



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK
30 March 2023

Principal's Notes

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Last Thursday, the Year Three Class celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a beautiful celebration for the students who received the sacrament for the first time and for those who received a blessing. I would like to thank the students for the way they represented themselves, their families and their school. The students were suitably prepared by Mrs Carolyn Jaeger and Miss Amy Causer, for which I am extremely grateful. Lots of family and friends were in attendance, indicating the high level of support and love for the children. Father Robert presided over the Mass, guiding the students spiritually and on a practical level, thank you, Father Robert. Finally, thank you to all the staff who came to support the Year Three students and educators, demonstrating their own personal and professional commitment to a faith filled community.

I am very proud of the Year Three students, and I hope they continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the future, seeking healing and forgiveness.

P&F Easter Raffle

One more sleep! The P&F Easter Raffle has been long standing fundraising event on our calendar. It has always been well supported by families and the community. Over past few years, it has taken on a few different formats, but we are all thrilled to have it return to its usual format this year.

The raffle draw will take place in the Courtyard, tomorrow morning, after Prayer Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the P&F ladies for attending to all aspects of the Easter Raffle including, but not limited to notes, tickets, money counting, collection of donations, gift wrapping and scrunching. We are appreciative of everything you have done and we looked forward to seeing who will get the goodies!

End of Term

This time next week, we will have reached the end of Term One which has flown by incredibly fast. It is an opportunity to pause and take stock of all that has been achieved over the past ten weeks. The Kindy Class has finished their first term of learning, making lots of new friends along the way. The Year One Class has transitioned from Pre Primary to the big school, one of the biggest transitions of their school life and the Year Six Class has begun their final year of primary schooling, stepping up as leaders along the way. It is for these and other moments of joy and celebration that we should reflect on and give thanks. All students have made many positive gains over the last ten weeks, demonstrating great resilience and growth. The smiles on their faces are our biggest rewards. May Term Two, which begins for the students on Wednesday 26 April, bring more opportunities for learning, laughter and love.

Easter

On Sunday, Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday. Easter is the most important feast in the Church's liturgical year, Easter. It is a time when we rejoice in the new life Christ has given us through His death and resurrection. I wish every family a very peace-filled Easter.

Easter also marks the beginning of the school holidays. I hope that all members of the school community take some time to rest and spend precious time with loved ones. Please enjoy the break and take care.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 31 March
Prayer Assembly - Staff
8:45am

Reconciliation - Year 4
9:00am

Tuesday 4 April
Harmony Day Incursion
2:00pm

Thursday 23 March
LAST DAY
STUDENTS

Monday 24 April
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 25 April
ANZAC DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 26 April
STUDENTS COMMENCE
TERM TWO

Happy Easter
To You All.

May this joyful season of Easter fill your heart with renewed hope, love, and peace.



School Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid or have a payment plan in place to cover the costs of their child/ren's school fees. The income received from school fees help to cover the day to day operation costs of the school. We do understand that there are times when some families experience financial hardship. It is in these instances that I ask parents to make an appointment to confidentially and sensitively discuss the matter so that alternative arrangements can be made and open lines of communication are in place. Thank you.

Early Years Learning Framework - EYLF

Play is very important for children. Through play, young children explore and learn to understand the world around them as they come to communicate, discover, imagine and create. When children play, they are showing what they have learned and what they are trying to understand. This is why play is one of the foundations of the Early Years Learning Framework, EYLF. By using EYLF, educators will guide your child's play by carefully designing learning activities and stimulating indoor and outdoor learning environments. At St John's School, the staff work hard to ensure that opportunities for play are provided to the students based on their interests, the curriculum, their developmental needs and in order to meet incidental needs as they arise.

It is well known that children learn best when they have secure relationships with caring adults. When children, from a very early age, develop trusting relationships, they feel more confident and able to explore and learn. In early childhood settings, when children feel emotionally secure they learn through play to develop the skills and understandings they need to interact positively with others and gradually learn to take responsibility. The Staff of St John's School place great importance on developing positive relationships with the children in our care.

Good News Story

The St John's School P&F are the main characters of this week's Good News. We appreciate everything that has been done to facilitate the 2023 Easter Raffle. As mentioned above, a lot of work and time has gone into making the event such a success. You are all EGGSellent!

Mrs Melissa Marquis - PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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

Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

"You will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

(John 16:20-22)

As we edge closer to Easter Sunday, this scripture from Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper, reminds us of the joy of the risen Lord.

We can easily imagine the sorrow of the apostles when they saw their master, whom they admired and loved, put to a cruel death as a criminal. But through Jesus rising to life on Easter Sunday, to stand among his disciples once again, you can only imagine something of the apostles' joy. Coming out of total darkness, which had filled their souls for two long days and nights, into such a joyful light to see their master among them once more.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Tomorrow, the Year Four Class will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey. Thank you to Father Robert O'Bryan for making himself available for this celebration.

Alleluia Day Term Two Friday 28 April

On **Friday 28 April**, the school community will celebrate Alleluia Day. Alleluia Day is a significant day in the St John's School calendar celebrating the risen Lord which occurred during the holidays. Students and staff are invited to wear white on this day. Teachers will designate an activity on Thursday around Jesus' Resurrection for the students to participate in.

Mrs Helen Carrier - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has now concluded. Congratulations to all of our Year Three and Year Five students who put in their very best efforts. We are very proud of you.

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

A reminder that our school's Harmony Day celebrations will be taking place next **Tuesday 4 April**, to coincide with our Harmony Incursion, the Singh Sisters. Our day will begin with the Spiritual Ministry leading us in a Prayer Assembly. Classroom teachers will also be engaging students in classroom-based activities to celebrate this special day. Students may wear orange clothing and/or accessories. Alternatively, students may wear cultural dress from their family's culture. This is not a fundraiser, so no gold coin donations are required.

Evacuation Drill

Next **Wednesday, 5 April**, the whole school will be involved in an evacuation drill. These drills need to be carried out on a regular basis to help us to evaluate and refine our plans so we can make sure everyone will be safe in the event of an emergency. The students will be informed beforehand, so that they are aware that it is only a practise and they will not be in any danger. Evacuation posters are in all classrooms and in the Office for you to familiarise yourself with the planned routes from each area of the school. If you happen to be in the school on the day, please follow the instructions of the Evacuation Plan or of staff members.

Swimming Lessons: Term Two

Please be advised that In-term Swimming Lessons will commence for students from Pre Primary to Year Six, next term from Monday 22 May to Friday 2 June. Further information will go home at the beginning of next term.

Last Day for Students

Students and staff will finish Term One on **Thursday 6 April**. We look forward to welcoming back all of our students on **Wednesday 26 April** for the start of Term Two.

Mrs Emma Pollard - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

Meeting Dates

Monday 1 May

Monday 22 May

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

All are welcome to attend.



Easter Raffle



ONE MORE
SLEEP!

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

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support, and kind donations of Easter Eggs and Gifts. Good Luck.

Have a safe and wonderful Easter.

Term One P&F Canteen Day

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

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

Orders have closed.



Hockey 2023

St John's hockey players, now is the time to register online if you haven't already done so. (Players with the x next to their name have registered already) Go to www.gha.org.au, look for the register tab and complete the registration form. Your details will then be forwarded to Mr Matthews.

Division 1

Half Field

Nate	Hudson
Mac x	<u>Lucy x</u>
Jayden x	Lewis x
Luke x	<u>Josh x</u>
Elizabeth x	Aiden
Max x	<u>Peyton x</u>
Dan	Isaac
Logan x	Xavier
Mitchell	Ryan x
Lachlan	Gabrielle
Ethan x	
Jacob x	
Coaches: Paul Benson and Oscar Weston	Ben Moore
Training: Tuesdays 4.15 – 5.00 (Turf 1 South) First Training will be on Tuesday, 4 th April. First Fixture: Saturday, 29 th April.	Training: Saturdays 11.00am – 11.30am at the GHA Grass Fields prior to their games. The first training session will be on Saturday, 6 th May 11.00am – 11.30.am followed by a game. First Fixture: Saturday, 6 th May.

The following three boys will be playing in a combined SFX/St John's Division 2 team.

Mason
Liam
<u>Tex</u>



As soon as these boys register, I will send their details to the SFX co-ordinator. They will then receive information regarding training, etc

Environmental Ministry Announcement

A big thank you to our wonderful cleaner, Lynette, for donating 2 small bins to the school.

The Environmental Ministry is using the bins to collect all 10 cent recycling containers during the school day.

The containers will be taken into Containers For Change and the money raised is going to be given to Wheelchairs for Kids during the Year Six camp in Term 4.

Students, please continue to collect all of your drink containers for our recycling and help keep our school beautiful!



NETBALL NEWS

YEAR 5/6 A Yellow	YEAR 3/4 GO Yellow	YEAR 2/3 SET Blue
Shelby D	Lucy O *	Stella B #
Rya G	Lakya 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	Bridei M	Ella W *
		Breanna C
Coach – Rikiesha Whitby	Coach – Leonie Smith*	Coach – Christine Kerr *
Umpire – Volunteer needed	Umpire – Volunteer needed	Umpire – Volunteer needed
Uniforms – Penny Smith	Uniforms – Kellie Burg & Stacey	Uniforms – Amy Causer
Scorer - Jodi Reed	Scorer – Lakeisha Winter	Scorer – Amy Causer
Training Day – Tuesday 3pm from Week 2 Term 2	Training Day – Wednesday 3pm	Training Day – Thursday 3pm from Week 2 Term 2

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)





SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS & MULTI SPORT CLINIC

Tuesday - Friday | 11 - 14 April 2023

Geraldton Tennis Club

8.15am-9am (3-6yrs) \$15/day or \$40 (4 days)

9am-12pm (7-16yrs) \$35/day or \$105 (4 days)

(Bring your own morning tea)

Bookings & Enquiries

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

dynamictenniscoaching.com.au

Geraldton Tennis Club

256 Eighth St, Geraldton



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APRIL 28
2023

3.00pm - 7.30pm

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Forrest Street, Geraldton

TICKETS
\$75

2023 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday 2nd April **Regular Sunday Mass times in all churches**



We recall Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem in the days leading up to his Passion and Death. Palms will be blessed at all parish Masses and these can be taken home afterwards for safe keeping during the year ahead. St. Matthew's Passion will be read at all Masses. The congregation are invited to take part in this.



St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Wednesday 29th March 5:00pm **Mass of the Holy Oils**

Tuesday 4th April 7:00pm **Second Rite of Reconciliation**

Holy Thursday 6th April **(No Morning Mass)**
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Good Friday 7th April 10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions

Holy Saturday 8th April **(No Morning Mass)**
11-12noon Confessions
7:00pm Easter Vigil
The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings, Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into our community as new Catholics.

Easter Sunday 9th April 7:30am, 9:30am & 6:00pm Resurrection of the Lord



St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

Holy Thursday 6th April 6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration

Good Friday 7th April 9:30am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday 9th April 9:00am Resurrection of the Lord

St. John's Church, Rangeway

Easter Sunday 9th April 8:30am Resurrection of the Lord

St. Peter's Church, Greenough

Good Friday 7th April 10:00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions

Easter Sunday 9th April 8:00am Resurrection of the Lord





WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON

including pilgrimages in Portugal, Spain and France

DIOCESE OF GERALDTON & DIOCESE OF BROOME

26th July to 9th August 2023 (15 Days)

FLIGHT – AUD \$2600
LAND COST – €2600

All Inclusive Cost for the Pilgrimage

Spots filling out fast for Youth and Adult Co-Ordinators

Pilgrimage Cost Includes:

- Accommodation in superior 4* & 3* star category hotels on twin sharing basis.
- Single Room – Surcharges Apply (€1246.00)
- Daily breakfast, Lunch & dinner. (Buffet & Continental).
- Private Air-Conditioned Coaches for Transfers & Tours, Parking, Motorway Usage Charges, Tolls, City Permits, City Entry Taxes, Daily Bus Driver Tips, Lisbon to Barcelona Flight with full Baggage, Fast Train from Lourdes to Paris, Eiffel Tower Entry Fee up to Level 2.
- Entrance fees to the holy sites and other places as per Itinerary.
- 2 Nights in Madrid – Hotel Silken Puerta Madrid 4*
- 1 Night in Salamanca – Gran Hotel Corona Sol 4* or similar
- 1 Night in Santiago de Compostella – OCA PUERTA DEL CAMINO HOTEL 4*
- 1 Night in Fatima – Hotel Colmeia 3*
- 5 Nights in Lisbon – Mercure Lisbon Almada 4*
- 1 Night in Barcelona – Abba Garden Hotel 4*
- 1 Night in Lourdes – Hôtel de l'Europe 3*
- 1 Night in Paris – Mercure Paris Sud Les Ulis Courtaboeuf Hotel 4*

Pilgrimage Cost Excludes:

- Beverages, telephones, and expenses of personal nature, Portage at hotels, & WYD Registration
- Any other item not included in the Itinerary.
- Personal Travel Insurance. (To Procure from Australian Insurance Agency)



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