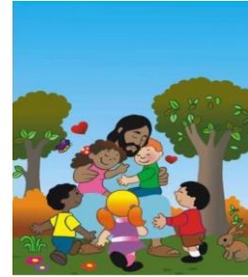




ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Principal's Notes



Holy Week

Last week we reflected upon Jesus' triumphant entry into a town with people hailing him and waving palm branches to honour him.

By the end of the week Jesus had experienced a range of human emotions and experiences, including:

- ❖ sharing His Last Supper with his friends, showing His love and service to them, and us, by washing their feet
- ❖ spending time in prayer and taught His apostles how to pray to God
- ❖ being betrayed and denied by His closest friends
- ❖ being taken away for an unfair trial
- ❖ being beaten, humiliated and crucified
- ❖ rising again to show his love, forgiveness and to enable us to attain eternal life in Heaven.

Reflection:

Think about the different experiences of Jesus—from being hailed as King, to being betrayed, crucified and resurrected.

The Celebration of the Holy Week

In our Religious Education lessons we have been learning about the Life death and Resurrection of Jesus celebrated at Easter. We have been teaching the students that the real focus of Easter is the Resurrection of Jesus. We encourage all parents of Catholic faith to take their children to Church to celebrate and experience these significant events, which form the basis of our faith. Please check the times of the Holy Week ceremonies at St John's Parish and at the Cathedral.

Stations of the Cross

Last week we included information on the Stations of the Cross - the prayer journey which reflects upon the events in the life of Christ leading up to Jesus' death and Resurrection. Today the Year 6 students led the most thought provoking and moving Traditional Stations of the Cross to help those in the school community to prepare for the celebration of Easter. We thank Mrs Cherrill Zander and the Year Six class for their preparation and reverence when leading the Stations of the Cross.



Project Compassion Boxes

A huge thank you to the large number of families who have returned their Project Compassion Box. If you have not returned The Project Compassion boxes, please do so when you return next week so that the money can be banked and passed on to Caritas Australia.

Term 1 Week 9
March 29th, 2018

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found
on the school website

FRIDAY 30th March
PUBLIC HOLIDAY –
GOOD FRIDAY

Monday 2nd April
PUBLIC HOLIDAY –
Easter Monday

TUESDAY 3rd April
SCHOOLS HOLIDAY –
Easter Tuesday

THURSDAY 5th April
Assembly – Year 3
Interschool Swimming
4pm – 6.30pm

FRIDAY 6th April
Prayer Assembly – Year 6

WEDNESDAY 11th April
P&F Meeting @ 2pm

Happy Easter!



Kindy Pre-Primary Hat parade

Yesterday The kindy and Pre-Primary held their Easter Hat Parade. They shared a lovely song and echo pantomime about God's love and Jesus 'resurrection. The Kindy class sang a song about the Easter Bunny. The children, their families and a number of grandparents enjoyed a shared lunch together. We were very lucky to have Bishop Michael join us while he was visiting the school.



Easter Egg Hunt

Mr Patrick Matthews, Miss Ashleigh Pedler and the Social Ministry gave the rest of our students a very exciting day yesterday. At recess they organised an Easter Egg hunt for the Junior students and an Egg hunt for the Senior students at lunchtime. We thank them for a great day!!!



Year 1 and 6 Easter Cards

Yesterday the Year Six and Year One buddies spent time together and exchanged Easter Cards they had made for each other. It is lovely to see them spending time with their buddies.



Blessing of Badges

This morning Father Larry visited the year Six Badges to bless the Leadership badges. The badges will be presented to the Student Council during next week's assembly. Father Larry is commencing a month's leave next week and we wish him safe travel and a wonderful time visiting his family.



Morning/Afternoon Tea chat with the Principal and Assistant Principal

We have decided to re-introduce the monthly Morning/Afternoon tea with the Principal and AP to provide the opportunity to chat about topics of interest and relevance in the school.

The first will be offered in the hall on **Tuesday 10th of April from 8.45-10.00am** (tea coffee and chat available from 8.45am, Input from approx. 9.15-9.35 am) Next term we will offer afternoon then morning sessions

Below are some topics that may be of interest. You are also welcome to suggest topics that may be of interest to you and others. Please either tick, rank the topics of interest to you or add to the list below and **return to the office by Friday April 6th** so that the input can be prepared.

Suggested topics

- _____ How learning is supported and developed across the school
- _____ The introduction of Digital Technology curriculum
- _____ The conversion of the Library and IT Room into a Makerspace to suit 21st century learning
- _____ St John's Thinker initiative (posters will shortly be seen in classrooms and throughout the school)
- _____ The variety of ways in which the school reports to parents/ carers

Or you can add your own suggestions:

As always if you have any queries, concerns or issues regarding any aspect of the school you are very welcome to come to discuss them with Maureen, Brett, teachers or the relevant staff.

School Survey

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey, as part of a school and CEWA initiative. This survey will allow us to gather valid and reliable data, which will be an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. This survey is anonymous.

As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community, we would greatly appreciate your feedback. Your email address will be provided to MMG Education, a specialist education consultancy that works with schools in the areas of school strategic reviews and stakeholder satisfaction. MMG Education is conducting the anonymous survey on the school's behalf and your feedback data is destroyed by MMG Education once they have finalised the report. **Please contact the school office by Friday April 6th if you DO NOT wish to participate in the survey.**

MMG Education only undertake the survey using the email process. If you wish to participate in the aforementioned survey, please ensure we have your correct email address.

Last week we sent home our student contact information and requesting parents/carers confirm that the details are correct or adjust any details which may be out of date, including your email address. Thank you to those who have returned the form with confirmation or changes. It would be appreciated if all forms could be returned as soon as possible, so that parents are easily contactable should the need arise.

Enrolment for Kindy 2019

It does seem just the beginning of the year but next term I will be interviewing for Kindy 2019. At present we don't have any enrolment forms for siblings of those within our school community. Please drop in and collect, complete and return an enrolment form so that families within the school can be given first places in Kindy 2019.

Wishing you a happy and holy Easter and safe travels on the road if you are going away over the Easter break.

Maureen Barrett:

Principal

Assistant Principal's News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Fruit of the Spirit

This is the last week that we will focus on the Fruit of Peace: Hint of the Week- **Find inner peace.** Without inner peace, you'll feel in a constant state of conflict. Trying to fill your life with possessions or improving yourself by social climbing without ever stopping to value your inner worth will leave you perpetually unhappy. When you crave something, and you don't have it, you're in a place of conflict. It's easy to forget to be grateful for what you do have when you're constantly striving to upgrade your possessions, career, house, and life.

Stations of the Cross

Thank you to Mrs Zander and the Year 6 class for leading the school in the Stations of the Cross yesterday. You captured the last moments of Jesus' Passion in such a reverent and humble way. Images from the Stations can be found on our Facebook page.

Sacraments

Thank you to those families who have handed their child/ren's Sacrament Forms to their classroom teacher. If you have yet to do so, could you please hand this form back as soon as possible, particularly students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next term as they need to be processed. Please come and see me if you need any further clarification.

Project Compassion Boxes

Thank you to all the families who have sent in their Project Compassion boxes. The money will be counted, and a cheque presented to CARITAS Australia in Term Two. Thank you for your continued support of those less fortunate in the world around us.



Happy Easter

An Easter Prayer

This Easter I am thankful for...
The gentle hands that nurtured me
The beloved hands that comfort me
The Blessed hands that bled for me
And all the hands that pray for me



ANZAC Day Centenary Commemoration Day Service

The City of Greater Geraldton, in conjunction with Geraldton RSL, will conduct its annual ANZAC Day commemorative service at Birdwood House, Forrest Street on April 25th, 2018. Dawn Service will commence at 6am and the Main Service at 11:00am.

School Photos

School Photos have been booked for **Week Five, Term Two, Wednesday 30th May**. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

My Friends and I Incursion

On Monday, students in Years One to Six had an incursion. This incursion was a blend of drama, poetry and puppetry. The show explored the effects of bullying on the victim as well as offering strategies to deal with bullies. The students thoroughly enjoyed this performance.



Assembly

Next **Thursday 5th**, St John's School will have an assembly. The Year Three class will be presenting an item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Inter-School Twilight Swimming Carnival

The Inter-School Twilight Swimming Carnival will be held next **Thursday 5th at 4.00pm**. Students selected to compete in this carnival need to be ready to swim by 4.00pm. Please see Patrick Matthews or myself if you require any further information.

Happy Easter

I wish all St John's School Community a happy and safe Easter break. May the joy of the risen Lord be with you all

Brett Love

Assistant Principal

P&F NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to our families for supporting our Easter Raffle by donating Easter goods and selling tickets. We had over 30 baskets this year. Your generosity helped raise \$2535.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Easter

Thank you
P&F Committee



Twilight Interschool Swimming Carnival

Twilight Interschool Swimming Carnival - The Twilight Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday, 5th April between 4pm and 6.30pm at the Aquarena inside pool. A programme of events was sent home with competitors on Tuesday indicating the events they were in. All competitors are required to be at the Aquarena by 3.45pm at the latest. Swimmers need to be wearing their bathers beneath their St John's sports uniform. If you have your green St John's swim cap from last year, please bring that with you. It is suggested that you bring your St John's jacket as it may get cold at the end of the carnival.

WE ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE 4 HELPERS FOR THE CARNIVAL – TWO TIME KEEPERS, A CHIEF MARSHALL AND A STARTER'S MARSHALL. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST, PLEASE SEE MR MATTHEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If we don't get sufficient parent volunteers, we will no longer be able to participate in future interschool swimming carnivals.



St John's Netball Teams 2018

The following is a list of the teams that we will be putting in the GNA competition this year. We still need to finalise umpires (Please let me know if you are interested or know of anyone). Game times will be either 9am, 10am or 11am Saturday mornings (the Association will notify us as soon as is possible)

If you have not yet given me a preferred email address can you please do so as I will need it for communication with you, and you will need it to register the players Online.

Year 5/6 B Grade Yellow

Chloe Doyle
Jasmine Pacheco
Elise Breen
Arley Mallard
Ava Whitehurst
Khitana Cross
Annabella Evans
Lia Iaria
Adau Deng Wieu

Coach: Donna Rowe **Manager/Scorer:** Rachael Mallard

Training Day: Thursday 3.15 - 4.15



Year 5/4 C Grade Yellow (?)

Kobi Kirby
Summer Palmer
Freya Geqwin
Cassie Forth
Coppyn Reed
Charlee O'Malley
Maci Taylor
Charlissa Gilmartin
Ella Mongoo

Coach: Leonie Smith **Manager/Scorer:** Melissa Merritt and Candi Forsyth

Training Day: Thursday 3.15 to 4.15

Year4/3/2 Net Set Go Blue

Isobela Lebr
Abigail May
Khalim Cross
Charlee Allen
Meg Noble
Ruby Monaghan
Amity Geqwin
Chaney Jones
Ava Baynes

Coach: Mrs Kerr **Manager/Scorer:** Amy Causer and Ainsley Baynes

Training Day: Unsure - Please let me know if you have a preference

