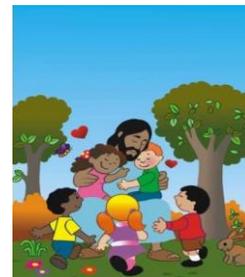




ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Let the
Little
Children



Principal's Notes

*Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Wednesday we will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is an amazing role model of faith and trust in God. We believe that Mary was so blessed as the mother of Jesus and lived such an outstanding life of faith that she was taken body and soul into heaven.

The role of Mary in our Catholic faith is so special that the Feast of the Assumption is deemed a Holy Day of Obligation – a day Catholic adults are expected to attend Mass. The School Mass will take place next Wednesday morning at **9.00am in St John's church**. We would love to have parents/carers and families join with us at the Mass.

Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop)

On Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, Australia's first Saint. Mary and her Religious Sisters formed a number of schools across Australia so that poor families could send their children to school so that they could be educated.

Thank you to Mr Love and the Spirituality Ministry for leading the prayer and the very talented Pre-Primary children who drew amazing pictures of Mary Killop for the prayer focus.



Welcome to new staff: Alyce Whitby, Natasha Karkoe & Leigh Golosky

This week we welcome three new staff members to St John's School. Zoe's combined role of Aboriginal Family Liaison Officer and Aboriginal teacher Assistant has been replaced by two of the new staff members. Alyce Whitby (parent of Michael in Kindy and Milia in Year 1) has been appointed as the Playgroup Aboriginal Family Liaison Officer and Natasha Karkoe has been appointed as our second part time Aboriginal Teacher Assistant.

Leigh Golosky has been appointed as an additional Special Needs Education Assistant in Pre-primary on Tuesday to Thursday. Already the ladies have proved to be assets to the school and we have appreciated the welcome they have received by the school community. Please make yourself known to them.



Term 3 Week 4
9th August 2018

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found
on the school website

FRIDAY 10th August

Prayer Assembly Year 2
St John's Athletics
Carnival at 10am-little
Athletics oval.

WEDNESDAY 15th Aug

P&F Meeting 2.00pm in
Library

THURSDAY 16th August

Kindy/Pre-Primary
Athletics Carnival 2-3pm

FRIDAY 17th August

PUPIL FREE DAY
Staff Retreat

MONDAY 20th August

PUPIL FREE DAY

Included in the newsletter:
Movie Night flyer
Cross country Place
getters

Please bring in your
Health Care/Pension
card if they have been
renewed in the last few
months

Farmers Dress up Day – Ruby Ford

A couple of days ago, one of our Year 6 students, Ruby Ford, asked if she could speak with me. She told me she and her Mum had been watching the TV the night before which had been showing about the drought that the farmers are experiencing and that she wanted to do something to help. Ruby suggested we have a Dress Up as a Farmers Day and that students could offer a gold coin donation which could be collected to raise money to donate to the Farmers Appeal. I think it is a great idea and am very impressed with Ruby and her desire to want to assist the Farmers. We have set the date of Friday August 24th. Please see and support the information included in the newsletter.



Government Census and School Finances and Mid-Year Budget

At this time of year the school is required to complete a number of Government Census Data Collections and to review its school Financial budget for the rest of the year.

One item that is required for both is a check that **the school has copies of current Health Care Cards/Pension card**. Mrs Harris has contacted a number of families where our records show that their card has **expired, and we do not have current copies** of this information. It would be appreciated if the current HHC/Pension cards can be **brought to the office tomorrow or early next week**. Unfortunately, **if current Health Care/ pension Cards are not available to us by next Wednesday your Government and CEWA reduced fee discount cannot continue to be given to your school fees.**

Thank you to parents/carers who have been consistently addressing their school fee payments and/or have been using their Tax returns to address overdue fees or have been speaking with me to make arrangements regarding their school fees. In reviewing the school finances for this year, I will be in contact with those who fees have not been addressed this year and families who have large outstanding payments due. This is required so that the school can accurately plan its finances for the rest of the year. **PLEASE do feel free to come a speak to me at any time if you have concerns or difficulties with your school fees.** That way you can be less stressed and I can accurately know the finances of the school.

An exciting action packed week.

This week has been another exciting and action packed week at St John's School.

On Wednesday we were able to run the Cross country, on a beautiful day, full of sunshine. We are very proud of the way the children did their best, cheered on others in the class and of other year levels, who helped and supported each other and showed fitness and resilience by everyone completing the course. Please see flyer for the place getters.

Yesterday we also held our Kindy Open Day and our 0-4 year old Aboriginal Families as First Educators Playgroup. It was great to see the many happy faces, with their faces painted and meeting new families joining us. Check out the photos in the newsletter.

Leavers Shirts

A huge thank you to the P&F Committee who, on behalf of all parents/ carers in the school, continued their long-held tradition of supplying the Leavers Shirt to the Year 6 Graduating class. The Year 6 students are very excited, grateful and proud of the Leavers shirts.



Year 6 Camp Fundraising

Please see the flyer advertising the Year 6 Camp Movie Night that has been included with the newsletter. We are showing the G rated movie: Nut Job 2. This will be a great night out which helps the Year 6 students and parents raise money for the camp costs so that the cost can be lessened of each family. Come and join us for a great night out. Thanks to Nicole Jupp and the Year 6 mothers who are organising the fundraising event.

Thank you to Hannah Mahoney who has been organising and running our Scholastic Book Club, over many years. We thank her for her work and support of our families. We also thank Amy Causer who has volunteered to now take over organising the Book Club. We are very grateful to both ladies for their generosity and the work they have done/will do for the families within the school.

We look forward to our School Athletic Carnival tomorrow. Have a great week.

Maureen Barrett - Principal

Assistant Principal's News

School Prayer

Because of School Prayer on Wednesday and tomorrow being the Athletics Carnival, there will be no formal prayer. We will gather quickly in the morning for announcements and Birthdays.

School Mass (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Year One)

On Wednesday, 15th August at 9:00am, we will gather as a school community in St John's Church to celebrate The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Year One, along with Mrs Gina Halford and Mrs Kylie Murphy, have prepared the Mass. All parents, carers and family members are welcome to attend.

Year Four Sacrament of Eucharist

A reminder that the Sacrament will take place on **Sunday 26th August at 8.30am**. Information about the celebration has been sent to families. If you have any questions please do not hesitate in contacting the Office, Mr Brett Love or Mr Patrick Matthews.



Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) Years Three and Five

Year Five participated in the Bishops' Religious Literacy Online Assessment this week. Year Three will be participating next week. If you have any further questions about the BRLA, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Fruit of the Spirit

Last week we looked at the Fruit of Gentleness.

This week, and for the next three weeks, will focus on the Fruit of **Self-Control**. Self-Control may be described as having the ability to wait or put off responding immediately. This could be particularly when it may be more sensible to wait, reflect and then respond; even though we may desire to act now! Delayed gratification may be one way of describing self-control. How will you show **The Fruit of Self-Control?**



Personalised Learning Plan Meetings

A reminder that if you have not yet made a PLP meeting to please make contact with your child/ren's classroom teacher to arrange an appointment. This can be done through a note in your child's school diary, a phone call to the school or coming in to speak directly to the classroom teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

'Rags to Riches - Nagle Catholic College Performance

On Wednesday, the Year Six class attended the Nagle Catholic College 'Rags to Riches' performance. The students thoroughly enjoyed this performance and thank Nagle Catholic College for their invite.

St John's School Athletics Carnival

We are all very excited for our St John's School Athletics Carnival **tomorrow**. A reminder that students are expected to come in their full sports uniform and need to be wearing a hat and sunscreen. Children are permitted to colour their hair at home prior to coming to school but not at school or at the carnival. A reminder that parent/carers need to provide a written note, prior to the carnival, if they wish to take their child home from the carnival.



Kindy Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival

Next **Thursday 16th August**, Kindy & Pre-Primary will hold their Athletics Carnival from 2.00pm-3.00pm in the Early Childhood (Kindy PP) area. Come along and support our little athletes as they have fun competing in different activities.

Book Week 2018

In **Week Seven**, we will participate in the annual Book Week festivities. This is a great opportunity for our students (and staff) to dress as their favourite book character for the book parade. The parade will take place on **Thursday 30th August at 9.15am**. There will be prizes for the best costumes in each year group.

Please note, that despite parent/carers best intentions of only photographing their child/ren during the parade, occasionally other students will unintentionally find themselves in the shot.

Photos of children who are not under your care are not to be uploaded to any social media site. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at St John's School and to also ensure the requests from some parents and carers who do not wish their child/ren to be on social media is respected.

Brett Love – Assistant Principal

P&F NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING DATES

Please note the following dates when a representative from Bendigo Bank will be at the school to supervise student banking.

Wednesday 22nd August - WEEK 6

Wednesday 5th September - WEEK 8

Wednesday 19th September - WEEK 10

GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 15th August / WEEK 5 at 2pm in the Library. We welcome all members of the school community to attend.

Thankyou – P&F Committee

NETBALL RESULTS – 4th August

NSG Blue: St John's Vs Walkaway

Best Players: Chaney Jones, Ava Baynes & Charlee Allen

B Yellow: St John's - 19 Vs Nth Hampton - 10

Best Players: Chloe Doyle, Jasmin Pacheco & Elise Breen

C Yellow: St John's Vs Walkaway

Best Players:



NETBALL FIXTURES SATURDAY 11th August



<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COURT</u>
B Yellow	St John's Vs Dongara	11am	Redink
C Yellow	St John's Vs St Lawrence	10am	Redink
NSG Blue	St John's Vs Wandina	10am	4

St John's/Walkaway Hockey 2018

Full Field defeated to St Lawrences 4 - 0

Best Players: Bruce, Matthew & Angus.

Fixtures for Saturday - 11th August

Full Field have a bye.

Half Field Hockey

Half Field 1 defeated Waggrakine 5 - 0

Half Field 2 defeated Tarcoola 7 - 0

Fixtures for Saturday 11th August

Half Field 1 - have a bye

Half Field 2 - Vs Geraldton Primary 11.30am Goals



EAGLES CUP FOOTBALL

St John's 1 goal and 11 points defeated Geraldton Grammar 1 point.

Best Players: Matthew Greenlees, Kynan Leggett, James Robinson, Jacob Trenfield, Zynan McEwan & Colin Culloton.

Fixtures for Monday 13th August

St Johns Vs Beachlands at Beachlands.



KidsHub

TRAINING AND CONSULTANCY
EMPOWERING EDUCATORS AND FAMILIES

Understanding and supporting
children experiencing Anxiety

This session will explore the types of anxiety and what is happening in the brain. Participants will gain an understanding of anxiety, and behaviour, and practical ways to support the child.

Tickets available via
website -
www.kidshubtc.com.au

Date - 8.09.18
Venue - City Hall
(184 Marine Ter)
Time - 6pm - 7.30pm
Cost - \$35

Presented by
KATE FOSTER
FAMILY
COUNSELLOR

Please Note: Community notices are a community service, not an endorsement by the school.

GREAT NEWS ST JOHN'S



On the 24th August St John's school will be holding a Dress Up Day. If everybody could dress up as a Farmer, that would be fantastic, as we are raising money for the farmers who are going through the drought.

A gold coin donation would be very much appreciated.

Thank you – Ruby Ford – Year 6

