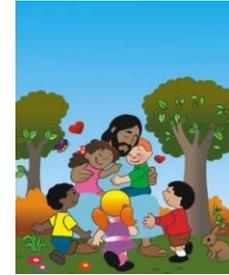




ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**Sinite
Parvulos**

**Let the
Little
Children**

Principal's Notes

A prayer for the beginning of term:

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,

At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us

At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need

So that You are honoured and glorified. Amen

By Annie Barnsdale

A Great Start

We welcome all our families to St John's School for 2018 – those returning this year and those joining us for the first time. Yesterday we welcomed our new Kindergarten children and their families who are new to St John's School. The Kindy children made a wonderful start to the new exciting part of their lives and their learning journey – as shown in the photographs below. It is also amazing the difference a day makes!! Today they came in and settled like "old Pros" at being at school!!



We also welcomed our new teachers Mrs Danyela Payne (Pre-Primary), Mrs Gina Halford (Part time Year One) and Miss Ashleigh Pedler (Year 5). I am sure you will make them very welcome and part of St John's School.

We also welcome the following new students, siblings and their families to St John's School: New families to the school with a child commencing in Kindy include Reuben Bailey, Jake Bishop, Jaxon Culloton, Harleigh Jones, Halle Davidson, Myah Huggins, Alexis Husking and Zamellia Smith and their families.

New students in other years, and their families, include Samson Bishop (Pre-Primary), Alex Oliveri (Year 1), Lochlin Hay (Year 4), Millie Gerreyn (Year 5) and Seth Kersting returning to Year 6.

They have all settled in really well - thanks to the welcome by staff and students.

It has been wonderful to experience the excitement of the first days of the year and the warmth of St John's School community as we welcomed new staff, families and students.

It has also been lovely to have conversations with staff, parents and new families before and after school on the verandah, in the classroom, in the undercover area and in the play areas.

Our senior class, our Year Six students have also started the year well and met their new Year One buddies today. Please see page four for the exciting news and photographs.

Term 1 Week 1

February 1st 2018

**Dates can also be found
on the school website**

FRIDAY 2nd February

School Mass

9.00am

MONDAY 5th – FRIDAY 16th

Swimming Lessons

See Mr Love's Report

WEDNESDAY 7th February

P&F Meeting 2pm in Library

Congratulations to

**Amy McColl & Aaron
Weatherby on the birth of
your new baby boy – Ryan. A
new brother to Brendan,
Elizabeth & Peyton**

School Office hours

With a reduction in funding
for ATAs and Support staff,
the Office hours have
been reduced, please note
the following Office open
times:

Mon **8.15-4.30pm**

Tues **8.15-3.15pm**

(Staff Meetings)

Wed **8.15-4.30pm**

Thurs **8.15- 4.30pm**

Friday **8.15-4.15pm**



Uniform Shop

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Helena May, who came in to the school last Wednesday to ensure parents had the opportunity to buy children's school uniforms. Thanks to Helena's generosity the uniform shop will be available every **Wednesday from 8.30 - 9.00am this year.**

Early notice

Over the next few weeks there will be a number of important events within the school and the community. Please note the dates and information below and those listed in the school term planner.

❖ **Regional Commissioning Mass**

Next Friday **February 9th**, the staff will be departing the school directly after the bell as we will be attending the Regional Catholic School Staff Commissioning Mass. There will still be a teacher on bus duty. We will appreciate your understanding of the importance of this Regional mass and in our lack of availability after school on this day.

❖ **Staff, School Board and P&F Executive Members Commissioning Next Sunday February 11th**

Members of the staff, School Board and P&F Executive will have the opportunity to receive a special Blessing and be Commissioned within the 8.30am Parish Mass at St John's Parish. Further information will be sent home to the School Board and P&F in the coming days.

This is an important occasion to acknowledge the wonderful work and commitment of these people within our school community. The parish loved to be able to also thank them for their work within our school and parish community. All members of the school community are most welcome to attend the Mass.

❖ **Swimming**; Begins next week. Please see Mr Love's report for further information.

❖ **P&F Meeting**: Wednesday February 7th at 2.00pm in the Library

If you are reading the newsletter, I am probably '**preaching to the converted**'. However please read and **encourage others to read the newsletter and keep the Term Planner in a safe place**. The newsletter is the primary way we inform parents/carers so your assistance in keeping you informed will be appreciated.

Over the holidays we had a number of Facebook messages, people trying to ring the school and messaging others for information that had been published over a number of weeks in the newsletter.

This week's newsletter included details regarding swimming and the days children require uniforms, equipment for specialist teachers and for Library borrowing.

The newsletter can also be accessed through the website if yours goes missing and or contact the office if you would like the newsletter emailed to you.

Newsletter changes and formatting

You may note some small changes in the formatting of the newsletter this week and in the weeks to come. Our change to Office 365 is not effectively compatible with using Publisher so we are changing to a Word format. With change brings opportunity to do things differently so look out for new changes in the coming weeks

Staff Professional Development

The term started for the staff with two Professional Development days, during which we focused on the ways we can continue and further support the needs, safety and well-being of the students.

On Monday we focused on the Code of Conduct, Changes to the Office 365 and school network brought about by changes across Catholic education WA and pastoral care of students. On the Tuesday we completed a 2 ½ hour training session on the new CEWA Child Safety and Well-being Framework. We were trained on Crisis Management including our updated Evacuation Drills and procedures.

Code of Conduct

To ensure that students and those within Catholic School communities are kept safe and protected, a number of processes and structures are in place within St John's School, and in all Catholic and Government schools. Last year as a school we introduced the Keeping Safe Protective Behaviour programme.

In response to the government regulations and school registration requirements, Catholic Education WA has developed a Code of Conduct for all Catholic schools. The Code of Conduct outlines expectations of behaviour for staff, parents/carers, students, volunteers and contractors. The Code outlines the following expectation of those within the school community

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community. As exemplified by but not limited to: If the need arises, parents/carers approach staff regarding behaviour or social issues, they do not approach students
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential. As exemplified by but not limited to: Parents are not to seek or discuss information about other students in conversation with staff members other students or people. Parents do not discuss what is seen, heard and learnt about students during parent rosters. It remains confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

The full Code of Conduct with the examples is located on the school website home page. Hard copies are also available from the school office.

And we are off...

And so another year has begun – off to a fantastic start

We look forward to all the exciting learning, fun and events that the 2018 year will bring.
Have a great week

Maureen Barrett
Principal



Assistant Principal's News

Welcome, and for families returning, welcome back to the 2018 school year. I hope that you had an enjoyable holiday and are feeling rested and ready for the coming school year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School Mass

We will welcome the 2018 school year with a Whole School Mass on Friday 2nd February in St John's Church at 9.00am. This Mass will also celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, recognising forty days since the birth of Christ. All members of the St John's School Community are invited to attend.

Fruit of the Spirit

Last year you may have noticed weekly reflections about the Fruit of the Spirit in the Newsletter. This year we will once again focus on one fruit every three weeks. In class, under guidance from their teachers, the students will be encouraged to use the ideas and language of the Fruit of the Spirit in their daily lives. The first Fruit of the Spirit to focus on will be the **Fruit of Love**.

Love may be that which enables us to move beyond ourselves to desire what we might wish for another without expecting anything in return. Some describe it as something within us that draws us irresistibly to another while at the same time respecting them.

How will you show The Fruit of Love?



ADMINISTRATION

Specialist learning Days

Year level	Blue Earth	Information Technology	Art	Music	Cultural Studies/ LOTE	Library
Pre-Primary	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 1	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 2	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 5	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Thursday

During Swimming Lesson, the normal specialist timetable will be altered

All children in Years 1-6 are required to wear their sports uniform on **Fridays**. Students will require a library bag on their scheduled Library borrowing day. The Pre-Primary students are able to use reading bags from their classrooms to borrow library books to take home.

Medical Updates and Health Considerations

New medical forms will be sent home next week for your child's medical plans to be updated. These forms need to be completed on a yearly basis and, where necessary, signed by your doctor. Please ensure that these are completed and returned to the office by **Friday 16th February**, together with any appropriate medication to allow us to update our details and inform all staff concerned of your child's needs.

If you are new to the school or aware of any new medical conditions or other health considerations that may have developed over the holidays, **which will particularly affect Swimming Lessons, then please come and collect the appropriate forms from the office as soon as possible.** Thank you for your assistance in this matter

School Swimming Lessons

Please find below a table showing the time when your child will be participating in their swimming lessons during Week Two and Week Three.

Lesson 1: 12:50 – 1.30 pm	Years: 1, 4 & 6
Lesson 2: 1.40 – 2.20 pm	Years: 2, 3 & 5

These lessons are compulsory lessons run as part of the Department of Education's Swimming Program. The cost of swimming lessons has been included in your school fees.

If you haven't yet done so, please complete the required enrolment and permission forms sent home and return to your child's teacher. All students require these two notes to leave the school and participate in the program.

Students will be required to board the bus wearing their bathers and a rashie or t-shirt. Students will need to bring a bag containing a towel and goggles (if required). Students are allowed to wear thongs or slip on shoes to and from the pool. However, students must put on their school shoes upon arrival back at school.

Please ensure everything your child brings to school is labelled. This includes their school uniform, underwear, socks, shoes, towels and goggles.

If your child has a physical condition for which they cannot swim, they will still need to travel on the bus to and from the pool to enable them to be supervised during the swimming lessons and cross over transport times. If you need to discuss this further, please see Miss Barrett.

Brett Love
Assistant Principal