



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 4 WEEK 7**  
23 November 2023

## Principal's Notes

### 2024 Students

If your child/ren is/are not returning to St John's School for the 2024 school year, I ask that you notify the School Office as soon as possible. This notification assists us to finalise numbers for next year and process the students we have on our waiting lists.

Thank you to those families who have already notified us of the change in their circumstances for 2024.

### Staffing 2024

Please find on page five of the Newsletter staffing arrangements for 2024. With any changes in staffing, it inevitably brings moments of celebration as we welcome new members to the school community and moments of sadness as we bid farewell to the staff who are leaving.

Please be aware that there could be further changes to staffing between now and the start of the 2024 school year.

### 2024 Kindy Transition

Over the last two Mondays, we have welcomed the 2024 Kindy students for Orientation and one Transition Visit. It was delightful to witness the joy on the faces of the students as they begin their educational journey. The tears have been minimal and some of those have been because the students did not want to leave!

### Departing Members of the School Advisory Council and P&F

Last night, we held the 2023 Annual Community Meeting (ACM). At this meeting, we took some time to acknowledge and thank the departing members of the School Advisory Council and P&F.

Thank you to Mrs Sharnna Weston and Mr Tristan Reed who are both stepping down from the School Advisory Council. Sharnna has served the maximum term on the Council, six years. During this time, Sharnna has held the position of Council Chair and has generously given her time to fulfill the requirements of the role. As Tristan's youngest child graduates from St John's School at the end of this year, we acknowledge his position on the Council, serving as Vice Chair, and his ability to share his viewpoints and assist on a practical level. Thank you, Sharnna and Tristan.

Mrs Jodi Reed, Mrs Leah Hirst and Mrs Jo Blayney are all stepping down from the P&F for a number of different reasons. I would like to sincerely thank Leah and Jo for their tireless commitment to serving on the P&F, taking on different positions during their service including Treasurer and Secretary. Leah and Jo used their many skills and talents to fundraise and friendraise in the interests of the students. Last, but definitely not least, I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Jodi Reed who has served on the P&F for the last eight years and for a large proportion of this time has led the P&F in the role of President. Jodi's commitment to working in the best interests of all the St John's School stakeholders, especially the students, is truly inspiring. Thank you, Jodi, Leah and Jo.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 24 November**  
Prayer Assembly  
Year 1 - 8:45am

**Monday 27 November**  
Kindy Transition Visit  
9:15-10:15am

**Tuesday 28 November**  
Transition Morning  
Kindy to Year 5  
9:15am

IEP Meetings

**Wednesday 29 November**  
IEP Meeting

Kindy Concert - 2:30pm

**Friday 1 December**  
Prayer Assembly - Staff  
8:45am

School Concert  
Years 1 - 6  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
School Top Oval

### 2024 School Advisory Council

I would like to welcome the members of the 2024 School Advisory Council as elected at last night's Annual Community Meeting:

Jo Blayney  
Megan Clarkson  
Leah Hirst  
Nicole Jupp  
Melissa Pitman  
Ebony Wheatland

Roles will be decided upon and shared with the school community in 2024.

### 2024 P&F

I would like to welcome the members of the 2024 P&F as elected at last night's Annual Community Meeting:

Censina Barndon  
Kellie Burg  
Amy Chopping  
Megan Clarkson  
Lisa Husking  
Kelly Mattsson  
Amy Weatherby

Roles will be decided upon and shared with the school community in 2024.

### School Feast Day

On Tuesday, we celebrated the St John's School Feast Day. At our Feast Day Mass, we presented the Nano Nagle Awards to students who exhibit 'Sharing, Caring and a Sense of Justice'. Congratulations to all our recipients as noted on page three of the Newsletter. Our annual P&F Feast Day activity will be celebrated on Monday 4 December. The details have been shared via Seesaw, Facebook and this newsletter.

### 2023 NAPLAN

Please see page six for an overview of the 2023 NAPLAN results for Years Three and Five. NAPLAN provides the Staff of St John's School with a snapshot of a student's achievement at a point in time, and I am very proud of the students in Years Three and Five for their achievements. The data also allows us to track student progress, over time, at a school level.

NAPLAN, however, does not measure creativity, critical thinking, resilience, motivation, persistence, curiosity, humour, endurance, reliability, enthusiasm, self-awareness, self-discipline, discipline, leadership, compassion, courage, sense of beauty, sense of wonder, resourcefulness, spontaneity, humility and civic mindedness.

### Good News Story

This week, I would like to celebrate our 2024 Kindy students who attended the recent Kindy Orientation and Transition Visit on Monday. Their first taste of life at school went very well, with lots of smiles and only a few nervous tears. We look forward to welcoming our 2024 Kindy students at the remaining Transition Visits for the term.

**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

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, Yr 4 & Yr 5, as previous terms

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

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

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

## Fruit of the Spirit

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything, is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*Philippians 4: 8-9*

In this letter to the Philippians, St Paul reminds us to focus on things in our lives that are true and good. Through doing so, we open ourselves wholly up to the peace of God, rather than the temptation of sin.

## Whole School Feast Day Mass - Thank You

On Tuesday, we celebrated the St John's School Feast Day. A huge thank you to all the families who attended the Mass.

At the conclusion of the Mass, two students from each class were awarded our Nano Nagle Awards for 2023. The recipients of these awards have adhered to the three pillars of Nano Nagle during the 2023 school year: Sharing, Caring and a Sense of Justice.

**Please see below the names of the children who received the Nano Nagle Award for 2023:**

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Pre-Primary</b> | Frankie and Hayzel   |
| <b>Year 1</b>      | Hemi and Olivia      |
| <b>Year 2</b>      | Breanna and Jerome B |
| <b>Year 3</b>      | Jack and Charlotte   |
| <b>Year 4</b>      | Ayden and Billie     |
| <b>Year 5</b>      | Chloe and Max        |
| <b>Year 6</b>      | Amelia and Darcy     |

## Graduation Mass 2023

On **Wednesday 6 December at 5:30pm**, St John's School will celebrate a Graduation Mass to officially farewell the Graduating Class of 2023.

## Advent

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. We are reminded by the Church that the season of Advent is a time of expectancy. We are to prepare with joy in our hearts for the coming of Christ. Over the coming four weeks, a candle will be lit at the beginning of each Eucharistic celebration. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. At Mass next Sunday, the first purple candle will be lit as we wait for the coming of Christ. This candle represents hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promise he made to us.

**Miss Tessa Venturini**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## P&F News

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

### Term Four Meeting Dates

#### End of Year Raffle

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 today, Thursday 23 November. If you have not returned the tickets, sold or unsold, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you.

# Administration News

## 2024 Class Booklists

St John's School 2024 Class Booklists have been sent home with each child from Kindy to Year Five. If your child did not receive a list, please request a list from the School Office. Our school supplier is Campion Education. **This year all orders must be completed online.** Please note the following for ordering:

- For home delivery or pre-paid school collection services: Order online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using 'X9RF' as your code by **Friday 1 December 2023.**

**School collection details are as follows:**

Date: Friday 12 January 4:00pm -6:00pm OR Saturday 13 January 9:30am-2:30pm

Place: Allendale Primary School Hall

**Please note that any uncollected orders will be returned to Campion Education.**

## Nagle Catholic College Music Department Tour

Students from Pre Primary to Year Six were highly entertained by the Nagle Catholic College Music Department performance last Friday. It was fantastic to see a wide range of musical talents on show and I am sure many of our own students will now have dreams of returning to perform to their school in the future. We thank Nagle Catholic College and their talented students for putting on such a spectacular performance for us!

## Transition Morning Kindy to Year Five

Students in Kindy to Year Five will participate in a Transition Morning on **Tuesday 28 November**. Each class will be given the opportunity to participate in activities within their 2024 classroom and, where possible, with next year's classroom teacher.

## 2024 Kindy Orientation Day and Transition Visits

It was wonderful to see some new faces over the last two Monday as we welcomed next year's Kindy students for their Orientation Day and first transition visit. We look forward to seeing them again on the following Monday mornings to further support their transition into Kindy next year:

Monday 27 November 9:15am-10:15am: Kindy 2023 Transition Visit

Monday 4 December 9:15am-10:15am: Kindy 2023 Transition Visit

## 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 29 November 2:30pm-3:00pm** Kindy

**Friday 1 December 5:30pm-7:30pm** Years One to Six

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Semester Two Reports

Students in Pre-Primary to Year Six will receive an End of Year Report on **Thursday 7 December**. The Year One to Six reports will use an A to E grading scale to evaluate and report on academic achievement across all learning areas, including the social, organisational, and emotional growth of your child/ren. Teachers exercise their professional judgement when monitoring students' progress and determining grades/levels for reporting, consistent with the school's assessment policies and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority reporting policy.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the upcoming report or wish to discuss the current progress and development of your child, please see your child's classroom teacher to arrange a pre-arranged suitable meeting time.

**Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## 2024 Staffing

| Year Level   | Staff Member   |
|--|--|
| Kindy Teacher  | Mrs Bethany Van Eck  |
| Kindy Education Assistants   | Mrs Mellissa Davey<br>Miss Jennifer Betham<br>Mrs Julie Strawbridge        |
| Pre Primary  | Mrs Makeeli Allison  |
| Pre Primary Education Assistant  | Mrs Linda Osborn   |
| Year One Teacher   | To be confirmed  |
| Year One Education Assistant   | Mrs Julie Strawbridge (Mondays)<br>Miss Leigh Golosky (Tuesday – Thursday) |
| Year Two Teacher   | To be confirmed  |
| Year Two Education Assistant   | Mrs Katherine Qumivutia  |
| Year Three Teacher   | Miss Hayley Gronow   |
| Year Four Teacher  | Mr Patrick Matthews (Monday – Thursday)<br>To be confirmed (Fridays)       |
| Year Four Education Assistant  | Miss Amy Causer  |
| Year Five Teacher  | Mrs Raechel Crocetta   |
| Year Five Education Assistant  | Miss Abbey Wilson  |
| Year Six Teacher   | Mrs Carolyn Jaeger   |
| Year Six Education Assistant   | Miss Abbey Wilson  |
| Music & Languages  | Miss Lauren Hewitson   |
| Visual Arts  | Miss Kristen Hogue (Term One)<br>Mrs Lee'ann Innes (Commencing Term Two)   |
| Health & Physical Education  | Miss Tessa Venturini   |
| Reading Recovery   | Mrs Chris Kerr   |
| Assistant Principal Religious Education  | Miss Tessa Venturini   |
| Assistant Principal Administration<br>Learning Support Co-ordinator<br>Students with Disabilities Co-ordinator | Mrs Emma Pollard   |
| Principal  | Mrs Melissa Marquis  |
| Aboriginal Teacher Assistants  | Miss Lesley Jones<br>Miss Ashleigh Jones<br>Mr Michael Wright              |
| Library  | To be confirmed  |
| Administration Officer   | Mrs Tracey Doglione  |
| Finance Officer  | Mrs Kym Harris (Monday – Thursday)   |
| Canteen  | Mrs Inge Jansen  |
| Cleaners   | Mrs Lady Pacheco<br>Miss Sally McIntyre                                    |
| Grounds  | Mr Tim Wood  |

## 2023 NAPLAN

### Mean Score Comparison

The tables below compare the St John's School Mean (average) with the CEWA, State and National Means (averages).

| 2023 Reading |        |      |       |          | 2023 Writing |        |      |       |          |
|--------------|--------|------|-------|----------|--------------|--------|------|-------|----------|
| Year         | School | CEWA | State | National | Year         | School | CEWA | State | National |
| 3            | 388    | 400  | 394   | 404      | 3            | 372    | 413  | 411   | 417      |
| 5            | 478    | 495  | 490   | 496      | 5            | 426    | 484  | 478   | 483      |

| 2023 Spelling |        |      |       |          | 2023 Grammar |        |      |       |          |
|---------------|--------|------|-------|----------|--------------|--------|------|-------|----------|
| Year          | School | CEWA | State | National | Year         | School | CEWA | State | National |
| 3             | 364    | 401  | 399   | 404      | 3            | 358    | 403  | 400   | 409      |
| 5             | 453    | 491  | 488   | 490      | 5            | 457    | 490  | 491   | 496      |

| 2023 Numeracy |        |      |       |          |
|---------------|--------|------|-------|----------|
| Year          | School | CEWA | State | National |
| 3             | 384    | 401  | 401   | 407      |
| 5             | 459    | 483  | 484   | 488      |

## 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.*

Please wear  
suitable free  
dress



Please bring a  
towel & a change  
of clothes

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL P&F PRESENT

# FEAST DAY SLIME RUN

Monday 4 December

PP to Yr 2: 1.10pm to 1.30pm

Yr 3 & Yr 4: 1.40pm-2.00pm

Yr 5 & Yr 6: 2.10pm-2.30pm

School Oval

## Stories & Play is for Everyone!

JOIN US TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 10:00-10:30AM  
AT DESERT BLUE CONNECT, 28 DURLACHER STREET

Join us for an interactive and exciting  
storytime and play session for families and  
children aged 0-5 years.

We will be celebrating the joy of play without limits and  
exploring the idea that toys, games, and jobs are for  
everyone, regardless of being a girl or a boy.

It's a step towards a future world where equality shines  
bright in our community. This event is proudly presented  
by the Mid-West Early Years Gender Equality project,  
committed to shaping a future where every child can  
thrive, while feeling safe, equal and respected.

### Grab Your Free Ticket!

Limited spots available, so ensure you register your free  
ticket at the QR Code or at  
[www.desertblueconnect.org.au/storytime/](http://www.desertblueconnect.org.au/storytime/)

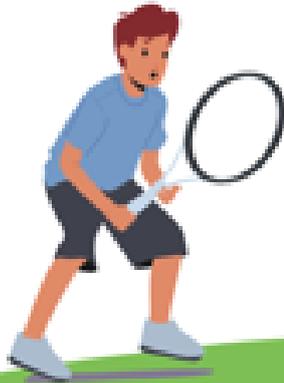


16 Days in WA  
25 November - 10 December 2023

# SunCity Tennis Academy

Leaders in Regional Coaching Service!

## TENNIS & MULTISPORT Christmas Sleepover Camp



**18-22 DECEMBER**

**TARCOOLA PARK  
TENNIS CLUB**

**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

**Clinic FULL Day 6yrs+ 9am-3pm**

- \$50 per day or \$200 up front

**Sleepover Camp 6yrs+ 9am Monday- 3pm Friday**

- \$250 p/p for the 1st 10 bookings!
- \$300 p/p thereafter
- *Family Discount!*

*(not included in 1st 10 bookings - must be from same Family)*

- 2 Children for \$350
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- Separate Male & Female Facilities
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- Offsite afternoon activities Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
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- Onsite night activities

**To secure your spot please contact us & provide:**

- Participants Full Name & Age
- Preferred option
- Guardians Name & Contact number
- Any medical info we may need

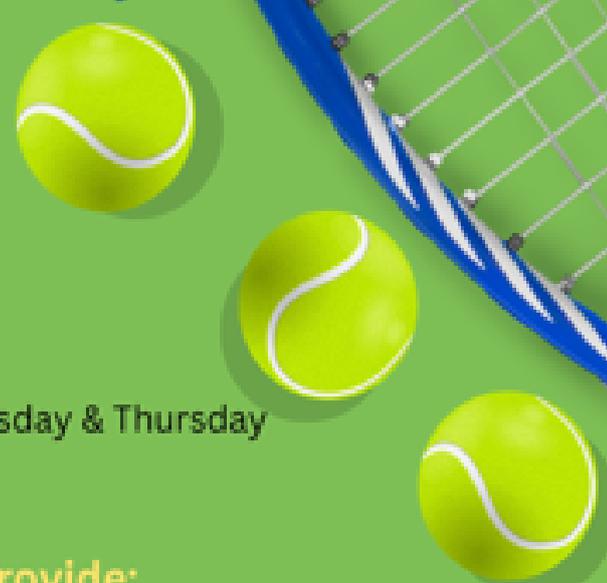
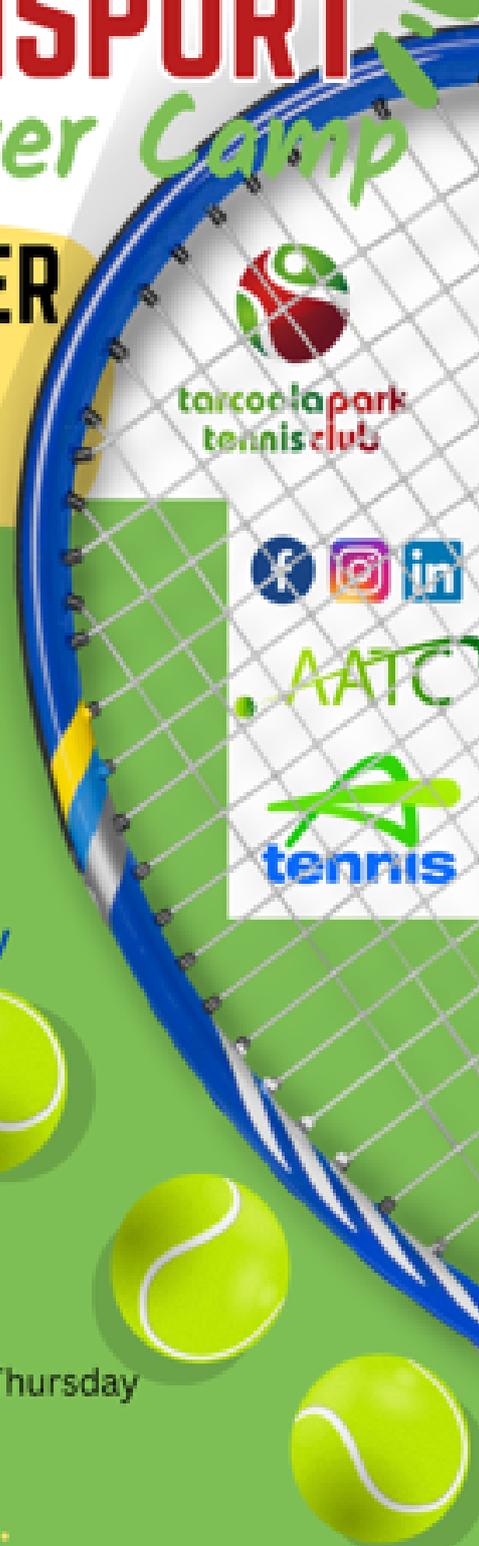
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# Suncity Tennis Academy

## School Holiday Tennis Programs

### Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Week 1 - Monday 11th - Friday 15th December

Week 2 - Monday 18th - Friday 22nd December

*(Christmas Sleep Over Camp - see separate flyer)*

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

- 9-9:45am
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- **Special Deal!**

• *Book both weeks for ONLY \$200!*

#### Clinic FULL Day 6yrs+

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#### To Register please provide:

- Participants Full Name & Age
- Preferred Option/Clinic
- 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
- Bring your own Recess, Lunch & Snacks

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

- Jarron - 0409 485 117

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**DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS ON YOUR OWN**

## **Centacare Family Services**

Invites you to join us for

# **Community Christmas Lunch**

**Christmas Day 12 noon**

The Catholic Centre  
(cnr of Cathedral Ave & Maitland St)

**What to bring? YOURSELF!**

To register your interest in attending call: 9921 1433

Centacare supporting community members in need,  
or spending Christmas on their own

To volunteer or make a donation ph: 9921 1433



# **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)**

