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Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 5

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Principal's Notes

Athletics Carnival

One sleep to go! Tomorrow is a very exciting day for the students in Years One to Six. We look forward to the fun commencing at 10:30am at the Little Athletics Track behind the Aquarena. Please also refer to the flyer on page five of this Newsletter.

In order to make the day run as smoothly as possible, parents/carers are asked not to visit the students in the bays. Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day before coming to school. Your child/ren will be able to come and sit with you at lunchtime. Thank you for your understanding in relation to this request.

Making a Difference (MAD) STEM Challenge

Last Friday, I accompanied Miss Lee and the Year Six Class to Nagle Catholic College to participate in the CEWA MAD STEM Showcase. Our students joined with representatives from St Lawrence's Primary School, St Francis Xavier Primary School, St Mary's School and Nagle Catholic College to showcase their work to present a solution to a real life problem.

I congratulate all the Year Six students for working collaboratively with Miss Lee. A very special mention must go to Milia, Indi and Shelby for being announced as winners in the Wellbeing Category. Thank you, Miss Lee for supporting our students to be lifelong learners, applying design thinking skills in a purposeful manner.

CSPWA Awards of Excellence

CSPWA, Catholic School Parents Western Australia, works with the P&Fs of Catholic schools in Western Australia to advocate, represent and support. CSPWA seeks to work for and within Catholic school communities and inspire parents to be engaged and genuine partners in their children's education.

Every year, the CSPWA Awards of Excellence in building positive Catholic school communities are held. On behalf of St John's School and the Gillard Family, I nominated Lynnette Gillard for the Agnes Weymouth Award. Any member of the school community can be nominated for this award with the main criteria being a willingness to support the school by working in partnership for the best outcomes for all. I strongly felt Lynnette embodied this as she conducted her work at St John's School.

Last Friday night, I was joined by two of Lynnette's children and their partners, to attend the CSPWA Awards of Excellence. Whilst Lynnette did not win her category, the CSPWA provided an 'in memoriam' recognition of Lynnette and her work through words and photos. It was a very special moment and Lynnette's family were especially touched by the recognition.

P&F/Social Ministry Disco

I have been advised that last Friday's Disco was a great success with a fun time had by all. The students danced the night away to the tunes chosen by the students. A very special thank you to the St John's School P&F, the Social Ministry, Mrs Emma Pollard, Miss Tessa Venturini and the attending staff for everything that was organised to ensure a great event. I was very sad to miss it.

Parental Concerns and Complaints

At St John's School, we endeavour to work in close partnership with our families. In our work, we endeavour to always work in the best interests of the students. On occasions, parents, carers and students may have concerns, queries and complaints.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 18 August
Prayer Assembly
Year 5 - 8:45am

Faction Athletics Carnival - 10:30am

Monday 21 August
PUPIL FREE DAY
CATHOLIC DAY

Tuesday 22 August
Book Week Commences

Thursday 24 August
Book Week Parade
9:15am - Hall

Friday 25 August
Prayer Assembly
Year 3 - 8:45am

Monday 28 August
Sacrament of Confirmation Retreat

Tuesday 29 August
Kindy DUGS Day
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 31 August
Assembly - Year 2
2:20pm - Hall

The best avenue for queries to be dealt with is through the school. I strongly encourage parents and carers to make a time to meet with the respective staff member and allow that staff member to follow the processes that we have in place. Parents and carers are asked not to directly approach other parents or carers. Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this matter.

Good News Story

In this newsletter, I would like to express how proud I am of the Year Six Class and the way they represented St John's School at last Friday's CEWA MAD STEM Showcase. All the students presented projects that were designed to make a difference, reflecting their creative design thinking.

I am especially proud of Vincent, Darcy and Indi for leading the Acknowledgement of Country and Prayer. In front of approximately two hundred students and staff you demonstrated leadership, confidence and poise, representing St John's school in the most amazing way. Well done!

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow morning, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Five Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 5 September at 6.00pm at St John's Church.**

Fruit of The Spirit - Faithfulness

This is the first week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness:

*'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see'.
(Hebrews 11:1)*

How hard it can be to trust in something we cannot see. But it is within this space of hope where faithfulness bears its fruit. Let us look at life through eyes of faith and hope that's God's will be at play.

Catholic Day

On **Monday 21 August**, St John's School will have their annual Catholic Day which will see the school closed. This day recognises the huge amount of extra work St John's School Staff put in to developing and nurturing the faith of our students throughout the year. I wish all the staff a restful and well-deserved break on Monday.

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Library News

Library books are kept for one week and then returned to school. A library bag is required to borrow books.

Library Days

Wednesdays - PP, Year 4, Year 5
Thursdays - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT!



Book Week starts this Saturday 19th and the Parade is on Thursday 24th. We can't wait to see all the amazing costumes.

It's a busy time of year in the Library we also have the Book Fair commencing on the 5th September and will be at the school for approximately two weeks. Dates and times will be advertised soon. The previous Book Fair was a great success, and we are aiming for great results again this year.

This is a great opportunity to pick up some amazing books and we also have little nick knacks so there is something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thank You
Mrs Clarkson

Administration News

Jumps and Throws

Congratulations to all of the students who competed in the Jumps and Throws event at school on Monday. We saw some very skillful and talented students across each of the events and it was wonderful to see their dedication and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Patrick Matthews, Miss Tessa Venturini and Ms Amy Causer for preparing and facilitating the running of the day. See page six for photos.

Faction Athletics Carnival

We are all very excited about our Faction Athletics Carnival that is taking place tomorrow for our Year 1-6 students! The events will commence at 10.30am at the Little Athletics Oval in Wonthella. The students will be transported to the event via buses from the school. A reminder that at the conclusion of the event, students will come back to the school on the bus unless it has been indicated on the permission form that they will be leaving the Carnival with a parent or other adult. Thank you very much for the parents who have volunteered their time.

Please remember that all students need to be wearing a faction coloured shirt, hat and sunscreen. Students are not permitted to colour their hair at school or at the Carnival, however they may do so at home prior to arriving at school.

School Athletics Dates

Term Three is a busy term for various Athletics Carnivals. Please note the following dates:

Friday 18 August: School Faction Athletics Carnival (all students Year 1-6)

Thursday 7 September: Kindy and Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday 8 September: Interschool Cross Country (selected students only)

Tuesday 12 September: Interschool Jumps and Throws (selected students only)

Friday 15 September: Interschool Athletics Carnival (selected students only)

Further details regarding the different carnivals will be sent out throughout the term. If your child is selected for an interschool event, you will be advised via a letter home.

PLP Meetings Conclude

Our school PLP Meetings conclude at the end of this week. Thank you to all families that have met for a PLP Meeting, working together with their child and the Classroom Teacher to set goals for the remainder of the semester. If you were unable to make a meeting during the times made available, please contact your child's Classroom Teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Book Week Parade

This year's Book Week Parade is fast approaching and it taking place next **Thursday 24 August**. This year's theme is 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. The Parade will begin at 9:15am in the School Hall. All families are welcome to attend.

Father's Day - DUGS Events Kindy and Pre Primary

The Kindy Class is hosting a Father's Day Afternoon Tea on Tuesday 29 August from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. The Pre Primary Class will be hosting their DUGS Morning Tea on Thursday 31 August from 9:00am-10:30am. We look forward to seeing Dads, Uncles, Grandads and other special people attending with their Kindy or Pre Primary children during Week Seven.

Assembly - Week 7

Our next Assembly for Term 3 will take place on **Thursday 31 August at 2.20pm**. The Year Two Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. We welcome all family and friends to join us in the School Hall

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

P&F News

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Term Three Meeting Dates - 6:00pm

Monday 4 September
All are welcome

\$100 Boards

At the Athletics Carnival tomorrow, the P&F will be circulating three \$100 boards. The tickets are \$2.00 per guess.

P&F Canteen Day

Monday 18th September
More information to come



NETBALL



Fixtures 19th August

	TEAM	TIME	COURT
A Yellow:	St John's Vs St Francis	9:15am	Stadium
GO Yellow:	St John's Vs St Lawrences Blk	11:45am	2
SET Blue:	St John's has a BYE		

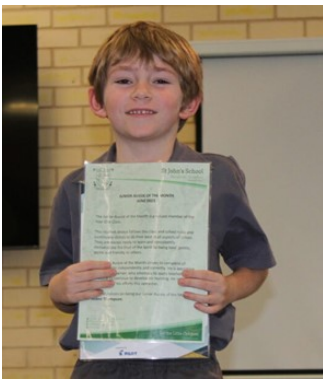
Netball Results

St John's Vs Grammar: No results for the 5th August
Best Players: Ariannah L, Charlotte M, & Scarlett Mc



St John's Vs St Lawrence Blk: No results: We scored 5 goals -even though we had one less player
Best Players: Chantelle J., Ava Mc, & Breanna C

Aussie of the Month



Aiden T - Awarded the Junior Aussie in June



Chantelle J - Awarded the Junior Aussie in August



Micah G - Awarded the Senior Aussie in August

St John's School Athletics Carnival

Friday 18th August 2023

Carnival Start Time 10.30am



Time	
10.30 - 11.30	Leaderball 200 metres Years 1–4 Sprints (50 and 75 metres)
11.30 - 12.30	Passball Leaderbag Flag Relays 800 metres
12.30 - 1.00	Lunch
1.00 - 1.30	Years 3–6 Sprints (75 and 100 metres)
1.30 - 2.00	Baton Relays
2.00 - 2.30	Presentations

St John's School Carnival

Our carnival has a participation focus and students will have the opportunity to participate in at least four events on the day.

- All times for the Athletics Carnival and lead up events are approximate times and they are subject to change.
- First Aid support can be found at the Announcer's desk.
- We welcome parents to watch all events, however we are asking parents to please not enter faction bays.
- Children are to remain in faction bays and are only allowed to go to their parents during the lunch break.

Bay Supervisors	
Pelsaert Mrs Jaeger Ms Jones Mrs Hull	Abrolhos Miss Hewitson Miss Jones
Hayes Mrs Brown Mr Wright	Batavia Miss Lee Mrs Qumivutia Mrs Davey



"It is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all."



Jumps & Throws





Safeguarding Kite Festival

To Celebrate Child Protection Week

*Fun for Everyone
Free Sausage Sizzle
Kite Flying
Face Painting*

- ☺ 10 September 2023
- ☺ After 9:30 am Cathedral Mass
- ☺ At Nagle Catholic College's Daniel Bowen Oval, beside the Cathedral's grounds

BRING
**Your Kite, Water Bottle, Hat, Sunscreen and
Picnic Basket**

*Let your faith soar... those who trust in the Lord will find new strength,
they will soar. Isaiah 40:31*