



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 9  
14 September 2023

## Principal's Notes

### That End of Term and School Holidays

A reminder that Thursday 21 September is the final day of Term Three for the students. Friday 22 September is a Pupil Free Day as the staff participate in their Staff Retreat Day.

I would like to wish all families a wonderful holiday. May you all have opportunities for adventure, connection and recharging.

Monday 9 October is a Pupil Free Day with staff undertaking various forms of professional development. Students from Kindy to Year Five commence Term Four on Tuesday 10 October. The Year Six Class departs for their school camp on Monday 9 October.

### Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to all our runners from last Friday's Interschool Cross Country event. We had four students who placed in the top four of their respective race – Jack R, Heidi, Billie and Indi. Miss Tessa Venturini and I have spoken about how fantastically behaved our students were, cheering on other athletes and giving 100% to the event.

The final results can be found on page five of this newsletter.

### Interschool Athletics

Due to a severe weather warning, Wednesday's Interschool Jumps and Throws were cancelled in the best interests of the students. **At the time of writing this newsletter, we were still waiting to hear about the decision related to the rescheduling of events.** Good luck to all our competitors for tomorrow's competition day.

### Staffing News

It is with sadness that I advise the St John's School Community that Ms Kristen Hogue has resigned from her position at St John's School, effective 31 December 2023. Ms Hogue has held the role as the Visual Arts Teacher for many years and will be greatly missed by all members of the school community. At the end of the year, we will farewell Ms Hogue in a fitting manner.

The Visual Arts position will be advertised in Term Four.

### 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.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 15 September**

Prayer Assembly  
Staff - 8:45am

Interschool Athletics  
Carnival - 9.00am  
Little Athletics Track

**Monday 18 September**

P&F Pasta Day

Winter Sports  
Presentation 8.45am

Spelling Bee  
Competition 9.15am

**Tuesday 19 September**

Book Fair concludes

**Thursday 21 September**

**Students last day**

**Friday 22 September**

**Pupil Free Day  
(Staff Retreat)**

**Monday 9 October**

**Pupil Free Day  
Year 6 Camp  
Commences**

**Tuesday 10 October**

**STUDENTS COMMENCE  
TERM 4**

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 Thank You

On Friday 1 September, the P&F held a fundraisng event, the Father's Day Sundowner. The event was very well supported by members of the school community with approximately 35 to 40 families in attendance. It was delightful to see the dads kicking the football on the oval with the children and families enjoying each other's company. I would like to thank the P&F for hosting the event, providing the sausage sizzle and other yummy treats.

### Capital Development Plan – Administration and Security Upgrade

A very important note was sent home via Seesaw on Monday, explaining the school access arrangements whilst the build is in progress. Please note these arrangements take effect as of Term Four 2023, not 2024 as per my typo. The students will be taken on a walk around the school next week so they are aware of the changes.

### Spelling Bee Competition

On Monday 4 September, we hosted the 2023 Class Spelling Bee Competitions. Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the School Spelling Bee Competition which will be held on Monday 18 September at 9:15am:

Year Three	Chantelle, Ashley, Kaitlyn & Lila M (Reserve – Ambrose)
Year Four	Heidi, Alexis, Mitchell P & Loata (Reserve – Roman)
Year Five	Cheyne, Darci, Sienna & Isaac Z (Reserve – Max)
Year Six	Mac, Jacob, Darcy & Milia (Reserve - Shelby)

We are all very proud of you and your ability to spell difficult words in competition circumstances. Good luck for Monday!

Thank you, Mrs Christine Kerr for all the assistance you provided to run the competition for another year

### Catholic Primary Principals' Association Conference

Next week, I will be absent from school from lunchtime on Tuesday 19 September as I am attending the Catholic Primary Principals' Conference in Perth. In my absence, Miss Tessa Venturini will lead the school. I will share highlights from the Conference in future newsletters.

### Good News Story

The Kindy and Pre Primary students get a big shout out this week for all their efforts at Tuesday's Sports Carnival. It was a morning filled with colour, excitement, joy and skills. Thank you to all the staff in the early childhood section of the school for ensuring the event was well organised and that the students were fully prepared, suitably supported by Miss Tessa Venturini. We are also very grateful to all the family members and friends who came along to support and cheer. A wonderful time was had by all.

**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 Fair

Well, that's a wrap on another term! A big thank you to everyone who has come in and supported our Book Fair. We have had a great turn out with lots of happy kids getting new books and novelty items.



### Book Returns

To all the children who have already returned their books, thank you. If you haven't already, can you please make sure all books are returned as soon as possible.

I hope you all enjoy your school holidays and have a well-earned break.

Thank You  
Megan Clarkson

# Religious Education

## Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Tuesday, select students from the Year Six Class celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. All students who attended, represented themselves, their families and St John's School in the most reverent manner. The Holy Spirit was most certainly present as a helper and a guide on this special morning of celebration.

A special thank you must be given to Bishop Michael and Father Robert for presiding over the Mass and for their spiritual guidance and wisdom during the candidate's preparation. To the St John's Parish Community, thank you for your special prayers for the Confirmation candidates. Lastly, thank you to Miss Erica Lee and all St John's School Staff for their support prior, their presence during and their efforts post the celebration.

## Socktober – Wednesday 18 October

Socktober invites students to engage with developing world issues through understanding what '*Sock it to Poverty*' means. On **Wednesday 18 October**, students can wear crazy socks to school for a gold coin donation.

**The students are invited to also wear free dress on this day, providing they wear correct, enclosed footwear and clothing which is sun smart.**

## Fruit of the Spirit

The St John's School Community continues to focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness.

*Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"*

(Matthew 8:24-25)

The disciples were very much apparent of Jesus' miraculous ways having spent a lot of time with him and been witness to many of His miracles. Yet, the Bible has countless stories of the disciples' wavering faith, even up to, and after, Jesus' resurrection. As humans, having unwavering faith is difficult as we are flooded with numerous tragedies and challenges daily.

The story of Jesus calming the storm concludes with Jesus, yet again, performing a miracle of settling the storm and reassuring his disciples to have faith that He will not abandon them.

## Happy Holidays

I wish all the St John's School Community a happy and safe holiday.

**Miss Tessa Venturini - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

# Administration News

## Assembly

Congratulations to our Choir students who did a wonderful job of showcasing their singing and performance skills at today's Assembly. Thank you to Miss Lauren Hewitson for the work she has done in preparing these students so well. Our next school assembly is scheduled for **Thursday 26 October** in Term Four, with the Year Three Class presenting their item to the school.

## Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all of our families who have shown support for the school's annual Scholastic Book Fair. Today was the final day for purchases. The school receives credits to purchase books from Scholastic based on our sales and we look forward to adding some new book titles to our collection. Many thanks to our Library Technician, Mrs Megan Clarkson, and the many other staff who have assisted with the running of the Book Fair this year.

## P&F News

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

## Term Four Meeting Dates

Monday 16 October – 6:00pm

Monday 6 November – 6:00pm

All are welcome

# Administration News

## Interschool Athletics Events

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Interschool Cross Country last Friday . They should each be very proud of the way in which they have represented the school and competed in each of their events. Our final event is the Interschool Athletics Carnival tomorrow. We wish all our competing students all the very best and hope they have an enjoyable day.

A reminder that all students attending the Interschool Athletics Carnival tomorrow need to wear full correct St John's Sports 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.

## Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

A big congratulations to our Kindy and Pre Primary students who participated in their Athletics Carnival earlier this week! There was lots of enthusiasm and excitement amongst the students and they all looked like they had so much fun. A big thank you to all the Kindy and Pre Primary Staff for their organisation and to all the other staff and parents who were able to assist with the running of this special event.

## Winter Sports Presentation

On **Monday 18 September** there will be a presentation for the Winter Sports Program. This will be held in the Courtyard 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.

## School Spelling Bee Competition

The School Spelling Bee will be held on **Monday 18 September** for students from Year Three to Six who were successful in making it into the final round. Families are welcome to attend the event which will take place in the Courtyard from 9:15am. Good luck to all of our Spelling Bee competitors and thank you to Mrs Melissa Marquis and Mrs Christine Kerr for organising and facilitating this wonderful opportunity.

## End of Term Three – Thursday 21 September

Term Three concludes on Thursday 21 September with students returning on Tuesday 10 October! Year Six depart for camp on Monday 9 October. I would like to wish all our students, families and staff a restful term break before we come back for the final term of the school year.

**Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Place	School
1	Geraldton Grammar School
2	Mount Tarcoola Primary School
3	St John's School
4	Geraldton Christian College
5	Rangeway Primary School
6	Bluff Point Primary School

Division	Competitors	Results
Intermediate Girls	Heidi G Billie W Hazel G Ariannah L	3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>
Intermediate Boys	Jack R Lachlan W Logan W Tex H	3 <sup>rd</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>
Senior Girls	Indi R Shelby D Elizabeth M Bianca L	4 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup>
Senior Boys	Max T Darcy D Luke H Jacob G	11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>

### Netball Results

St John's Vs Wandinda : St John's won their best game of the season

**Best Players:** All players were amazing

St John's Vs Waggrakine: No results:

**Best Players:**



# Suncity Tennis Academy

## School Holiday Tennis Programs

### Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Week 1 - Monday 25th - Friday 29th September

Week 2 - Monday 2nd - Friday 6th October

#### Tiny Tackers RED Ball 3-5yrs

- 9-9:45am
- \$12.50 per day or \$50 up front

#### Clinic HALF Day 6yrs+

- 9am-12pm or 12-3pm
- \$30 per day or \$120 up front
  - **Special Deal!**
    - Book both weeks for **ONLY \$180!**

#### Clinic FULL Day 6yrs+

- 9am-3pm
- \$50 per day or \$200 up front
  - **Special Deal!**
    - Book both weeks for **ONLY \$300!**

#### To Register please provide:

- Participants Full Name & Age
- Preferred Group & what Day/s
- Guardians Name & Contact number
- Any medical info we may need
- Fun Activities each Day include:
  - Tennis Skills & Technique
  - Ball Machine
  - Indoor Games & other Sports
  - Water Activities
- Pizza Lunch on last day
- Fruit & Snacks provided each day
  - Bring your own Recess, Lunch & Afternoon Tea

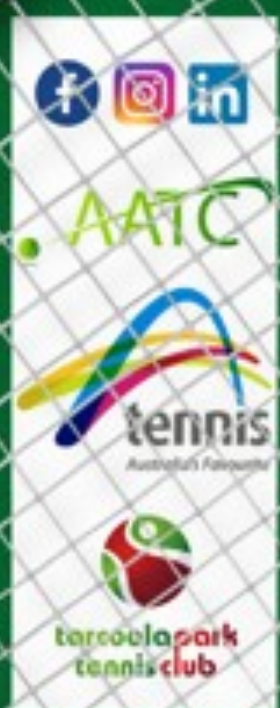
#### To secure your spot please contact us!

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# GERALDTON ATHLETICS CENTRE

*Family Fun & Fitness Encouraging Athletes to BE THEIR BEST!*

# SEASON INTRO SATURDAY ★ 2023 16 SEPT 10AM - 1PM ★

Bring closed in shoes, water bottle, hat, suncream and proof of age (birth cert)  
Members must be between 6 and 16 years old before 31 December 2023

ONLINE REGO'S OPEN 8 SEPTEMBER  
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✉ registrar.glac@gmail.com

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## [Midwest Marlins Teeball & Softball Club](#)

We have recently opened up our registrations have room in the following teams:

### [Teeball](#)

Juniors – Kindy, Pre Primary, Year 1 and Year 2s

Intermediates – Years 3 and 4

Seniors – Years 5, 6 and 7

### [Softball](#)

Juniors – from 10 years old

To register or for more information parents/caregivers can go to our website -  
[www.midwestmarlinssoftballgeraldton.com](http://www.midwestmarlinssoftballgeraldton.com)

### 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 9921 6814**



### Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway

**Address:** Hovea Street, Rangeway, Geraldton WA 6530

**Phone:** 9921 6814

**Mobile:** 0438 860 669

**Email:** [rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:rangeway@ngala.com.au)

**CPC Website:** <https://childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au/rangeway>



### 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**

5 Oct, 16 Nov

#### 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)**

9 Nov, 21 Dec

### Specialised Services

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Child Health Nurse**

Call 9956 1985

#### 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 13 October)**



 **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
11 Oct	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	<b>WACHS A Guide to Toileting 1.5 - 4 years</b> 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. <b>Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available</b>
17 Oct to 5 Dec	Tues	9.00am to 11.00am	<b>Little Learners (8 weeks)</b> 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 and siblings are welcome. <b>Call 9921 6814 for bookings.</b>
25 Oct, 29 Nov	Wed	12.30pm to 2.30pm	<b>Wanslea Grandcarers Support Group</b> 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 at the CPC Rangeway and Wanslea video link into the session. <b>Call 1800 794 909 for bookings.</b>
13 Nov to 11 Dec	Mon	9.30am to 12.00pm	<b>Food Sensations for Children (5 weeks)</b> Are you a parent or carer of a child under 5? Join Foodbank WA's Midwest dietitian for a free, hands-on, and fun healthy eating and cooking program. Enjoy getting to know other parents and take-home free recipe books, Let's Feed the Family book, a reusable shopping bag and kids healthy eating plate. <b>Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available</b>
27 Nov	Mon	12.30pm to 2.30pm	<b>WACHS Sensory Processing Workshop for Parents 0-8yrs</b> 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. <b>Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available</b>
6 Dec	Wed	12.30pm to 2.30pm	<b>PCWA TLC Lactation Education pre-birth - 3 months</b> A free information session presented by Guidance Speech and Feeding's, Lactation Consultant for mums with bubs aged 0-12 weeks to learn about breastfeeding in the period often referred to as the 'fourth trimester'. <b>Call 9921 4477 for bookings.</b>