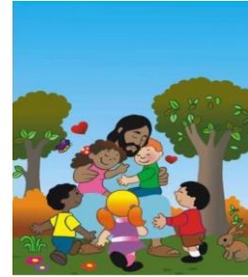


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Principal's Notes

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Lord God, bring us together as one.
You made us in your likeness.
You gave us Your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one'
Different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ:
Together as your body, your church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
Reconciled, healed, forgiven,
Sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.



This week Australia celebrates National Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation is about coming together in harmony and good relationship. In our Catholic Church the Sacrament of Reconciliation is about coming together in good relationship with God and others. In our Australian community each year National Reconciliation Week (NRW) celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and all Australians.

The dates that bookend the week are significant milestones in the Reconciliation journey:

May 27—Marks the anniversary of Australia's most successful referendum and a defining event in our nation's history. The 1967 referendum saw over 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Commonwealth the power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and recognise them in the national census.

3 June—Commemorates the High Court of Australia's landmark Mabo decision in 1992, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land—a relationship that existed prior to colonisation and still exists today. This recognition paved the way for land rights or Native Title.

This year, NRW invites Australians to Learn, Share, Grow – by exploring their past, learning more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history and cultures and developing a deeper understanding of our national story. Today the staff will lead the school prayer focusing on Reconciliation.

Communio Week

It has been a wonderful week, commencing with Mass on Mass, led by the Year 3 class. Yesterday we celebrated our Communio Day Markets, which was a wonderful day with lots of fun. Please see the photos below and those on our Facebook page. A HUGE thank you to parent/carers, students and staff for your generosity in raising funds for those less fortunate and the Catholic social welfare agencies who help them. Please see Mr Love's report for further information.



Term 2 Week 5
May 31st 2018

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found
on the school website

MONDAY 4th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 6th June
Student Banking
Geraldton Buccaneers
Basketball team Incursion
10.00am – 12.00

FRIDAY 8th June
Prayer Assembly: Year 2

SUNDAY 10th June
Nagle Catholic College 25th
Year Celebration

WEDNESDAY 6th June
Sean Choolburra Incursion
@ 1.45pm

Newsletter Inserts

Games & Quiz night
flyer.

BOOKCLUB

Issue 4 has gone home
today. Due back by the
7th June, Thursday.

School Photos

Thank you to all parents/ carers and students for your cooperation in having the students beautifully dressed in their school uniform on Wednesday for the school Photos. From the examples of the photo proofs I saw we will be very pleased with the photographs taken on Wednesday.

New Staff Member

Next week our new Finance Officer, Mrs Kym Harris, will be commencing at St John's School. I am sure you will make Kym very welcome. Kym will be undertaking onsite training on Tuesday and Wednesday then she will commence her normal duties from Monday to Thursday from 8.00am – 4.00pm. A HUGE Thank you to Mrs Tracey Doglione who has worked additional hours over the last few weeks to assist the school by maintaining the smooth running of the office.

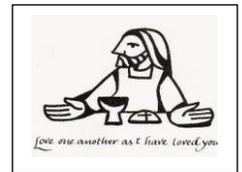
School Fees:

Under the new Accrual accounting system of Catholic schools, the first Term school fees outline costs for the whole year. In a couple of weeks, we will send home your fee statement showing where each family is in relation to their school fees. Thank you to those who have made payments towards your school fees. If no payment or limited payment has been made to date, we encourage you to begin your payments so that the school receives its expected income and so that the school fees don't become more difficult for you to pay as the year progresses.

If you have any concerns or difficulties regarding the fees, please feel welcome and encouraged to make an appointment with me.

Corpus Christi The Body and Blood of our Lord

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. We celebrate the tradition and belief in the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and his real presence in the Holy Eucharist. At the Last supper, Jesus changed bread and wine into His own Body and Blood. He did this because He wanted to stay with us even after He died and went to heaven. Jesus comes to us in every Mass and the Priest takes the place of Jesus saying the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper.



Scholastic Book Club- Volunteer request

A huge thank you to Mrs Hannah Mahoney who has been organizing the Scholastics Book Club. We are now requesting a volunteer to take over the organisation of the Book Club. Help will be appreciated so that this great service can continue. Please see the Office and we can put you in touch with Hannah who is happy to talk through the process for you.

Online Survey

Thank you to the parents/carers and staff who have complete their school survey which has been emailed to them. It would be appreciated if as many as possible complete the survey by next Friday. The contracted company will then collate the responses and put together a report for us. As always, your input into the school's ongoing improvement is valued and appreciated.

Maureen Barrett Principal

Assistant Principal's News

Prayer Assembly

This Friday, at 8.45am, Staff will lead the school community in Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. The prayer service will focus on the importance of Reconciliation. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Communio Celebrations

Communio Week 2018 has been another great success story at St John's School. The week started with a Communio Mass. The children again exemplified wonderful reverence during this celebration. On Tuesday, we held our annual Communio Market Day and Activity Sessions. Students, staff and families feasted on cupcakes, party pies, donuts and ice cream sandwiches! This was followed by, busking, playing ball games, guessing baby photo pictures, crazy photos, entering raffles, eating donuts from a string and trying the 'pop-stick' lucky dip. Then, after all of this, students recharged with hot dogs and drinks. On Wednesday, the Year 4-6 students watched the Communio YouTube Webcast where Bishop Michael was quizzed by our Head Girl Chloe Doyle and Student Councillor, Matthew Greenlees, on his life and ministry in the Geraldton Diocese.

It will be an absolute pleasure to present to Bishop Michael later in the year, a cheque totaling **\$1115.00**. This money will be gifted to the local Catholic affiliated agencies, so they can continue to support local families and people in times of need.

Many thanks must go out to people in the St John's School community. Thank you to the staff for all the work they did before, during and after the Market Day. Secondly, the generous donations from the families were also very much appreciated. Finally, thank you to Jane Smith and her helpers who showed their skills by cooking mountains of hot dogs.

Reconciliation Week 'Don't Keep History a Mystery'

This week is Reconciliation Week. It is a week inviting all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us all grow as a nation.

Fruit of the Spirit

Today and for the next three weeks we would like to focus on the **Fruit of Goodness**. This may be considered the ultimate Fruit of the Spirit. For some, it captures and sums up all of the other Fruits. To be a truly good person you need to exhibit each of the other eight Fruits of the Spirit.



Hint of the week: Learn - Constantly improve your understanding of what goodness means. Observe subtle or complex situations and consider how you would act in such a position. You can also learn from your own mistakes, from others and from history. How will you show **The Fruit of Goodness?**

Confirmation

Confirmation Date: **24th June, 8.30am, St John's Church**



NAIDOC Week

St John's School NAIDOC Week, will be celebrated in Week Nine. Please mark in your diaries and calendars. This week is a significant calendar event for our school community.

Mid Semester School Report

This term, the Mid-Semester Reports will be sent home. Student reports should not be a 'surprise' to parents/carers. Rather, a school report is one means to address your child/ren's learning progress and to consolidate previously had conversations with your child/ren's classroom teacher.

It is imperative that if you have any concerns with your child/ren's development this semester, every effort needs to be made to contact the classroom teacher.

Public Holiday

Monday, 4th June is a Public Holiday. Enjoy the extra-long break with family and friends!



Brett Love
Assistant Principal

P&F NEWS

HELPERS WANTED!

Our **Bunning's Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser** is scheduled for **Saturday 30th June**. The P&F require volunteers to assist on the day from 7.30 am til 2.30 pm. A roster will be on the notice board next week, we appreciate any time you are able to give.



FUN RUN

Plans are underway for a fun run to be held in week 9/term 2. If you would like to be involved please contact a P&F member.

Thank you – P&F Committee

COMMUNIO MARKET DAY



St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2018

Full field team defeated St Lawrence's 8-0.

Well done St John's, everyone played exceptionally well and all Helped one another everywhere on the field.

The win was a great team effort, and its therefore impossible to single out best payers. It was great to see the smiling faces after the win.

Fees are \$80 for the season and these need to be paid by the end of May.

Fixtures for Saturday – 16th June

Full Field vs Strathalbyn - Std 1 - 10.30am

***Please note that the team has a general bye for the long weekend followed by a team bye.**

Half Field Hockey

Half Field 1 defeated Strathalbyn 5-0

Best Players: Isaac, Cooper & Amber.

Half Field 2 defeated Wandina 2-1

Best Player: Ben

Fees are \$50 for the season and these need to be paid by the end of May.

Fixtures for Saturday 9th June

Half Field 1 vs Half Field 2 Goals 2(Grass) - 11.30am

***Please note that the teams have a general bye on the long weekend.**

FEES

Fees are now overdue. For Walkaway players, please pay fees into the following account: St John's School

BSB: 086006

A/C No: 527978822

Please remember to include player's name with the transfer

Netball Results – 26th May

NSG Blue St John's played Wandina

Best Players: Meg Noble, Isobela Lebr, Ava Baynes

C Yellow: St John's 13 to St Lawrence's 4

Best Players: Coppyn Reed, Ella Mongoo, Freya Geqwin

B Yellow: St John's 6 to Dongara 6

Best Players: Ava Whitehurst, Chloe Doyle, Elise Breen

NETBALL FIXTURES

NO NETBALL GAME DUE TO THE LONG WEEKEND

Congratulations and well done to Travis Strelley a St John's Year 6 student.

Travis first started to race junior speedway in October 2018. Since then he has had a great season winning 10 races and getting second overall for the season of new star racers at Geraldton City Speedway. Travis also drives a Daihatsu Charade.



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Ella Mongoo for receiving the Senior Aussie of the Month award and also to Miguel Crowe who was awarded the Junior Aussie of Month Award.

Well done to both of you.



Art Shed - News

The Pre-Primary class have been practising mixing Primary Colours and have made beautiful lady bugs.

The Year 6 Class have been creating some imaginary animals using dyes with impressive results.

Thanks

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Quiz
Night

Student Games
Night and Quiz
Night



The Games Night for Years 1 – 3 and Quiz Night for Years 4 – 6 will take place on the 15th June in the St John’s Hall.

The Games Night will run from 5.00pm – 6.15pm with children rotating through different games and activities.

The Quiz Night will run from 6.45pm – 8.30pm. Children will be placed in teams by staff members to ensure an even competition.

The cost for all students will be \$5.00 which will include a drink, prizes and games.

Parents are reminded that children are only permitted to attend the Games Night if they are in Years 1 – 3 and the Quiz Night if they are in Years 4 – 6 (This excludes the Social Ministry members who need to assist with the Games Night)

The permission note and money need to be returned in a sealed bag or envelope by Friday, 8th June.

I give permission for the following children to attend the Games or Quiz Night:

_____	Year:
_____	Year:
_____	Year:

Please indicate if your child has any food allergies. _____

Money enclosed: _____

Parent signature: _____