



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 4 WEEK 3
26 October 2023

Principal's Notes

World Teachers' Day

Tomorrow, Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day. Our staff show great dedication on a daily basis, all so they can give the students of St John's School every opportunity. Hats off to the staff this World Teachers' Day!

We are encouraging students, their families and the community to celebrate teachers. What does the staff mean to you?

Tomorrow, we will have a coffee van at school from 7:30am, on the oval next to the Hall. The St John's School P&F are shouting all staff to a coffee to say thank you for everything they do. Parents/carers are welcome to purchase a coffee upon their arrival. The staff will also be treated with a delicious morning tea, lovingly prepared by the ladies of the P&F. This is a small token of appreciation for the staff who go above and beyond.

Road Safety – School Zone

A reminder to all parents/carers of the 40 km/hour zone around schools in the mornings and afternoons. Your co-operation to ensure that all students are kept safe is appreciated.

Year Six Camp – Thank You

The Year Six Class had the best time on Camp last week. The success of the week is attributed to the high level of organisation undertaken by Miss Erica Lee. We are extremely appreciative of everything that Miss Lee planned to ensure the students had the most magnificent time. A special thanks must also be given to Miss Tessa Venturini and Mr Michael Wright for assisting on the camp over the course of the five days.

It is a massive undertaking for staff to attend and supervise a camp, being on duty twenty-four hours a day. I sincerely thank all attending staff members for giving up time from their loved ones in the best interests of the students. Their willingness to go above and beyond in truly appreciated.

Staffing News

It is with sadness that I advise the St John's School Community that Miss Erica Lee has resigned from her position at the school, effective 31 December 2023. Erica has made the decision to take a different pathway in her career and has accepted a position at TAFE for 2024. Erica has given ten years of service to St John's School and we are very grateful for her work as the Year Three Teacher, at the beginning of her career, and more recently as the Year Six Teacher. We will formally say goodbye to Erica at the ACM.

Parent/Carer Parking

With the current upgrade to the Administration Building and security, one option for school access, including drop off and pick up, is via Cypress Street. Parents/carers are asked to park on the school verge and not on the verges of our neighbours who live on Cypress Street. Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this request.

Annual Community Meeting (ACM) – Save the Date

Please pencil Wednesday 22 November into your diary as the date for the St John's School Annual Community Meeting. At this meeting, the School Advisory Council and P&F will conduct their respecting ACMs, including elections to both bodies and the presentation of the 2024 School Budget. I will also present my Principal's Report. A light supper and drinks will be provided. We hope to have your support.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 27 October
Prayer Assembly
Year 6 - 8:45am

Swimming Carnival
Years 3 - 6
Nagle Pool
12:00 - 2:45pm

Tuesday 31 October
SAC Meeting 6:00pm
Hall

Friday 3 November
Prayer Assembly
Year 5 - 8:45am

NCC Year 7 - 2024
Orientation Day

Monday 6 November
P&F Meeting
6:00pm

Thursday 9 November
NCC - Year 5
Robotics visit

School Advisory Council and P&F

The St John's School Advisory Council and P&F both have positions vacant for the 2024 school year. These two parent bodies work with various stakeholders in the school community, in the best interests of the students. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions, please see pages five and six in the newsletter. Any queries can be discussed with me or an existing member of the School Advisory Council or P&F.

Good News Story

The students from the Year Five Class are the stars of this week for stepping up as leaders whilst the Year Sixes were away on camp. This was a good trial run for next year. Well done, Year Fives, suitably supported by the Year Five Staff.

I would also like to recognise the Year Five Class for their very successful Market Day held last Friday. The markets were a massive success and indicative of all the work the Year Fives put in over the course of Term Three and Four. Entrepreneurs in the making!

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.

Socktober

Thank you to all the students who came along to school showing off their most crazy sock styles! The money raised will be gratefully received by Catholic Mission Australia to assist with their many projects tackling poverty across the globe.

All Saints' Day - Tuesday 1 November

Next Tuesday, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' Day.

Did you know that there is a link between the Pagan celebration of Halloween and the Catholic celebration of All Saints' Day?

'Hallow' is a word that means 'Holy'. We even say it in the Our Father, 'hallowed be thy name'. We celebrate All Saints' Day on 1 November. This day can also be called 'All Hallows Day' because it's the day about all the Holy people, the Saints. The day before All Saints' Day is called 'All Hallows Eve', just like the day before Christmas is called 'Christmas Eve'. Over time, people just started saying 'Halloween' instead of 'All Hallows Eve'. Unfortunately, people started dressing as ghosts and scary things on All Hallows Eve when they should have really been dressing as saints. I encourage all families to remind the children of the importance of All Saints' Day should you be celebrating Halloween this year.

The Year Five class will be leading an 8.45am morning Prayer Assembly on Friday 2 November, in celebration of All Saint's Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Library News

Library books are kept for one week and then returned to school. A library bag is required to borrow books.

Library Notice

Our mobile Library has begun! Thanks to Mrs Megan Clarkson for facilitating an opportunity for our students to have access to books whilst the upgrade is in progress.

Wednesday Library is for PP, Yr4 & Yr5, as previous terms

Thursday Library is for Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 & Yr6, as previous terms

Religious Education

Fruit of the Spirit

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

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

(Colossians 3: 1-2)

In this letter to the Colossians, St Paul reminds us of the beautiful truth about our new life in Christ, where we discover that we are all members of His holy Church. We often explain this theology to the children by quoting, 'The Church is not just a building, we, the faithful, are the Church'.

St John's School Feast Day Mass

On **Tuesday 21 November at 9.00am**, in the St John's Church, the school community will gather to celebrate St John's School Feast Day. Although St John the Evangelist's feast day falls on 27 December, this day has been chosen to coincide with the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom the Presentation Sisters Order is based upon. The Presentation Sisters were the founding sisters of St John's School.

Two students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be presented with a Nano Nagle Award at this celebration. The recipients, chosen by their classroom teacher, have adhered to the three pillars of Nano Nagle during the 2023 year: **Sharing, Caring and a Sense of Justice.**

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival

Students from Years Three to Six are greatly looking forward to tomorrow's Faction Swimming Carnival. The carnival will begin at 12:30pm at Nagle Catholic College. A reminder that students are required to be wearing their bathers, Faction Sport shirt, and Sport shorts. Students must be wearing a hat and sunscreen and are permitted to wear thongs to and from the pool.

Assembly Week 7

Our final School Assembly for 2023 is scheduled for Week 7 on Thursday 23 August. The School Choir will be presenting an item for us to enjoy. This Assembly will take place in the St John's Church, with all families and friends welcome to attend.

2024 Kindy Orientation Day and Transition Visits

We are greatly looking forward to meeting our newest students for 2024 as they attend the Kindy Orientation Day and follow-up Transition Visits. Please note the following dates that have been scheduled to support the transition of children who will commence Kindy next year:

Monday 13 November 9:00am-10:30am: Kindy 2023 Orientation Day
Monday 20 November 9:15am-10:15am: Kindy 2023 Transition Visit
Monday 27 November 9:15am-10:15am: Kindy 2023 Transition Visit
Monday 4 December 9:15am-10:15am: Kindy 2023 Transition Visit

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

Term Four Meeting Dates

Monday 6 November – 6:00pm

Annual Community Meeting Date

Wednesday 22 November -
5:00pm

All are welcome

End of Year Raffle

Last week, all families received two books of raffle tickets from the P&F for our annual End of Year Raffle. Thank you to those families who have sold the tickets, and returned the ticket stubs and money.

The return date is Thursday 23 November. If you are unable to sell any or all of your tickets, you are kindly asked to return them as soon as possible as we can pass them on to other families to sell as requested.

Administration News

End of Year Concerts

The following dates and times have been set for our End of Year Concerts:

Thursday 23 November 9:15am-9:45am	Pre Primary
Wednesday 28 November 2:30pm-3:00pm	Kindy
Friday 1 December 5:30pm-7:30pm	Years One to Six

More information regarding this year's End of Year Concerts will be sent home shortly.

Year 7 High School Orientation Days

Students who will be attending Nagle Catholic College or Champion Bay Senior High School will be attending their Orientation Days this term. Students attending Nagle Catholic College will attend their Orientation Day on Friday 3 November and those attending Champion Bay Senior High School will engage in their Orientation Days from Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 November. We hope our Year Six students enjoy the experiences offered to them and that the Orientation Days assist our students in transitioning to high school with greater confidence.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



hotshots tennis

Match Play

**Be a good sport.
Learn a great one.**

26 October - 30 November
Geraldton Tennis Club
Thursdays 5-6pm

hotshots.tennis.com.au

Bookings & Enquiries
Coach Natalie: 0413 34 56 57
dynamictenniscoachingwa@gmail.com
dynamictenniscoaching.com.au
Geraldton Tennis Club
250 Eighth St, Geraldton



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Attention, Regulation and Concentration Workshop

This workshop is for parents / caregivers of children age 5 and up.

Does your child have difficulty with:

- Focusing and completing school work
- Following everyday home routines
- Hyperactivity - frequently on the go / going from one activity to another
- Easily overwhelmed / frequent meltdowns

At this workshop, we will aim to:

- ✓ Explore what factors impact on attention, regulation and concentration
- ✓ Provide you with strategies to support your child's attention and regulation
- ✓ Help you determine where to go next if concerns persist

Date: 1 November 12:30 – 2:30pm

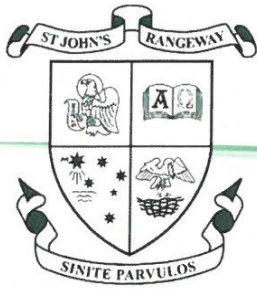
Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway. Entrance off Hovea Street.

RSVP: Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway 9921 6814, Rangeway@health.wa.gov.au
Creche services are available. Bookings essential.

Get in touch

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Geraldton, Western Australia 6530
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Rangeway, Geraldton

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATION

There will be an opportunity for a member of the school community to serve on the School Advisory Council next year. Interested persons are requested to nominate themselves, seek nomination or nominate others to this important position in our school community.

FUNCTIONS OF THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The functions of the Advisory Council include working with the Principal on:

- support planning for the present and future operation of the Catholic school;
- provide membership, at the principal's request, on selection panels for the employment of staff to the Catholic school in accordance with the relevant CECWA Policies and Executive Directives;
- provide membership on the panel that recommends the appointment of a Principal in accordance with the relevant CECWA Policy and Executive Directives;
- in consultation with the Principal, communicate about the Catholic school and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the School Community;
- endorse the Catholic school's annual budget before submission to CECWA for approval; and
- advise the Principal on school financial matters such as performance against budget, sustainability, and capital and recurrent planning.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Membership of the School Advisory Council is based on:

- a commitment and desire to promote Catholic education and give service to the Catholic School Community;
- a commitment to the safety, wellbeing and pastoral care of all students and staff;
- an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with the Principal, school leadership team and all other members of the Advisory Council;
- the possession of skills, competencies and experience that are reflective of, relevant and beneficial to the Catholic School Community; and
- a sufficiency of time to devote to Advisory Council duties.

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL 2022 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATION

I,, nominate for a position on the School Advisory Council.

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Signature

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Date

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL P&F NOMINATION

There will be opportunities for members of the school community to serve on the P&F next year. Interested persons are requested to nominate themselves, seek nomination or nominate others to these important positions in our school community.

The St John's School P&F endeavours to foster community and positive relationships by organising activities for the students and families. Secondly, the St John's School P&F enables families to support the students and school through fundraising initiatives so that resources and equipment, which may otherwise be unavailable, can be purchased.

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR THE P&F

So why volunteer?

. **It is for the children.** Once we have children our lives (and time!) are never the same again. We are changed for the better and they are a driving force behind a lot of things we do. We might only get paid in hugs, kisses, and fridge artwork (less if you have a teen!) but it is worth it in the end.

. **Fosters a sense of community.** It takes a village to raise a child and, in a world where we don't always live with our family close by, our village becomes more diverse and often school centred.

. **It is a great way to learn skills.** Getting involved with the P&F is a great way to start building skills if you have been out of the workforce for a while.

. **Friendraising, friendraising, friendraising.** It is a great way to get to know people outside of your child's classroom group and helps to build a school with a strong sense of community. A school with a strong sense of community is one that is caring and supportive and great to be a part of, a win-win!

. **Sharing the load.** If doesn't matter what time you can give to the P&F, it is still valuable and helps to share the load amongst the community – many hands make light work.

. **Give something back.** We never know what is around the corner and helping out when you can, contributes to the pool of helpers. This way, when someone needs help, there is plenty on offer, and you don't have to rely on the same people all the time.

. **Learn new skills and confidence.** There is usually help available if you are undertaking a position that is new to you. CSPWA can provide lots of help including online resources, access to the online induction or by organising a school visit from our very friendly Liaison Officer. Past members of the executive can also be a great source of information.

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Blessing of the Fleet



29 October 2023 10am-4pm
Fisherman's Wharf

- Boat Parade • Dunking Machine
- Food & Market Stalls
- Fun filled family and kids entertainment including competitions throughout the day

Major Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors





Teddy Bear & Doll Clinic

At Festival of Lights
Saturday 4th Nov
Stow Gardens
4-7pm

Find us at
WATOTO
(Kids World)

Bring your toys along to make sure they are healthy!

Hey Kids,

All teddies, dolls and soft toys are invited to come to the Festival of Lights for a health checkup by WACRH allied health and RSCWA medical students.

Parents and Carers

The teddy bear and dolly clinic is a great opportunity to teach young children about health checks while having fun!

Who Are We?

The WA Centre for Rural Health (WACRH) and the Rural Clinical School (RCSWA) provide rural clinical placements for university students studying in allied health and medical programs.

For further information, contact WACRH on 9956 0200.



Western Australian Centre for Rural Health



The Rural Clinical School
of Western Australia

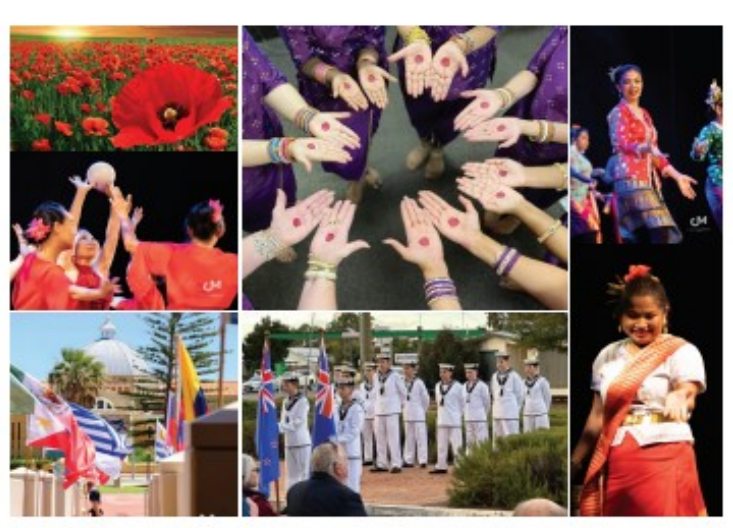
MIDWEST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
PRESENT
festival of lights
 YOU - ME - US
4TH OF NOV
STOW GARDENS | 4PM TO 8.30PM | SATURDAY

CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT
 FOOD & GIFT STALLS
 REMAJA (TEENS) WORLD
 WATOTO (KIDS) WORLD

ZAP CIRCUS

ALCOHOL AND SMOKE FREE EVENT

lotterywest
 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
 Mid West Ports
 Geraldton Chamber of Commerce
 Bendigo Bank
 SOUTHERN CROSS
 Rotary



MIDWEST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION PROUDLY PRESENTS

MULTICULTURAL CONCERT

DRESS IN BRIGHT COLOURS OR CULTURAL DRESS

BRING FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS!

OPENING SENIORS WEEK 2023

Saturday 11 November, 2023
 2pm - Concert & Cultural Afternoon Tea
 Queens Park Theatre, Geraldton

Remembrance Day Service, music, songs and dances from at least 10 different countries

Tickets: MWMA members & Performers \$15 Non-members \$20
 Tickets available from Civic Centre, Library or online at www.queensparktheatre.com.au

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FREE EVENT

Mum's Wellbeing EXPO 2023

Desert Blue Connect

7 NOVEMBER | 9AM-12.30 PM | QE11 CENTRE, GERALDTON

A special day dedicated to increasing awareness of perinatal anxiety and depression, connecting mothers and expectant mothers with essential community services, and providing valuable information to enhance overall wellbeing.

- Wellbeing Activities for Mums
- Children's Activities
- Community Organisations and Local Business Stalls
- Health Representatives
- Playgroup and Childcare Representatives
- Free Morning Tea

LAMP
 Looking After Mum's Program

WELCOME
 2023

WAVE

WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE event

STOW GARDENS
 Multipurpose Centre Geraldton Foreshore

November 24th 2023
 9.00am - 11.00am

"Empowering together"
 Uniting to create a safer Community.

Please join us for
 the annual
 Walk Against Violence event
 WAVE

Immediately following the Desert Blue Connect WAVE you are invited to join Shaun from A Glassy Day Surf Coaching* for a reflection paddle out. Boards and wet suits are provided
 TBC

*The reflection paddle out is not hosted by Desert Blue Connect and as such DBC does not hold any liability for this event

For more information contact:
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COMMUNITY RESPECT EQUALITY
 #RespectRules & #ViolenceisNEVEROK

Desert Blue Connect