The guidelines call us to remember that all adults have the collective responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. This is our number one priority and our actions must always be in the best interests of the students. As a school, we are expected to listen to the voice of the child. All information that is relevant to the safety and wellbeing of the students is heard, accepted and used appropriately, maintaining confidentiality. Informed decision making in relation to the students' education is also core to the work of all community members.

This is a snapshot of Conduct Statement Two. The full transcript can be found at https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf

Good News Story

The Year Five and Six students are to be recognised for the manner in which they conducted themselves over the course of the two leadership days. Their behaviour was great and they followed all of the High Case Load Guidelines very well. I am also especially proud of all the students who missed out on a leadership position and the management of their associated emotions. Whilst they may have felt sad or disappointed, they did not let their emotions influence their behaviour, congratulating their peers and following the rules of the school.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 25 February, at 8.45am**, the Year Three Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly over the school's PA system. Unfortunately, the gathering of parents and carers, even in outdoor areas, is to be avoided. **This Prayer Assembly will not be made available to parents and carers.**

Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we once again focus on the Fruit of Love. **1 Corinthians 13: 1-7**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

Next Week, the Catholic Church enters the season of Lent with the celebration of the Ash Wednesday Mass. Unfortunately, due to recent COVID-19 health precautions, this Mass will not be celebrated on a whole school level.

Although the Eucharistic celebration will not go ahead, St John's School will have classroom liturgies where the distribution of ashes will occur. Parents and carers are unfortunately not permitted to attend these liturgies.

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 4, Year 5

Thursdays - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

Overdue Notices

This year, overdue book notices will be sent home to families via Seesaw. Please assist children in returning their library books on their allocated day to ensure they can exchange their books.

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 ONE. Thank you, Year One, 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 Closed at Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday

The Library will be closed during the Recess and Lunch period for Term 1.

The Golden Pen Writing Award

Information has been sent home with all students in Years 4 to 6 for those young writers keen to share their stories with the world and enter the Western Australian writing competition. Entries must be submitted by 20 March 2022. For more information: scribblersfestival.com.au/golden-pen.



Religious Education

Cancellation - Mass of the Oils

Considering the rising COVID-19 infection rates in our state and restrictions that are in place to contain the spread of the virus, the annual Mass of the Oils scheduled for the 30th March has been cancelled.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Sunday, our First Reconciliation Candidates and their parent/carers made their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Should you have missed this required Mass, please note you have an opportunity to attend one more Commitment Mass on **Saturday 26 February at 6.00pm** at the SFX Cathedral.

Next **Friday 4 March**, all Year Three students will attend the First Reconciliation Retreat Day. This Retreat Day will be hosted onsite. The Retreat Day will provide our Year Three students with another opportunity to further develop their understanding on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On **Thursday 10 March at 5.30pm**, candidates in Year Three will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. These students will be well-supported by some of their classmates who are attending to receive a blessing.

Project Compassion 2022 – ‘For All Future Generations’

Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis – working in over 200 countries and territories.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during the six weeks of the Church season of Lent. St John’s School will invite families to help us raise funds and stand in solidarity with the millions of people across the world with whom work for all future generations.

A family Project Compassion mission box will go home with the eldest child this week.

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey, we greatly appreciate your time and feedback. We would love to have as many parents as possible take up this opportunity to give their input and feedback into the school improvement process.

Parents can access the survey from the following URL: www.tellthemfromme.com/stjs2022
The survey takes approximately 20 minutes and the feedback given within the survey is anonymous. The survey is open to families until Thursday 10 March.

I would like to thank you, in anticipation, for completing the TTFM survey, and helping St John’s School to continue to strive for excellence.

Year Two Assembly: Thursday 24 February

As a result of the recently issued ‘High Case Load Guidelines’, our School Assembly today was unable to proceed as normal. The Year Two Class, however, put on a great performance this afternoon which was recorded and will be shared with our Year Two families on Seesaw. Students in other year levels will have an opportunity to watch the recorded item via Teams in their classrooms.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Dear Families,

It is Easter Raffle time again! The P&F request your support for one of our most popular fundraisers!

A book of 20 tickets per family will be coming home soon.

We are also asking families to donate an Easter treat such as a chocolate egg or bunny to add to the raffle prizes.

Next week, 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). Extra books will be available from the Office once they have been sent home.

Please keep an eye out for the tickets next week.

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



Administration News

Merit Awards were presented to students within their class and photographs will be shared over the coming week to their family via Seesaw, Facebook or email, depending on photo permissions. We thank you for your ongoing understanding as we implement these new guidelines.

Postponed Events

Please be advised that the following events that have been previously communicated on the Term Planner have been cancelled, in line with the school following High Case Load Guidelines. Some events, where possible, may be rescheduled to another point of time in the school year.

Friday 25 February - Year 6 Nagle Catholic College Science Excursion.

Wednesday 23 March - Harmony Day Incursion.

Friday 25 March - Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 30 March - Mass of the Holy Oils

Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings and Individual Education Plan (IEP) Meetings

As parents are not permitted to attend meetings with teachers on the school grounds. Our PLP and IEP meetings will be adjusted from how they usually conducted.

PLP Meetings-

- A PLP document will come home with your child, outlining their goals in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy for Semester One.
- On this document there will be an option for the teacher to request a meeting as well as for parents to request a meeting. If your child's teacher does not request a meeting and you have no current concerns, please simply sign and return the form to school.
- Requested meetings will be conducted over the phone during Weeks 6-10 at a mutually convenient time.

IEP Meetings-

- A letter will be sent home with students who require an IEP Meeting, requesting parents/carers to indicate a convenient time during Week 8 and 9 to attend an online meeting.
- Instructions will be provided to parents/carers on how to download the Teams App and join an online video conference meeting using a phone, iPad or computer/laptop.
- If the Teams App is unable to be used, the IEP meeting will be conducted over the phone.

Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



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Sunday 27 February 8.30-11.30am

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Hockey

The students below have returned notes giving them permission to play hockey for the school in 2022. We are still searching for one or two more players for the Half Field Team and a coach for the Half Field Team. Please let Mr Matthews know ASAP if you are interested.



Division 1 (11 a side)	Division 2 (9 a side)	Half Field (6 a side)
Toby	Logan	Finlay
Lilah	Dan	Kira
Amber	Mitchell P	Isabelle
Lacey	Nash	Peyton
Kai	Lewis	Chantelle
Isaac	Lachlan	Xavier
Tyler	Elizabeth	Lucy
Cooper	Nate	Myrell
Mac	Luke	
Jayden	Max	
Nate		
Jaxson		
Jacob		
Josh McGlynn (Coach)	Paul Benson/Paul Weston (Coaches)	



Enrol now for Year 7 2023

Whether it is academic, creative, or vocational,
Nagle Catholic College helps students
to discover and nurture their individual talents.

We invite you to join us for our

Information Evening

Wednesday 9 March at 5.00pm, QEII Community Centre

Applications close Friday 1 April 2022.

Welcome to 2022 Scholastic BookClub. The easiest way to place an order is via the LOOP ordering system.

Below is a quick 'how to' to get you started.

Go to the website www.scholastic.com.au

Click on 'Shop'

Click on 'LOOP (parents)'

Click on 'Not a member - register'

Then add your details.

Parent details*name*password*email address*phone number

Next you 'ADD A NEW CHILD'

Child's first and last name

Select state WA

Select school by typing postcode 6530 to search and click on St John's School.

Select what year your child is in.

Click SAVE

Click SUBMIT (red box)

Once registered you can follow the prompts to place an order and pay via debit or credit card.

There is a 'how to order' info box if you need help.

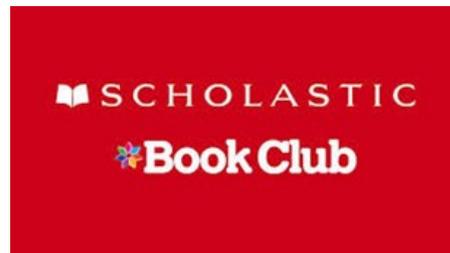
You will need to know what issue of Book Club you are ordering from and the item number shown in the catalogue.

We receive eight issues per year, two issues each term.

St John's School earns 20% in Scholastic Rewards on all Book Club orders which helps us obtain more books and additional learning resources for our students.

Regards

Amy Causer



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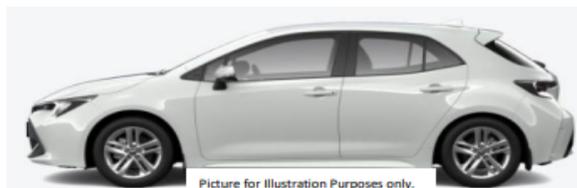
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