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Principal's Notes

Welcome Back Parents/Carers

It has been so wonderful to have parents and carers back on the school grounds this week. Our school community is taking small steps to return to the usual routines and procedures. Our approach has been a deliberate slow journey to ensure that the health and well-being of all members of the school community is at the core of all decision making. We are very appreciative of your co-operation as we continue to move forward.



St John's School Uniform Shop

The St John's School Uniform Shop re-opened this week for its regular Wednesday timeslot. Due to the size of the room, we are requesting only two people to be inside at one time. Please remain on the verandah until you are requested to enter. We have implemented cleaning measures to support the re-opening. Anyone who enters the Uniform Shop will be required to complete a form providing the date, name and contact details. Thank you, Helena May, for your assistance and support in this area.

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise the school community that this will be the last year that Helena will be assisting in the Uniform Shop as her youngest child is currently in Year Six. We will thank Helena for the work that she has undertaken in this role, in a voluntary capacity, at the end of the year. In the meantime, we are on the lookout for someone to fill this vacancy in 2021. I would ask that parents/carers start to consider their availability with more details to come.

School Fees

The 2020 School Fee Statements were issued to all families in Term One. I would like to thank those parents/carers who have set up a direct debit arrangement or arranged for a partial or full payment of the amount invoiced. I am also very grateful to the parents/carers who have contacted me to confidentially discuss their own personal circumstances. If you have any questions about your school fees, please contact the school to discuss it with either me or Mrs Kym Harris, Finance Officer. Full payment is not required until November but parents/carers are asked to consider paying manageable installments to ease the financial burden at the end of the year.

School Uniform Survey

Have you completed it yet? A SMS was sent out on Monday 8 June with the link. If you are having difficulties accessing the survey electronically, please contact the School Office. The survey will close at 8:00pm on Monday 15 June.

Rebranding

We have been sharing on Facebook all the rebranding that we have undertaken in relation to various aspects of the school stationery. I am sure that you will all agree that the end results are fantastic, reflecting St John's School in a refreshed and vibrant manner. We have received lots of positive feedback from many people both directly and indirectly related to the school community. My thanks go to the St John's School Board for the support they have given to this process.

Good News Story

St John's School has had a tradition of entering an art competition facilitated by the Nagle Education Alliance of Australia. The art competition centres of creating a two dimensional piece that portrays the work of Nano Nagle, the Foundress of the Presentation Sisters, the lady with the lamp. Miss Hogue facilitated this work with the students in Years Four, Five and Six during our phase of learning from home. I would like to thank Chaney, Oscar, Chelsea, Alyssa, Meg, Hamish Mi, Jaymee, Jayden, Karys and Ruby for submitting an entry. Each one of your artworks was created with meaning, individuality, thought and an artistic flair. Thank you for letting the artist in you shine through. All entries will be shared on Facebook in the near future.

May we all take time this week to relish the incidental moments of peace.

Mrs Melissa Marquis - Principal

Term 2 Week 7
11th June 2020

Dates to Remember

FRIDAY 12th June
PA Prayer Assembly Year 6

TUESDAY 16th June
Nagle Principal Visit -
Year 5 @ 10:50am

WEDNESDAY 17th June
Faction Cross Country @
1:00pm

FRIDAY 19th June
PA Prayer Assembly Year 3

WEDNESDAY 24th June
P&F Meeting in Staffroom
@ 6:00pm

FRIDAY 26th June
PA Prayer Assembly Year 2

Sometimes you
need to take a
break from
everyone and
spend time alone,
to experience,
appreciate and
love yourself.

- Robert Fox

Religious Education News

Sacrament of Reconciliation

It is with great excitement I can announce that the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and the Reconciliation Retreat Day will take place at the end of Term Two. The dates are:

- * Sacrament of Reconciliation Retreat Day: **Monday 29 June (On school grounds)**
- * Sacrament of First Reconciliation: **Tuesday 30 June 6.00pm (St John's Church)**

Although churches are now open, those attending the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are required to adhere to strict health care and safety measures. These measures have been outlined to all families in a separate note.

Weekend Masses

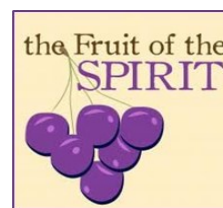
As stated by Mrs Marquis in last week's newsletter, Bishop Michael has advised that, our churches are now open for Sunday Mass. Everyone who attends Mass on the weekend will be required to provide their contact details as a protective health measure. Attendees are also asked to adhere to the directions of where to sit and move in the church during the Sunday Mass. This will reduce close contact with each other.

It is also essential that if you are unwell, feel unwell, have flu or respiratory symptoms, elevated body temperatures, or have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed, or suspected, with COVID-19 that you do not enter any church. There will be other changes implemented to ensure that all Mass attendees are kept safe. It is vital that all directives are followed to keep ourselves and others safe during this pandemic.

Fruit of the Spirit

We again focus on the **Fruit of Patience** this week:

Have patience, God isn't finished yet.
(Philippians 1:6)



St Paul reminds the Philippians to be patient in God as they are made in the likeness of God and His plan has already been carved for them.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

This coming Sunday, the Church commemorates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ also referred to as the Feast of 'Corpus Christi'. This Solemnity reminds us of the risen Christ who is our source of joy and celebration present within the Eucharist. The receiving of communion during the Eucharistic celebration is emphasised by the Latin words 'Corpus Christi' - Body of Christ.

Brett Love

Assistant Principal Religious Education

Administration News

Nagle Catholic College Principal Visit and School Information Evening

Please be advised that next Tuesday, 16th June, Mr Williams, the Principal of Nagle Catholic College, will visit with the Year Five students to present some information about the school and to hand out enrolment packs. We look forward to his visit as our Year Five families begin thinking about this exciting next step in their school journey.

On Thursday, 6th August, Nagle Catholic College are holding an Information Evening at 5.00pm in the College Gymnasium. For further information please visit the school's website, www.ncc.wa.edu.au or email NagleEnrolments@cewa.edu.au.

Cross Country

St John's School Cross Country event will commence next Wednesday, 17th June, at 1.00pm on the School Oval. Families are welcome to attend, however, to ensure appropriate social distancing is maintained, you will be directed to a designated spectator area. We kindly request that families space themselves out to ensure we are meeting health and safety regulations regarding COVID-19.



Please be advised that for the safety of our students, all vehicle entries into the school will be closed off at 1:00pm and reopened at approximately 2.45pm. You will be able to park on the verge around the oval and chairs will be provided for the spectators.

The first race will start at 1.10pm and consist of the Year One & Two girls. Students are expected to wear their faction shirts and all students are expected to participate.

Administration News

Playtime

As of Week Eight, we will move into our next phase of managing the use of our school playground and where students play at recess and lunch. We are happy to share that the playground will now be in use at both recess and lunchtime, with cleaning of the playground structures continuing to occur daily. An additional change is that students from Years One to Six will be allowed to, once again, choose where they play at recess and lunch. Sanitisation of sports equipment will continue to occur after recess and lunch.

Sickness

I would like to thank parents and carers for being vigilant in keeping their child/ren at home if they are feeling unwell. This can help your child/ren recover faster and helps to prevent any viruses from spreading to other children in the school, which is critical to keeping everyone as healthy as possible.



If your child/ren are absent from school, please notify the School Office or provide a signed absentee note to your child's classroom teacher.

Toys

At St John's School we discourage students from bringing toys from home into school. This prevents their personal belongings from being lost or broken and also ensures they are giving their full attention during lessons. If your child has permission to bring an item from home into school for Class News, we ask that it is returned to their school bag or given to the teacher for the rest of the day.

Emma Pollard

Assistant Principal Administration

St John's Netball 2020

Season Start Date: 25th July 2020 (first Saturday after Term Three begins)

Season End Date: 5th September 2020

There has been a reduction in fees to compensate for the shorter season:

For those born in 2010 or after, fees are now \$105

For those born in 2009 or before, fees are now \$120



If you have already paid your fees you will be able to get the balance returned or have the option of putting the money towards your School fees. Please send an email to admin@sjr.wa.edu.au and the lovely ladies in the School Office will be able to arrange this with you.

Please register with MyNetball if you haven't done so already. This is particularly urgent as part of the COVID-19 Guidelines. You will have an email from me with the links that are required. If you have any difficulties please get in touch ASAP. Registration is mandatory for all players.

NB There will be no training for any teams in Week Ten this term. Training will recommence in Week One next term.

Thank you
Mrs Kerr



St John's School would like to express our thanks to all our families/community members who are donating their IGA rewards points to our school.

So far you have raised a total of 3 844 points up to the 2 June 2020. At the end of the year, the money that is presented to St John's School will go towards resources for the students.

We appreciate you for your on going support.

Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre



The Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre is a Catholic school which supports disadvantaged youth and their families in our community.

We are looking for **volunteers** to support with one on one or small group literacy programs within our school. Ideally this would suit **retired Teachers or Educational Assistants** with a background in this area.

For further information please call Head of Campus Heather on 0419 300 372

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The Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre is a Catholic school which supports disadvantaged youth and their families in our community.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of warm blankets and doonas to help our families this winter

Please call the office 99652264 or Head of Campus Heather on 0419 300 372 to arrange drop off/pick up

Stop Smoking Competition - GRAMS Congratulations to St John's Winners

