



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 2 WEEK 3

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Principal's Notes

Return to School

It is so good to be back in Geraldton and back at St John's School. I flew into Geraldton yesterday morning after a flight from Barcelona. Over the past month, I have had the most incredible experiences whilst on holidays, Senior Leaders Renewal Leave and Long Service Leave. I look forward to sharing my experiences from Portugal, Spain and France in the next newsletter.

Mother's Day

Wishing all the Mums, Nannas, Aunts and the special ladies in our lives a very Happy Mother's Day for Sunday 12 May. I hope your day begins with a cup of tea, a hug and lots of messages of love. Thank you for the unconditional love you show to your children.

We are unable to hold our annual Mother's Day Morning Tea as the Hall is currently being used as an Office and Staffroom. We thank you for your understanding in relation to this matter and we look forward to the event returning in 2025.

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/servicewaapp

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Languages

At St John's School, students from Pre Primary to Year Six are taught Languages (Indonesian) by Miss Lauren Hewitson. Language learning broadens students' horizons to include the personal, social, and employment opportunities that are increasingly evident in our world today. We are appreciative of the planning that Miss Hewitson applies to preparing the learning opportunities for the students.

In the future, the Kindy students will engage with ELLA, Early Languages Learning Australia. The ELLA Program centres on building a culture of language and understanding. ELLA is an exciting digital language learning program for our Kindy Class, opening up a world of cultural possibilities for the children. The Kindy Class will be exposed to the Indonesian language using play-based apps called *The Polyglots*. (A polyglot is someone who is multilingual.) They use the apps on tablet devices in the Kindy Classroom. The apps were designed with help from language, early childhood and technology experts. We look forward to sharing more about ELLA in the future and I thank Mrs Bethany Van Eck for supporting the students in this area. <https://www.ella.edu.au>

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

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

Thursday 9 May
MAGS Day - Kindy
2.00pm-3.00pm

Friday 10 May
Prayer Assembly
Year PP - 8.45am

Geraldton School Slam
Yr 6 Boys

Monday 13 May
Communio Week

Prayer Assembly -
8.45am

Wednesday 15 May
Communio Market Day

Work Health and Safety

The physical and mental health, safety, and wellbeing of all members of the CEWA community is our highest priority. St John's School is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment that seeks to eliminate or minimise hazards and risks of injury or ill health to all members of the school community.

As a staff, we have processes in place to report maintenance and safety issues. Students are also encouraged to raise any areas of concern with a staff member. If a parent/carer or visitor notes a risk, they are encouraged to speak to the School Office so it can be addressed in a timely manner.

Good News Story

At the beginning of the year, St John's School were kindly gifted seven bikes by the CEWA Wellbeing Team. I sent out information and the opportunity for parents to nominate other families for these bikes. This week, all bikes were given out to candidates. The smiles and excitement on the children's faces were priceless. Thank you to the CEWA Wellbeing Team for considering St John's in this thoughtful gesture.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly Friday 3 May

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Courtyard, the Year Three class will be leading the school community in a Prayer Assembly. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Communio Week 2024 – 'Looking Out for Others'

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*'. Please ensure you read the note that was sent out earlier in the week with the eldest in the family in regard to Communio Week 2024 and the Market Day being held on **Wednesday 15 May**.

As part of our celebrations, students will lead us in a Prayer Assembly on **Monday 13 May** at 8:45am in the Courtyard To conclude the week, the Year Four Class will lead the St John's School community in a Communio Prayer Assembly on **Friday 17 May** at 9:00am in the Courtyard. We hope you are able to join us.

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:

- Sacrament of First Eucharist Commitment Masses,
- Sacrament of First Eucharist Workshop, **Wednesday 15 May at 5.00pm.**
- Sacrament of First Eucharist Retreat Day, **Thursday 6 June.**

The Sacrament of First Eucharist for St John's School will be held on **Sunday 16** venue and time TBC.

Receiving Jesus for the first time is a very special occasion, please take this time to prayer for our new communicants as they prepare for this next step in their Catholic faith journey.

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"

During Week 3 students have been borrowing books from the WAYRBA collection.

Inside these books I have placed some voting slips for the students to fill out and vote on what they thought about the books. Can you please assist your child/children with the voting slips if they have selected one of these books.

On their next visit to the library the voting slips can be placed in the ballot box directly next to the books on display.



On Wednesday 21st May we are looking forward to sharing the "Bowerbird Blues" the book chosen for National Simultaneous Storytime.

Thank you to those students and families who have followed up any overdue books and returned them to the library. Please contact the library or your classroom teacher if you cannot locate the missing book. The Library Management System allocates a cover image of the book to the overdue reminder slip making it easier for students to identify the books they have borrowed.

Religious Education

Fruit of the Spirit – Peace

This week, we again focus on the **Fruit of Peace**:

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

(Hebrews 12:14)

This scripture comes from the Letters to the Hebrews. It speaks of the importance for peace and holiness to work in harmony. Holiness takes the shape of many forms: celebrating the Eucharist, quiet prayer, service to others, or perhaps, offering the peace of Christ to all we encounter.

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Assembly

Thank you to the Year Six Class for entertaining us with their assembly item today! The next School Assembly for Term Two is scheduled during Week 6 on **Thursday 23rd May** at 2:20pm. We look forward to the Year One Class presenting their Assembly item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

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.

National Simultaneous Storytime

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May**. The book chosen for this year is titled 'Bowerbird Blues', written by Aura Parker. The story stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for anything blue! It is a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him sparing across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches vibrant treasures for his collection, and soon his bower – a mix of natural and unnatural objects – attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have imagined. Students will have the opportunity to listen to the story and participate in related activities.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place on **Wednesday 5th June**. Further information and information about ordering photographs will be sent home next week.

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

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

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

Mother's Day Movie Night

Friday 10 May

(see flyer on page six)

Canteen Day – Monday

17 June

NETBALL - Round 1

Saturday 4th May

	TEAMS	TIME	COURT
A Yellow Group 2	St John's V Geraldton Grammar	10.30am	3
Go Blue	St John's V Geraldton Grammar	10.30am	7
Set Blue	St John's V Mount Tarcoola	09.15am	7



PLEASE JOIN OUR KINDY CLASS
FOR

MAGS DAY



(Mothers, Aunties, Grandmas)

ALL ARE WELCOME

MOTHERS DAY ACTIVITIES



THURSDAY MAY 9, 2-3PM
ST JOHNS KINDY CLASSROOM



The St. John's P&F presents...



MOTHER'S DAY MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY MAY 10

IN THE SCHOOL COURTYARD

DOORS OPEN 5.30PM FOR A 6PM START

All family & community members welcome!

Please park on the oval



**POPCORN PROVIDED, CHOCOLATE &
LOLLIES FOR SALE - \$2 EACH**

BYO BLANKETS, CHAIRS AND DRINKS

RSVP before 3pm Friday May 10

to Amy - 0407047432

St Lawrence's Church Garage Sale

We are asking for donations please of items you have found no further use for although still in good condition, a treasure for another

Items such as:

Tools, kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewellery,
pot plants, garden items,
push bikes, toys, balls and soft toys and etc.

Unfortunately, we can't accept electrical, mechanical and clothing items and books.

To help further have your donation SALE READY as this adds GREAT value to your donation.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS

**Money raised goes towards Annual Maintenance and
General Running Costs of St Lawrence's Church.**

Please deliver your donations
Saturday 18 May
between
11:00 am and 2:00 pm to
Undercover area at St Lawrence's School

The Garage Sale is on Sunday 19 May 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

St Lawrence's School undercover area

A good cuppa is available with homemade scones, cake and savory.

DONATIONS are also required please for our raffles which raise a lot of money. A gift or a small money donation is greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEERS to help please for a few hours on Saturday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and Sunday between 8:15 am and 2:30 pm. A rewarding experience and fun.

If you can help or need further information, please contact
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