



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 7

16 March 2023

## Principal's Notes

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On Thursday 23 March, students in Year Three, baptised into the Catholic faith, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. I ask you to congratulate the following students and keep them in your prayers as they enter the final phase to prepare to ask for God's forgiveness and mercy:

*Jye  
Chantelle  
Jack*

*Lila B  
Ariannah  
Louise*

*Liam  
Ava  
Isabelle*

Our school community is also asked to thank and pray for the following students who have participated in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation Program and supported their peers. Some of these students will receive a blessing next Thursday:

<i>Stella</i>	<i>Ashley</i>	<i>Zakia</i>	<i>Ambrose</i>	<i>Maliyah</i>
<i>Hazel</i>	<i>Brooklyn</i>	<i>Marlarnia</i>	<i>Tex</i>	<i>Maisie</i>
<i>Bridei</i>	<i>Brodie</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>	<i>Kaitlyn</i>	<i>Lila M</i>
<i>Mason</i>	<i>Isla</i>	<i>Branche</i>	<i>Jordan</i>	<i>Skyla</i>
<i>Lachlan</i>				

### Crisis Management Plan (CMP) - Emergency Procedures

Schools are obliged to plan for the safety of those attending their sites. As a consequence of this legal obligation, schools have a duty of care to ensure that all school related activities are conducted safely. In the emergency management context, the duty of care requires that pre-planning be undertaken for emergencies that might affect schools from time to time.

St John's School has a Crisis Management Plan (CMP). The purpose of our CMP is to provide details of how the school will prepare for, respond to and recover from emergency events. The CMP outlines responsibilities, drills and procedures that need to be understood and supported by training.

In the initial stages of an incident, the CMP provides clear and concise guidelines, via an *Immediate Actions Drill*, to enable anyone (staff, students or visitors) to escalate and notify the appropriate authorities of an emergency.

An *Evacuation* may be deemed necessary for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to a fire, chemical spill or a bomb threat. During an evacuation, all persons move to the designated muster point, in most cases our school oval.

A *Code Orange/Shelter in Place* is enacted when it is safe for the students to continue working in their classrooms but steps need to be made to shield them from witnessing an incident that may cause upset or distress. Examples include, a medical emergency, protester activity, a vicious dog, a snake or a car accident. If students were engaged in an outdoor activity, staff would direct them to move to the nearest suitable classroom.

If there was an active threat, an intruder with a weapon, an imminent danger to the lives of the students and staff, a *Lockdown* would be called. In a Lockdown, learning ceases and students and staff move to a pre-determined location in the classroom, out of the line of sight, and take cover with all doors and windows locked.

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 17 March**

Prayer Assembly - Yr 1  
8:45am

**Tuesday 21 March**

**Harmony Day**  
Ministry Meetings

**Thursday 23 March**

Student Council  
Meeting

Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation 5:30pm -  
St John's Church

**Friday 24 March**

Prayer Assembly  
Spiritual Ministry

Reconciliation - Year 5  
9:00am

**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform shop is  
open every Monday and  
Thursday from  
8:15am - 9:15am.

Thank you to both Amy  
and Megan.

At various times throughout the year, we conduct whole school drills, across a variety of situations to ensure all students and staff are familiar with the procedures. All drills are communicated to families in advance.

### Every Story Every Opportunity

The moral purpose of St John's School is, 'Every Story Every Opportunity'. At the core of all our decision making, planning, discussions, thoughts, words and actions is the understanding that each individual student of St John's School comes to receive his/her education with a story. It is imperative that we, the staff of St John's School, know these stories so we can provide each individual student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.



### Child Safe Framework (CSF)

The wellbeing and safety of all students is the highest priority for all Catholic schools, including St John's School. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is committed to child safety and leading and supporting a child safe culture for all our schools, care centres and communities. All members of St John's School are encouraged and supported to make good decisions that always keep the best interests of the child or young person first.

The CEWA Child Safe Framework (CSF) is based on the latest research in child safety for institutions, is in support of best practice, and is consistent with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommendations. Parents/carers can learn more about the CSF on page five of the school newsletter or by visiting <https://childsafce.cewa.edu.au/>

### Good News Story

This fortnight, I would like to recognise the students in my Spelling Mastery group. I really appreciate the focus, participation and learning they display from Monday to Thursday. I am also very proud of the leadership they show in their ability to independently follow the processes and organisational details of each lesson. You are all amazing!

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

### Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, at 8.45am**, the Year One Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. Our Spiritual Ministry will lead us in prayer next week on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Parents are most welcome to join us.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

On Wednesday, our Year Six students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey before Easter. Our Year Four and Five students will also celebrate the Sacrament this term. Thank you to Father Robert O'Bryan for making himself available to assist our students with this Sacrament.

### St Patrick's Day – Friday 17 March

St Patrick was born in Britain in the late 300s or early 400s. Pirates captured him when he was sixteen. They sold him as a slave in Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd for six years. He then escaped and returned home.

After years of religious training, Patrick went back to Ireland. There he converted many people to Christianity.

## 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

### Library News from Mrs Connolly

West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards (WAYRBA) theme for 2023 is "Books Make Your Mind Grow."

The shortlisted books are nominated by readers through out Western Australia.

Young people are asked to read titles on the lists and evaluate them as 'terrific', 'good', 'okay' or 'not for me. The Library will be displaying these books in Term 2 and students will get the opportunity to vote on their favourite books on the lists.

<https://wayrba.org.au>



# Religious Education

There are several legends about St Patrick. One legend says that he drove away all the snakes in Ireland. Which is untrue, no snakes have ever been native in Ireland.

St Patrick is most known for using the three parts of a shamrock leaf to explain the idea of the Trinity. The Trinity refers to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of our Lord. One God, three persons.

## Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

This week St John's School will continue to focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Joy:

*Though the fig tree does not bud  
and there are no grapes on the vines,  
though the olive crop fails  
and the fields produce no food,  
though there are no sheep in the pen  
and no cattle in the stalls,  
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.*

(Habakkuk 3:17-18)

## Mrs Helen Carrier

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



## P&F News

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

### 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

## Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Survey- Closed

The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Parent Survey has now closed. Thank you to the 29 families who took the opportunity to share their valuable feedback.

Along with our completed staff and student surveys, we can ensure that future school improvement processes and plans include the voice of the whole school community. Reports for these surveys are currently being generated and once received will be discussed and shared with staff, parents and students.

## Three Way Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has already met for a PLP Meeting with their child's classroom teacher. If you have not yet made a meeting time, please check with your child's classroom teacher. Additional time slots have been made available during school time next week if you are yet to make a meeting. Alternatively, you can arrange a mutually convenient time between yourself and the teacher if you require a meeting outside of the scheduled time slots.

## Choir Assembly: Thursday 30 March

Our next school Assembly is due to take place on **Thursday 30 March at 2.20pm in the School Hall**. The St John's School Choir will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

## NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our Year Three and Year Five students who have commenced this year's NAPLAN testing. We are very proud of your efforts so far and how you have conducted yourself during your allocated assessments.

# Administration News

A reminder that NAPLAN assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process and does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued to parents/carers later in the school year. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

## Harmony Day

Whilst Harmony Day officially falls on next Monday 21 March, as a school we will be celebrating this special day on **Tuesday 4 April**, to coincide with our Harmony Incursion. Students may wear orange clothing and/or accessories. Alternatively, students may wear cultural dress from their family's culture.

## **Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## **ART SHED NEWS**

In 2023, a student from Year 4, 5 and 6 will be selected each month for their endeavour, work habits and creative flair in Visual Arts. I am very pleased to announce the artists for the month of February are.....



Thank you  
Kristen Hogue

# Child Safe Framework – Key Concepts

**Extended Guardianship** - When our leaders, staff and wider school community share a collective responsibility to actively support an environment that is engaging, supportive and safe.

**Healthy & Respectful Relationships** - Modelling healthy and respectful relationships creates an engaging, safe and supportive environment. It also assists in equipping, children and young people with discernment of how they should be treated.

**Situational Prevention** - Seeks to reduce opportunities for behaviour that presents risks to students. Evaluating various elements within our schools – including physical and online environments, staffing, governance, behaviours and culture with an aim to eliminate or mitigate situations that present risk for children and young people.

## Child Safe Framework – Elements

 <p>Support &amp; Healing</p>	<p>Responding to those who have been injured or hurt through abuse and harm and assisting them to heal.</p>
 <p>Voice of the Child</p>	<p>Recognising each child and young person's right to be heard and to have a voice in all decisions affecting them.</p>
 <p>Culture</p>	<p>All members of the school community share responsibility for, and actively promote an environment that prioritises the best interests of children and young people.</p>
 <p>Governance &amp; Leadership</p>	<p>School leaders create and promote environments that are safe, supportive and engaging. They make their decisions based on the best interests of children and young people.</p>
 <p>Policy &amp; Procedures</p>	<p>Having structures and processes that are accessible, consistent and transparent. Policies must be understood, implemented and actioned every day.</p>
 <p>Human Resource Practices</p>	<p>Assisting our schools and care centres to identify the most suitable people to work with children and young people, and to provide appropriate training.</p>
 <p>Investigating &amp; Reporting</p>	<p>Following, or developing and implementing where required, processes that are transparent, fair and clearly understood by the community</p>
 <p>Risk Management</p>	<p>Proactively identifying and limiting potential risks.</p>
 <p>Quality Assurance</p>	<p>Improving systematically and continually through ongoing evaluation and assessment.</p>

## 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.

## 7/Side Soccer

On behalf of Geraldton Soccer Association, St John's School has sent home the fixtures/division with all students who have registered to play Soccer for this Year.



## AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



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



## NETBALL NEWS

YEAR 5/6 <b>A Yellow</b>	YEAR 3/4 <b>GO Yellow</b>	YEAR 2/3 <b>SET Blue</b>
Shelby D	Lucy O	Stella B #
Rya G	Lakyrá D	Ariannah L
Milia Mc	Lila M #	Charlotte M
Indi R	Lila B	Chantelle J #
Chloe S	Brooklyn H	Scarlett Mc
Darci B	Marlarnia H	Ava Mc
Cheyne M	Isabelle W	Maliyah G
Vienna Mc	Isla S	Murphie N
Sienna C	Zakia B	Zarli W
Shakiya G		Ella W
<b>Coach</b> – Christine Kerr #	<b>Coach</b> – Leonie Smith	<b>Coach</b> – Volunteer Needed
<b>Umpire</b> – Volunteer needed	<b>Umpire</b> – Volunteer needed	<b>Umpire</b> – Volunteer needed
<b>Uniforms</b> – Penny Smith	<b>Uniforms</b> – Kellie Burg & Stacey Stewart	<b>Uniforms</b> – Amy Causer
<b>Scorer</b> - Jodi Reed	<b>Scorer</b> – Lakeisha Winter	<b>Scorer</b> – Amy Causer
<b>Training Day</b> – Tuesday 3pm	<b>Training Day</b> – TBC 3pm	<b>Training Day</b> – Thursday 3pm

### # Participants registered (as at March 15)

**We still need umpires for all teams. We can't play without them! Please think about who you may know that would be able to do it for us. For the Set Team the umpire needs to be an adult, but does NOT need to be technical in their approach. A basic knowledge of the game, gentleness, enthusiasm and patience are what is needed.**

#### REGISTRATION - Procedures

1. All players AND officials (umpires, coaches, managers etc) need to follow the appropriate links (SEE BELOW) to register. This is mandatory before their first game.

1. Players will have to pay their fees as part of the process, but it's free for non-players.

If you are using Kidsport to assist with your payment, you need to have this done first. To apply for Kidsport you need a Health Care card with your name on it. This is the link to apply: <https://kidsport.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/kidsport/apply-for-kidsport-2019-1/>

1. You will need access to your email address as part of the registration process

2. If you register a player, then for some reason they change their mind, you are able to get a refund of fees ONLY if you start the process *before 1st May*.

If you have any difficulties please contact myself or Kym Harris at the school.

#### REGISTRATION - Links

Link for **Set and Go** Teams (Year 2/3 and 3/4)

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/5d9dfa>

Link for **A Grade** Team (Year 5/6)

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/c85306>

*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



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Tuesday April

**18** 2023  
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2023

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Forrest Street, Geraldton

TICKETS  
\$75

 BREATHE BASKETBALL

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

# MEGA CAMP



**DATES: 17TH, 18TH, 19TH & 20TH  
APRIL 2023**

**LOCATION: ACTIVEWEST STADIUM**

**TIME: 9AM - 2PM EACH DAY**

**AGES: 11 - 15 YEARS OLD (2012-2008)**

**COST: \$200**

**TO REGISTER EMAIL US AT**

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**DIRECTOR: DAN HUNT **

**LEAD COACH: LIAM HUNT**

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# HARMONY

*festival*



## 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

