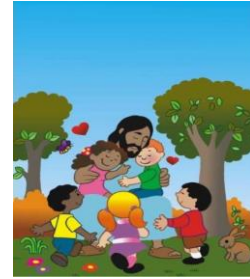




ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Notes

Mother's Prayer for Camp

- May you find learning and growth of all kinds.
- May you gain independence and feel comfort in your own identity.
- May the mosquitoes be guided away from you, and may the rain not fall on you.
- May the food be delicious.
- May you seek out new experiences and try new things (*vegetables would be nice*).
- May you smile brilliantly for the camp photos.
- May you never lose your socks.
- May you take a shower and brush your teeth every day.
- May your arrows fly straight, your fishing line never get tangled, and your football not whack you in the nose.
- May you not fall off the top bunk.
- May you not eat too many lollies.
- May you not lose your hat and water bottle on the first day.
- May you not lose your way in the night to the bathroom.
- May you create a life-long friendship (at least one, if not many).
- May you renew old friendships, since they are the most precious.
- May you learn more and more about yourself and your spirit.
- May you return home in one piece with all your belongings, and
- May you always look back on this camp with fond memories.



Today and on Friday the Year Five and Six students, Mr Love, Mrs Zander, Miss Pedler and I are attending the 2018 Leadership Camp. We also thank Mr Scally, Mrs Ruiz and Ms Hogue and some very brave parent helpers who will spend some time at the camp helping out.

On Thursday the students' groups will work as teams, making and testing out their raft construction making, compete in team games and work together on the rope equipment. On Thursday night the children will elect the Head Boy and Girl and the Student Ministry Leaders. Over the last couple of weeks, the Leadership Team and teachers have been speaking with the classes about the qualities of leaders, in readiness for their selections.

On Friday morning the students will participate in an orienteering activity then we will break into the students' ministries to develop Ministry goals, participate in Bluearth games and have a go at Mini golf. We ask God for great experiences for all our students as they grow and learn through these events and ask for a bit of sleep for our staff! We will have lots to tell you when we return on Friday afternoon.

Please see photos on pages 3 & 4.



Term 1 Week 4
February 22nd 2018

Dates can also be found
on the school website

FRIDAY 23rd February
Prayer Assembly Year 1

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

TUES 27th & WED 28th
PLP Meetings

THURSDAY 1st March
Assembly Year 4
at 2.20pm

FRIDAY 2nd March
Prayer Assembly Year 3
Swimming Carnival
Years 3-6

Newsletter Inserts
St Mary's
Northampton flyer

Canteen News

Friday 2nd March the
canteen will be closed
due to Swimming
Carnival

Coles sporting voucher

Thank you to the parents who have asked us about the collection of Coles vouchers. Unfortunately, the time required to fulfill the collation requirements and the quality and quantity of the goods received do not make it feasible for us to collect the stamp.

Carpark and road safety

Parents/carers are asked not to park in the space in the carpark side of the gated driveway outside the gate closest to the school carpark side entry. This space is being used by a grandparent who requires disable parking. In the near future this space will be made into a signed disable parking space. Your cooperation is keeping this space available for the assigned use will be appreciated.

A reminder to everyone that those parking in the carpark are asked to reverse park for the safety of our students. Parents/carers are also reminded to park safely and drive slowly in the carpark and around the front of the school.

A HUGE thank you to parents/ carers who continue to come across from the other side of the road to the front of the school to collect their children and cross back over with the children. It is appreciated that you assist us and take such care in the morning and afternoons.

Important information

A number of important letters, forms and information have gone home today. Please take care to, if necessary rescue them from the bottom of bags, then read and complete the necessary information.

Maureen Barrett
Principal

Assistant Principal's News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fruit of the Spirit

Over the last three weeks we have been focusing on the Fruit of Love. During the next three weeks we will be focusing on the Fruit of Joy. Hint of the week for spreading Joy: Say something good about someone or something. Be genuine. This makes you feel good and it's much better than gossiping, since you're spreading positive words and thoughts with the people around you.

How will you spread the Fruit of Joy?

Project Compassion-CARITAS Australia

Last Wednesday, a Project Compassion Mission Box was sent home with the eldest child in every family. Project Compassion is an initiative of Caritas Australia, an organisation that helps many people overseas and here in Australia. The Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal runs for the season of Lent. We ask that you put the Mission Box in a special spot and place any loose change inside. By March 29th we ask you to return the Mission Boxes and all monies received will be counted and then a cheque presented to Caritas Australia. Please remember that every cent counts. The theme for Project Compassion for 2018 is For a Just Future. Thank you, in anticipation, for your support.



Three Way Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) meetings

The three-way PLP meetings for Pre-Primary to Year Six have been scheduled next week on 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 which is outlined out the front of each classroom door. 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

Today, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd, students in Years Five and Six will attend the annual Leadership Camp at the Bluff Point Camp School. During this camp, students will also elect their Head Boy and Head Girl, Student Councillors and Student Ministries. We wish them well in this wonderful team-building experience.

Assembly

Next Thursday, 1st March, at 2.20pm, students in Year Four will be presenting an assembly item. We will also present student merit awards at this assembly. All friends and family are welcome to attend!

Literacy Pro Reading

This year the school has purchased more Literacy Pro books to expand our collection. Once again, we are inviting parents/carers to assist in covering the many titles that have been purchased so that they are ready for borrowing as soon as possible. If you are able to support the school could you please notify Lauren McMill, our Library Technician, or notify the office.

Brett Love - Assistant Principal

P & F NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

Our major fundraiser this year is the Easter Raffle. Ticket books were sent home earlier this week. We ask for your support to make this year the best yet! Each family is requested to donate an Easter egg, packet of small eggs or a box of chocolates. Easter novelties are also appreciated. Donation boxes are allocated in each classroom. Last year we had over 40 prizes. We require ticket books including any not sold to be returned by Wed 21st March (week 8). [We will be drawing the raffles following prayer assembly Fri 23rd March \(Week 8\).](#)



WELCOME SUNDOWNER FRIDAY 9th MARCH 5pm-7pm

RSVP for catering purposes are due back by Wed 28th Feb (Week 5). We hope to see you all there!

P&F Committee

St John's Netball

I have sent home a permission note with students who have expressed an interest in playing netball this season. If your child is keen to play, please sign and return these notes as soon as you can. There are spare copies in the School Office if anyone has either missed out on getting one or misplaced it.

Christine Kerr



LEADERSHIP CAMP PHOTO'S



HOCKEY 2018

The following children have returned their hockey notes and will be representing St John's at Hockey this year.

HALF FIELD TEAM	FULL FIELD TEAM
Kai Sunderland	James Robinson
Brendan McColl	Klancie Reay
Isaac Fairall	Cooper Lenane
Indi Lenane	Seth Kersting
Breanna Raukawa	Tim Fairall
Lacey Egan	Andrew Chambers
Ben Weston	Spencer Lenance
Lilah Beaver	David Chambers
Amber O'Dwyer	Matthew Greenlees
Jarraah Hutton	Ruby Ford
Cooper Pitman	Bruce Weston
	Angus Weston

We are still looking for more players from Years 2-3 so that we are able to form two teams of 7 players. Teams will include children from Walkaway Primary as we don't have sufficient numbers at St John's to make teams.

The cost is \$80 for full field and \$50 for half field. More information will be in future newsletters.

Hockey Spectators wanted this Saturday

Metro Hockey Club, YMCC, are bringing two of their Men's Teams to Geraldton!

The YMCC 1 team will feature ex Geraldton players Jyi Connolly & Simon Gorski

Saturday 24th February at Mitchell & Brown Hockey Stadium, Wonthella

3.30pm YMCC Vs Geraldton Men's All-Stars

5.00pm YMCC 2 Vs Rovers Men's A



LEADERSHIP CAMP PHOTO'S

