

### 1. COVID Update

It has been pleasing to see COVID restrictions relaxed this term. The school is no longer required to contact trace or notify parents of school based close contacts. We have decided that we will continue to notify parents of positive cases in classrooms using SchoolStream. The Department will also be making a supply of RATS available to families over the next few weeks. Classroom teachers will continue to remind students to be COVID safe by washing hands, coughing into elbow/tissue, staying home if sick etc. Additional COVID cleaning will also continue this term.

### 2. Staffing 2022

We have had a number of new staff join us this term including:

- School Officers – Lynn Hathaway, Kathleen May
- Teachers – Kristy Barnard, Sarah Ferron

### 3. Prizes for Contribution and Charges competition as well as Uniform Wearing Competition

The following prizes have been purchased:

- Google nest audio talk 1 x @\$119.00 = \$119.00
- Quadcopter 2 x @\$52.00 = \$104.00
- Walkie Talkies 2 x @\$49.95 = \$99.90

Total = \$322.90

### 4. Mother's Day Stall

Many thanks to the P&C for running another very successful event this year. An issue was raised by one family regarding split families. They are requesting that students with stepparents be permitted to purchase two gifts. Is this a possibility in 2022?

### 5. First Aid Training

Miss Bramley has arranged for St John WA to provide free first aid training to students from Years PP – 6. The First Aid Focus program aims to train and equip students from all year groups with the skills to assess and respond to first aid situations, while developing strategies to seek help for themselves or others. The program is delivered by experienced Community Education Officers who demonstrate the correct first aid approach and allow students the opportunity to practice these life-saving skills. The first aid clinics will be conducted in Week 5 and 6 during PE lessons.

[First Aid Focus Program \(stjohnwa.com.au\)](http://stjohnwa.com.au)

### 6. Premiers Reading Challenge

Last week, Premier Mark McGowan launched the Premier's Reading Challenge. This program encourages students to discover the joy of reading. The Minister has also announced an additional \$2.5 million to support the teaching of phonics from an early age. This includes the assessment of phonics from 2023 of students in Year 1.

[Media Statements - WA kids turn the page for Premier's Reading Challenge](#)

### 7. P&C Day

P&C members are invited to morning tea with the staff on 20 May 10.50 – 11.10am. This event is a small way we can thank you for all the work you do supporting our school.

Stephen Bevan  
Principal