



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 2 WEEK 1

18 April 2024

Principal's Notes

Welcome Back to Term Two

Welcome back to Term Two! I hope everyone in the St John's School Community had a lovely holiday, filled with whatever you personally needed it to be filled with – rest, adventure, relaxation, family, blessings, chocolate etc.

I look forward to all the learning, friendships and growth that Term Two promises to provide.

Holiday Work

Over the holidays, we had lots of work undertaken around the school. The work included:

- New carpet and vinyl in Year One
- Replacing the roof of the Pre Primary verandah, including some beams, gutters and external plasterboard. The metal sheets have been secured on an angle to prevent future drainage issues reoccurring.
- Replacing a section of guttering in the Courtyard to reduce drainage issues and mini waterfalls in heavy rain
- The installation of a handrail on the internal steps from the Kindy Classroom to the students' toilets to reduce the risk of falls and trips

I am very appreciative of the staff who worked hard to get the aforementioned areas ready for the work and for the set up required at the completion of the various jobs.

WA Student Assistance Payment

Get ready to claim the WA Student Assistance Payment.

The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer from 15 April 2024.

Apple Store: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/servicewa/id1599181775>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.wa.digital.service.mobile.servicewa.citizen>

For app support, head to [WA.gov.au/serviceaapp](https://www.wa.gov.au/serviceaapp)

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit [education.wa.edu.au/wasap](https://www.wa.gov.au/education/wasap)

ANZAC Day

Next Thursday, Vienna and Reece, Head Girl and Boy, will represent St John's School at the 2024 ANZAC Day Service at Birdwood House, laying a wreath on behalf of the school community. I would like to thank their families for supporting their children and the school in honouring the ANZACs. My gratitude is also extended to Miss Tessa Venturini and Mrs Tracey Doglione for all the work they undertook to ensure our participation, including organising the wreath.

The Year Six Class will lead the whole school in an ANZAC Day Prayer Assembly on Friday 26 April at 8:45am on the Basketball Courts. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 19 April
Prayer Assembly
Year 5 - 8.45am

Alleluia Day
(Students can wear white)

Monday 22 April
P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 25 April
ANZAC Day
Public Holiday

Friday 26 April
Prayer Assembly
Year 6 - 8.45am

Thursday 2 May
Assembly - Yr 6
2.20pm

Friday 3 May
Prayer Assembly
Year 3 - 8:45am

Saturday 4 May
Commitment Mass SFX -
6:00pm

Sunday 5 May
Commitment Mass SFX -
7.30am, 9.30am &
6:00pm

Staffing Announcements

As advised at the end of last term, via Seesaw, Mrs Sarah D’Mello has commenced as an Assistant Principal. Mrs D’Mello will teach in Year One on Monday, Tuesday and Friday and Wednesday and Thursday will be her Administration Days. Mrs Michelle Hilton-Barber (Mrs B) will teach the Year One Class on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Mrs B is currently working in Pre Primary on Fridays. This arrangement allows Mrs D’Mello to be in the Year One Classroom at the beginning and end of each week.

Mrs Laura Lang will commence as Assistant Principal on Monday 6 May. Mrs Lang will teach Visual Arts on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Mondays, Mrs Lang will work as the Students with Disabilities Co-ordinator and Thursday and Fridays will be her Administration Days. Ms Kristen Hogue will continue as the Visual Arts Teacher for the first three weeks of Term Two and I appreciate her willingness and generosity with this contract extension, in the best interests of the students.

Mrs Melissa Davey has resigned from her position at St John’s School, effective 8 April 2024. Melissa has been an asset to our school community, and we would like to thank her for her dedication to our school and children over the last five years.

Child Safe Framework

St John’s School, in partnership with Catholic Education Western Australia, aims to provide the best Catholic education and outcomes for your child requires an engaging, safe and supportive school environment. The combined nine elements of the Child Safe Framework, supports a child safe culture, healthy and respectful relationships, and extended guardianship in school communities, based on the latest research and recognised best practices. Please refer to page five for further information.

Student Code of Conduct

On page six of this newsletter, you will find a copy of the St John’s School Student Code of Conduct. The students want to feel safe, recognised, calm, joyful and educated when at school.

Good News Story

The children have had a wonderful start back to Term Two. It has been wonderful to see the children excited and happy for another busy and long term ahead!

Mrs Melissa Marquis and Miss Tessa Venturini

PRINCIPAL AND ACTING PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

ANZAC Day Prayer Assembly

Next Friday, the school community will gather to commemorate the fallen at an ANZAC Day Prayer Assembly at 8.45am. Thank you to the Year Six students who will lead us in our service.

Alleluia Day

Tomorrow, St John’s School will once again celebrate ‘Alleluia Day’. As a community of faith, we will rejoice in the miracle of Jesus’ resurrection which occurred on Easter Sunday.

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!”
(John 20: 18)

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a victory over death and sin, paving the way for all followers to live love-filled lives on earth and in Heaven.

Students are invited to wear white in recognition of Jesus’ resurrection. We will commence the day with a morning Prayer Assembly led by the Year Five Class at 9:00am in the Courtyard, with all members of our school community invited to attend.

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

Welcome back to the Library. A friendly reminder to return overdue books that were borrowed over the holidays. During Term 2 we will be participating in WAYRBA and NSS.

READING: YOUR PASSPORT TO

ADVENTURE- Western Australian Young



Reader Book Awards (WAYRBA)

commences with students being able to borrow books suggested and voted on by their peers throughout Western Australia. Our students will be given the opportunity to

evaluate them as ‘terrific’, ‘good’, ‘okay’ or ‘not for me.’

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS)

22nd May 2024



NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA).

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author

and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children’s book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to

Religious Education

Project Compassion Boxes 2024

Thank you to the children and families who have returned their Project Compassion Mission Box. The money raised will go to Caritas Missions and will enable them to further support their good work throughout the world.

If you have not yet brought back your Project Compassion Mission Box, please return it to school with your child by Friday 26 April.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

This term, students in Year Four, will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please take note of the following dates:

Our First Eucharist Candidates and their parent/carers will make their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. It is a requirement that all Eucharistic candidates from St John's School attend a Sacrament of First Eucharist Commitment Mass.

Please see below the times for the Commitment Masses at St Francis Xavier Cathedral:

- **Saturday 4 May at 6.00pm**
- **Sunday 5 May at 7.30am, 9.30am, 6.00pm**
- **Saturday 11 May at 6.00pm**

Sacrament of First Eucharist Retreat Day will be held on **Thursday 6 June**.

The Sacrament of First Eucharist for St John's School will be held on **the 16 June**. Further information regarding this special celebration will be sent out closer to the date.

Fruit of the Spirit - Peace

This week we begin our focus on the **Fruit of Peace**:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!". After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
(John 20: 19-21)*

Communio Week 2024 – 'Step Up'

In Week Five, the St John's School Community will celebrate Communio Week. Communio Week supports the Catholic affiliated agencies in the Geraldton Diocese and aims to aid those in need. This is an initiative fully supported by Bishop Michael Morrissey. This year's theme is '*Step Up*'. More information regarding Communio Week will be sent out to families in the near future.

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 22 April
Monday 13 May
Monday 10 June

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Term Two P&F Events

Canteen Day – Monday 17 June

Administration News

Welcome to Term Two

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our families for the beginning of Term Two. I hope you all had a fun and refreshing school holidays. I am excited to start this term as Assistant Principal and am looking forward to getting to know more of our St John's families and their stories over the term.

Assembly

Our first School Assembly for Term Two is scheduled during Week 3 on **Thursday 2 May** at 2:20pm. We look forward to the Year Six Class entertaining us with their Assembly item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The Australian Early Development Census is run nationwide with our Pre-Primary students and commences on **Wednesday 1 May**. This is the most comprehensive collection of its kind in the world, measuring child development across five domains; physical health and wellbeing, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills, communication skills and general knowledge. The information collected helps shape the future and wellbeing of our children by providing evidence to support education, health and community policy and planning at a national, state, community and local level.

Mother's Day Events

On **Thursday 9 May**, the Kindy class invites all Mums, Aunties, Grandmothers and other special guests to attend their Kindy 'MAGS' Afternoon from 2-3pm. The Kindy students look forward to showing how much they treasure that special person in their life.

Swimming Lessons

Please be advised that In-term Swimming Lessons will commence for students from Pre Primary to Year Six, in Week 11 from Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June. This year the school is trialling students participating in double lessons for the duration of one week, rather than over the regular two weeks. Further information regarding swimming lessons will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



Child Safe Catholic Schools

Introducing the
Child Safe Framework



Creating environments
where children feel safe,
are engaged and can flourish

Christ-centred, child-focused

Designed to support schools in maintaining engaging, supportive and safe environments

All children have the right to a good education. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) schools and early years learning and care centres are Christ-centred, and child-focused learning communities that support each child to develop to their full God-given potential. Key to this is ensuring the learning environment is engaging, safe and supportive.

The framework outlines the policies, practices and behaviours found in our schools that underpin a culture prioritising the best interests of children and young people.

Good relationships are vital if Catholic schools are to achieve their aims. Both parents and the school need to work at building constructive relationships.¹

¹ Mandate: Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia 2009-2015, para. 76.

All members of our Catholic school community share the responsibility for this healthy culture. Your school relies on strong partnerships with you – as parents and carers – to provide your child with the best possible learning and development opportunities. Working together, we can ensure all children and young people flourish in a safe, healthy environment.

The framework is based upon the following key practices:

Situational prevention

Is constantly evaluating our total environment to minimise opportunities of risk and bring the hidden into the open. The focus is on creating safer environments.

These include elements within our schools: including physical and online environments, staffing, governance, behaviours and culture with an aim to eliminate or mitigate situations that present risk for children and young people.

Extended Guardianship

When our leaders, staff and wider school community share a collective responsibility to actively support an environment that is engaging, supportive and safe.

It is about having respectful conversations regarding the behaviours we see and how they reflect our Code of Conduct for staff, parents and students to ensure we create a culture where our students are heard, are safe and can thrive.

Healthy Respectful Relationships

Pope Francis says as an essential requirement of love is "every human being is bound to live agreeably with those around him." Our role as teachers, parents and guardians is to model healthy respectful relationships for our students & children so they will be equipped with the knowledge to understand how they should be treated.

The presence of healthy respectful relationships is by their very nature protective and allow children to flourish.



Student Code of Conduct

At St John's School we want to feel
SAFE, RECOGNISED, CALM, JOYFUL and EDUCATED.

Feeling **SAFE**

In order to feel **SAFE**, we will follow the rules and stick up for one another. When someone isn't feeling **SAFE**, we will support them.

Feeling **RECOGNISED**

In order to feel **RECOGNISED**, we will include others in our activities and acknowledge that everyone brings their own story to school. When someone isn't feeling **RECOGNISED**, we will talk to them and support them around others.

Feeling **CALM**

In order to feel **CALM**, we will show self-control and live out the Fruit of the Spirit. When someone isn't feeling **CALM**, we will comfort them when needed.

Feeling **JOYFUL**

In order to feel **JOYFUL**, we will treat others how we like to be treated and arrive at school with a smile. When someone isn't feeling **JOYFUL**, we will try to make them happy.

By doing these things we will develop a
CARING,
TRUSTING
and **HAPPY**
community.

Feeling **EDUCATED**

In order to feel **EDUCATED**, we will try our best, listen, stay focused and participate in all opportunities given to us at school. When someone isn't feeling **EDUCATED**, we will encourage them to ask questions and point them towards help.



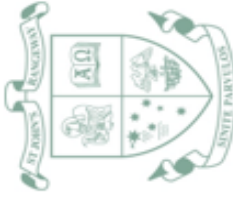
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Thank you.



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Term 2 2024 Planner - Parent

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1	15 April PUPIL FREE DAY	16 STUDENTS COMMENCE	17	18	19 Beginning of the term Prayer Assembly - Yr 5 Alleluia Day	20	21
WEEK 2	22 P&F Meeting 6:00pm	23	24	25 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - ANZAC DAY	26 Prayer Assembly Yr 6 8:45am	27	28
WEEK 3	29	30	1 st May	2 Assembly Yr 6 2:20pm	3 Prayer Assembly Yr 3 8:45am	4 Commitment Mass at 6pm STFX	5 Commitment Mass at STFX 7.30am, 9.30am or 6pm
WEEK 4	6	7	8	9 Kindy MAGS (tbc)	10 Prayer Assembly Yr PP 8:45am Geraldton School Slam Series Year 5 & 6	11	12
WEEK 5	13 Prayer Assembly at 8.45am Communion Week P&F Meeting 6:00pm	14	15 Communion Market Day Eucharist Parent/Child meeting 5.00pm Catholic Centre	16	17 Prayer Assembly Yr 4 8:45am	18	19



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WEEK 6	20	21 School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00pm	22	23 Assembly Yr 1 2:20pm	24 Prayer Assembly 2 8:45am	25	26 National Sorry Day
WEEK 7	27	28	29	30	31 Prayer Assembly Yr 1 8:45am	1 st June	2
WEEK 8	3 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Western Australia Day	4 SCHOOL PHOTOS (Promotional)	5 SCHOOL PHOTOS	6	7 Prayer Assembly Spiritual Ministry 8:45am	8	9
WEEK 9	10 P&F Meeting 6:00pm	11	12 Faction Cross Country 1:00pm	13 Assembly - Choir 2:20pm	14 Prayer Assembly Staff 8:45am Yr5/6 Netball & Football Carnival	15	16 Holy Communion 8:30am

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WEEK 10	17 Andrew Chinn Incurston TBC P&F Canteen Day	18	19 NADIOC Incurston 1:45pm	20	21 Prayer Assembly NADIOC 8:45am STEM SHOWCASE YR 6	22	23
WEEK 11	24 SWIMMING LESSONS NAIDOC WEEK (TBC)	25	26	27	28 NADIOC Mass - 9.00am LAST DAY STUDENTS	29	30

GAME ON!

GAME TO TRY
SOMETHING
NEW?



PICKLEBALL

QEII Centre, Durlacher Street

Ages 11 - 16

Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

24 April - 12 June 2024

INDOOR SOCCER

QEII Centre, Durlacher Street

Ages 11 to 16

Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm

25 April - 13 June 2024

Register for **FREE** at

<https://events.humanitix.com/host/cgg>

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



Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



DV-alert

Domestic and Family Violence Response Training

1-Day DV-aware Workshop

For the general public

About 1-Day DV-aware Workshop

1-Day DV-aware is an interactive workshop where you will learn how to recognise and respond to domestic and family violence and what you can do to help make a difference.

In attending our 1-Day DV-aware Workshop, you will:

- know how to identify the different signs and forms of abuse that constitute domestic and family violence
- learn about the Cycle of Violence and the Power and Control Wheel (The Duluth Model)
- reflect on and share what you can do if you know someone who is experiencing domestic and family violence
- have an opportunity to network with other individuals
- receive tools and references for domestic and family violence support and referral.

Why DV-alert?

DV-alert is led by experienced trainers dedicated to reducing violence against women and their children. Our 1-Day DV-aware Workshop provides a safe space to learn, connect and be empowered to recognise and respond confidently to those in crisis.

Who is it for?

- Anyone living in Australia
- Minimum age: 18-years-old
- Also suitable for organisations.

Cost

This workshop is free for adults.

Contact us

For further enquiries contact: training.dvalert@lifeline.org.au



A key learning I have taken from this workshop is that there is a lot of support available for people experiencing domestic violence.

— Past participant

Date: 10 May 2024

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Venue: Geraldton
Universities Centre,
33 Onslow Street,
Geraldton WA 6530

Enrol:

