



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

20 July 2023

Principal's Notes

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term Three – a term well known for all things relating to Athletics. I look forward to the colour and atmosphere of the upcoming Carnivals and watching the students do their best as they run, jump, throw and participate.

As this week has progressed, the holiday stories have been abundant involving planes, trains, automobiles and various other forms of transport. It is wonderful to see the children smiling and ready for another term of learning. Whilst most of the bugs that were causing students and staff to be very unwell at the end of last term are not as prevalent, some are still lurking. Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are sick, helping to keep everyone safe and well.

Staffing News

It is with great excitement that I advise the St John's School Community that Mrs Danyela Payne, Kindy Teacher, is expecting not one, but two bundles of joy early in 2024. Our congratulations are also extended to Mrs Payne's husband, Michael, and their two sons, Hunter and Lincoln, on the impending arrival of their daughters/sisters.

The Kindy families will receive a further information in relation to the staffing arrangements for the remainder of the 2023 school year. Please be reassured that we will be working to ensure that the children are supported and catered for in every way possible as we work in the best interests of the Kindy Class, Mrs Payne, the twins and St John's School.

Capital Development Plan

Next week, in the Computer Lab, the plans for the upgrade to the Administration Building will be on display for the school community to view. The tender process has commenced.

The work includes multiple upgrades to the Administration Block and various security measures. CCTV, lighting and screens are some of the measures being put in place to keep the students, staff and school community safe.

The work has been endorsed by the School Advisory Council and I thank the Council for their support in the process. The building works are being funded by government funding, school funds and a low interest loan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me. More information will be released in relation to the measures that will be put in place to conduct business as usual during the building process.

Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development

As you are aware, Monday 17 July was a Pupil Free Day. The focus of our professional development was staff wellbeing. In the morning session, Mrs Jackie McMahan, CEWA School Psychologist, provided an overview of a plethora of information related to many aspects of wellbeing, including research, strategies, CEWA Wellbeing Framework and wellbeing language.

In the middle session, I led the staff in relation to unpacking how we want to feel when we are at school, our place of work. In conjunction with the identification of these feelings, we examined observable behaviours associated with each short listed feeling.

After lunch, the staff engaged with two local external presenters, Julie Simpson and Katie O'Malley, to participate in painting and breathing as examples of wellbeing activities that can be employed by staff in the future.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 21 July
Prayer Assembly
Year 6 - 8:45am

NCC Year 11 Retreat
Incursion

Monday 24 July
P&F Meeting - 6:00pm

Tuesday 25 July
Student Ministry
Meetings

School Advisory Council
Meeting - 6:00pm

Wednesday 26 July
Sacrament of
Confirmation Parent/
Child Meeting 5:00pm
Catholic Centre

Thursday 27 July
Whole School Mass -
Year 2

Friday 28 July
Prayer Assembly
Year 4 - 8:45am

Student Council
Meeting

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Year Six students have commenced their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these students in your prayers as they embark on the journey to becoming full members of the Catholic Church.

Miss Tessa Venturini has provided further information in her section of this newsletter.

NAIDOC Week

In the last week of Term Two, St John's School celebrated NAIDOC Week. I am sure you will agree, based on the photos published via Facebook, that the children had the opportunity to engage in a range of rich learning experiences provided by the Staff of St John's School. I wish to thank the classroom teachers for planning learning experiences that embedded Aboriginal perspectives and celebrated the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss Lesley Jones, Miss Ashleigh Jones and Mr Michael Wright for coordinating a range of aspects for NAIDOC Week, liaising with external stakeholders and providing support for classroom teachers. We are grateful for your leadership, work and knowledge. Thank you.

Good News Story

Thank you to all the students for the manner in which they engaged in all the NAIDOC Week activities at the end of last term. I would also like to acknowledge the Aboriginal students who led our NAIDOC Week Prayer Assembly and Mass. You conducted your respective role beautifully, representing your culture with pride.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow morning, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Six Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Religious Education Assessment

In Term Three, students in Years Three and Five will take part in the Religious Education Assessment (REA). Please refer to the following dates for the administration of these assessments:

Year 3 & 5 REA Practice and Equating Testing – **Wednesday 26 July** (Year 3) and **Thursday 27 July** (Year 5)

Year 3 & 5 REA Test - **Wednesday 2 August** (Year 3) & **Thursday 3 August** (Year 5)

Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The Confirmation Parent Child Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 26 July** at 5:00pm at the Catholic Centre with students from St Francis Xavier Primary School.

The Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be **Sunday 30 July at 8.30am in the St John's Church**. Alternatively, the Confirmation candidates can also attend the Commitment Masses in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following dates:

- **29 July Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm**
- **30 July Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am or 6.30pm**

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

Welcome back to the Library for Term 3, over the holidays we received a new collection of books that have been shortlisted in The Children's Book of the Year Awards. These are some fantastic new additions to our already amazing library collection and I am sure all the kids will love them.



Thank You
Mrs Clarkson

It is preferred students attend the St John's Church Commitment Mass. A St John's School representative will be present at all Commitment Masses.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 5 September at 6:00pm** at **St John's Church**. Further information regarding this Mass will be sent out closer to the date.

Fruit of The Spirit - Goodness

This will be the first week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Goodness.

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.*
(Psalm 46: 1-3)

In Psalm 46, the psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a present help in times of trouble. And therefore, we can say with absolute confidence, that God is good."

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Term Three

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope all our families enjoyed their term break, kept well and are ready to embrace the third term of the year.

School Photos Update

School photos have been proofed and are now being printed. We expect to receive school photos in the first half of Term Three. We look forward to advising you of their arrival.

Notes for students who had special group photos taken e.g. School Councillors, were sent home earlier in the week. If you did not receive a note, please request a copy from the School Office.

Assembly - Week 3

Our first Assembly for Term 3 will take place on **Thursday 10 August at 2.20pm**. The Year Four Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. We welcome all family and friends to join us in the School Hall.

NAPLAN Results

Students in Year Three and Year Five have been sent home with their NAPLAN Student Reports today. Accompanying each report is an 'Information for parents and carers' brochure to guide you through reading your child's individual report. Please note there have been several changes to NAPLAN reporting in 2023. These changes include:

- new scales for all test domains
- new time series for future longitudinal comparisons (as a result of this change your child's Year Five results should not be compared to their Year Three results from 2021)
- proficiency standards for reports student results, replacing the previous NAPLAN bands.

If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please make a mutually suitable time to meet with their classroom teacher. As a school, we will now analyse our overall school data to assist with future planning and decision-making.

P&F News

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**Term Three
Meeting Dates -
6:00pm**

Monday 24 July
Monday 14 August
Monday 4 September



PLP Meetings Term Three

Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings for Term 3 will be held during Week 4 on **Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 August**. These meetings are 15 minutes in duration and are used to discuss student achievement of their Semester One learning goals as well as to review and create new goals for Semester Two. Notes will be sent home tomorrow, Friday 21 July, and timetables placed outside classrooms as of Monday 24 July.

School Athletics Dates

Term Three is a busy term for various athletics carnivals. Please note the following dates:

Monday 14 August: School Faction Jumps and Throws (selected students only)

Friday 18 August: School Faction Athletics Carnival (all students Year 1-6)

Thursday 7 September: Kindy and Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

Dates for Interschool Athletics carnivals will be advertised in the near future and are for selected students only.

Book Week and Book Parade

This year's Book Week will take place during Week Six, with our much loved Book Parade set for **Thursday 24 August**. This year's theme is 'Read, Grow, Inspire', so start discussing with your child/ren now which book character they would love to bring to life!

Our annual Book Fair will commence during Week Eight and Nine, with specific dates and times to be advertised later in the term.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

PlayConnect+

Geraldton Supported Playgroup

NEW!



Free, facilitated playgroup sessions for children aged 0-5 years with developmental concerns and/or disability.

Starting 24 July 2023 (Week 2)
Mondays during School Terms
9.30am to 11.30am

Location: 41-43 Shenton Street,
Geraldton

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- For 0-5 year old children with developmental concerns and/or disability
 - Parents stay and siblings are welcome
 - No diagnosis is necessary
- Facilitator leads the group with play activities and information
 - Connect with other families, share ideas and have fun!

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3NirVtK to find out more or to register your interest.

Alternatively, contact Playgroup WA via hotline@playgroupwa.com.au or on 1800 171 882.



Babies

Early Parent Group

(0 – 3 months)

Sleep patterns, settling techniques, growth development, feeding, and guest speakers. Come and enjoy time with other new parents.

Thursdays: 9:30am to 11:30am

6 July, 17 Aug

Starting Solids (3 – 6 months)

Introduction of solids, healthy balanced diet, your baby's development, enjoying time with other new parents.

Thursdays: 9.30am to 11.30am (one-off session)

Specialised Services

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Child Health Nurse

Call 9956 1985
to book

Playgroup 2023

(0 – 5 years)

A free, casual catch-up for dads, mums and carers of babies from birth to 5 years. Bring your own hats, drinks and snacks.

Fridays: 9:00am to 11:00am
(runs for 10 weeks, starting 21 July)



 ngala

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.

Date	Day	Time	Program
18 July	Tues	9:00am to 12:00 am	<p>Desert Blue Connect Protective Behaviours Delivered in schools, Protective Behaviours gives children the tools to understand the ownership of their body, the difference between surprises and secrets and knowing whether they feel safe or unsafe. It empowers them to get help and to talk to someone if they feel unsafe. This free adult workshop will provide you with the information you need to provide further support. Call 9921 6814 for bookings <i>Crèche available</i></p>
19 July	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	<p>WACHS A Guide to Toileting 1.5 - 4 years This workshop aims to give some strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently. It will also explore different problems commonly faced during toilet training and an Occupational Therapist will join us to discuss ongoing toileting challenges that may already be happening. Call 9921 6814 for bookings <i>Crèche available</i></p>
25 July to 12 Sept	Tues	9.00am to 11.00am	<p>Little Learners (8 weeks) Do you have a child starting Kindy in 2024? Do you want to help your child learn some skills to prepare for starting school? Term 4 bookings are also open. Parent participation required, siblings welcome. Call 9921 6814 for bookings</p>
26 July, 30 Aug, 20 Sept	Wed	12.30pm to 2.30pm	<p>Wanslea Grandcarers Support Group If you are a grandparent with full time care of your grandchild/ren, you are welcome to attend this monthly support group where grandcarers meet together at the CPC Rangeway and Wanslea video link into the session. Call 1800 794 909 for bookings</p>
19 Sept	Tues	9:30am to 11:30 am	<p>WACHS Happy Mealtimes 1 - 8 years What 'normal' feeding, mealtimes and eating behaviours might look like? Covering diet and nutritional information for your child, troubleshooting difficult mealtimes and where you can seek help if things start to go wrong. Call 9921 6814 for bookings <i>Crèche available</i></p>
20 Sept	Wed	9.30am to 11.30m	<p>WACHS Sensory Processing Workshop for Parents 0-8yrs At this workshop, parents will develop an understanding of what sensory processing is, what it means and what it looks like to have additional sensory processing needs. Call 9921 6814 for bookings <i>Crèche available</i></p>