



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 2 WEEK 9**

13 June 2024

## Principal's Notes

### Sacrament of First Eucharist

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Saturday:

*Jye Ariannah      Lila B Ava      Liam Jack      Hazel Isabelle      Chantellé*

Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts as they undertake the final preparations to receive the Body of Jesus, the fuel required for their spiritual nourishment.

The students listed below need to be recognised for participating in the program, supporting their peers with some will receive a blessing on Saturday. Please also keep them in your prayers and well wishes.

*Stella Brooklyn      Ashley Marlarnia      Shelby Rueben      Ambrose Tex      Maliyah Maisie*  
*Brodie Stephen      Kaitlyn Lila M      Mason*  
*Isla Branche      Skyla Caysee      Lachlan*

### Cross Country

Yesterday, we were lucky to have a break in the weather to host the 2024 Faction Cross Country. All students participated exceptionally well with many displays of sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

I would like to thank all the parents/carers for attending, braving the elements. My thanks are also extended to the Staff of St John's School who assisted with the event in a multitude of ways. We were also ably assisted by some students and their help is appreciated. Finally, I thank Mrs Crocetta for all the work she put into preparing, many aspects of the Carnival!

Please find below the final results for each of the race divisions.

2024 Junior Boys Cross Country	2024 Junior Girls Cross Country
First - Dennis	First - Melody
Second - Sydney	Second - Frankie
Third - Luke	Third - Lillian R
Fourth - Hemi	Fourth - Lillian S
2024 Intermediate Boys Cross Country	2024 Intermediate Girls Cross Country
First - Jack	First - Ariannah
Second - Lachlan W	Second - Zarli
Third - Brodie	Third - Stella
Fourth - Liam	Fourth - Evie
2024 Senior Boys Cross Country	2024 Senior Girls Cross Country
First - Jett	First - Heidi
Second - Luke	Second - Billie
Third - Darcy	Third - Sienna
Fourth - Xavier S	Fourth - Bianca

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 14 June**

Prayer Assembly  
Staff - 8.45am

Netball/Football  
Carnivals  
Years 5 & 6

**Monday 17 June**

Andrew Chinn Incursion

P&F Canteen Day

**Wednesday 19 June**

NAIDOC Incursion  
1:45pm

**Friday 21 June**

Prayer Assembly  
NAIDOC - 8.45am  
STEM Showcase (Yr6)

**Monday 24 June**

Swimming Lessons  
NAIDOC Week  
Celebrations

**Friday 28 June**

Last day for students

**Tuesday 16 July**

**Term 3 commences**

## Screen Time

Screen time can be defined as any time spent on a device with a screen, including televisions, computers, smartphones, tablets, online games, and wearable technology such as smartwatches. Quality screen time can benefit children as they can be creative and collaborative when online.

Managing the amount of time children and young people spend in front of a screen is a concern parents/carers may have.

It can be hard to get away from screens in our increasingly digital life. But it is recommended that you set reasonable expectations for the amount of time your children are spending in front of a screen, and for the type and quality of that screen time.

The Australian Department of Health has conducted research on the recommendation for the physical activity, sedentary and sleep behaviours for children. Across a twenty-four hour period, they recommend:

Across a 24-hour period, they recommend:

- infants younger than 2 have no screen time
- children aged 2-5 have no more than one hour per day
- children and young people aged between 5-17 years have less than 2 hours a day of sedentary recreational screen time.

These time limits do not include the screen time spent on educational activities.

For more information, please go to [https://www.health.gov.au/topics/physical-activity-and-exercise/physical-activity-and-exercise-guidelines-for-all-australians?utm\\_source=health.gov.au&utm\\_medium=callout-auto-custom&utm\\_campaign=digital\\_transformation](https://www.health.gov.au/topics/physical-activity-and-exercise/physical-activity-and-exercise-guidelines-for-all-australians?utm_source=health.gov.au&utm_medium=callout-auto-custom&utm_campaign=digital_transformation)

## Conduct Statements

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.

Please find a full outline of the Code of Conduct on the school website [https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies\\_codeofconduct.pdf](https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf)

## 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,  
Thursdays - Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 4,  
Year 5 & Year 6

### Library News

As we are in the last weeks of Term 2 can I please ask all students who have overdue/lost books at home to return them before the end of Week 11.

Please let your classroom teachers know if you cannot locate the overdue or lost library book.

## **SPEECH PATHOLOGY AUSTRALIA – 2024 SHORTLIST BOOK**

Literacy is based on good oral language skills. The Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards aim to promote quality Australian books that help children get the best, most literate start in life.

The Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards aim to promote children's books as literacy tools, as well as raising awareness of the role speech pathologists play in helping children develop language and literacy skills.

Library news can be found on **page 5**

## 2025 Kindy Enrolments

St John's School is currently accepting 2025 Kindy enrolments. If you have a son/daughter who is turning four by the 30 June 2025, please collect an Enrolment Application Pack from Tracey in the School Office.

Additionally, if you have family members or friends who are looking at schools for their own child/ren, please let them know we offer obligation free enrolment tours.

## Good News Story

Well done to all the children who ran in Wednesday's Cross Country. Your efforts and determination were admirable as you ran to represent your faction. You all deserve to be very proud of yourselves.

## **Mrs Melissa Marquis**

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the staff will be leading the school community in a Prayer Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## NAIDOC Prayer Assembly and Mass

On Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Aboriginal Teacher Assistants will be leading the school community in a Prayer Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA)

In Term Three, students in Years Three and Five will take part in the Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA). A note with further information will be sent out next week. More information on the BRLA will be advertised next term.

## Andrew Chinn Incursion

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow", "An African Blessing" and "Rise Up!" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. The concert will take place in the undercover area from 1.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Sunday Gospel

This Sunday, the Gospel reading comes from the Gospel of Mark (4:26-34). The Parable of the Mustard Seed.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many. (© 2024 Loyola Press.)

**Mrs Laura Lang - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

# P&F News

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## P&F Committee

### Meeting Dates

#### Term 3

Monday 22 July  
Monday 12 August  
Monday 2 September

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Term Two P&F Events

- Canteen Day - Butter Chicken - Monday 17 June
- Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser - more Information to come

# Administration News

## School Photographs

School photographs were a great success last week, our thanks are extended to all parents and carers who made sure that students were well groomed and in the correct school uniform for their photos. Any outstanding orders will now incur a late \$30 archive fee. We anticipate that the photographs will be delivered to the school during the middle of Term Three.

## Lockdown Drill

Today, St John's School held a practise of our lockdown procedures. The teachers ensured that students were fully informed of and prepared for the lockdown drill, prior to its commencement. These drills are extremely important and enable us to review our existing Crisis Management Plan and modify as necessary so that we can uphold the safety of our students and staff in times of potential emergencies. Thank you to all students and staff for your cooperation during today's practise.

## Swimming Lessons

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. Information regarding swimming lessons was sent home with students last week. If you have not returned your child's swimming form, please do so by tomorrow, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## NAIDOC Week

We are looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week, beginning with an incursion and performance by Dion Drummond on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, and then our Friday Prayer Assembly in Week 10. Our celebrations in Week 11 will be on a smaller scale than usual due to swimming lessons and will be run with support from our Aboriginal Teaching Assistants, Lesley Jones, Ashleigh Jones and Michael Wright. We thank Lesley, Ashleigh and Michael for their time and efforts organising the activities and celebrations for students to participate in.

## Student Medical Plans

We would like to remind you to update your child's medical information with the school. It is crucial for us to have the most current details to ensure your child's safety and well-being. If your child has a medical management plan for conditions such as asthma, allergies, anaphylaxis, or other health issues, please make sure these plans are also up to date.

Last week, we sent a letter home to families identified with existing medical plans. If you received this letter or if your child requires a medical management plan, please visit the school office to collect and complete the necessary forms. Thank you for your time and support in keeping our records current, to help us provide the best care and support for your child.

## IEP Meetings

IEP meetings are scheduled to take place next week; however, we have postponed these dates and meetings will occur during Week Two next term. Further information regarding these meetings will be sent out at the beginning of next term. We thank you for your understanding.

## Support Our School Art Program

Our art program thrives on the creativity and generosity of our community. We're currently seeking donations of household items to enrich our students' artistic experiences. Items such as large hummus or yogurt buckets with handles, scrap material for quilting, embroidery hoops, egg cartons, wool, newspapers, magazines, and various other materials are in high demand. Your contributions will directly support our students' creativity and enhance their learning experiences. Please drop off any donations at the school office. For more information, please contact Mrs Lang. Thank you for your support!

# Administration News

## Exciting STEM Opportunity for Year 6 Students

We are thrilled to announce that our Year 6 class will be traveling to Nagle Catholic College on Friday, June 21st, to present their innovative solutions to local judges and their peers from other schools as part of the STEM Making A Difference (MAD) program. What is STEM MAD? STEM MAD is a program of state and national student competitions that encourage students to apply Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) learnings to make a difference (MAD) in the world by acting for justice and the common good. This program is inclusive of student groups from Catholic schools across the country, developing solutions that align with the papal call for action in *Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home*.

Student groups are free to pursue any areas of interest that align with the judging criteria. They first compete in local competitions within their state or Diocese, and the highest performing groups are invited to Nationals. We are incredibly proud of our students' hard work and dedication to making a positive impact. This opportunity not only allows them to showcase their talents but also reinforces the importance of using STEM to address real-world problems. Let's support our Year 6 students as they strive to make a difference!

## Semester One Reports

Reports will be sent home with students on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June. The purpose of these reports is to identify and communicate areas for celebration as well as areas for future development. Reports in Years 1-6 measure student progress using an A-E grading scale, with a C grade indicating that students have met the 'at target' point for their respective year level in each of the learning areas. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's School Report, please arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's classroom teacher. Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings will also be held in Term Three and are another opportunity to discuss your child's progress. Congratulations to all of our students for their efforts during Semester One, I look forward to seeing them tackle new learning and challenges next semester.

## School Holidays

The final day for Term Two is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, with student commencing Term Three on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Monday 15<sup>th</sup> is a pupil free day and staff will be participating in the second day of Berry Street Training. The Berry Street Education Model helps educators gain

**Mrs Sarah D'Mello**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

## NETBALL

### Help Required

If we have any parents/carers that are able to help out with St John's Netball Umpiring as our Go Blue netball team

(Year 4) are in desperate search for an umpire. If you could even help out on a part time basis it would be appreciated.

If you could please contact the school office on 9920 0100.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## The Awards:

- Promote quality Australian children’s literature.
- Enhance awareness of the role speech pathologists play in language and literacy development. Encourage a love of reading.



NEW DOUBLE NOMINATED AWARD BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY  
The Children’s Book of The Year Awards and  
Speech Pathology Australia Book Of the Year Awards

**Grace and Mr Milligan** is a heart-warming story of grief, love and the healing power of friendship. Grace lives next door to old Mr Milligan and his goat Charlie. They are the best of friends. But when Mr Milligan’s beloved goat dies, everything changes. Will Grace be able to help her friend overcome his sadness?



**One Little Duck** is a fun twist on the song “Five Little Ducks”. Everyday Mother Duck tries a new barnyard call, and every night Little Duck returns with a new farm friend.



# HELP OUR YOUNG ARTISTS THRIVE!

Our art classroom is in need of various household items that you might be able to donate. Your contributions will help foster creativity and provide our students with a wide range of materials to explore their artistic talents.

Please consider donating the following items:

- **CARDBOARD TUBES (PAPER TOWEL/GIFT WRAPPING)**
- **PLASTIC CONTAINERS AND LIDS**
- **OLD JEWELLERY**
- **SHELLS**
- **FEATHERS**
- **RIBBON**
- **OLD CDS OR DVDS**
- **WINE CORKS**
- **SHOE BOXES**
- **PAPER BAGS**
- **STRING/TWINE**
- **LARGE HOMOGENEOUS OR YOGURT BUCKETS WITH HANDLES**
- **SCRAP MATERIAL FOR QUILTING**
- **EMBROIDERY HOOPS**
- **EGG CARTONS**
- **WOOL/YARN**
- **NEWSPAPERS**
- **MAGAZINES**
- **BUTTONS**
- **FABRIC SCRAPS**
- **BEADS**
- **BOTTLE CAPS**

This list is not exhaustive, and we welcome any other materials you think might inspire creativity. Please bring your donations to the school office. For any questions, please contact Mrs Lang.

Thank you for supporting our young artists and helping our art program flourish!



# COMMUNITY KITCHEN



Come and learn how to cook a yummy, healthy feed from our community garden, with EON Foundation.

Free tasty food and a good yarn.

Parents, grandparents, families all welcome. Bring your bubs.

*Every second Wednesday of the school term, at 9.00am to 11:00am  
(17 and 31 July, 14 and 28 August, 11 September)*

Sign in at the Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway (Hovea Street), OR Rangeway Primary School office (Cassia Street).

Contact 9921 6814 or [Rangeway@ngala.com.au](mailto:Rangeway@ngala.com.au).

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