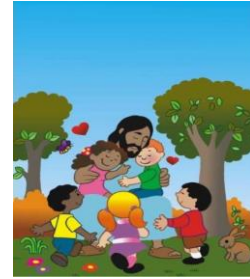


ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Let the
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Children

Principal's Notes

Dear God,

*Help us to care for each other and
share what we have to make happy and peaceful communities.
Please help everyone in the world to be more loving and caring,
and let our world be a peaceful place to live. Amen*

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday, which begins the church season of Lent. At the Mass, those present received a cross of ashes on their forehead. The ashes remind us of how Jesus died for us and calls us to repent and renew as we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection at Easter. We were very proud of all the students. The reverence they showed from entering the church, during Mass and the receiving of ashes to the watching of a you tube video about the work of Caritas Australia really was exceptional.

Nature Playscape additional play

It was with great excitement, for the students, and for me, that we brought our chess pieces out of storage in the Sports Shed!!

The top end of our "St John's Backyard' have been enclosed so that we can now leave play equipment out, which enables the students to play with the chess pieces and have much easier access to the dry riverbed diggers and play equipment.



The Pre-Primary children have also been enjoying playing follow the leaders - over their nature play logs. Over this coming weekend, a bridge will be built over our dry rock river bed to make the journey across to the Nature playscape and the hall a little easier. Look out for the new addition on Monday!



Term 1 Week 3
February 15th 2018

Dates can also be found
on the school website

FRIDAY 16th February
Prayer Assembly Year 5

MONDAY 19th February
Student Ministry Meetings

FRIDAY 23rd February
Prayer Assembly Year 1
Reconciliation Year 4

**Thursday 22 - Friday 23
Feb**
Year 5 & 6 Leadership
Camp

MONDAY 26th February
My Friends and I
Incursion at 9.00am

Newsletter Inserts

Child and Parent Centre
information flyer.
P&F - Sundowner
invitation

Wishing
you a most
enjoyable
weekend!

Commissioning of Staff School Board and P&F

Last Sunday members of the staff, School Board and P&F were commissioned within the St John's Parish 8.30am parish mass. The Commissioning is a great sign of the unity of the school and parish in living out the spreading of God's love and the teachings of Jesus by these important people within our school. We thank them for the work they do in our school and their further generosity in giving their time last weekend. Many of the parishioners spoke with me to express their appreciation for the work of the staff and the school Board and P&F i.e. the great things being achieved within our school.



Swimming Lessons

It has been fantastic to see the progress being made by each student during their swimming lessons this week. We look forward to many of you joining with us for our Swimming Carnival on Friday 2nd March. Please see the letter that has been sent home by Mr Matthews outlining further details regarding the Swimming Carnival for Year 3 to 6 students.

From Today until next Wednesday I will be in Perth for Principal meetings. During my absence, Mr Love is responsible for the school. Please feel free to speak with him, should the need arise. We thank him for his leadership.

Board meeting

Next week Board meeting has been postponed. Board members should have received an email regarding future Board meetings. Please email me or contact the office if you haven't received the email.

This time next week, the Year 5 and 6 students and a number of staff will be on Leadership camp. The students are very eager for next Thursday and Friday and all that camp will bring.

Maureen Barrett - Principal

Assistant Principal's News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ash Wednesday Mass

Thank you to the families who joined us for the Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday. Thank you also to the children who read and participated in the Mass in their differing roles.

Morning Prayer

Tomorrow, Friday 16th, Year Five will be leading the school in prayer. This prayer takes place every Friday morning in the undercover area at 8:45am. All members of the St John's School Community are invited to attend. Next week, the Year One class will lead the school in prayer.

Fruit of the Spirit

This is the last week of focussing on the Fruit of Love. Hint of the week: Give five times more positive interactions than negative interactions. Research shows that for every negative interaction, five positive interactions must occur to repair the damage and restore the relationship/friendship. If negative interactions are not counter-acted, they can accumulate and cause people to grow apart.

How will you show The Fruit of Love?



ADMINISTRATION

Three Way Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) meetings

The three-way PLP meetings for Pre-Primary to Year Six have been scheduled for Tuesday 27th February between 3:15pm and 5.30pm and Wednesday 28th February between 3.15pm and 6.00pm.

Each meeting will be 15 minutes in duration. Class teachers will also offer an additional block of meeting times within school hours which will be outlined within a note tomorrow. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to set learning goals, together as a team, for the benefit of your child/ren and their education. We look forward to seeing you.

Leadership Camp

Next Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd, students in Years Five and Six will attend the annual Leadership Camp at the Bluff Point Camp School. Important notes were distributed to all parents and carers that are due tomorrow, Friday 16th. Please ensure these notes are returned on or before this date.

Children with Individual Medical Plans

A reminder to parents and carers to please return your child's medical plan for the 2018 school year. These forms need to be completed on a yearly basis and if medication is required, signed by your doctor. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to the office as soon as possible, together with any appropriate medication to allow us to update our details and inform staff concerned of your child's needs. If you require new forms, please come and collect them from the office as soon as possible.

EYLND Assessment

The Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Data (EYLND) program is currently occurring within our early year grades. This program is run by the University of Western Australia, in partnership with Catholic Education Western Australia. Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Data provides a monitoring and assessment service for Western Australian schools, tracking student progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

On Entry Assessment Online Interview (OLI)

In the coming days, the Pre-primary students will undergo one on one testing with Mrs Danyela Payne. The purpose of the on-entry assessment is to identify students' literacy and numeracy skills critical to early educational success and provide valuable information to assist in the development of intentional and informed programming and teaching, reflective of students' needs.

Swimming Carnival



The St John's School Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 2nd March commencing at 12.30pm. This Swimming Carnival is for students in Years 3-6, as outlined within the note handed out this afternoon. Your child/ren will nominate for their individual events. Please check with your child/ren what these events are so you don't miss them swimming.

Pre-Primary, Year One and Year Two will be participating in a 'Water Fun Day' at school. Information on this event will be distributed soon. The final day for swimming lessons for all students will be tomorrow, Friday 16th February.

Uniform

A reminder to parents and carers, the required colour for student's sports shoes is predominately black, as stated within the Uniform Policy. It has been noticed that some children are wearing sports shoes that have white soles and/or colour branding. Please be aware of this policy requirement as you purchase new sports shoes.

Brett Love - Assistant Principal



Rangeway Dental Therapy Centre

The School dental service provides free dental care for all school children, from the age of 5, until the end of year 11, or the age of 17. If you are new to the school, you will receive some enrolment forms shortly.

Please fill out and return to school if you wish your child to participate. A reminder for all parents, if your address has changed, please inform the clinic, as all appointments are sent to your home address. Many thanks

P & F News

PHOTOS WANTED

We are chasing photos of the progress undertaken over the years during the development of the **Nature Playspace**. Please forward any photos you may have to the office or email to beav6@bigpond.com. We will display these at the official opening in conjunction with our

WELCOME SUNDOWNER

Friday 9th March

5pm-7pm in the Kindy/Pre-Primary Area

Supper will be provided, please look out for your invitation and rsvp sent home today in the newsletter.

BENDIGO SCHOOL BANKING is available next Wednesday 21st Feb in the Resource Room at 8.20am
Please view the **P&F Calendar of Events** posted on the noticeboard to stay up to date with what is happening in Term 1.



Looking for something different for your kids to get into this year? Scouting is for both Boys and Girls

Come along to the **Woorree Scout Group** for a three-week trial before joining up.

Joeys (6-7yrs) meet on a Wednesday at 4.00–5.15pm

Cubs (8-10Yrs) on a Tuesday at 4.30-6.00pm

Venturers (15-18yrs) on Sundays at 3.00-5.30pm

We meet at the Bluff Point Scout Community Centre on Morris Street in Bluff Point.

For more information please email or ring Group Leader/Lorraine on Mobile:0438 909 446 or

Email: gl.woorree@scoutswa.com.au

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF ST JOHN'S KINDY CHILDREN



The Kindy children have spent the last three weeks settling into school and learning our daily routines. They have been playing nicely with their new friends and exploring many different investigations inside and outside.

