

# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Notes

### Prayer For our Diocesan Conference 2018

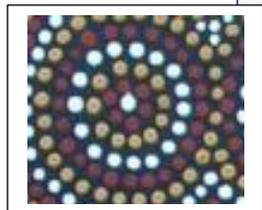
God of Creation,  
You gave us this vast diocese  
enriched by people of the dreamtime  
and all who call this land home.

With grateful hearts we thank you  
for countless blessings - for our people  
and the stories we share  
for our schools which shape  
the hearts and minds of the young  
and for the various ministries  
which serve a need within our communities.

We willingly accept the challenges  
to live our faith today  
in our complex and changing world.  
We humbly invoke your help and guidance  
on our journey of listening and discernment  
as we dialogue with life.

From every human voice  
may we hear your Word echo in our hearts,  
prompting us to act lovingly and justly.

With your light on our path  
we will walk forward into the future  
filled with joyful hope,  
and confident in your promise  
to bring all things together through Jesus Christ  
who breathes on us your Spirit of love.  
Amen.



Term 2 Week 7  
14th June 2018

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found  
on the school website

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Prayer Assembly: Year 1

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
P&F Meeting  
Student Banking  
Board Meeting

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
Prayer Assembly: Spiritual  
Ministry

**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> June**  
Confirmation St John's  
Church - 8.30am

**MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
NAIDOC Mass - 9.00am

### Term Dates for Term 3

The prayer above is being prayed through the Geraldton Diocese in preparation for the Diocesan Conference which will be held early next term. Through the Diocesan Conference Bishop Michael is seeking input from the people within the Geraldton Diocese in the planning and development of the Diocese in the coming years. We pray for the successful collaboration in the coming weeks and during the Diocesan Conference which will take place in week Two of term Three. Mr Love and I will participate in the Conference bringing forth ideas from the staff and School Board on behalf of our school community.

### Clarification of Term Dates

We have had a query about the Term Dates and Pupil Free Date for Term 3. The Term Planner which has been on the school website has been correct, but to ensure everyone is clear about the dates:

- **Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>: Students and staff commence back**
- **Friday August 17<sup>th</sup>: Pupil Free Day/ Staff Retreat** (The change of Pupil Free date from Term 2 to Term 3 was announced early [term 2 within the newsletter](#) and a number of times after that.
- **Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>: Pupil Free/Catholic Day** (as advertised in December 2017)

An updated term Planner has now been posted on the website to include both dates for Term 3.

Wishing  
you a most  
enjoyable  
weekend!

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

Please pray for the Year 6 Confirmation candidates who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 24th June at 8:30am at St John's Church Rangeway. Please see Mr Love's report for further information.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill our family with your love.*

*Come Holy Spirit, guide and support us throughout our lives.*

*Come Holy Spirit, help each of us to use the gifts given to us in Confirmation.*

*Come Holy Spirit, help us to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in our world. Amen.*



## Looking for Confirmation Gifts?

There are beautiful piety items including statues and other Confirmation/Holy Communion gifts available in the Parish Office.

## Thank you

We are very fortunate to have such generous people in our school and local community.

A special thank you to Irene Shephard from the QEII Knitters and Crochet club who donated the stuffed toys to the Kindy kids.

Also a huge thank you to Lauren Renwick, mother of Blair Wilson, who has generously offered for her business, The Chopping Block for Hair, to sponsor the prison visit for the Year Six students during their camp visit. This will assist us to reduce the camp costs for parents.

Also a thank you to the group of Year Six parents who are working to organise some fund raising events to enable the Year Six camp costs to be reduced for each family. Their generosity, collaboration and creative ideas is greatly appreciated. Their fundraising ideas are very exciting events and we will let families know once their organisation is finalised.

## Exciting week

This has been another exciting and action packed week at St John's School. On Tuesday we had a visit from the Cape Burney Bush fire Service who came to visit Kindy and Preprimary. Dawn, Lewis and Jan showed us their special uniform and their fire truck. It was very exciting!!



On Tuesday afternoon we had an incursion by Sean Choolburra. Please see Mr Love's report and the photo on page 4 for further information.

On Wednesday The Pre-primary class had a visit to St John's Church



Have a great weekend

**Maureen Barrett - Principal**

## Assistant Principal's News

### Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, Friday 15th June, the Year One class will lead the school in prayer in the undercover area at 8:45am. All welcome to attend.

### Fruit of the Spirit

This is the last week that we will focus on the Fruit of Goodness. Hint of the week: Delight in goodness Instead of focusing on the bad things happening around you, find reasons to dwell on the good. Notice small kindnesses that you find yourself or other people doing, and constantly remind yourself of the things for which you're grateful. Feeling like you are surrounded by good acts and nice people will inspire you to do more good yourself. How will you show The Fruit of Goodness?



## Confirmation



Confirmation Date: 24th June - 8.30am St John's Church.

Next Monday, the Year Sixes will welcome Bishop Michael into their classroom to discuss their impending Confirmation. They are all very excited to speak to Bishop Michael and to discuss their personal letter they sent to Him.

The St John's School community will also present Bishop Michael with the funds raised from the Communion Week Appeal at a whole school gathering after Morning Tea.

## Sacrament of Confirmation Choir

Student volunteers are required to sing in the choir for the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass on Sunday 24th June at St John's Church at 8.30am. It would be very much appreciated if students, especially siblings of Year Six, could assist in leading the congregation in song. Thank you.

## Sean Choolburra Incursion

On Tuesday, students from Kindy to Year 6 attended an incursion by Sean Choolburra. Sean is regarded as one of Australia's most loved and acclaimed indigenous performers. Sean's performance was exciting, lively and very entertaining. He had all the students thoroughly enthralled!



## Mid Semester Report

St John's School Mid-Semester reports are written in accordance with the Pre-primary to Year 10: Teaching, Assessing and Reporting Policy as outlined by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

<https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/policy/policy-standards>

This semester, report comments will be written for the Learning Areas of: Religion, English and Mathematics.

A General Report Comment will also be written. All other Learning Areas will just receive a grade. As such, the teachers and specialist teachers at St John's School are more than happy to discuss your child/ren's progress if you desire an interview. Please arrange a suitable time with them, as not all teachers work full time.

## Online Gaming

Online gaming is rapidly growing in world-wide popularity, particularly with the conception of online games such as Fortnite. Fortnite, like many other online games, allows gamers around the world to simultaneously play and communicate with each other within the game.

At St John's School, programs on cyber safety and digital and ethical citizenship make up a significant proportion of the Digital Technologies curriculum. Parents and carers can also assist in this program by reminding their child/ren that online gaming has the potential to be very dangerous if appropriate safety measures are not followed.

If your child/ren engage in online gaming, please be aware that most online games, including Fortnite, have a setting to stop the online communication functionality.

For more information on the potential safety risks of online gaming to children, please see the below link:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/online-gaming/what-are-the-risks>

## Assembly

Congratulations to the Year Five class on a very entertaining assembly today! Thank you to all families and friends who attended.

## Week 10 Liturgies Forward notice

On Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> We will begin NAIDOC Week with Mass to be celebrated at 9.00am. Thank you to Father Larry for enabling the Mass for us. School prayer will be held on the Friday morning. We hope families can join us at these liturgical events.

**Mr Brett Love Assistant Principal**

## P&F NEWS

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

There was a double up with bookings, Bunnings apologises for the mix up. Thank you to those who offered assistance. We will advertise the new date once confirmed.

### Obstacle-a-Fun

The P&F are organising a fun filled obstacle course for the students on Friday 29th June. Parent help is requested for setup and assistance during the event.

P&F Committee



### Netball Results – 9<sup>th</sup> June

**NSG Blue** St John's Played St Francis  
**Best Players:** Charlee Allen, Abigail May & Chaney Jones

**C Yellow** St John's 14 – Geraldton Primary 3  
**Best Players:** Charlie O'Malley, Kobi Kirby & Summer Palmer.

**B Yellow:** Apologies no results  
**Best Players:**



### NETBALL FIXTURES

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June

GRADE	TEAM	TIME	COURT
B Yellow	St John's Vs Wandina	11am	3
C Yellow	St John's Vs Bye		
NSG Blue	St John's Vs St Lawrence Teal	9am	10

**Cake stall being held on Saturday. Please bring along a cake to sell**

### St John's/Walkaway Hockey 2018

**Fees are \$80** for the season - due now

#### Fixtures Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Full Field Vs Strathalbyn Std 1 10.30am

#### Half Field Hockey

**Fees are \$50** for the season - due now

St John's 2 defeated St John's 1. Best Players for St John's 1 was Isaac Fairall

#### Fixtures for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Half Field 1 Vs St Lawrences Goals 3 (Grass) 11.30am

Half Field 2 V's Strathalbyn Goals 1 (Grass) 11.30am



### FEES

**Fees are now overdue. For Walkaway players, please pay fees into the following account:**

St John's School

BSB: 086 006

ACC: 527978822

**Please remember to include (Hockey) and player's name with the transfer of funds.**

### SEAN CHOOLBURRA INCURSION

