



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 1 WEEK**  
27 April 2023

## Principal's Notes

### Welcome to Term Two

Welcome back to Term Two! I hope everyone in the St John's School Community had a lovely holiday, filled with whatever you personally needed it to be filled with – rest, adventure, relaxation, family, blessings, chocolate etc. I have heard lots of wonderful holiday stories from your grateful children over the past couple of days.

I look forward to all the learning, friendships and growth that Term Two promises to provide.

### ANZAC Day

On Tuesday, Indi and Jacob, Head Girl and Boy, represented St John's School at the 2023 ANZAC Day Service at Birdwood House, laying a wreath on behalf of the school community. Indi and Jacob represented St John's School in the most fitting manner and I was very proud of the way they conducted themselves.

I would like to thank their families, Jodi, Tristan and Anita, for supporting their children and the school. My gratitude is also extended to Mrs Emma Pollard and Mrs Tracey Doglione for all the work they undertook to ensure our participation, including organising the wreath.

### Staffing Announcements

As a school community, we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Helen Carrier who was on secondment from Catholic Education Western Australia Geraldton for the duration of Term One to take up the role of Assistant Principal. During Term One, Mrs Carrier demonstrated great flexibility, leadership and pastoral care as she worked with the students, staff and parents. It was wonderful to have Mrs Carrier's expertise in curriculum on hand, working with the staff on a number of initiatives which in turn will help improve student outcomes. It is not a forever goodbye as we will still work with Mrs Carrier in her role as CEWA Geraldton School Support Consultant. We will arrange a whole school farewell in the near future. Thank you, Mrs Carrier!

A substantive Assistant Principal has been appointed to St John's School. I would like to officially welcome and congratulate Miss Tessa Venturini on her appointment. Miss Venturini will be starting in the role on 29 May, allowing time for the move from her current school, St Joseph's School in Boulder. Miss Venturini is very familiar with Geraldton and St John's School, having grown up in our town and completing one of her teaching practicums whilst studying. In addition to the role of Assistant Principal, Miss Venturini will be the Health and Physical Education Teacher, from Term Three. We look forward to the welcoming Miss Venturini in the near future.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are re-advertising the part time Grounds position. If you know of anyone in our community who may be suitable, I ask you to encourage them to apply. All details in relation to the position can be found on our school website.

### Every Story Every Opportunity

Every Story Every Opportunity, this is the vision of St John's School. As a staff, we believe that we need to know the story of each individual so we can provide them with every opportunity for them to meet their full potential on all levels. This vision also guides our strategic direction and decision making processes.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 28 April**

Prayer Assembly - Yr 5  
8:45am

Alleluia Day

**Friday 5 May**

Prayer Assembly - Yr 2  
8:45am

**Wednesday 10 May**

Kindy MAGS  
2:00pm - 3:00pm

**Thursday 11 May**

P&F Mother's Day  
Morning Tea  
(see flyer page 7)



### Child Safe Framework

St John's School, in partnership with Catholic Education Western Australia, aims to provide the best Catholic education and outcomes for your child requires an engaging, safe and supportive school environment. The combined nine elements of the Child Safe Framework, supports a child safe culture, healthy and respectful relationships, and extended guardianship in school communities, based on the latest research and recognised best practices. Please refer to page four for further information.

### Good News Story

Jacob and Indi are the main characters of this fortnight's Good News Story. I thank our Head Boy and Girl for representing St John's School at Tuesday's ANZAC Day Service at Birdwood House, laying wreaths on behalf of our school community. We are all very proud of you.

### Congratulations

**Mrs Melissa Marquis**  
PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

### ANZAC Day Prayer Assembly

Yesterday morning, the school community gathered to commemorate the fallen at an ANZAC Day Prayer Assembly. Thank you to the staff that led the service and for the beautiful reverence shown by our students.

### Alleluia Day

Tomorrow, St John's School will once again celebrate 'Alleluia Day'. As a community of faith, we will rejoice in the miracle of Jesus' resurrection which occurred on Easter Sunday.

*Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"*  
(John 20: 18)

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a victory over death and sin, paving the way for all followers to live love-filled lives on earth and in Heaven.

Students are invited to wear white in recognition of Jesus' resurrection. We will commence the day with a morning Prayer Assembly led by the Year Five Class at 9:00am in the Hall, with all members of our school community invited to attend.

### Project Compassion Boxes 2023

Thank you to the children and families who have returned their Project Compassion Mission Box. The money raised will go to Caritas Missions and will enable them to further support their good work throughout the world.

If you have not yet brought back your Project Compassion Mission Box, please return it to school with your child by Friday 5 May.

### Communio Week 2022 – 'Looking Out for Others'

In Week Four, the St John's School Community will celebrate Communio Week. Communio Week supports the Catholic affiliated agencies in the Geraldton Diocese and aims to aid those in need. This is an initiative fully supported by Bishop Michael Morrissey. This year's theme is 'Looking Out for Others'. More information regarding Communio Week will be sent out to families in the near future.

## 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

Welcome back to the Library. A big thank you to Mrs Clarkson for assisting in the Library at the end of last term. A friendly reminder to return overdue books that were borrowed over the holidays.

### Books Make Your Mind Grow

Western Australian Young Reader Book



Awards (WAYRBA) commences with students being able to borrow books suggested and voted on by their peers throughout Western Australia. Our students will be given the

opportunity to evaluate them as 'terrific', 'good', 'okay' or 'not for me.'

### National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

is held annually by the Australian



Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is

read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 23rd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6. (SOURCE – ALIA)

[https://www.alia.org.au/Web/Web/Events/Event\\_Display.aspx?EventKey=NSS2023](https://www.alia.org.au/Web/Web/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=NSS2023)

# Religious Education

## Sacrament of First Eucharist

This term, students in Year Four, will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please take note of the following dates:

**Sunday 14 May at 8.30am in the St John's Church** will see our First Eucharist Candidates and their parent/carers make their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It is a requirement that all Eucharistic candidates from St John's School attend a Sacrament of First Eucharist Commitment Mass.

Please see below the alternate times for the Commitment Masses at St Francis Xavier Cathedral:

- **Saturday 13 May at 6.00pm**
- **Sunday 14 May at 7.30am, 9.30am, 6.00pm**

**It is preferred students attend the St John's Church Commitment Mass.**

- Sacrament of First Eucharist Retreat Day will be held on **Thursday 18 May**.
- The Sacrament of First Eucharist for St John's School will be held on **Sunday 28 May** at the **St John's Church at 8.30am**. Further information regarding this special celebration will be sent out closer to the date.

## Fruit of the Spirit - Peace

This week we begin our focus on the **Fruit of Peace**:

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!". After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."  
(John 20: 19-21)*

# Administration News

## Mother's Day Events

On **Wednesday 10 May**, the Kindy class invites all Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers and other special guests to attend their Kindy 'MAGS' Afternoon from 2:00pm-3:00pm. The Kindy students look forward to showing how much they treasure that special person in their life.

On **Thursday 11 May**, the P&F are holding their Mother's Day Morning Tea from 9:00am to 11:30am. We would love to see you there! Please see further event details on page eight of the newsletter.

## Assembly

Our first School Assembly for Term Two is scheduled during Week 4 on **Thursday 18 May** at 2:20pm. We look forward to the Pre Primary Class entertaining us with their Assembly item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

## Swimming Lessons

Please be advised that In-term Swimming Lessons will commence for students from Pre Primary to Year Six, in Weeks Five and Six, **from Monday 22 May to Friday 2 June**. Further information will go home with families in the coming days.

**Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## P&F News

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

### Meeting Dates

Monday 22 May

Monday 12 June

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

All welcome.

### Mother's Day Morning Tea

*St John's P&F*  
MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA  
9-1130AM / 11-05-2023  
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL

Please see flyer on page seven



Creating environments  
where children feel safe,  
are engaged and can flourish

*Christ-centred, child-focused*

## Designed to support schools in maintaining engaging, supportive and safe environments

All children have the right to a good education. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) schools and early years learning and care centres are Christ-centred, and child-focused learning communities that support each child to develop to their full God-given potential. Key to this is ensuring the learning environment is engaging, safe and supportive.

The framework outlines the policies, practices and behaviours found in our schools that underpin a culture prioritising the best interests of children and young people.

Good relationships are vital if Catholic schools are to achieve their aims. Both parents and the school need to work at building constructive relationships.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Mandate: Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia 2009-2015, para. 76.

All members of our Catholic school community share the responsibility for this healthy culture. Your school relies on strong partnerships with you – as parents and carers – to provide your child with the best possible learning and development opportunities. Working together, we can ensure all children and young people flourish in a safe, healthy environment.

The framework is based upon the following key practices:

### Situational prevention

Is constantly evaluating our total environment to minimise opportunities of risk and bring the hidden into the open. The focus is on creating safer environments.

These include 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.

### 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.

It is about having respectful conversations regarding the behaviours we see and how they reflect our Code of Conduct for staff, parents and students to ensure we create a culture where our students are heard, are safe and can thrive.

### Healthy Respectful Relationships

Pope Francis says as an essential requirement of love is "every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him." Our role as teachers, parents and guardians is to model healthy respectful relationships for our students & children so they will be equipped with the knowledge to understand how they should be treated.

The presence of healthy respectful relationships is by their very nature protective and allow children to flourish.

## UNIFORM SHOP - WINTER JACKETS

Our winter jackets have arrived and those that have been pre-ordered will be sent home with students this week!. These have been charged to school fees accounts.

As there were no extras ordered, and the weather is starting to cool, we are looking at placing another order as soon as possible for students who missed out, new students and for extra stock. It is hoped they will arrive within 12 weeks from the order date (approximately 4 August). However, this cannot be guaranteed and delivery may be in September or later.

If you wish to order a winter jacket, please advise Tracey of the size and quantity required no later than **8 May**. **Ordering will be done on 9 May.**

## NETBALL - ROUND 1- SATURDAY 6 MAY

**A Yellow (Group2)** St John's vs GCC Cheetahs 9.15am Court 3

**GO Yellow** St John's BYE

**SET Blue** St John's vs Breezes **9.15am** Court 9

Please arrive at least 15 mins before the game and bear in mind there will be a queue at the gate.

There are team shirts for the players that they put on before the games, then return after the game. Often there isn't time to get to the changeroom, so please make sure the girls have a singlet or similar under their shirt so they can switch shirts near the court.

## 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 as at the 12<sup>th</sup> April) 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 Mr Matthews.

Division 1

Half Field

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



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

Mason
Liam x
Tex x

## HOCKEY FIXTURES - 2023

Round	Division	Game date	Turf	Time	Team 1	Team 2
Round 1	Division 1	2023-04-29	Turf 2	11:00	St John's Division 1	Geraldton Grammar B Division 1
Round 2	Division 1	2023-05-06	Turf 1	11:00	Geraldton Grammar A Division 1	St John's Division 1
Round 3	Division 1	2023-05-13	Turf 1	11:00	St John's Division 1	Geraldton Christian College Division 1
Round 4	Division 1	2023-05-20	Turf 2	10:00	St John's Division 1	Wandina/Tarcoola Division 1
Round 5	Division 1	2023-05-27	Turf 1	11:00	Geraldton Primary School Division 1	St John's Division 1
Round 6	Division 1	2023-06-10	Turf 2	10:00	St John's Division 1	STLPS Division 1
Round 7	Division 1	2023-06-17	Turf 1	10:00	SFX Division 1	St John's Division 1
Round 8	Division 1	2023-06-24	Turf 1	10:00	St John's Division 1	Geraldton Grammar B Division 1
Round 9	Division 1	2023-07-22	Turf 2	10:00	Geraldton Grammar A Division 1	St John's Division 1
Round 10	Division 1	2023-07-29	Turf 2	10:00	St John's Division 1	Geraldton Christian College Division 1
Round 11	Division 1	2023-08-05	Turf 1	10:00	St John's Division 1	Wandina/Tarcoola Division 1
Round 12	Division 1	2023-08-12	Turf 2	10:00	Geraldton Primary School Division 1	St John's Division 1
Round 13	Division 1	2023-08-19	Turf 1	11:00	St John's Division 1	STLPS Division 1
Round 14	Division 1	2023-08-26	Turf 1	11:00	SFX Division 1	St John's Division 1

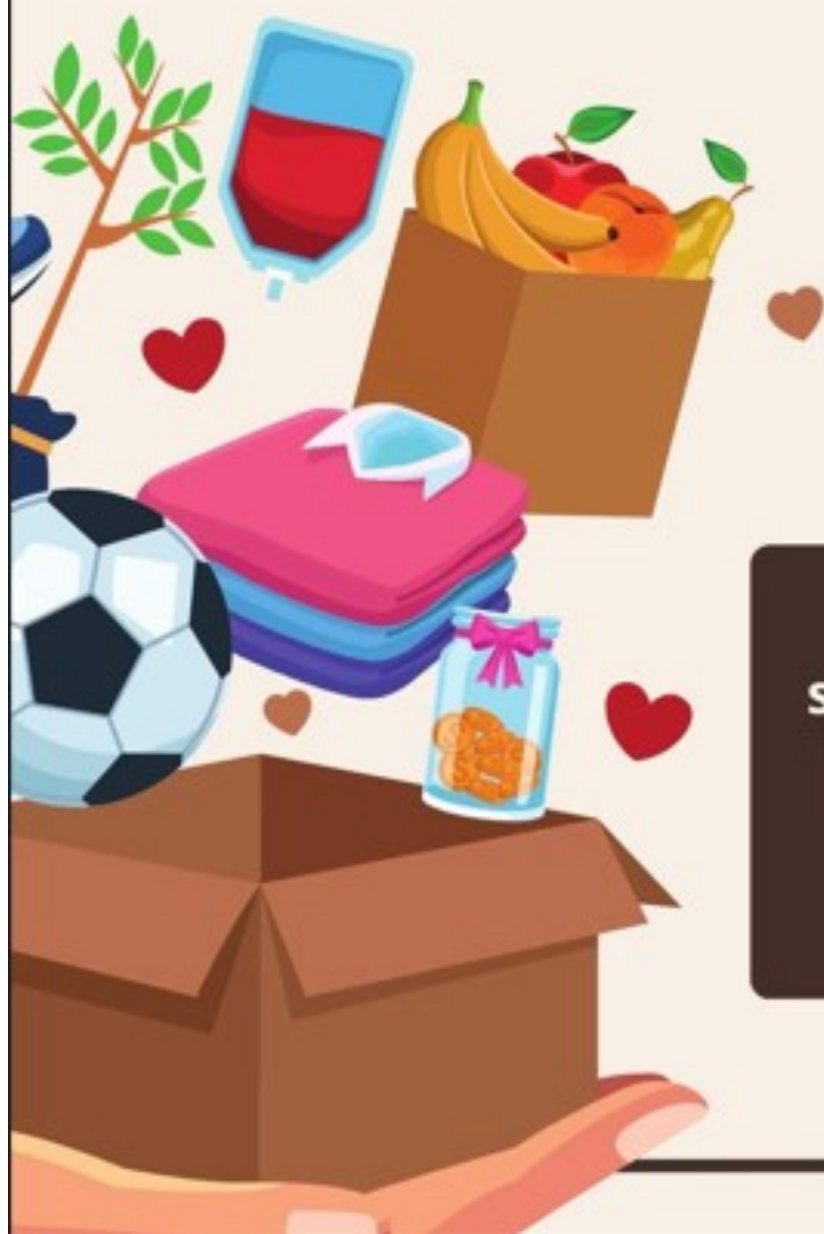
Round 1	Half Field	2023-05-06	Field 1	11:30	St John's Half Field	SFX Half Field
Round 2	Half Field	2023-05-13	Field 3	11:30	St John's Half Field	STLPS A Half Field
Round 3	Half Field	2023-05-20	Field 4	11:30	STLPS B Half Field	St John's Half Field
Round 4	Half Field	2023-05-27	Field 1	11:30	St John's Half Field	Geraldton Grammar Half Field
Round 5	Half Field	2023-06-10	Field 2	11:30	Wandina Half Field	St John's Half Field
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Round 9	Half Field	2023-07-29	Field 2	11:30	St John's Half Field	STLPS A Half Field
Round 10	Half Field	2023-08-05	Field 3	11:30	STLPS B Half Field	St John's Half Field
Round 11	Half Field	2023-08-12	Field 4	11:30	St John's Half Field	Geraldton Grammar Half Field

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St John's School


# SEEKING DONATIONS FOR PRIZES

For our Mother's Day Raffles



UNTIL  
**8<sup>th</sup>**  
MAY

Please drop to  
school office before  
Monday 8 May or  
ring Jo on  
0409 377 310



YOU'RE INVITED TO  
*St John's P&F*

MOTHER'S DAY MORNING TEA

9-1130AM / 11-05-2023

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: \$10  
AVAILABLE AT  
[MORNINGTEA.FLOKTU.COM](http://MORNINGTEA.FLOKTU.COM)  
OR  
CALL JODI ON 0408 944 641

RAFFLES  
LUCKY DOOR PRIZE  
PERFORMANCES BY PP,  
YEAR 1 & YEAR 2  
CYBER SECURITY TALK

TICKET SALES CLOSE MONDAY 8 MAY  
NO DOOR SALES



# "Riches to Rags" Fashion Parade of pre-loved clothing



Saturday 6th May

6:30pm-10:00pm

Catholic Centre

BYO Food and Drink

Adults \$20

Students and Pensioners \$10

DJ Ash Friesen Music

Tickets via [TryBooking.com](http://TryBooking.com) (Search Event)

Enquiries please call: 0438804191

Money raised will pay for classrooms at  
St Benedict's School in Akot Village, South Sudan.

**Thank you to our Sponsors:**

**Kalajzich Family**

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**Queens Super IGA**



# Are you looking for information to support your child on the Autism Spectrum?



## Workshop 1: Understanding My Child & Autism

9:30-11:30am | Tues 2 May 2023

- Morning tea and info session
- What autism can look like for my child or family
- Strategies to help
- Where to get support and funding options

## Workshop 2: Working Successfully with your School

9:30-11:30am | Wed 3 May 2023

- Outlining supports available to your child at school
- How to plan and prepare for successful transitions into each school year
- How to integrate therapy plan into your school IEP
- Tips for creating positive parent-teacher relationships.

Workshops held at  
Ngala Training Room,  
24-28 Gregory Street,  
Geraldton

Facilitated by Autism Association of Western Australia

Limited spaces available. For bookings:

T: 9921 4477 | E: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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### Parenting Support

#### One on One Parenting Chats with Ngala (0 – 18 years)

Let's talk all things parenting. Free, private one-on-one sessions are booked for up to an hour to discuss any parenting topics you like from sleep, behaviour support, anxiety, transition to school and more.

Call 9921 4477 to book.

#### Geraldton Family Counselling Service

Friendly, confidential counselling available for free. Discuss any topic you need from depression and anxiety, to grief and loss, anger management, separation and relationships, managing stress and more.

Wednesdays: appointments from 9.00am onwards call 99216 814



Child and Parent Centre  
Rangeway



### Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway

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CPC Website:

<https://childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au/rangeway>



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## Term 2 2023 Program

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### PARENTING LINE

8am-8pm  
7 days  
Ages 0-18yrs

9368 9368  
Country: 1800 111 546

The Parenting Line is provided by Ngala and funded by the State Government through the Department of Communities and Child & Adolescent Health Service.



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