



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 5

3rd March 2022

## Principal's Notes

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Next Thursday, 10 March, some students in Year Three will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time. As Catholics, we recognise that we are human and make mistakes and when we sin, we turn our back on God. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we are able to talk to God about our sins, seek forgiveness and make amends. Please keep the following children in your prayers as they undertake the final stages of their preparation to receive this blessed Sacrament:

*Dan                  Jaxon                  Sam                  Myah                  Loata                  Roman*

The following children have been learning about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and supporting their peers in their faith journey. Please keep these students also in your prayers:

<i>Lincoln</i>	<i>Reuben</i>	<i>Shelby</i>	<i>Lewis</i>
<i>Jake</i>	<i>Bonnie</i>	<i>Mitchell B</i>	<i>Zavier</i>
<i>Roman</i>	<i>Heidi</i>	<i>Ayden</i>	<i>Tessa</i>
<i>Alexis</i>	<i>Michael</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Lucy</i>
<i>Mitchell P</i>	<i>Latisha</i>	<i>Billie</i>	<i>Logan</i>

### Mask Wearing in Schools

On Monday, Premier Mark McGowan announced that the Department of Health (WA Health) has upgraded the public health and social measures to High Caseload, Level 2, beginning on Thursday 3 March. This means primary school students in Years Three to Six are added to mask wearing directions. Masks must be worn by all students in Years Three and above in all indoor settings across Western Australia (WA), apart from residential and private homes. These additional measures have been implemented with a view to minimise the impact of COVID-19 disruption to learning and continuing face-to-face learning for our students, where possible.

Families are to provide suitable masks each day and the school will have some limited reserves, if a student's mask is damaged or lost during the school day. Each child is encouraged to take responsibility for their own mask.

- All staff members and students in Years Three and above are required to wear a mask **while indoors** when at school. Teachers and staff are not required to wear a mask providing teaching or instructions to students; however staff are encouraged to wear masks even when teaching, where possible.
- The requirement to wear masks outdoors will be relaxed unless physical distancing is not possible. This includes travelling on public transport.
- Students in Kindergarten to Year Two are not required to wear a mask, but their teachers and support staff must continue to wear masks, where possible.
- Common sense should apply regarding the colour and markings on masks, with staff and students asked not to wear masks that may contain inappropriate markings or designs.
- Students may be exempt from wearing a mask at school under the following circumstances:

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 4th March**

Prayer Assembly

Year 2

Year 3 Reconciliation

Retreat Day

**Monday 7th March**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 8th March**

Student Council Meeting

**Thursday 10th March**

Assembly Year 5

First Reconciliation

5:30pm - St John's

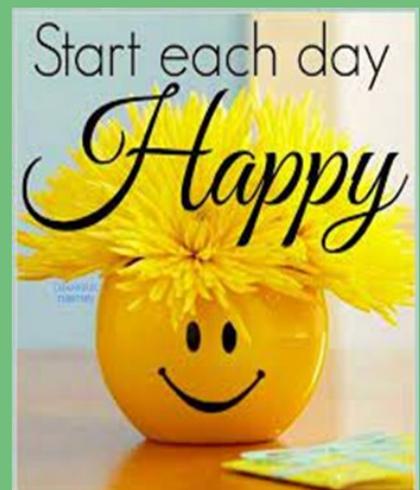
Church

**Friday 11th March**

Prayer Assembly -

Year 4

Reconciliation Year 6



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- ◇ the student has a medical certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner confirming a physical, developmental or mental illness, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering inappropriate;
- ◇ when communicating with another person who is deaf or hard of hearing, where visibility of the mouth is essential for communication;
- ◇ when engaged in strenuous or vigorous exercise;
- ◇ when consuming food, drink or medicine, provided that they are seated at the time.

## Early Years Learning Framework - EYLF

Using the Early Years Learning Framework, educators at St John's School will observe your child's learning so they can build on it and plan the next steps. They will do this by listening, watching and talking to your child. Educators will keep in touch with you to discuss your child's progress. Photos, Seesaw and/or a portfolio of your child's work will show what your child is learning, how they are developing and what particular learning interests them.

By working together, parents and educators can enhance a child's learning and wellbeing. As the most important person in your child's life, you can make a difference by talking regularly with your child's educator and asking about their learning. Information you provide, allows educators to link your child's experiences at home with the time they spend together in the early childhood setting.

## Code of Conduct – Statement Three

Conduct Statement Three from the St John's School Code of Conduct is, '**You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct**'. This guideline requires us to remember that our actions and decision making are examples for others to witness. As members of a Catholic school community, it is our calling to build relationships based on Gospel values. We are all bound to ensure that our conduct reflects the Code of Ethical Conduct, respecting the dignity of each and every person. In our lives, we must acknowledge the gifts of others, build positive relationships, be accountable, maintain confidentiality and be professional.

This is a snapshot of Conduct Statement Three. The full transcript can be found at [https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies\\_codeofconduct.pdf](https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf)

## Good News Story

The Year Two Class are the heroes of this week's Good News Story. Last Thursday, they were very brave and talented as they presented the first Assembly item for the 2022 school year. I absolutely loved it as I am sure all the parents/carers did when they watched the recording on Seesaw. Way to go, Year Two!

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

## Lent and Ash Wednesday

Yesterday, the Catholic Church entered the season of Lent. Lent is an important period of reflection, growth, and new beginnings in the Catholic calendar. Catholics use this special time to show their devotion to their faith through sacrifice, giving to others and preparing for Easter.

St John's School participated in eight Ash Wednesday Classroom Liturgies with all staff attending. These classroom liturgies were beautifully organised and delivered by our classroom teachers and students.

May your forty day Lenten period be a time of reflection, solemnity and giving.



## 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 3. Thank you, Year 3, 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](http://scribblersfestival.com.au/golden-pen).

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 4 March, at 8.45am**, the Year Two 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 is the last week we focus on the Fruit of Love.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16*

## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Tomorrow, Our Year Three students will participate in a Sacrament of First Reconciliation Retreat Day. This Retreat Day will be held onsite. A note has gone home regarding this Retreat Day.

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held on **Thursday 10 March at 5.30pm** in the St John's Church.

## Project Compassion – Week One – Anatercia's Story

Tragedy struck early for Anatercia. Her father passed away when she was just four and her mother has struggled with chronic health issues ever since.

Anatercia, her brother, and her sick mother moved in with their elderly grandparents into a small hut in southern Mozambique, where there is no electricity, hospital, secondary school or supermarket.

As her grandparents aged, Anatercia's grandfather developed blindness and her grandmother could no longer walk to their farm; their only source of income.

Their crops withered from a mixture of neglect, irregular rainfall, droughts and floods. They were unable to maintain their livelihood and the family often went hungry.

In Mozambique, nearly two million people currently face severe food insecurity, due to the combined effects of frequent natural disasters, the conflict in northern Mozambique and COVID-19.

As Anatercia took on more and more responsibilities around the home to try to support her struggling grandparents, her education began to suffer, as she travelled up to five hours to collect water every day.

## Prayer Over Ukraine

With the atrocities occurring in Ukraine, please find on the next page a prayer from Bishop Michael you may wish to use.



## P&F News

[pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au)

### P&F Committee

Dear Families,

### Easter Raffle

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

This year, we will run the raffle in a modified format. Please refer to the note that has been sent home to each family today.



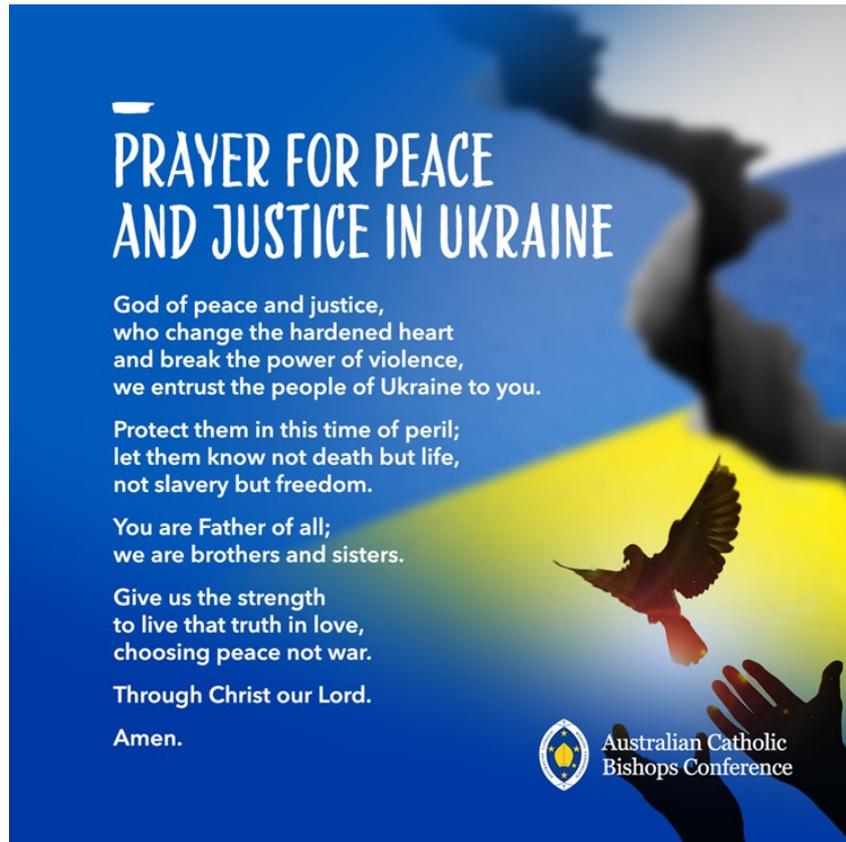
### Canteen Day

The decision has been made to postpone the Term One P&F Canteen Day. We will look to host an extra one later in the year.



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

# Religious Education



**PRAYER FOR PEACE  
AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

 Australian Catholic  
Bishops Conference

**Mr Brett Love**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## Administration News

### Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

Thank you! We have now received 25 completed Tell Them From Me (TTFM) parent surveys. We greatly appreciate your time and feedback. We would, however, 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](http://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 Five Assembly: Thursday 10 March

As a result of the recently issued 'High Case Load Guidelines', Our School Assembly scheduled for next Thursday will be modified to meet the requirements under the 'High Case Load Guidelines'. As families are not able to attend, the Year Five Class will have their Assembly Item recorded and shared to parents via Seesaw. Students in other year levels will have an opportunity to watch the recorded item via Teams in their classrooms.

Merit Awards will be presented to students within their class and photographs shared to their family via Seesaw or Facebook or email, depending on photo permissions. We thank you for your ongoing understanding.

# Administration News

## 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.

Wednesday 23 March - Harmony Day Incurion

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.

## NAPLAN - Year 3 and 5

Information regarding NAPLAN was sent home to parents/carers of students in Year Three and Five today. NAPLAN is designed to assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students on skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Parents/carers can assist their child/ren to prepare by reassuring their children that NAPLAN is just one part of the way our school assesses learning and that it does not assess all of the many gifts and talents they possess. Simply encourage your child to their best on the day.

Another way to assist your child is to go onto the public demonstration site. This site provides students with the opportunity to become familiar with NAPLAN platform, see different types of questions and related functionalities. This can be accessed at [nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site). If you have any queries or concerns regarding NAPLAN, please see your child's classroom teacher.

**Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**



## 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

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Wednesday 9 March at 5.00pm, QEII Community Centre

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

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Click on 'Shop'

Click on 'LOOP (parents)'

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Then add your details.

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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.

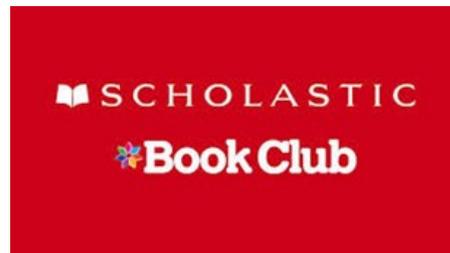
You will need to know what issue of Book Club you are ordering from and the item number shown in the catalogue.

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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