



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 7

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## Principal's Notes

### Father's Day

Wishing all of the dads, grandfathers, uncles, carers and special people in the lives of our students a very Happy Father's Day. I hope that you enjoy the handmade gifts, cards, well wishes and time with your children on Sunday. I look forward to giving my dad and father-in-law a call on Sunday. Thank you for everything you do for your children, providing love, support and guidance each and every day.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Tuesday, students from Year Six will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit. The grace of this sacrament provides the students with a moral compass to be guided by as they travel the journey of life. I would like to congratulate the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

<i>Shelby</i>	<i>Rya</i>	<i>Mac</i>	<i>Vincent</i>
<i>Jayden</i>	<i>Ethan</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	

The following students are to also be congratulated for their participation in the Sacrament of Confirmation program, supporting their peers and/or receiving a blessing on Tuesday night:

<i>Lachlan</i>	<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Aiden</i>	<i>Eric</i>
<i>Miguel</i>	<i>Lual</i>	<i>Tannar</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Micah</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Milia</i>	<i>Clem</i>
<i>Jaxson</i>	<i>Amelia</i>	<i>Nate</i>	<i>Indi</i>
	<i>Lawrence</i>	<i>Max</i>	

Thank you to Miss Erica Lee, Mrs Kath Qumivutia, Mr Michael Wright and Miss Tessa Venturini for preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am also appreciative of the guidance and support from Bishop Michael and Father Robert for concelebrating the Mass.

### Athletics Carnival Results

We had a glorious day at our Faction Athletics Carnival! The weather was amazing, the track was awash with colour and the students performed their best!

I would like to thank everyone who assisted, helping to ensure the day was an absolute success. My thanks go to the parents who helped with the set up and pack away, an official role on the day, working as a member of the P&F or attending and supporting from the sidelines. I am also appreciative of all the staff who assisted before, during and after the Carnival, especially Mr Patrick Matthews who was responsible for coordinating the event. A special mention must go to Mrs Inge Jansen, ably supported by Miss Sally McIntyre, in operating the Canteen, providing lots of yummy foods for our tummies. The students also deserve my gratitude for the manner in which they raced, cheered, supported and demonstrated sportsmanship, you are all truly amazing!

Congratulations to Abrolhos Faction for taking out the Championship Shield, two years in a row! Please see all the results of the day on page four.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 1 September**

Prayer Assembly

Year 1 - 8:45am

**Year 6 Reconciliation**

9:00am

P&F Fathers Day

Sundowner 5:30pm

**Monday 4 September**

Class Spelling Bee

Competition

P&F Meeting - 6:00pm

**Tuesday 5 September**

Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm - St John's Church

**Wednesday 6**

**September**

Book Fair commences

**Thursday 7 September**

Evacuation Drill

**Friday 8 September**

Prayer Assembly

Spiritual Ministry

8:45am

Interschool Cross Country - Eadon Clark

**Tuesday 12 September**

Kindy & Pre-Primary

Faction Carnival

### Bell Times Trial

Next term, on Mondays, we will be trialling adjusted bell times. The Term Four Monday bell times will be:

8:30	Classrooms open
8:45	Morning Block commences
10:45	Recess starts
11:05	Middle Block commences
12:55	Lunch starts
1:30	Afternoon Block commences
3:00	Home time

As presented above, there are no changes to the start and finish times. The focus is on reducing the Afternoon Block from two hours to one and a half. The half an hour that has been deducted from the Afternoon Block has been split over the Morning and Middle Blocks with fifteen minutes being added to each block. It is hoped that having slightly longer blocks of time before lunch allows for greater blocks of Literacy and Numeracy teaching where the students are more focused.

Parents/carers are asked to be aware of this time change especially when making appointments and/or dropping off lunches.

After the trial, feedback will be sought from staff and students to determine the arrangements for 2024.

### P&F Father's Day Sundowner

Tomorrow afternoon, the P&F is hosting a Father's Day Sundowner. All the details of the event are on page three of the newsletter. All family members are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

### Smart Watches

At the present time, we have a small number of students wearing smart watches to school. If this pertains to your son/daughter, you are asked to ensure that all 'smart functions' such as the internet, notifications, messaging, camera, phone calls, games, videos etc are turned off during school hours.

Students are not to use the smart watch to message parents, and vice versa. All communication between home and school is to be done through the School Office or Seesaw.

Any inappropriate use of smart watches by a student will lead to the confiscation of the watch. Parents will be notified and the smart watch will need to be collected from the School Office by the student's parent/carer at the end of the day.

### Parental Concerns and Complaints

At St John's School, we endeavour to work in close partnership with our families. In our work, we endeavour to always work in the best interests of the students. On occasions, parents, carers and students may have concerns, queries and complaints. The best avenue for queries to be dealt with is through the school. I strongly encourage parents and carers to make a time to meet with the respective staff member and allow that staff member to follow the processes that we have in place. Parents and carers are asked not to directly approach other parents or carers. Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this matter.

### Good News Story - Randolph Stow Young Writers Award

Congratulations to Indi, Year Six, for taking out second place in the 2023 Upper Primary Poetry Award in the Randolph Stow Young Writers Award. Indi's story, Rain Clouds, certainly made an impression on the judges. This competition is like our Interschool Athletics Carnival for writing and Indi's win is the equivalent to an Interschool Runner Up Champion Girl Medal. Well done, Indi. St John's School is very proud of you.

**Mrs Melissa Marquis**  
PRINCIPAL

## 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

### Book Week

Your creativity & imagination last week for Book Week was outstanding. Well done to all the students and parents who came up with the fantastic costumes we got to see, you definitely made the job of judging extremely hard to perform by Miss Hewitson & myself. You should all be so proud of yourselves. Please see the pictures on page six.



### Book Fair

The Book Fair is starting next week. On Wednesday & Thursday, as the students come through for their library lesson, they will be previewing the Book Fair collections. Then they will be given a piece of paper to create their wish list on, which they will bring home for parents to review. Our opening hours for parents & students to come through and purchase items will be as below:

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00am - 8.30am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm  
Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00am - 8.30am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm  
Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00am - 8.30am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00am - 8.30am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00am - 8.30am and 2.45pm - 3.30pm

We will have cash & eftpos facilities for your convenience.

The previous Book Fair was a great success, and we are aiming for great results again this year. This is a great opportunity for choosing books for presents, especially with it being so close to Christmas or just to fill out your home library as you can never have too many books!

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

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

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Next week, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 5 September at 6.00pm** at **St John's Church**. Please ensure the families of the Confirmation candidates have read the note that has been distributed.

### Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

*Lord, you send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.*

*Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*

## Fruit of The Spirit - Faithfulness

This is the last week St John's School Community will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness.

*'For we walk by faith, not by sight'.  
(2 Corinthians 5:7)*

How easy is it for us to believe in what we can see? And how hard it is for us to believe in what we cannot see. At the core of our faith is the Paschal Mystery. The belief that through Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into Heaven we have been saved. The Church

## **Miss Tessa Venturini**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

# Administration News

## Father's Day- DUGS Morning Tea

Thank you to all the Dads, Uncles, Grandads and other special people who attended the Kindy and Pre Primary 'DUGS' occasions this week. The students greatly enjoying the presence of so many special people. We wish all fathers and father figures a wonderful day on Sunday.

## Assembly

Congratulations to our Year Two students for their wonderful Assembly item this afternoon! Our next school assembly is scheduled for Thursday 14 September at 2:20pm. We look forward to a performance from our very talented School Choir. We welcome all family and friends to join us in the School Hall.

## Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

Please note that the Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival is on **Tuesday 12 September, starting at 9:15am**. All events will take place on the Top Oval. Please park near the Church. We look forward to seeing out littlest athletes in action!

## P&F News

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

Monday 4 September

All are welcome

### \$100 Boards Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the follow three people for correctly guessing the last two numbers of one of the three \$100 note boards that were circulating at the Athletics Carnival:

- Jenny S
- Ashleigh J
- Deb K

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, helping the raise funds for the upcoming P&F projects.

### Father's Day Sundowner

Friday 1 September

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Please see the flyer on page eight.

# Administration News

## Interschool Athletics Events

A number of our students from Years 1-6 will be representing St John's School at Interschool Athletics Events in Week 8 and 9. Notes have been sent home with selected students and reserves for the following events:

**Friday 8 September:** Interschool Cross Country (selected students only)

**Tuesday 12 September:** Interschool Jumps and Throws (selected students only)

**Friday 15 September:** Interschool Athletics Carnival (selected students only)

If your child has been selected for an interschool event, you have been advised via a note home. All students attending these events need to wear the full correct St John's Sport Uniform, have a drink bottle, hat, sun cream and food for Recess and Lunch. All reserves need to come prepared to attend, however, will stay at school if they are not needed on the day.

## Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will open on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 September for students to preview the items during their Library lesson and fill their wish list.

If you are happy for your child to purchase something from their wish list, times will be available for purchases before school from 8:00am to 8:30am and after school from 2:45pm to 3:30pm on the following dates:

**Friday 8 September, Monday 11 September, Tuesday 12 September, Wednesday 13 September and Thursday 14 September.**

## Winter Sports Presentation

On **Monday 18 September** there will be a presentation for the Winter Sports Program. This will be held in the Hall and begins at 8:45am. Families are welcome to join us for the presentations which will celebrate the participants as well as the volunteers from the Winter Sports Program, without which we would not be able to offer the program.

**Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## Athletics Carnival Results

### Championship Shield

First	Abrolhos (green)	420 points
Second	Hayes (gold)	415 points
Third	Batavia (blue) & Pelsaert (red)	328 points



### Champion Boys and Girls

Junior Girls Runner Up Champion	Serenity	Batavia	19 points
Junior Girls Champion	Scarlett	Abrolhos	26 points
Junior Boys Runner Up Champion	Ari	Hayes	24 points
Junior Boys Champion	Riley	Abrolhos	34 points

Intermediate Girls Runner Up Champion	Lucy	Pelsaert	23 points
Intermediate Girls Champion	Ariannah	Abrolhos	24 points
Intermediate Boys Runner Up Champion	Jack	Batavia	24 points
Intermediate Boys Champion	Mitchell	Hayes	38 points



Senior Girls Runner Up Champion	Indi	Pelsaert	44 points
Senior Girls Champion	Shelby	Pelsaert	45 points
Senior Boys Runner Up Champion	Lual	Hayes	33 points
Senior Boys Champion	Samson	Hayes	40 points



## NETBALL

### Fixtures 2nd September

	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COURT</u>
<b>A Yellow:</b>	St John's Vs Wandina	9:15am	1
<b>GO Yellow:</b>	St John's Vs St Francis	11:45am	1
<b>SET Blue:</b>	St John's Vs Wandina	9.15am	8

### Netball Results

St John's Vs SFX : No Score  
**Best Players:** Maisie, Ariannah & Ava

St John's Vs Waggrakine: No results:  
**Best Players:**



# BOOKWEEK PARADE





Fabrics from easily renewable crops



Redesign clothes



Biodegradable  
Packaging



Shoes made from recycled  
rubber resin



Organic cotton  
cultivation



Natural dyes from plant



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Environmental Awareness Day brought to you by the Environmental Ministry.

Free Dress – Dress in an environmentally aware outfit.

Think - friendly Earth footprint, reused fabrics, hand-me downs, fibres with low environmental impact etc.

Gold coin donation – proceeds going to Wheelchairs For Kids



**Wheelchairs For Kids**

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# FATHER'S DAY

*Sundowner*



**FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER,  
2023**

Please join us in celebrating all the wonderful Dads, Grandads, Uncles and special people in our school community! We will have a kids vs adults footy scratch match and will provide some nibbles and sausage sizzle. Please BYO drinks.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL HALL | 5.30 - 7.30PM  
FAMILY EVENT - ALL WELCOME



THE PARISHES OF GERALDTON  
AND NAGLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
PRESENT

AN EVENING  
WITH

# Fr Rob GALEA

IN CONCERT FOLLOWED BY MASS

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER  
CATHEDRAL GERALDTON

SATURDAY  
2 SEPTEMBER | DOORS 4.30PM  
ENTRY FREE

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Parenting  
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## Family Information Session

A FREE family info session to any parents, carers or family members supporting young people aged 12-25 yrs.

This session will provide valuable information about:

- Young people's emotional, physical and cognitive development
- Ways to support them with their overall health and well-being
- Parenting strategies and information
- Information about vaping and drug and alcohol use
- Managing screen use



When: 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Thursday 7 September  
Where:  
headspace Geraldton,  
193 Marine Terrace

To book:

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## Safeguarding Kite Festival

To Celebrate Child Protection Week

*Fun for Everyone  
Free Sausage Sizzle  
Kite Flying  
Face Painting*

- ☺ 10 September 2023
- ☺ After 9:30 am Cathedral Mass
- ☺ At Nagle Catholic College's Daniel Bowen Oval, beside the Cathedral's grounds

**BRING**

**Your Kite, Water Bottle, Hat, Sunscreen and Picnic Basket**

*Let your faith soar... those who trust in the Lord will find new strength,  
they will soar. Isaiah 40:31*