



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 4 WEEK 1

12 October 2023

Principal's Notes

Welcome to Term Four

Welcome back to all our families for Term Four. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the busyness of Term Four. I look forward to seeing most of you on Monday when I return from the Year Six Camp.

Year Six Camp

We are having a wonderful time! We have enjoyed bowling, touring, expanding our scientific, legal and historical knowledge, taking safe risks via the dive towers, flying fox and pool games, just to outline a snippet of our Year Six Camp adventures. The students have represented St John's School extremely well. I know they are looking forward to getting home tomorrow to share all their camp stories when we return to school.

School Hall Air Conditioning

During the holidays, six air conditioning units were installed in the Hall. Catholic Education Western Australia approved the installation of the units in support of the Hall being utilised as the Administration Block, Staffroom, Reading Recovery Room and Uniform Shop during the course of the build. Once the build is complete, the students, staff and wider school community will benefit from the air conditioning in this space.

Student Attendance

Education is recognised as a fundamental human right and an important building block in the development of children and society (United Nations, 1948). Attendance is not only a fundamental human right; it is also mandated by law. School attendance is strongly related to:

- increased academic development
- opportunities for the development of social competence and relationships
- an occasion to be in a language rich environment
- the provision of time to work with others
- the development of learning new skills such as problem-solving and persistence

Every day does count!

Capital Development Plan – Administration and Security Upgrade

A reminder that all parents and carers are asked to read the note that was sent home via See-saw last term, explaining the school access arrangements whilst the build is in progress. The students were taken on a walk around the school in the last week of Term Three so they are aware of the changes.

I ask all families to be patient whilst the building works are in progress. We have endeavoured to cater for every scenario however, I am aware that there will be surprises that spring up which will call all of us to be flexible. Parents and carers will continue to be notified via See-saw.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 13 October

**Prayer Assembly
Year 4 - 8:45am**

Sunday 15 October

**International Food
Festival**

Monday 16 October

**P&F Meeting - 6:00pm
School Hall**

Tuesday 17 October

**Student Ministry
Meetings**

Wednesday 18 October

**Crazy Sock Day/Free
Dress**

Thursday 19 October

**Student Ministry
Meetings**

Friday 20 October

**Prayer Assembly
Year 2 - 8:45am**

Year 5 - Markets

Thursday 26 October

**Assembly - Year 3
2.20pm
Basketball Court**

Bell Times Trial – Mondays Term Four

A reminder that this term, on Mondays, we are 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.

School Spelling Bee Competition

On Monday 18 September, we hosted the 2023 School Spelling Bee Competition. Congratulations to the following students for being the star speller in each of their respective year levels:

Year Three	Chantelle
Year Four	Heidi
Year Five	Cheyne
Year Six	Jacob

We are all very proud of you and your ability to spell difficult words in competition circumstances. Congratulations to all of the other finalist who participated in the final, achieving to the best of their ability. Thank you, Mrs Christine Kerr for all the assistance you provided to run the competition for another year.

Good News Story

This week, without a doubt, I must recognise the Year Six students who have represented St John's School in the best way possible this week whilst on camp. The behaviour, manners and co-operation from the students have been wonderful and I am very proud. Taking students on camp is a very rewarding but complex task and it has been made so much easier and enjoyable because of how the students have conducted themselves over the course of the week. I know they will hold their memories of camp in their hearts for a very long time to come.

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 Notice

A mobile Library will begin next week with all Library borrowing condensed into one day.

More information will be provided shortly.

Thank You

Religious Education

Socktober – Wednesday 18th October

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

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

Prayer Assembly

Our first Prayer Assembly for Term Four is **Friday 13th October** at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area. The Year Four Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fruit of the Spirit

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

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, the prayer we are all so versed in praying to Mary, our mother. Mary was a gentle woman, though courageous and strong in the face of uncertainty and adversity. Carey Landry sings of Mary's gentleness in a beautiful rendition of the Rosary.

*'Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star
so strong and bright,
gentle mother peaceful dove
teach us wisdom; teach us love'.*

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a wonderful school holiday and have come back feeling rested and recharged for the rest of the 2023 school year.

Assembly - Week 3

Our first Assembly for Term 4 will take place on **Thursday 26 October at 2.20pm**. The Year Three Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. All families and friends are welcome to attend. **Please note that this Assembly will take place on the Basketball Courts.**

Swimming Carnival

The Year Three to Six Swimming Carnival will be held on **Friday 27 October** at Nagle Catholic College. The carnival will commence at 12:30pm, with parents requested to enter from the Cathedral carpark and bring their own chairs. All students have been sent home with a note to nominate for events, please promptly return this note by **Wednesday 18 October** so that events can be finalised.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

Term Four Meeting Dates

Monday 16 October – 6:00pm

Monday 6 November – 6:00pm

All are welcome

Administration News

Allergy Aware School

A reminder that St John's School is an 'allergy aware school'. The foods that are particularly dangerous for some of our students are **nuts and eggs**. We ask that students do not bring these foods to school in their lunch boxes.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child/ren bring a water bottle to school each day. Water bottles can be filled up from the water fountains throughout the day.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Spelling Bee Winners



Chantelle - Year 3



Heidi - Year 4



Cheyne - Year 5



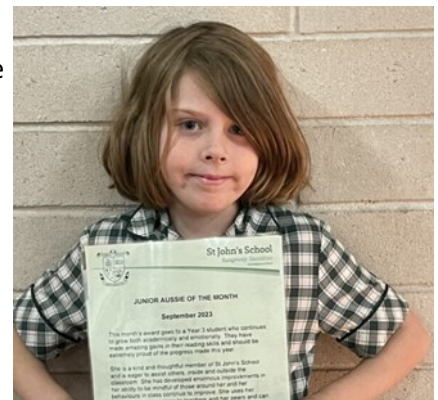
Jacob - Year 6



AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

14th September Assembly

Congratulations to Shelby for receiving the Senior Aussie and to Skyla for the Junior Aussie for the month of September.





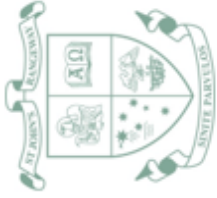
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Term 4 2023 Planner - Parent

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1	9 October STAFF COMMENCE PUPIL FREE DAY Year Six Camp	10 STUDENTS COMMENCE	11	12	13 Prayer Assembly Year 4 - 8:45am	14	15 International Food Festival
WEEK 2	16 P&F Meeting 6:00pm	17 Student Ministry Meetings	18 Socktober Crazy Sock Day/Free Dress Westwood Maths Testing Day	19 Student Council Meetings Westwood Maths Testing Day	20 Prayer Assembly Year 2 - 8:45am Year Five Markets	21	22
WEEK 3	23	24	25	26 Assembly (Year 3) 2:20pm Courtyard	27 Prayer Assembly Year 6 8:45am World Teacher's Day Faction Swimming Carnival (NCC Pool)	28	29
WEEK 4	30	31 SAC Meeting 6:00pm	1 November	2	3 Prayer Assembly Year 5 - 8:45am NCC 2024 Year 7 Orientation Day	4	5
WEEK 5	6 P&F ByLdV Fundraiser Commences P&F Meeting 6:00pm	7	8	9 NCC Year 5 Robotics visit	10 Prayer Assembly Year 3 - 8:45am Remembrance Day Service 11:00am	11	12 P&F ByLdV Fundraiser Concludes

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WEEK 6	13 Kindy 2024 Orientation 9:00am-10:30am	14 Student Ministry Meetings	15 Student Council Meetings	16	17 Prayer Assembly Year PP - 8:45am	18	18
WEEK 7	20 Kindy 2023 Transition Visit 9:15am-10:15am CBSHS Year 7 2024 Transition Days	21 St John's Feast Day St John's Whole School Mass CBSHS Year 7 2024 Transition Days	22 ACM @ 5:00pm CBSHS Year 7 2024 Transition Days	23 Assembly Choir - 2:20pm - Courtyard	24 Prayer Assembly Year 1 - 8:45am	25	26
WEEK 8	27 Kindy 2023 Transition Visit 9:15am-10:15am	28 Transition Morning Kindy-Year 5 IEP Meetings	29 IEP Meetings	30	1 December Prayer Assembly Staff End of Year Concert (Years 1 - 6)	2	3
WEEK 9	4 P&F Canteen Day Kindy 2023 Transition Visit 9:15am-10:15am	5	6 Year 6 Graduation 6:00pm	7 Reports to go home	8 End of Term Mass 9:00am LAST DAY STUDENTS	9	10
WEEK 10	11 Staff Professional Development	12	13	14	15 STAFF FINISH	16	17

15 OCTOBER 2023 - 9AM



INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL



**VENUE: ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL & OVAL
5 MAITLAND STREET GERALDTON**

**MEGA
RAFFLES**

**\$10,000
CASH PRIZE**

**\$3,000
MITCHELL & BROWN
RETRAVISION VOUCHER**

**\$2,000
RIGTERS IGA GROCERY
VOUCHER**

FREE ENTRY

**ANIMAL
ENCOUNTER**



GAMES

FUN & FROLIC

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
BISHOP'S COMMUNIO APPEAL
YOUTHS IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR WYD
PARISHES OF GERALDTON**

FOR MORE DETAILS: 0427005610 OR 0419216621

EVENT SPONSORS:



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Join the challenge
or donate here



<https://bit.ly/45j3dju>

Join our Gero
fitness challenge to
raise much needed funds
for Lifeline Australia!

Come down to celebrate the end of the challenge with
an all of community Colour Run at Stow Gardens on
October 14th.

See more about the Colour Run here:
[GeraldtonMHWColourRun.eventbrite.com.au](https://geraldtonmhwcolourrun.eventbrite.com.au)



Start date: September 14th
(R U OK? Day)

Finish date: October 14th
(Mental Health Week)

Not a cardio fan?
Not a problem!
1 minute of any exercise
can be translated to 100m

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A Blokes Night

Join Tom from "Talk to A Mate" for an evening of tips, stories, and awareness, about maintaining a healthy life balance and looking out for your mates.

The Regional Men's Health Initiative is made up of a team of people who are passionate about raising awareness of men's health and wellbeing in regional, rural and remote Western Australia.

Food will be provided, so please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday, 2nd October.

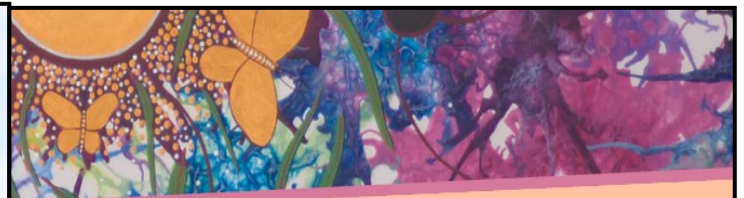
Friday, 13th October 2023
6pm onwards
Morawa Golf & Bowling Club
Free!

Scan QR code to email your registration or call Naomi 0437 768 183

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www.desertblueconnect.org.au



Mum's Group

Have you just had a baby and are looking to connect with other mum's to share your parenting journey'?

Our Mum's Group is free and focuses on supporting mothers health mentally, physically and emotionally after birth

Facilitated by our Women's Health Program Community Initiatives Officer and Women's Health Nurse, this group meets weekly in a relaxed environment with parenting education, activities and morning tea provided. There is no age limit on babies to attend this group.

Term 4 Dates: Wednesday mornings, starting October 18th

Venue: Desert Blue Connect Studio, 28 Durlacher St

Time: 9am -11am

Cost: FREE

To register for the group please scan the QR code or call us on 9964 2742 or email us at ci@desertblueconnect.org.au



THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT

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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2023 COMMUNITY EVENT

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH:

COLOUR RUN

3:30PM - 5PM

SIGN IN FROM 3PM

COMMUNITY EVENT

5PM - 7:30PM

At Stow Gardens, Geraldton Foreshore

Come down to celebrate Mental Health Week 2023 with a colour run, followed by live music, food trucks, games, a silent auction, and lots of fun!

RUNNERS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!

1km, 3km and 6km distance options available

FREE EVENT

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PRE-REGISTER HERE:



GeraldtonMHWColourRun.eventbrite.com.au

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CHILDREN'S WEEK EVENT

24 OCTOBER TUESDAY

9:30AM-11:30AM

Come down to the Museum of Geraldton and join the Midwest Early Years Network services and programs for a morning of free family fun. We will celebrate this year's theme of 'Children have the right to relax, play and take part in activities they enjoy'.

- free activities
- play & learn
- children 0-5years

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