



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 6

10th March 2022

## Principal's Notes

### Staffing

This week, St John's School welcomed Mrs Gayle Mau as a staff member. Gayle will be assisting with the cleaning whilst Mrs Lady Pacheco is on Maternity Leave. Gayle commenced work on Tuesday and I know everyone will make her feel very welcome. Welcome, Gayle.

### COVID-19 - Ventilation Update

One of the safety mechanisms schools have been addressing in relation to COVID-19 is ventilation. At St John's School, we have been working as a staff to use fresh air and well-ventilated learning spaces where possible. Prior to the start of the school year, we conducted an internal ventilation audit of all rooms in the school, with a particular focus on doors and windows. Recently, CEWA appointed an external company to undertake a more detailed audit of all learning spaces. I have since received the report from the auditors and I am in the process of addressing the recommendations.

CEWA has also provided St John's School with a carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) monitor. Whilst CO<sub>2</sub> is not a direct measure of exposure to COVID-19, CO<sub>2</sub> monitors provide the ability to assess ventilation. A high carbon dioxide reading can be used to indicate when actions should be taken to improve ventilation including opening windows or reducing the occupancy in the space. Based on the reading of the CO<sub>2</sub> monitor, we are able to gauge if the learning space is adequately ventilated and if not, further open doors and/or windows or increase air con fan speed.

The Staff of St John's School are continuing to work in the best interests of the students in these very challenging times.

### Occupational Health and Safety

St John's School endeavours to provide a safe environment for staff, students, parents, carers and visitors. We aim to:

- ensure the safety, health and welfare of all employees and non-employees on school premises
- develop, promote, and maintain a safe and healthy school premises that seeks to minimise the risk of injury or illness for employees and non-employees create a culture of safety that encourages the development, maintenance and promotion of healthy school premises
- ensure that adequate financial, physical and human resources are available to support the management of occupational safety and health on school premises.

If a hazard is observed, that is anything that may result in an injury or harm to the health of a person, we request that it is reported to the School Office in a timely manner. Staff have a form that they are required to complete, students are encouraged to speak to the Staff and parents/carers/visitors are requested to report their concerns to the Office so the hazard can be addressed in a timely manner. Thank you for working with the school to keep everyone safe.

### School Jumpers

As you are aware, changes were made a couple of years ago to the rules around the St John's School jumper. The tracksuit jacket is now to be worn with both the school and sports uniform, replacing the woolen school jumper. The woolen jumper is still permitted to be worn as we know this provides extra warmth in Winter.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 11th March**  
Prayer Assembly  
Year 4  
Year 6 Reconciliation

**Thursday 17th March**  
St Patrick's Day

**Friday 18th March**  
Prayer Assembly -  
Year 1  
Reconciliation Year 4

**Wednesday 23rd March**  
Harmony Day -  
Students may wear  
Orange

**Friday 25th March**  
Prayer Assembly  
Spiritual Ministry

positive thoughts  
generate  
positive feelings  
and attract  
positive life  
experiences

# Principal's Notes

(We are currently trying to source a tracksuit jacket that has a thicker lining). The decision has been made to reduce the cost of the woolen jumper to \$20 in order to deplete the current supply. Once these jumpers are sold, we will not be replenishing the stock. If you wish to purchase one of the school jumpers, please contact the Office or visit the Uniform Shop on a Monday morning.

## Code of Conduct – Statement Four

Conduct Statement Four from the St John's School Code of Conduct is, 'You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community'. This guideline calls us to remember that our role and relationship at St John's School is defined by the respective written or verbal agreement that founds that relationship. Any concerns about unsafe conduct must be reported to the Principal who has a duty to act accordingly. All people and property are to be respected, and all school property and resources are to be utilised for the purposes of the school.

This is a snapshot of Conduct Statement Four. 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 Pre Primary Class needs to get a very special mention this week for the work they have been undertaking in Literacy. The students have been conducting their Daily Reviews, Letters and Sounds Program and Dictation with skill and expertise. The engagement norms that they learnt last year with Mrs Henderson have been transferred and reinforced in the Pre Primary Classroom. I am very proud of the students as they develop as speakers, listeners, readers and writers.

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 4 March, at 8.45am**, the Year Four 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 - 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 Saviour.*

(Habakkuk 3:17-18)



## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

At 5.30pm this evening, our Year Three students will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in the St John's Church. We wish them the very best as they strengthen their relationship with the Lord.

## 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 1. Thank you, Year 1, 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

## Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Tomorrow, students in Year Six, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey before Easter. Thank you to Father Robert O'Bryan for making himself available to assist our students with this sacrament.

## Project Compassion – Week Two –Biru's Story

Biru lives in a rural village in India. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. He managed to complete his education until grade six but was always dependent on his parents to get him to school because he was unable to walk so far on his own.

A member of India's Ho ethnic minority population, Biru started to work as a shepherd from a young age, looking after other people's cattle. He continued this work, after he married his wife, Budhni, and had four daughters, even though keeping up with the cattle was a challenge.



Over 26 million people who have a disability in India also live in poverty.

A further 69 percent of the population living with a disability reside in rural areas, which makes access to support services, education and employment an even greater challenge.

Please support Project Compassion generously!

## Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Administration News

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

Thank you! We have now received 37 completed Tell Them From Me (TTFM) parent surveys. **Today is the final day to complete a survey.** We would greatly appreciate your input and feedback into the school improvement process if you have the opportunity to complete the survey before it closes.

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.

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 9 March

Thank you, to our Year Five Class, for the great job they did presenting their Assembly item today. The item was recorded and will be shared to Year Five parents and carers via Seesaw. Students in other year levels will also have an opportunity to watch a recording of the item in their classrooms.

## 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 was sent home last week.

Students can purchase tickets from their class teacher at the cost of \$1.00 per ticket.

The raffle will be drawn in the classrooms on Thursday 31st March.



### 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

# Administration News

## Harmony Day

Although our Harmony Day incursion is unable to go ahead this year, we would still love to celebrate the important message that Harmony Day brings- 'Everyone Belongs'. **We invite students from Kindy to Year Six to wear orange accessories on Wednesday 23 March.** Teachers will be promoting the Harmony Day message through classroom discussions and activities during Week Seven.



## 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 Incursion
- Thursday 24 March - K/PP Water Fun Afternoon
- Friday 25 March - Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival & Year 1/2 Water Fun Afternoon
- Wednesday 30 March - Mass of the Holy Oils



**Emma Pollard**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



## St John's Netball Teams 2022 GNA competition.



We still need to finalise scorers/uniform managers for two teams. Please let me know if you are able to help out.

Each player and parent/guardian will soon get emailed their PlayHQ link for the compulsory Registration to the Geraldton Netball Association, and a confirmation of what fees are owed. Please don't attempt to register until then – it is a whole new online platform this season.

YEAR 3/4	YEAR 5/6	YEAR 2
Leroy C	Sienna M	Isabelle W
Sienna C	Ava B	Marlarnia H
Kelly D	Amity G	Lila M
Vienna Mc	Chaney J	Lila B
Chloe S	Ualani M	Bridei M
Darci B	Erin C	Zakia B
<u>Cheyne M</u>	Rya G	Connor C
<u>Alexis H</u>	Indi R	Brooklyn H
Lucy O'	Milia M	Stella B
Myah H	Heidi C	
<b>Coach</b> – Jenna McGregor	<b>Coach</b> – Christine Kerr	<b>Coach</b> – Makeeli Allison
<b>Umpire</b> – Jen Wolverton	<b>Umpire</b> – Charlee O'Malley	<b>Umpire</b> – Linda Osborn
<b>Uniforms</b> – Volunteer needed	<b>Uniforms</b> – Ainslie Collard	<b>Uniforms</b> – Volunteer needed
<b>Scorer</b> - Volunteer needed	<b>Scorer</b> – Jodi Reed	<b>Scorer</b> - Volunteer needed
<b>Training Day</b> – Tuesday 3pm	<b>Training Day</b> – Thursday 3pm	<b>Training Day</b> – Wednesday 3pm



Welcome to 2022 Scholastic Book Club. 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](http://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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HERITAGE

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**DRAWN 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022**

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