



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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## Principal's Notes

### Conclusion of the 2023 School Year

The 2023 school year has come to an end. This time of the year is always a time of mixed emotions. We may feel tired with the plethora of events to attend and jobs to be done, and anxious about the changes installed for 2024. But as we reflect on the year that was, may we also feel a sense of joy and achievement with everything that we accomplished and as we look to 2024, may there be a sense of hope with the new adventure and challenge that lies ahead.

### Graduating Class of 2023

Last night, the Year Six Class were recognised as graduands, graduating from St John's School. Congratulations to the following students:

<i>Lachlan</i>	<i>Mitchell</i>	<i>Aiden</i>	<i>Eric</i>	<i>Miguel</i>
<i>Lual</i>	<i>Shelby</i>	<i>Tannar</i>	<i>Rya</i>	<i>Jacob</i>
<i>Micah</i>	<i>Mac</i>	<i>Vincent</i>	<i>Jayden</i>	<i>Darcy</i>
<i>Milia</i>	<i>Clem</i>	<i>Jaxson</i>	<i>Ethan</i>	<i>Amelia</i>
<i>Nate</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Indi</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Lawrence</i>

During your primary school years at St John's School, you have worked hard, demonstrated strong leadership, and through your thoughts, words and actions, reflected the teachings of Jesus, loving your neighbour. It has been an honour to work with you for just under five years and I wish you nothing but the very best for your high school years and beyond. The next chapter of your life is waiting for you to plan, write and live out. May God keep you safe on your journey.

Thank you to all of the family members and friends who came along to support the Year Six students. My gratitude is also extended to Miss Erica Lee for coordinating the Mass and to Father Robert for presiding over the Eucharistic celebration. I would like to thank all the staff who assisted before, during and/or after the Graduation Mass and Supper, especially Miss Tessa Venturini.

### 2024 Students

If your child/ren 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 Goodbyes

As our school year draws to a close, we have two staff members to say goodbye to as they leave St John's school for the next chapter in their lives.

Mrs Janet Spowart, part time Groundsperson, retires from her position at St John's School after twenty-two years. Janet has been on leave this year and has made the decision to retire. During her time at the school, Janet has worked tirelessly to ensure that the grounds of the school were maintained to the highest standard. Janet took immense pride in her work and it was evident in the presentation of the school. We are all extremely appreciative of Janet's many years of service to the school and wish her all the very best for the next chapter of her life. We will continue to see Janet around the school next year as she will be a grandparent of a future student. Thank you, Janet, for all you have done for St John's School.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 8 December**

End of Term Mass  
9:00am

**Wednesday 24 January**

Uniform Shop Open Day  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
School Hall

**Wednesday 31 January**

**STUDENTS COMMENCE**

**Friday 2 February**

Whole School Mass  
9:00am



After ten years of service, Miss Erica Lee finishes at St John's School this year. Erica has accepted a position at TAFE and will continue to work in education, albeit in a different format. During Erica's employment at the school, she has held the positions of the Year Three and Year Six Teacher. In taking on these two respective roles, Erica has shown that she can adapt to the different challenges that the different year levels present, especially in Year Six, a year level that has many big ticket items that need to be covered. I thank Erica for the work she has undertaken during her time at St John's School and wish her all the best as she commences a new chapter in her career. Thank you, Erica.

#### Staffing 2024

Please find on page five of the Newsletter an update in relation to staffing arrangements for 2024. A further update will be provided next week via Seesaw.

#### 2024 Dates

Please see page six for the full list of dates for the 2024 school year.

#### 2024 Bell Times

Please be aware of the altered bell times for Monday to Friday for 2024:

- 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

Please note that the start and finish times have not changed, just the bell times for breaks.

#### Bookclub Thank You

Over the course of the year, the students have been very lucky to be able to access Scholastic Book Club. Book Club is co-ordinator by a staff/parent volunteer in our school community, Miss Amy Causer. We are very appreciative of all that Miss Causer does throughout the year to collate orders, process payments and distribute the books. Not only does Miss Causer's work help students to foster a love of reading, points are also raised and the school can use these points to add texts to our Library collection. Thank you, Miss Causer.

#### Uniform Shop Thank You

Mrs Amy Weatherby has been assisting in the Uniform Shop for the course of the 2023 school year. Amy has generously given her time on Monday and Thursday mornings to make sure that parents are able to purchase uniforms for their children and pack online uniform orders. I would like to thank Amy for providing such a valuable service to St John's School. We are very grateful for all that you have done. Thank you, Amy.

#### Kindy and Pre Primary Concerts

The cute factor has been very high over the last two weeks as the youngest students in the school performed at their respective concerts. The singing, dancing, smiles and laughs were all on display for the many family and friends to enjoy. I thank all of parents, carers, grandparents and friends who came along to support the students.

An enormous thank you must also go to all the ECE Staff for preparing the students and the various spaces that the concerts were held in. Your dedication to ensuring the students are provided with every opportunity is most certainly evident.

#### P&F Feast Day Slime Run

On Monday, we all got our slime on! A great afternoon was had by all. A very special thank you to the P&F for organising this fun fundraising event.

## Library News

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

### Library Notice



### Good News Story

The students from Kindy to Year Six must be recognised for being the stars of the week. They were all literally the stars of the stage as they participated in their respective Concerts. Look out Broadway!

### Christmas and New Year

I would like to wish all members of the St John's School Community a very happy and holy Christmas. May you and your family experience the joy of Christmas. I also hope that your holidays provide an opportunity to rest and recharge in preparation for the 2024 school year.

**Mrs Melissa Marquis**  
PRINCIPAL



## Religious Education

### End of Year Mass 2023

Tomorrow, we celebrate the end of the 2023 school year with a Thanksgiving Mass. All community members are welcome to attend.

On behalf of St John's School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Robert O'Bryan, Mrs Sis Macdonald and the Parish of St John's Church for everything they have done to support the St John's School community in celebrating the Eucharist. We are truly blessed to have such amazing people who continue to give of themselves for the service of our students.

### Advent

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. The theme of the second week is 'Peace'. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy.

### Year Six Graduation

The Year Six Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony took place last night. The Year Six students represented themselves, their families and St John's School with maturity, reverence and joy.

Thank you to all of the family members and friends who came along to support the Year Six students. Our gratitude is also extended to Miss Erica Lee for coordinating the Mass and to Father Robert for presiding over the Eucharistic celebration. To the staff who assisted before, during and/or after the Graduation Mass and Supper, thank you!

### Christmas Wishes

Wishing all our families at St John's School a safe and festive season. We will see you back in 2024! May the peace and joy of the newborn Christ be with you all during this festive season.

**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

The results of the St John's School P&F Association 2023 Raffle, drawn on Friday 1 December are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Emma Johnston
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Rachel Martin
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Jaxon C
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Latecia Manning
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Deb Kenny
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Jono Atkinson
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Leanne Lockyer
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize	Leanne Miletic

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Congratulations to all our prize winners and thank you to all our prize donors.

# Administration News

## End of Year Concerts - Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends who attended our various concerts for students from Kindy to Year Six. We hope you enjoyed the respective shows as we celebrate the end of the school year.

Thank you to 65Thirty Events and Entertainment for all of our lighting, sound and staging requirements during our Year One to Six Concert on Friday evening and for helping us hold a successful outdoor concert for the first time! Our sincere thanks, also, to the Hirst Family and JMH Group for the kind donation of lightning towers on the evening. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Thank you also to all the staff of St John's School, for preparing the students so well and for all the behind the scenes work that is required to make nights like this a success.

Lastly, to our wonderful students. Thank you for your amazing performances, you all displayed such remarkable talent in singing, acting and dancing! You were the absolute stars of each concert!

## Semester Two Report 2023

Reports have been sent home with the students today. If you have not yet received a copy, please check your child's school bag. If you have any questions regarding the report, please ring the School Office to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

## Medical Plan Updates for 2024

The holidays are a good time to make doctor appointments to update medical plans for 2024. As per St John's School Policy, all medical plans for students need to be updated annually. In the case that your child no longer requires a medical plan, please notify the school in writing.

## 2024 School Book Lists

A reminder that if you chose the pick-up option for your child's 2024 Booklist, the dates for collection are: **Friday 12 January from 4.00pm-6.00pm** and **Saturday 13 January from 9.30am-2.30pm** from Allendale Primary School Hall.

## Thank You

I would like to say thank you to the St John's School staff, students and school community for your support throughout the year. I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you all and look forward to 2024. I wish everyone a joyful Christmas filled with happiness and love and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.



**Mrs Emma Pollard**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## UNIFORM ORDERING - 2024

*Uniform Shop Open Day 2024 will be held on Wednesday 24 January 2024 from 10:00am to 2:00pm.*

*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.*

## **St John's Staffing - 2024**

Year Level	Staff Member
Kindy Teacher	Mrs Bethany Van Eck
Kindy Education Assistants	Mrs Mellissa Davey Miss Jennifer Betham Mrs Julie Strawbridge
Pre Primary	Mrs Makeeli Allison
Pre Primary Education Assistant	Mrs Linda Osborn
Year One Teacher	To be confirmed next week via Seesaw
Year One Education Assistant	Mrs Julie Strawbridge (Mondays) Miss Leigh Golosky (Tuesday – Thursday)
Year Two Teacher	To be confirmed next week via Seesaw
Year Two Education Assistant	Mrs Katherine Qumivutia
Year Three Teacher	Miss Hayley Gronow
Year Four Teacher	Mr Patrick Matthews (Monday – Thursday) Mr Lachlan Anderson (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) 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 Learning Support Co-ordinator Students with Disabilities Co-ordinator	Mrs Emma Pollard
Principal	Mrs Melissa Marquis
Aboriginal Teacher Assistants	Miss Lesley Jones Miss Ashleigh Jones 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 Miss Sally McIntyre
Grounds	Mr Tim Wood



# 2024 Dates

## Term One

Wednesday 24 January	Uniform Shop open (10:00am to 2:00pm)
Monday 29 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 30 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Wednesday 31 January	Students commence Term One
Monday 4 March	Public Holiday (Labour Day)
Thursday 28 March	Staff and Students conclude Term One
Friday 29 March	Public Holiday (Good Friday)



## Term Two

Monday 15 April	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 16 April	Students commence Term Two
Thursday 25 April	Public Holiday (ANZAC Day)
Friday 31 May	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday 3 June	Public Holiday (WA Day)
Friday 28 June	Staff and Students conclude Term Two

## Term Three

Monday 15 July	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 16 July	Students commence Term Three
Monday 19 August	Pupil Free Day – Catholic Day
Thursday 19 September	Students conclude Term Three
Friday 20 September	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development

## Term Four

Monday 7 October	Staff and Students commence Term Four
Friday 6 December	Students conclude Term Four
Friday 13 December	Staff conclude Term Four

**GERALDTON CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**  
Together in Faith

# Carols by Candlelight

featuring The Geraldton City Band

Love  
hope  
joy  
peace  
family fun activities  
5.00pm - 6.30pm

celebrating  
peace

SUNDAY  
10 DECEMBER 2023

carols  
Start from  
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Maitland Park  
Geraldton

Smoke & Alcohol  
FREE Event

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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

Churches	Christmas Eve (Sunday)			Christmas Day	
	Vigil	Carols	Night	Morning	
St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton	6:00pm	9:30pm	10pm	7:30 & 9:30	No evening Mass
St. John's Church Lot 1931, Off Banksia Street, Rangeway	6:00pm			8:30am	
St. Peter's Church 54 Gregory Road Greenough				8:00am	
St. Lawrence's Church 346 Chapman Road Bluff Point	6:00pm <small>School Undercover Area</small>	No night Mass		9:00am	
Our Lady of Ara Coeli Church 27 Hampton Road Northampton				8:30am	
Our Lady of Fatima 2445 Chapman Valley Road, Nanson	5:30pm				
Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Cornell St., Kalbarri	5:00pm				

### SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

SFX Cathedral

12<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday

7:00pm







**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



## **BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT 2024**

(Stationery Packs and Uniform Vouchers for families in need)

**Dates:** Mon 22 – Thurs 25 January 2024

**Time:** 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Location:** Centacare Family Services  
1 Maitland Street

### **REQUIRED!**

1. Health Care Card / Concession Card
2. Family Income Statements or Pay slips
3. Admin fee - \$2 per child (cash only)

The BSP Project is subjected to a brief assessment  
to identify individual family needs.

Enquiries: 9921 1433





