



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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## Principal's Notes

### Faction Swimming Carnival

On Friday 27 October, we held our Faction Swimming Carnival at the Nagle Catholic College pool. Despite it being a windy day and cold in the water, the students all had a wonderful time. Congratulations to Batavia Faction for winning the event by a comfortable margin. Well done to the individual students who demonstrated their strong swimming skills in the water, taking home the medals for Runner Up Champion or Champion.

#### *Champion Faction*

First	<b>Batavia</b>	263 points
Second	<b>Abrolhos</b>	151 points
Third	<b>Hayes</b>	144 points
Fourth	<b>Pelsaert</b>	140 points

#### *Individual Champions*

Junior Girls Runner Up Champions	Heidi & Lila B	10 points
Junior Girls Champion	Loata	16 points
Junior Boys Runner Up Champion	Logan	13 points
Junior Boys Champion	Jake	18 points
Intermediate Girls Runner Up Champions	Bianca & Chloe	10 points
Intermediate Girls Champion	Darci	24 points
Intermediate Boys Runner Up Champion L	ucas	11 points
Intermediate Boys Champion	Reece	21 points
Senior Girls Runner Up Champion	Shelby	18 points
Senior Girls Champion	Indi	21 points
Senior Boys Runner Up Champion	Jacob	18 points
Senior Boys Champion	Darcy	21 points

I would like to thank Nagle Catholic College for allowing us to use their pool. It was wonderful to have the pool all to ourselves. A very special thank you is extended to Mr Patrick Matthews for co-ordinating all aspects of the Carnival, ensuring the event was a great success. Mr Matthews was suitably supported by the attending Staff of St John's School, collaborating to facilitate a smooth afternoon.

The St John's School P&F collated and sold two \$100 boards at the Carnival. Thank you to the P&F for organising this fundraiser to help fund future P&F projects. To all of the parents and family members that attended as a helper or a spectator, thank you for your support and assistance. You helped to add atmosphere to the Carnival and lightened the load.

### Staffing 2024

The Leadership Team has spent considerable time working on the staffing allocation for 2024. There are a few more pieces of the puzzle that need to be finalised before the full staff list can be made public to the School Community.

With the impending 2024 Kindy Orientation and Transition Mornings, I would like to share that Mrs Bethany Van Eck has been appointed as the Kindy Teacher in 2024. Mrs Van Eck will be facilitating the Kindy Orientation on Monday 13 November.

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

#### Friday 10 November

Prayer Assembly

Year 3 - 11:00am

Remembrance Day Service

#### Monday 13 November

Kindy Orientation

9:00-10:30am

#### Friday 17 November

Prayer Assembly

Pre-Primary - 8:45am

#### Monday 20 November

Kindy Transition Visit

9:15am-10:15am

CBSHS - Year 7 2024

Transition Day

#### Tuesday 21 November

St John's School Feast

Day - Whole School

Mass 9:00am

CBSHS - Year 7 2024

Transition Day

#### Wednesday 22 November

CBSHS - Year 7 2024

Transition Day

#### Thursday 23 November

Assembly - Choir

2.20pm - St John's

Church

### 2024 Kindy Orientation

We look forward to welcoming all the 2024 Kindy students and their parents/carers on Monday 13 November for their Orientation. It is a time of mixed emotions for the children – excitement, uncertainty, anticipation, joy and nervousness.

### 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.

### 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 four and five 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 Year Three to Six who participated in the recent Faction Swimming Carnival are the stars of this week's Good News Story. It was especially wonderful to see all students having fun, having a go and cheering on one another. The joy that radiated from students, staff and parents alike was heart-warming to see.

**Mrs Melissa Marquis**  
PRINCIPAL

## Religious Education

### Prayer Assembly at 11:00am - Remembrance Day Service

Tomorrow, there will not be a scheduled Prayer Assembly at 8.45 am. The school community will gather in prayer to commemorate Remembrance Day at 11.00am. The Year Three Class will lead this service and we thank them for taking on this responsibility. Lest we forget.

### Fruit of the Spirit

This week, St John's School will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Self-Control:

*'No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.'*  
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

Temptation is a routine part of life. Our desire to sin can sometimes feel so much more powerful than our desire to do what is right before God. In response to that kind of desire, this scripture offers reassurance: overcoming any given temptation is entirely possible if we trust in Christ our king.

### 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 on Sunday 21 November, whom the Presentation Sisters' Order is based upon. The Presentation Sisters were the founding sisters of St John's School.

## 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 continues! 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 & Yr 5, as previous terms

Thursday Library is for Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3 & Yr 6, as previous terms



# Religious Education

Two students from Pre-Primary to Year Six 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

## Assembly Week 7

Our final School Assembly for 2023 is scheduled for Week 7 on Thursday 23 November. 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

## Nagle Catholic College Music Department Tour

Students from Pre Primary to Year Six are greatly looking forward to the Nagle Catholic College Music Department performing at the school next **Friday 17 November**. We thank Nagle Catholic College and their students for allowing St John's School the opportunity to enjoy their musical talents.

## End of Year Concerts

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

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



More information regarding this year's End of Year Concert for Years One to Six was sent home with the eldest child in each family last Friday. It has also been sent home via the See-saw app.

## Year 7 High School Orientation Days

Students who will be attending Champion Bay Senior High School will commence 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

## P&F News

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

## Term Four Meeting Dates

### Annual Community Meeting Date

Wednesday 22 November -  
5:00pm

All are welcome

### End of Year Raffle

Recently, 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.

### ByLiv Fundraiser

- This fundraiser closes on Sunday 12 November
- [www.bylivonline.com](http://www.bylivonline.com)
- Checkout Code – STJOHNSPS
- 20% of all purchases will be donated to the St John's School P&F







# St John's School

Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

## 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.

.....  
Signature

.....  
Date

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Let the Little Children

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# SWIMMING CARNIVAL



*Well done!*

## UNIFORM ORDERING - 2024

*Uniform Shop Open Day 2024 will be held on Wednesday 24 January 2024.*

*Due to the Administration Upgrade, our Uniform Shop has been relocated to the Hall. Space is limited, so we are requesting families to place their orders online via QuickCliq instead of visiting the school. Orders placed by midnight Tuesday 23 January will be packed on Wednesday and available for pickup on Thursday onwards. If sizes need to be changed, this can be facilitated upon pickup.*

*Any other arrangements or uniform orders that are to be paid by an external organisation can be emailed through to [admin@sjr.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@sjr.wa.edu.au).*

*We thank our families for their understanding during this period.*

## CONGRATULATIONS



To both St John's Aussie of the Month winners:

Aiden A - Senior Aussie

and

Josh R - Junior Aussie

**Congratulations!**





# Junior Tournament

**Geraldton Tennis Club**

Suitable for 5-16 years

18 November 2023

Saturday 2-5pm

Entries close Friday 17 November at 3pm

## Bookings & Enquiries

Coach Natalie: 0413 345 657  
dynamictenniscoachingwa@gmail.com  
dynamictenniscoaching.com.au

**Geraldton Tennis Club**

256 Eighth St, Geraldton





# **FREE YOUTH BOYS NETBALL**

## **COME AND TRY SESSION**

*Boys born up to 2011*



**4.30pm -5.30pm**

**MONDAY**

**20 NOV 2023**

**NETBALL STADIUM**

In a lead up to our 2024 Season GNA will be running a free game knowledge and skills clinic at the Netball Stadium

If your son has expressed interest in playing, but is uncertain or nervous, he is welcome to join as at the clinic.

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/2623d3>





# PLAY CRICKET



Make unforgettable memories – Join Geraldton's Girls ONLY Cricket Blast Today!!!!

Registrations are now open for the Girls only Cricket Blast Program!

Calling all females (5-12 years old) to sign up and learn ball skills in a fun, non-contact format!. Register today via

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/c5752c>

DATES: 17<sup>th</sup> NOV-8<sup>th</sup> DEC, 4-5@ WONTHELLA OVAL

Queries: Tia Hatch (Mid-West Cricket Manager – 0429 107 963



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

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# Centacare Christmas Appeal

## Supporting:

- Community Christmas Lunch
- Food Hampers (Emergency Relief)
- Back to School Project 2024

If you would like to help those in need this Christmas, we are still seeking support through:

- Volunteering opportunities
- Donations of:
  - Non-perishable food items
  - Toys & Gifts for Children/Teenagers (new/unopened)
  - Gifts for Adults – Toiletry packs etc.
  - Financial contributions towards Christmas and Back to School Projects.

To find out more, call 9921 1433

Or Email: [ProjectsUser@centacaregeraldton.org.au](mailto:ProjectsUser@centacaregeraldton.org.au)

