



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 5
29th February 2024

Principal's Notes

New Students

After five weeks at school, the Kindy Class is settling into the routines of St John's School. It is with a happy heart that we welcome the following students who are beginning their school journey at St John's School:

Azi, Joseph, Lottie, Jack, Caleb, Brenten, Keelan, Charlie D, Samuel, Alaska, Mason, Zakyrh, Holly, Lily, Ayden, Hadley, Archie, Charlie N, Levi, Bodhi, Makeisha, Yara, Bailey, Lilarnie, Thea, Braxton

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On Wednesday 6 March, students in Year Three, baptised into the Catholic faith will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. I ask you to congratulate the following students and keep them in your prayers as they enter the final phase to prepare to ask for God's forgiveness and mercy:

*Elianah
Molly
Scarlett
Jerome T*

*Jamie
Ari
Emilio
Finn*

*Hudson
Isaac
Isabelle
Xavier*

Our school community is also asked to thank and pray for the following students who have participated in the Sacrament of First Reconciliation Program and supported their peers. Some of these students will receive a blessing next Thursday:

*Ada
Myrell
Unique
Murphie
Lyric*

*Jerome B
Riley
Evie
Lachlan
Zarli*

*Breanna
Dex
Lucy
Elisha
Ella*

*Mitchell
Jack
Jonathan
MacKenzie*

Right to Disconnect

To assist us in enabling our staff to disconnect from work and technology at the end of their working hours, there is no expectation that they will respond to calls, emails, texts or other communications outside of school hours (8:00am - 4:00pm). If there is an emergency situation, please email me - melissa.marquis@cewa.edu.au or send me a message via Seesaw. Thank you for working collaboratively with the school.

St John's School P&F Committee

At Monday night's P&F Meeting, we finalised the 2024 Committee for the P&F. Thank you to the following ladies for taking on a role to support friendraising and fundraising at St John's School:

Chair Amy Bateman
Secretary Lisa Husking
Treasurer Kellie Burg
SAC Rep Megan Clarkson

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 1 March

Prayer Assembly - Yr 3
8:45am

Monday 4 March

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 5 March

IEP Meetings

Wednesday 6 March

Celebration of
Reconciliation 9:00am

IEP Meetings

Thursday 7 March

P&F Easter Raffle books
sent home

Friday 8 March

Prayer Assembly Yr 2
8:45am

Wednesday 13 March

NAPLAN testing
Commences - Years 3/5

Mass of Oils - Year 6
5:00pm

Thursday 14 March

Assembly Year 4
2:20pm

Nagle Catholic College Sibling Discount

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Geraldton are committed to providing an affordable quality Catholic education for families. We understand the financial demands placed on families and seek to keep the fees as low as possible.

This year, we will continue to have a Kindergarten to Year 12 Sibling Discount for school fees. If any of your children attending St John's School have a sibling currently at Nagle Catholic College, families are eligible for a \$100 family discount off their school fees from St John's School. Families will also be entitled to a further \$100 family discount off their school fees from Nagle Catholic College.

Please note that only one Sibling Discount for school fees is applicable per family. All of the details can be found on the school website <https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/enrolment/> at the bottom of the page.

Smoking and Vaping

A reminder that smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds, including any of the school carparks. This applies to all staff, students, parents/carers, contractors and visitors.

Crisis Management Plan (CMP) - Emergency Procedures

Schools are obliged to plan for the safety of those attending their sites. As a consequence of this legal obligation, schools have a duty of care to ensure that all school related activities are conducted safely. In the emergency management context, the duty of care requires that pre-planning be undertaken for emergencies that might affect schools from time to time.

St John's School has a Crisis Management Plan (CMP). The purpose of our CMP is to provide details of how the school will prepare for, respond to and recover from emergency events. The CMP outlines responsibilities, drills and procedures that need to be understood and supported by training.

In the initial stages of an incident, the CMP provides clear and concise guidelines, via an *Immediate Actions Drill*, to enable anyone (staff, students or visitors) to escalate and notify the appropriate authorities of an emergency.

An *Evacuation* may be deemed necessary for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to a fire, chemical spill or a bomb threat. During an evacuation, all persons move to the designated muster point, in most cases our school oval.

A *Code Orange/Shelter in Place* is enacted when it is safe for the students to continue working in their classrooms but steps need to be made to shield them from witnessing an incident that may cause upset or distress. Examples include, a medical emergency, protester activity, a vicious dog, a snake or a car accident. If students were engaged in an outdoor activity, staff would direct them to move to the nearest suitable classroom.

If there was an active threat, an intruder with a weapon, an imminent danger to the lives of the students and staff, a *Lockdown* would be called. In a lockdown, learning ceases and students and staff move to a pre-determined location in the classroom, out of the line of sight, and take cover with all doors and windows locked.

At various times throughout the year, we conduct whole school drills, across a variety of situations to ensure all students and staff are familiar with the procedures. All drills are communicated to families in advance.

Good News Story

Over the last week, lots of Fruit of the Spirit wrist bands have been given out to the students by staff members. It warms my heart that the students are demonstrating love, joy, patience, peace, self-control, gentleness, kindness, goodness and faithfulness.

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 Days

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

READING: YOUR PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

The West Australian Young Readers' Book Award (WAYRBA) shortlist has been announced. This is an exciting time for readers at our school as the books on the shortlists have been selected by readers throughout WA. St John's School Library will have books in their collection from the following categories -Picture Books, Younger Readers, and Middle Grade.

Depending on the book supplier, St John's School Library will endeavour to have the shortlisted books added to their collection at the end of Term 1 ready for borrowing in Term 2. Young people can read titles on the lists and vote whether they thought it was 'terrific', 'good', 'okay' or 'not for me.' I'm looking forward to many reading adventures with our students.



Thank you to those students who have been returning their library books each week. Students who would like to borrow their library book for another week, please inform Mrs Connolly during your library time that you would like to renew your book.

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 1st March, at 8.45am**, the Year Three Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. Our Year Two Class will lead us in prayer next week on **Friday 8th March**. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Fruit of the Spirit

Starting next week, we will be focusing the fruit of the spirit, JOY.

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
(John 15:11)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

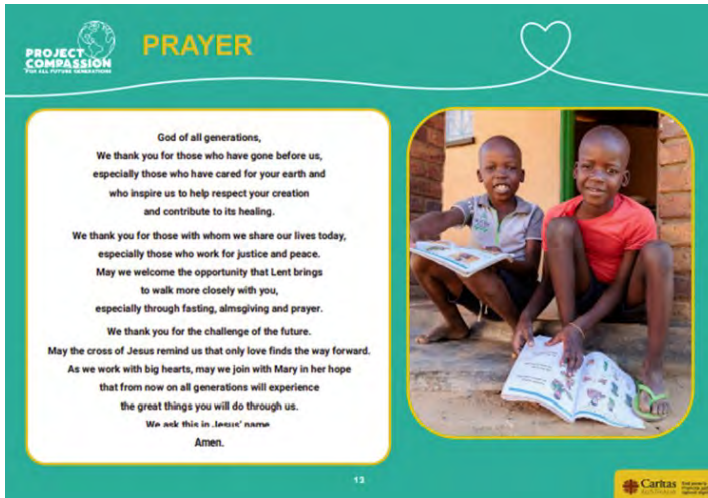
Over the last two weekends, our First Reconciliation Candidates and their parent/carers made their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

Last Friday, 23 February, all Year Three students attended the First Reconciliation Retreat Day. The Retreat Day was hosted onsite and the Retreat Day provided our Year Three students with another opportunity to further develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On **Wednesday 6th March at 9.00am**, candidates in Year Three will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at St John's School Basketball Court.

Project Compassion - Caritas Australia - For All Future Generations

As we continue to support the Project Compassion fundraiser, a reminder that all family Project Compassion boxes are asked to be returned to the office before the end of term. Thank you in advance.



Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Year Four Assembly: Thursday 14 March

Our next School Assembly is due to take place on **Thursday 14 March at 2.20pm in the School Courtyard**. The Year Four Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Student Lunches

To ensure the smooth running of the Office, we kindly request that students do not bring lunches to school that require heating or toasting. It is also appreciated if any utensils are required for your child to eat their morning tea or lunch, that these are sent in from home.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 18th March

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Term One P&F Events

- \$100 Boards at the Faction Carnival - Thursday 21 March
- Easter Egg Raffle - stay tuned for more details.
- Canteen Day (croissants) - Monday 25 March

Easter Raffle

The annual P&F Easter Raffle is back. Please note all the important dates and reminders to ensure the raffle is a great success!

Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolate goodies, baskets and other Easter goodies being accepted at school.

Thursday 7 March - Note & Raffle tickets sent home

Tuesday 19 March - Raffle tickets and monies due back at school, and final day for donations

Tuesday 26 March - Raffle drawn 8:45am

P&F Canteen Day

Monday 11 March - Canteen Day note sent home

Friday 15 March - Orders and money due back at school

Monday 25 March - P&F Canteen Day Croissants

Administration News

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

Seesaw

We are happy to see the number of families that are connected to and engaging with our online communication platform, Seesaw. This platform enables whole school announcements to be shared among our school community. It is also the preferred method of communication between parents/carers and classroom teachers. If you are having any problems with using Seesaw, please liaise with your child's classroom teacher.

URSTRONG: Friendology 101

This year, St John's School will be implementing the URSTRONG: Friendology 101 curriculum across the whole school. This is a skills-based curriculum to assist children to navigate the tricky world of friendships. Some topics covered through this curriculum include dealing with conflict, helping children choose healthy friendships and building self-confidence and self-esteem. UR Strong's friendship strategy equips students, parents and teachers with a common language of friendship and assists in empowering your children with friendship skills. You are encouraged to take advantage of a free parent membership to access numerous resources including an eight session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language and strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. The URStrong Friendology free parent membership can be found at: <https://urstrong.com/parents/>

Mrs Emma Pollard

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P&F EASTER RAFFLE



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Easter Eggs, baskets, chocolate
goodies etc





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Principal's Tour with Q&A Session

Meet the Principal | Tour the Facilities | Explore our Programs | Ask Questions

TERM 1

Wednesday 6 March @ 3.30pm

Learning now for the future!

*Register your interest by emailing:
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Meet in reception: 19 Carson Terrace, Geraldton

