



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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**Sinite
Parvulos**

**Let the
Little
Children**

Principal's Notes

Year Six Graduation

On Wednesday 9 December, we will acknowledge and celebrate the Graduating Class of 2020. Congratulations to the following students:

Robert	Jayden	Khalim	Colin
Maddison	Trevor	Charlissa	Judd
Shaynesha	Spencer	Abigail	Chelsea
Kemani	Hamish Mi	Ella M	Hamish Mo
Ella N	Xander	Charlee	Louis
Kirsty	Shaquille	Maci	Rhuan

During your primary school years at St John's School, you have worked hard, demonstrated strong leadership, and through your thoughts, words and actions, reflected the teachings of Jesus, loving your neighbour. It has been an honour to work with you for seven terms and I wish you nothing but the very best for your high school years and beyond. The next chapter of your life is waiting for you to plan, write and live out. May God keep you safe on your journey.

Concerts

Over the coming days, concerts galore will be in order. In one more sleep, we will see what the students in Years One to Six have been working on as they plan to wow us at the End of Year Concert. As with most events for 2020, this concert will look a little different. We are very blessed and fortunate to be able to have a concert of some description and I am very appreciative of all that the Staff of St John's School have done, under Mrs Emma Pollard's guidance, as they have navigated a number of hurdles to be able to present an End of Year Concert.

The cute factor will be on high alert as the Pre Primary and Kindy Classes undertake the final preparations for their respective concerts which are next week. The Pre Primary Class will perform on Monday and the Kindy Class on Wednesday. I can't wait to see the students sing and dance for their families.

I thank all the students and staff for all the thought, planning and preparation that has gone into the three concerts. The staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the students have memorable opportunities in The Arts and the students have worked tirelessly to ensure they have learnt the words, music and dance steps in an effort to demonstrate their learning and to entertain their loved ones. I look forward to being an audience member in the three greatest shows on earth!

Uniform Shop

For as long as I can remember, Mrs Helena May has volunteered to run the Uniform Shop at St John's School, generously giving her time one morning a week and for one day at the beginning of each school year. As her youngest child leaves St John's School, Helena is stepping down from this role, passing the baton on to another parent. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Helena for providing such a valuable service to St John's School for eight years. We are so grateful for all that you have done.

The baton is being passed on to Anita Grima, Mum of Adam, Jacob and Heidi. We extend our thanks to Anita and we look forward to working with Anita as of 2021. Welcome, Anita.

Book Club

Over the course of the year, the students are very fortunate to be able to access Scholastic Book Club. Book Club is co-ordinator by another parent volunteer in our school community, Mrs Amy Causer, Mum of Meg and Murphie. We are very appreciative of all that Amy does throughout the year to collate orders, process payments and distribute the books. Not only does Amy's work help students to foster a love of reading, points are also raised and the school can use these points to add texts to our Library.

*Term 4 Week 8
3rd December 2020*

Dates to Remember

FRIDAY 4 December
Prayer Assembly - Year 2

**School Concert &
Presentation Night**

MONDAY 7th December

**Pre-Primary Concert -
10.00am**

WEDNESDAY 9th Dec

Kindy Concert - 11.30am
Graduation Mass - 5.30am

THURSDAY 10th Dec

**Staff Farewell Morning Tea
- 10.00am**

School Reports go home

FRIDAY 11th Dec

**Last day of term for
students**

WEDNESDAY 27th Jan

**Uniform Shop Open Day -
10.00am - 2.00pm**



2021 Dates

Please see page three for the full list of dates for the 2021 school year.

Code of Conduct – Conduct Statement Twelve

Conduct Statement Twelve from the St John's School Code of Conduct is, '**You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being**'. This statement provides a platform for the students to have opinions and ideas about their education and well-being. Invitations are extended to the students to participate in age appropriate forums and opportunities. Students are also encouraged to inform staff and/or the Principal of their own concerns relating to school matters, safety or well-being.

This is a snapshot of Conduct Statement Twelve. The full transcript can be found at https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf on pages twenty-seven and twenty-eight, including specific examples.

Good News Story

This week, I have had the pleasure of teaching in a number of classes. My good news relates to the witnessing of the work the students have undertaken in learning about Advent and the birth of Jesus. The joy on the students faces as they explain to me the meaning behind Advent and recount the Nativity is inspiring. Thank you to the Staff and parents/carers for helping the students to truly understand the true meaning of Christmas.

In the coming week, may we have the courage and strength to demonstrate self-control.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Religious News

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 4 December at 8.45am**, the Year Two Class will lead the school in prayer. All are welcome to attend.

Advent

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. As the journey of Advent continues and we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, we encounter the story of John the Baptist in the Gospel of Mark. John the Baptist is a significant figure in the Bible. His invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God into our lives through the Sacrament of Baptism helps us to prepare the way for the coming Lord. At Mass, this coming Sunday, the second purple candle will be lit. This candle represents faith.



End of Year Mass

On **Friday 11 December at 9.00am**, St John's School will gather in the Church to celebrate the end of the year with a Eucharistic celebration. Please come along and celebrate a fantastic year!

Graduation Mass 2020

On **Wednesday 9 December at 5.30pm**, St John's School will celebrate the Graduation Mass to officially farewell the Graduating Class of 2020. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

St Francis Xavier Feast Day

Today, the Church celebrated the Feast of St Francis Xavier, whom our Geraldton Cathedral is named after. St Francis Xavier was an example of true witness to God. He devoted himself to religious service and the plight of the poor.

Fruit of the Spirit

This is the fourth and final 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.

Brett Love
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Administration News

End of Year School Concert and Presentation Night - Friday 4th December

The school is a buzz with the final week of rehearsals, preparations and organising for our beloved End of Year Concert and Presentation Night tomorrow! We feel incredibly blessed to still be able to go ahead with this event, albeit in a different format than usual. We thank our wonderful school community, in advance, for their support and understanding of the changes that have been made to ensure we can still go ahead. Please ensure that you have read the note that went home with your oldest child yesterday in regard to final details about the night.

Library Borrowing

All Library books should now have been returned to the school. Final overdue slips will be issued over the next week, we appreciate your efforts in locating and returning any outstanding Library loans.

Semester Two Report 2020

Students in Pre-Primary to Year Six will receive a Semester Two Report on **Thursday 10 December**. This report will use an A to E grading scale to evaluate and report on academic achievement across all learning areas, including the social, organisational, and emotional growth of your child/ren. Teachers exercise their professional judgement when monitoring students' progress and determining grades/levels for reporting, consistent with the school's assessment policies and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority reporting policy.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the upcoming report or wish to discuss the current progress and development of your child, please see your child's classroom teacher to arrange a pre-arranged suitable meeting time.

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

St John's School is continuing to collect 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 the 3 December. Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Emma Pollard

Assistant Principal Administration

Important Dates - 2021

Term One

Wednesday 27 January	Uniform Shop open (10:00am to 2:00pm)
Thursday 28 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Friday 29 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday 1 February	Students commence Term One
Monday 1 March	Public Holiday
Wednesday 31 March	Students conclude Term One
Thursday 1 April	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Friday 2 April	Public Holiday

Term Two

Monday 19 April	Staff and Students commence Term Two
Monday 26 April	Public Holiday
Monday 7 June	Public Holiday
Thursday 1 July	Students conclude Term Two
Friday 2 July	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development

Term Three

Monday 19 July	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 20 July	Students commence Term Three
Friday 20 August	Pupil Free Day – Catholic Day
Friday 24 September	Staff and Students conclude Term Three

Term Four

Monday 11 October	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 12 October	Students commence Term Four
Friday 10 December	Students conclude Term Four
Friday 17 December	Staff conclude Term Four



St John's School



2020 Staff Farewell Morning Tea

*As we are unable to say
goodbye to departing staff at
the End of Year Concert, you
are invited to help us say
goodbye over morning tea.*

Thursday 10 December 2020

10:00am

St John's School Hall

RSVP: Tuesday 8 December

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CANTEEN NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are all aware, we are coming to the end of the 2020 school year. This means that there are only three Canteen days left. Unfortunately, I can't leave a lot of stock in the freezers over such a long break, so please note that your child's order over these days may need to be readjusted due to the shortage of certain items on the menu.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mrs Jane Smith
Canteen Manager



Rangeway Dental Therapy Centre

This is a reminder email to inform you that the Rangeway Dental Therapy Centre will be closed from 18th December 2020 and is planned to re-open on 28th January 2021. If there are any emergencies between this period, please contact the Geraldton Adult Dental Clinic on 9956 8796 or the Geraldton Regional Hospital.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2020

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

10th December

Thursday

7:00pm



HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENT CHRISTMAS IN THE PIAZZA

DEVONSHIRE MORNING TEA CAKE & CRAFT STALL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS THE GERALDTON BELLS
&

SUITCASE MARKETS

Stall Holders will be selling wares of all sorts from their Suitcase.

Stall Registrations (\$10) Contact Details below.



6TH DECEMBER 2020 8:30 –12:00

MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE 56 CATHEDRAL AVENUE GERALDTON

Enquiries & Stall Registrations: Gerry Eastman (0417912997) More Information: www.monsignorhawes.com/



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