



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 5

2nd March 2023

## Principal's Notes

### Kindy Welcome

After five weeks at school, the Kindy Class is settling into the routines of St John's School. It is with a happy heart that we welcome the following students who are beginning their school journey at St John's School:

Oscar, Ryan, Lucas, Hazel, Zoe, Billy, Taeanah, Henry, Jude, James, Aiilah, Kymani, Genora, Margaret, Kaiden, Kai, Georgia, Archer, Aubrey, Tahlia, Malakye, Mason, Macka, Florence, Sefah, Peyton, Ada and Tarj

### Student Leaders

Recently, the Year Five and Six Class spent two days undertaking various leadership activities on and offsite. The activities called the students to challenge themselves, grow as a team, learn about leadership and build community. Thank you to Miss Erica Lee, Mrs Cherrill Zander, Mr Michael Wright, Miss Leigh Golosky, Mrs Kath Qumivutia and Mrs Helen Carrier for all the work they did over the course of the two days, providing rich learning experiences for the students. The following students have been elected to leadership positions for the 2023 school year:

Head Boy    Jacob

Head Girl    Indi

Student Councillors

Rya    Shelby    Mac    Darcy    Milia    Lual    Jayden    Nate

The following students have been elected as the Year Five Class Representative for the duration of one term:

Darcy    Darci    Vienna    Cheyne    Chol    Samson    Max    Luke

I congratulate all the students and look forward to working with them over the course of the year.

### Faction Captains

Last week, the students from Years Four, Five and Six voted for the Faction Captains and Vice Captains. It is with great delight that I announce and congratulate the following students:

#### **Hayes**

Captain - Lual  
Vice Captain - Jayden

#### **Batavia**

Captain - Darcy  
Vice Captain - Milia

#### **Pelsaert**

Captain - Shelby  
Vice Captain - Clem

#### **Abrolhos**

Captain - Max  
Vice Captain - Lawrence

### Code of Conduct

The St John's School Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. The Code applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents/carers and guardians as applicable. A full copy of the St John's School Code of Conduct can be found on the School Website [https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies\\_codeofconduct.pdf](https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf)

On page four of this School Newsletter, you will find an overview of the twelve Conduct Statements.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 3 March**

Prayer Assembly - Yr 3  
8:45am

**Monday 6 March**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday 7 March**

PLP Meetings

**Wednesday 8 March**

PLP Meetings

**Thursday 9 March**

Yr 1 Assembly 2:20pm

**Friday 10 March**

Prayer Assembly - Yr 1  
8:45am

**Reconciliation Yr 6**

9:00am

### Season of Lent

The Season of Lent commenced last Wednesday with the School Community celebrating Ash Wednesday with members of the Parish at Mass. The students have also been learning about almsgiving, fasting and prayer, which are all focal points as we journey through the forty days of Lent. As individuals, we are all called to reflect on our own thoughts, words and actions, treating others as we would like to be treated.

Students in Years Four, Five and Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the course of a few weeks, sharing their sins with God, asking for forgiveness and repairing the relationship.

### Good News Story

The students from the Pre Primary Class are the stars of this fortnight. I visited the class this week so some students could share their achievements with their reading and writing. They were also able to tell me that a capital letter goes at the start of a sentence and a full stop is placed at the end. You are awesome, Pre Primary!

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

### Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, at 8.45am**, the Year Three Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. Our Year Two class will lead us in prayer next week on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**. Parents are most welcome to join us.

### Fruit of the Spirit

Starting next week, we will be focusing the fruit of the spirit, JOY.

*These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:11)*

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Over the last two weekends, our First Reconciliation Candidates and their parent/carers made their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Next **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**, all Year Three students will attend the First Reconciliation Retreat Day. This Retreat Day will be hosted onsite. The Retreat Day will provide our Year Three students with another opportunity to further develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 5.30pm**, candidates in Year Three will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St John's Church. These students will be well-supported by some of their classmates who are attending to receive a blessing. All students attending the Sacrament of First Eucharist Liturgy must have at least one parent/carers attend to share in this special occasion.

## Library News

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

### Library Days

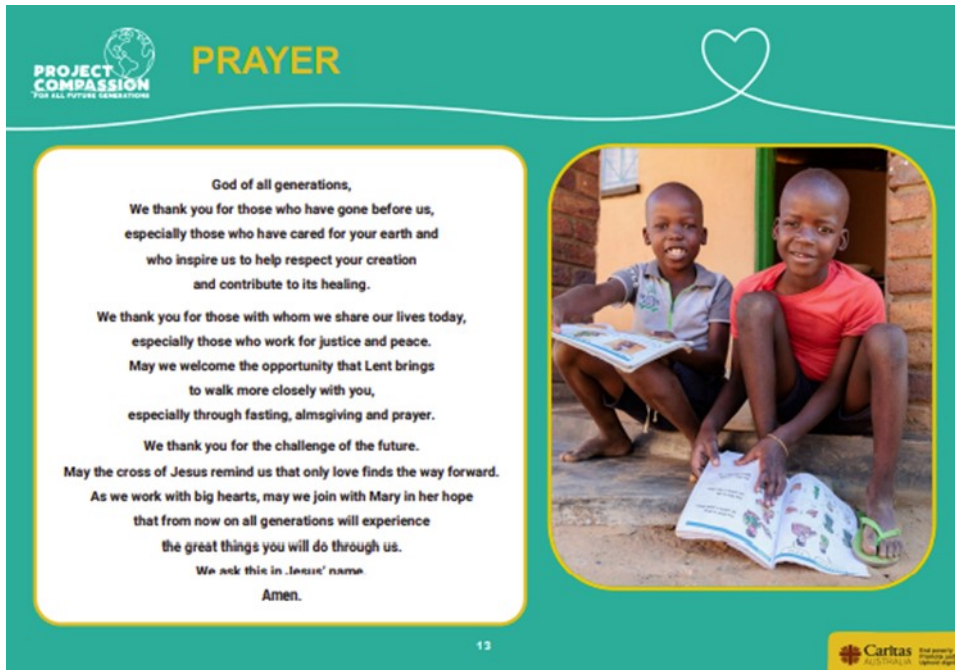
Wednesdays - PP, Year 4, Year 5

Thursdays - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

# Religious Education

## Project Compassion - Caritas Australia – For All Future Generations

As we continue to support the Project Compassion fundraiser, a reminder that all family Project Compassion boxes are asked to be returned to the office before the end of term. Thank you in advance.



**PRAYER**

God of all generations,  
We thank you for those who have gone before us,  
especially those who have cared for your earth and  
who inspire us to help respect your creation  
and contribute to its healing.

We thank you for those with whom we share our lives today,  
especially those who work for justice and peace.  
May we welcome the opportunity that Lent brings  
to walk more closely with you,  
especially through fasting, almsgiving and prayer.

We thank you for the challenge of the future.  
May the cross of Jesus remind us that only love finds the way forward.  
As we work with big hearts, may we join with Mary in her hope  
that from now on all generations will experience  
the great things you will do through us.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

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Caritas Australia

## Mrs Helen Carrier

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Administration News

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey is still open until next Thursday 9 March. We greatly appreciate your time and feedback. We would, however, love to have as many parents as possible take up this opportunity to give their input and feedback into the school improvement process.

Parents can access the survey from the following URL: <http://telltthemfromme.com/stjs2023> The survey takes approximately 20 minutes and the feedback given within the survey is anonymous.

I would like to thank you, in anticipation, for completing the TTFM survey, and helping St John's School to continue to strive for excellence.

## Three Way Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) Meetings

A note regarding PLP Meetings was sent home to families last week. If you have not yet received a note, please see your child's Classroom Teacher or come to the Office. Booking sheets are currently being displayed outside of classrooms from Kindergarten to Year 6 for parents to book a suitable time.

All parent/carers are required to organise a meeting time with their child's teacher to set English and Mathematics goals for Semester One. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity for families and the school to work in partnership to benefit the education of the child/ren. Please start discussing with your child/ren what they are learning and what they may like to improve, in preparation for the meetings. We look forward to seeing you and working with you to develop these goals.

As previously communicated, the Year One PLP Meetings have been postponed with rescheduling to be advertised shortly.

## P&F News

[pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au)

### P&F Committee

### Meeting Dates

Monday 20th March

All meetings are held at 6:00pm in the School Staffroom.

All are welcome to attend.

### Easter Raffle

The annual P&F Easter Raffle is back in full swing with all restrictions removed. Please note all the important dates and reminders to ensure the raffle is a great success!

Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolate goodies, baskets and other Easter goodies being accepted at school.

**Tuesday 7 March:** Note and tickets sent home.

**Friday 24 March:** Raffle tickets and monies due back at school, and final day for donations.

**Friday 31 March:** Raffle draw after the 8.45am Prayer Assembly

### Term One P&F Canteen Day

Please note the following information in relation to the Term One Canteen Day.

**Friday 17 March:** P&F Canteen Day note sent home.

**Monday 27 March:** P&F Canteen orders and monies due back at school.

**Monday 3 April:** P&F Canteen Day-Croissants.

# Administration News

## Year One Assembly: Thursday 9 March

Our next school Assembly is due to take place on **Thursday 9 March at 2.20pm in the School Hall**. The Year One Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

## Pupil Free Day Correction

Please be advised that information regarding 2023 Pupil Free Days sent out at the end of last year, incorrectly stated Monday 29 May as a Pupil Free Day. This will be a normal school day for students. The correct dates for 2023 Pupil Free Days are as follows:

Monday 24 April Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development  
Monday 17 July Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development  
Monday 21 August Pupil Free Day – Catholic Day  
Friday 22 September Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development  
Monday 9 October Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development

## Student Lunches

To ensure the smooth running of the Office, we kindly request that students do not bring lunches to school that require heating or toasting. It is also appreciated if any utensils are required for your child to eat their morning tea or lunch, that these are sent in from home. Thank you for your understanding.

## **Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## St John's School Code of Conduct Statements

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

## Hockey - 2023

Full Field	Half Field (to be split into two teams)	Half Field (to be split into two teams)
Nate	Kira	Liam
Mac	Peyton	Tex
Jayden	Lucy	Finlay
Luke	Xavier	Aiden
Elizabeth	Hudson	Mason
Max	Isaac	Josh
Dan	Gabrielle	Lewis
Logan		
Mitchell		
Lachlan		

All teams require more players. We still need coaches for all teams.

Thank You, Mr Matthews.

### HOCKEY NEWS

Calling all past and future hockey players

Now is the time to register if you haven't. Go to [www.gha.org.au](http://www.gha.org.au), look for the register tab and complete the registration form. Your details will then be forwarded to your school hockey coordinators and they will be in touch with you with further information.

Registrations close 7<sup>th</sup> March (next week)

Geraldton Hockey Association  
Mob: 0498 467 646  
[admin@gha.org.au](mailto:admin@gha.org.au)

### AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to St John's Senior Aussie of the Month, Nate, and our Junior Aussie of the Month, Lila.



*Easter is  
coming*

THE P&F WOULD  
APPRECIATE DONATIONS  
OF EGGS, BASKETS AND  
OTHER EASTER GOODS

Please drop donations into  
the boxes located at each  
classroom

BEFORE THE 24TH MARCH  
FOR OUR EASTER RAFFLE ON THE  
31ST MARCH



Enrol now for Year 7 2024

We tailor learning pathways unique to your child's skills and interests,  
whether that be academic, sporting, cultural or musical.  
At Nagle Catholic College, every student has the opportunity to flourish.

We invite you to join us for our

**Information Evening**

Wednesday 8 March at 5.00pm, in the College Gymnasium

Applications close Friday 31 March 2023.



Hawes Heritage Events

Presents a

# Cathedral by Candlelight Concert

featuring

## Johann Vexo

Renowned Organist of Notre Dame Cathedral Paris

with

### St Mary's Cathedral Vocal Ensemble

Tuesday April

**18** 2023  
7PM



Tickets: \$50  
Business & Family  
Packages Available



TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT  
[WWW.MONSIGNORHAWES.COM](http://WWW.MONSIGNORHAWES.COM)

OR

CONTACT GERRY EASTMAN (0417 912 997)



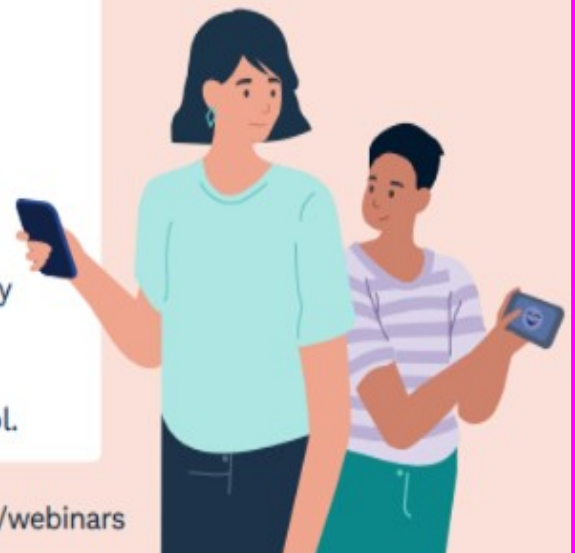
Term 1, 2023

## Free eSafety parent and carer webinars

Join eSafety's expert education team for a free live webinar designed for parents and carers.

### Term 1 topics:

- **eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.
- **Setting your child up for success online (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in primary school.
- **Getting the most out of gaming (45 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in primary and early secondary school.
- **Navigating online friendships (30 minutes)**  
For parents and carers of young people in secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](http://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)



# SATURDAY JUNIOR CLUB

Geraldton Tennis Club

9:30–11am

11 MARCH– 1 APRIL

SUITABLE 5–16yrs

COST – \$5

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



## Bookings & Enquiries

Coach Natalie: 0413 34 56 57  
dynamictenniscoachingwa@gmail.com  
dynamictenniscoaching.com.au

Geraldton Tennis Club  
256 Eighth St, Geraldton



# FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT

Geraldton Tennis Club

FRIDAYS COMMENCING

10th March

6–9pm Tennis, Food & Movie

COST \$5 / person

ALL WELCOME



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# HARMONY

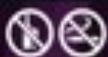
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## STOW GARDENS

SATURDAY,  
18TH MARCH 2023  
11AM - 3PM

- CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
- FOOD & GIFT STALLS
- REMAJA (TEENS) WORLD
- WATOTO (KIDS) WORLD



ALCOHOL AND SMOKE  
FREE EVENT

WATERPOLO BY THE SEA - IN FRONT OF GERALDTON YACHT CLUB

