



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 1
2nd February 2024

Principal's Notes

Welcome to 2024

Welcome back to St John's School for 2024. It was so wonderful to see the smiling faces of the students as they arrived back at school on Wednesday. The students have brought life, love and laughter back to our community and it has been delightful to have them return to the school environment. I look forward to the journey we are all about to take as we embark on the 2024 school year.

New Students

In addition to the students starting their schooling in the Kindy Classroom, we have a number of new students across other year levels. As our numbers need time to settle, new students will be officially welcomed in the next newsletter to ensure I do not miss any individual.

Over the past two days, our new students have settled in well, beautifully supported by their new friends, and we look forward to getting to know the students better as time goes on. It is wonderful to have so many new members in our school family, the family of St John's School.

Congratulations, Mrs Payne and Family

A very special congratulations is extended to Mrs Danyela Payne, and family, on the safe arrival of their twin girls. Ada and Aster arrived safely on the 27 December 2023. The girls are doing well and absolutely love cuddles. We cannot wait for Mrs Payne to visit with the twins so we can all enjoy some of those cuddles.

Staffing 2024

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new staff who have joined the St John's School for the 2024 school year:

Mrs Bethany Van Eck	Kindy Teacher
Mrs Julie Strawbridge	Kindy Education Assistant
Mrs Lisa Reader	Kindy Education Assistant
Mrs Sarah D'Mello	Year One Teacher
Mrs Jessika Ruiz	Year Two Teacher
Miss Hayley Gronow	Year Three Teacher
Mr Lachlan Anderson	Year Four Teacher

We are blessed to have you as part of the St John's School Community and we look forward to working with you in 2024. The Staff of St John's School, old and new, are all committed to working in partnership in the best interests of the students...Every Story Every Opportunity.

It is with great sadness that I announce that Mrs Emma Pollard has resigned from her position as Assistant Principal, effective 28 March. Emma has been appointed as the CEWA Geraldton Literacy Consultant which is testament to Emma's educational knowledge, skills and expertise. Whilst it is a significant loss for St John's School, all Catholic schools in the Geraldton Diocese will have the opportunity to work with Emma within the framework of Literacy. Advertising for an Assistant Principal has commenced and the community will be informed of the appointment in due course.

Home School Communication

At St John's School, we encourage open lines of communication between home and school. If you need to contact the teaching staff, Seesaw is the best option. Alternatively, you can email the Office (admin@sjr.wa.edu.au) or individual staff members (firstname.surname@cewa.edu.au).

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Thursday 8 February

Yr 5 & 6
Leadership Day

Friday 9 February

Prayer Assembly - Yr 6
8:45am

Yr 5 & 6
Leadership Day

Monday 12 February

P&F Meeting 6:00pm

Wednesday 14 February

Ash Wednesday
Liturgies

Reconciliation Parent/
Child Meeting Catholic
Centre 5:00pm

Friday 16 February

Prayer Assembly Yr 5



The telephones in the School Office are manned between 8:00am and 4:00pm. A voice message can be recorded outside of these hours.

If you wish to request a meeting, please schedule a time to ensure confidentiality and preparation. In the mornings, when the classrooms open, teachers have limited time and availability to discuss, at length, matters of importance.

Absentees can be communicated via Seesaw, phone calls, email, note or online via the School Website <https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/online-absentee>

Seesaw

In 2024, St John's School will continue its use of Seesaw across the school. Seesaw has a three pronged approach:

- **Students show learning** - Students use built-in multimodal tools to capture what they know in Seesaw's digital portfolio
- **Teachers gain insights** - Teachers see all stages of student thinking and progress, enabling them to teach better
- **Families connect** - Families gain a window into their student's learning and engage in home-to-school connections

It is vitally important that all parents/carers connect to Seesaw as soon as possible to ensure you are kept up to date with all the necessary information. Please liaise with your child's classroom teacher for assistance.

Census

Friday 16 February is Census Day for St John's School and reporting to various bodies. It is vitally important that all students from Pre Primary to Year Six are at school on this Friday. If your son/daughter is absent, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet guidelines. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding so please ensure your child is at school on Friday 16 February.

Good News Story

The first good news story of 2024 must be the way that all students, and staff, have settled back into the 2024 school year. The students have adjusted to life back at school and are following the routines of the school very well, ready for a year of learning and opportunity.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Welcome

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of another wonderful year at St John's School. We hope you and your families had a wonderful break over the Christmas and New Year period and are ready for an exciting year ahead.

A very warm welcome to any new families, staff, and particularly, our new students. To all families and students returning, welcome back!

Prayer Assemblies

There will be no Prayer Assembly in Week One.

Library News

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

Library Days

Wednesdays - Year 1, Year 2, Year 6
Thursdays - Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Religious Education

Fruit of the Spirit

St John's School use the Fruit of the Spirit to guide our students to become faith-filled individuals, representing Catholic virtues in all that they do.

To begin the year, I would like to focus on the scripture where the Fruit of the Holy Spirit is identified. Please take a moment to read **Galatians 5: 22-23**:

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.'*

In class, under guidance from their teachers, the students will be encouraged to use the ideas and language of the Fruit of the Spirit in their daily lives. The first Fruit of the Spirit to focus on will be the **Fruit of Love**. How will you show the Fruit of Love?

Sacrament of Reconciliation

This term, our First Reconciliation candidates and their parent/carers will prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A note will go home to all Year Three students with further information. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following dates:

- **17 February Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm**
- **18 February Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am or 6.30pm**
- **24 February Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm**

A St John's School representative will be present at all Commitment Masses.

A Parent/Child First Reconciliation Meeting will be held in the Catholic Centre on **Wednesday 14 February from 5.00pm.**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for St John's School will be held on **Wednesday 6 March at 9:00am on the Basketball Court.**

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

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Medical Updates and Health Considerations

It is extremely important that the school is aware of any medical conditions or other health considerations that your child/ren may have. If you are new to the school or aware of any new medical conditions or other health considerations that may have developed over the holidays, then **please come and collect the appropriate forms from the Office as soon as possible.**

A reminder that existing student medical plans must be updated yearly and, where necessary, signed by your doctor. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 12th February
Monday 26th February
Monday 18th March

All meetings are held at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

All are welcome to attend.

Administration News

Allergy Aware School

St John's School is an allergy aware school. The foods that are particularly life-threatening for some of our students are **nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), eggs and shellfish**. We ask that students do not bring these foods to school in their lunch boxes.

Students are learning about ways they can help their classmates who have allergies stay safe. There are several posters around the school reminding the school community of the steps they can take to do this. Most of the steps are common practise in our school but it is useful for everyone to be reminded of these important steps.

The steps include:

1. Don't share your food, especially with friends who have allergies.
2. Wash your hands before and after eating.
3. Know what your friends are allergic to.
4. If a schoolmate who has allergies becomes sick, get help straight away.

Your assistance to help keep everyone safe at our school is much appreciated.

School Communication

If you need to communicate with your child's classroom teacher, there are several options available:

1. Message through our school communication platform, SeeSaw (Information will be sent home with new families next week)
2. Email using surname.firstname@cewa.edu.au
3. Phone the school and leave a message for the teacher to return your call
4. Arrange a face to face meeting at a mutually convenient time

A reminder that absences from school can be communicated through the school's website page, via a phone call to the School Office or a note sent in with your child upon their return.

NAPLAN 2024 Testing Timetable

NAPLAN testing is due to commence in Week 7 on **Wednesday 13 March** and concludes in Week 9 on **Monday 25 March**. The proposed timetable for each of the assessments is below. If students are absent for their scheduled assessment, the school will provide them with an opportunity to complete the missed assessment during Week 8 and 9. Teachers will continue to prepare students and familiarise them with the online site in the lead up to NAPLAN. If parents wish to, they are also able to access this practice site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>. A note with further information has been sent home with further information with Year Three and Five students today.

Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March	Monday 18 March
Writing Year 3	Reading Year 3	Language Conventions Year 3	Numeracy Year 3
Writing Year 5	Reading Year 5	Language Conventions Year 5	Numeracy Year 5

Student Leadership Days

During Week Two, on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 February, our Year Five and Six students will be attending their Student Leadership Days. We hope our students find new opportunities to develop and grow their leadership skills and enjoy the days. More information will follow in a letter home to the Year Five and Six parents.

Nagle Catholic College Principal Visit - Year Six

Nagle Catholic College Principal, Michael Williams, will be visiting with the Year Six students on **Wednesday 15 February**. The purpose of this visit is to provide students with information about Nagle Catholic College and give them an opportunity to ask any questions.

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing will soon commence in our Pre Primary to Year Six Classrooms. St John's School uses a variety of assessment tools to help identify each student's literacy and numeracy skills, providing valuable information to assist in the development of intentional and informed programming and teaching.

Keeping Safe Curriculum 2024

Throughout the year, students will be engaging with the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the Curriculum. Although parent permission is not required under the Education Act (1972), we encourage parents/carers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the school with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

Mrs Emma Pollard - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

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 KICK IT SCHOOL CUP

\$50

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS

4.15pm & 5.15pm Games

11th March, 15th March, 18th March, 22nd
March, 25th March

REGISTRATION DAY

17TH FEBRUARY 2024

9am - 11.30am

Midwest Sportshouse

**GBSC SPORTS PARK
EADON CLARKE**

Register online or at Rego Day!

<https://forms.footballwest.com.au/2024-school-7-a-side>



PlayConnect+

Geraldton

Playgroup WA's PlayConnect+ groups are for children with developmental concerns and/or disability and their families. No diagnosis is required

- FREE, weekly playgroup sessions for 0-5 year olds
- Parents stay and siblings are welcome
- Facilitator leads the group with play activities
- Connect with other families, share ideas and have fun!

Playgroup Coming Soon!

PlayConnect+ is coming soon to Geraldton for children aged 0-5 years with developmental concerns or disability and their families during term-time

- ★ **Where:** Child and Parent Centre
Rangeway, entrance on Hovea Street
- ★ **When:** Monday from 5 Feb
- ★ **Time:** 9.30am-11.30am



Scan the code or visit bit.ly/3NirVTK to find out more or register your interest.
Email: hotline@playgroupwa.com.au
Phone: 1800 171 882.



Playgroup WA

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SCOUT GROUP -INFO.

Woorree Scout Group meet at the **Bluff Point Scout Community Centre** 8 Morris Street Bluff Point.

Joey Scouts 5 -8yrs meet Tuesdays—4.30pm—5.50pm

Cub Scouts 8-11yrs meet Tuesdays - 4.30pm - 5.50pm

Scouts 11-14yrs meet Tuesdays - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Venturer 14-18yrs meet Tuesdays— 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Batavia Coast Rovers 19-25yrs are self run and meet when they can

Scouting is a Family Endeavour. One of the added benefits for Parents is to be involved in some way and be part of the growth and development of our Youth as they come to understand and embrace the *Scout Method* and "*Education for Life*" programs. They will become involved in a journey of great fun, knowledge, skills, camping and our amazing outdoors. They will learn how to look after our environment, meet challenges head on, make new friends, how to get on with others, learn about themselves, respect others, believe in themselves and what they can achieve. Plus much more....

For Further Information contact Group Leader Lorraine.
Mobile: 0438909446 Email = lorraine.bowen@scoutswa.com.au

GAME ON!

ARE YOU GAME TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?



BADMINTON

Badminton Centre, Eighth Street

Ages 11 - 16

Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

7 February - 27 March 2024

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Aquarena, Pass Street

Ages 11 to 16

Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

9 February - 29 March 2024

Register for **FREE** at
<https://bit.ly/3UamSzt>

Further info: **P: 9956 6600 E: youth@cgg.wa.gov.au**



Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



GERALDTON RE-LAUNCH

FAMILY DAY

TUES
6th FEB

Bring your family & friends along as we celebrate
the new look and feel of the Geraldton depot!

ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY

2.30PM - 3.30PM

Ribbon cutting &
speeches

3.30PM - 5.30PM

Kids colouring
station ,Face painting
Free sausage sizzle

FREE



COFFEE
& SAUSAGE
SIZZLE

FREE



FACE
PAINTING

PRIZES TO BE WON

Kids Colouring in Competition

3x \$20 gift cards*

Guess "How many containers are
in the cage?"

*Winners Drawn Wednesday 7th Feb

WIN



Gift cards

Address: 8 Bradford St,
Wonthella WA 6530



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FOR DIRECTIONS