



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 2 WEEK 11
27 June 2024

Principal's Notes

End of Term and Happy Holidays

After eleven weeks, Term Two has nearly come to an end. So much has been achieved over the term, too numerous to list them all. I thank the students for working to their very best across all learning areas. I am grateful to the staff for continuing to go above and beyond to ensure that every opportunity is provided for the students. Finally, I extend my appreciation to the parents/carers who have worked in collaboration with the school in the best interests of their child/ren.

I would like to wish everyone all the best for the impending holidays. May you have time to undertake all the activities you love and with those whom you love. I look forward to hearing all about the students' holiday adventures when the students return for Term Three on Tuesday 16 July.

Staffing Updates

I am writing to advise that as of next term, Miss Abbey Wilson will only be working at St John's School on a Friday. Miss Wilson has made the decision to study nursing and she will be required to attend TAFE four days a week, Monday to Thursday. Whilst it will be sad not to have Miss Wilson at St John's School for five days a week, we wish her all the very best with her newly chosen career pathway and we will appreciate her working with us each Friday.

Our new Health and Physical Education Teacher, Mr Caleb Antonovich, will commence at St John's School next term, starting on Tuesday 16 July. Mr Antonovich is currently working at another local primary school on Thursdays and Fridays, and will bring his skills, experience and study in the Health and Physical Education for the students to benefit from on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We look forward to providing Mr Antonovich with a warm St John's School welcome next term.

Fortnite

We have a large number of students, from all year levels, talking about Fortnite and their active play in the online game. The eSafety Commissioner website www.esafety.gov.au states that 13+ is the minimum age for this game. The information on the website states:

Fortnite is a third-person shooter game where up to 100 players compete to be the last person or team standing. You can compete alone or join a team of up to four. You progress through the game by exploring the island, collecting weapons, building fortifications and engaging in combat with other players. You can make purchases for access to the full game or for bonus weapons. Players communicate with other players through online messaging or voice chat. Fortnite Battle Royale is a free version of the Fortnite game.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-topics/esafety-guide/fortnite-battle-royale>

I ask all parents/carers, from Kindy to Year Six, to be aware of this information so you can make an informed decision about your child's access to this game.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 28 June
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

Monday 15 July
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 16 July
STUDENTS COMMENCE

Friday 19 July
Prayer Assembly
Yr 3 - 8.45am

Monday 22 July
P&F Meeting 6:00pm

Wednesday 24 July
Confirmation Parent/Child meeting 5:00pm

REA Online Assessments

Friday 26 July
Prayer Assembly
Yr 2 - 8:45am

Student Council Meeting



Student Code of Conduct – Reporting of Breaches

In a recent Newsletter, I shared with the school community, the St John's School Student Code of Conduct. If there is a breach in the Student Code of Conduct, the students are encouraged to report the breach through one of the following avenues:

- Verbal discussion with a staff member
- Verbal discussion with a member of the Leadership Team
- Written communication with a staff member
- Written communication with a member of the Leadership Team
- Discussion with a parent/carer or another trusted adult

Following on from the reporting of the breach, the appropriate course of resolution will be actioned.

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. Enrolments interviews will be held in Term Three

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

The Year Six Class is the star of the Good News Story for this week. Last Friday, they represented St John's School at the CEWA MAD STEM Competition. The students represented themselves and the school very well, making the staff very proud. Congratulations to Sienna, Mackenzie, Azelia and Lillie-Rae for winning the Social Entrepreneurship category with their Super Silo Safety entry. We are very proud of you!

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Due to Swimming Lessons, we will not be having a Prayer Assembly tomorrow. Week Eleven and holiday birthdays will be celebrated next term.

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 was sent out this week. More information on the BRLA will be advertised next term.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

On Saturday 15 June, students from the Year Four Class celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. All students who attended, represented themselves, their families and St John's School in the most reverent manner.

A special thank you must go to Father Robert O'Bryan for presiding over the Mass and for the spiritual guidance and wisdom he offered the candidates and congregation. We were very lucky to have Father Hilary lead this celebration.

Thank you to the Staff of St John's School for their continued support and help, particularly, Mr Patrick Matthews, who prepared the Year Four candidates so perfectly.

I pray that the candidates who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday will continue to receive the abundance of Christ's presence each time they receive this special sacrament.

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

Term 2 is coming to an end and winter is upon us. Time to snuggle up and read a book. During the holidays this is great time to get involved with The Premier's Reading Challenge.

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program to encourage students to read, to enjoy reading and to improve literacy levels. Students from Kindy to Year 10 are challenged to read 12 books over 4 months from 6 May to 6 September. Students can read books, short stories, graphic novels, eBooks, talking books, audiobooks, poems which covers everything that would get them reading. If you haven't already registered there is still plenty of time. Click or go to the link/address below and explore what is on offer.

My favourite book pick for this week is "Runt" by Craig Silvey. Runt is being adapted into a movie and being filmed in Western Australia. The story is set in a country town of Upson Downs, where eleven-year-old Annie Shearer and her best friend, an adopted stray dog called Runt, try to save their family farm by competing in the Agility Course Grand Championships at the prestigious Krumpets Dog Show in London. However, there is a curious catch: Runt will only obey Annie's commands if nobody else is watching. Runt is a heart-warming and hilarious tale of kindness, friendship, hurdles, hoops, tunnels, see-saws, being yourself and bringing out the best in others. Read the book and then see the movie.



Religious Education

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone has a restful and blessed holiday with loved ones. I am looking forward to seeing everybody return on Tuesday 18 July.

Reflection - John the Baptist

On Monday, we celebrated the birth of St John the Baptist. May the prayer below offer an opportunity to reflect.

God of our hope,

In John the Baptist you gave us an example of a person who understood the needs of his time and the concerns of your own heart.

May St John the Baptist inspire us to be people of courage, truth, justice and love of all people. May we live with his strength of character and become more fully people who truly see the needs of the world today.

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

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 Meeting Room.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Administration News

NAIDOC Week

We are enjoying our NAIDOC Week celebrations this week. Students were captivated by Dion Drummond when he visited the school last week and shared his knowledge and culture through stories and music. There have been lots of activities around the school with an interactive courtyard display where students have been enjoying reading stories around the campfire, along with art and craft activities within each of the classrooms. Keep your eye on the School Facebook page for some photos! Thank you to our Aboriginal Teacher Assistants, Lesley Jones, Ashleigh Jones and Michael Wright for their time and efforts organising the activities and celebrations for students this week.

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.

Administration News

Semester One Reports

Reports have been sent home with students today. 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 28th June, with student commencing Term Three on Tuesday 16th July. Monday 15th July 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 new perspectives, strategies and skills to build safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for all students. Wishing all families a safe and happy holiday, I look forward to seeing everyone return in Term Three!

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Grief Support Group

Let's Ride the Waves Together

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Commencing July 24

10am - 11:30am

103 George Road Geraldton

(Old Indah building)

What to Expect

A warm and welcoming grief support group, led by qualified Grief Counsellor.

Information and resources to help you along your healing journey.

Connection with others who understand and share in your experiences over a cuppa.

Cost \$25

Book online www.thegriefocean.com.au.

or

P 0447 231 180

E christie@thegriefocean.com.au



Everyone Welcome

Pop-up Op Shop!

We will be holding a Pop-up Op Shop for one day only this July. Gold coin donation to enter (then all items inside are free!).

Thursday 4th July 2023

9am-1pm

Desert Blue Connect

28 Durlacher Street, Geraldton



www.desertblueconnect.org.au

Please note that any amendments will be notified in the School Newsletter. Thank you



St John's School

Term 3 2024 Planner - Parents

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1	15th July PUPIL FREE DAY	16 Students commence.	17	18	19 Beginning of the term Prayer Assembly- Yr3	20	21
WEEK 2	22 Westwood Maths Assessments P&F Meeting 6:00pm	23 Westwood Maths Assessments	24 Confirmation Parent/Child Meeting 5:00pm Yr 3 & 5 REA Online Equating Assessment	25 Hymn Singing Yr 3 & 5 REA Online Equating Assessment	26 Prayer Assembly Yr 2 8:45am Student Council Meeting Yr 3 & 5 REA Online Equating Assessment	27 Confirmation Commitment Mass 6:00pm SFX	28 Confirmation Commitment Mass 7:30am 9:30am 6:00pm SFX
WEEK 3	29	30	31 Yr 3 REA Assessment	1 st August Yr 5 REA Assessment Assembly Year 3 2:20pm	2 Prayer Assembly Yr 4 8:45am Catch up REA Assessment Year 3 & 5 P&F Disco TBC	3 Confirmation Commitment Mass 6:00pm SFX	4
WEEK 4	5	6 PLP Meetings	7 PLP Meetings	8 Feast of Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Hymn Singing	9 Prayer Assembly Yr 6 8:45am Geraldton School Slam Series Yr 5 & 6	10	11
WEEK 5	12 P&F Meeting 6:00pm Faction Jumps & Throws	13	14	15 Assumption of the BVM Mass Year Four	16 Prayer Assembly Yr PP - 8:45am St John's Athletics Carnival	17	18



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 6	19 PUPIL FREE DAY CATHOLIC DAY	20 Bookweek	21 Bookweek Parade	22 Assembly Pre-Primary 2:20pm	23 Prayer Assembly Yr 5 - 8:45am	24	25
WEEK 7	26 Confirmation Retreat (including Reconciliation)	27 School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00	28 Kindy DUGS 2:00 - 3:00	29 Hymn Singing	30 Prayer Assembly Yr 1 - 8:45am P&F Father's Day Sundowner	31	1 September Father's Day
WEEK 8	2 P&F Meeting 6:00pm Class Spelling Bee Competition (Yrs 3 - 6)	3 Playtime Evacuation Drill Sacrament of Confirmation 6:00pm St Lawrence's	4	5 Hymn Singing Kindy & PP Faction Carnival	6 Prayer Assembly Yr Spiritual Ministry 8:45am Interschol Cross Country	7	8
WEEK 9	9	10 Playtime Evacuation Drill	11 Interschol Jumps & Throws	12 Assembly Choir 2:20pm No Hymn Singing	13 Prayer Assembly Yr Staff - 8:45am Interschol Carnival	14	15
WEEK 10	16 P&F Canteen Day Winter Sports Presentation 8:45 School Spelling Bee Competition 9:15	17	18	19 End of Term Mass 9:00am LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	20 PUPIL FREE DAY STAFF RETREAT	21	22

MUSIC & DRAMA

WORKSHOP

LET CHILDREN EXPLORE THEIR TALENTS!

FOR YEARS 2-6

Held on the 4th and 5th of July from 9.30am - 11.00am

At Geraldton Baptist Church (46 Quarry Street)

The Workshop will end with a group performance on the 5th of July
for parents to come and watch!

RUN BY A QUALIFIED MUSIC & DRAMA TEACHER

This Workshop is linked to
"Vocal Lessons with Lachlan"
ABN: 94521987834
Check out the Facebook page!

Contact:
Lachlan: 0400 138 970
to enrol your child, or learn more!



Make new friends in a
fun and creative environment!

Suncity Tennis Academy

#NOLIMITS

Girls Squad



To secure your spot please provide:

- Participants Full Name & Age
- Guardians Name & Contact number
- Any medical info we may need
- YES or NO to photos/videos

Day & Time: Monday

Duration: 8 weeks - Term 3

Start Date: Monday 22nd July

End Date: Monday 9th September

Cost: FREE for Term 3 (new participants)

\$140.80 for returning participants

Alana - 0409 366 323

alana@suncitytennisacademy.com.au

tarcoola park tennis club



YOU'RE INVITED TO

NEXUS AIRLINES

1st Birthday

We're turning one! To thank the Geraldton community
for their support over the last 12 months, we're throwing
a **FREE** family friendly birthday party at Orana Cinemas.



WHEN: Tuesday 9th July, 11am

WHERE: Orana Cinema, Geraldton



Family Bushwalk

Join us on a **FREE** guided bushwalk for the whole family

Join a local guide as we walk through the beautiful Chapman River Regional Park. Look out for local wildlife and learn to identify different plants. After our walk we will gather back at Spalding Park for some playground fun and morning tea.

Suitable for all ages.

When: 9 – 10:30am
Wednesday 3 July 2024
Where: Meet at Spalding Park, Chapman Road, Geraldton

Bookings essential.

T: 9921 4477 E: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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Family Art Workshop

Come along and create some art together

In this fun **FREE** 90-minute workshop we will be guided by local artist Leah to create some beautiful art using local natural materials.

Suitable for ages 3+.

When: 9 -10:30am
Wednesday 10 July 2024
Where:
Ngala Training Room,
24-28 Gregory Street,
Geraldton

Bookings essential.

T: 9921 4477 E: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

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PCWA Parenting Support

One on One Parenting Chats with Ngala (0 – 18 years)
Let's talk all things parenting. Free, private one-on-one sessions are booked for up to an hour to discuss any parenting topics you like from sleep, behaviour support, anxiety, transition to school and more.
Call 9921 4477 to book.

Geraldton Family Counselling Service
Friendly, confidential counselling available for free. Discuss any topic you need from depression and anxiety to grief and loss, anger management, separation and relationships, managing stress and more.
Wednesdays and Thursdays: appointments from 9am.
Call 9921 6814

Specialised Services
Child Health Nurse, by appointment only
Call 9956 1985 for an appointment.



Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway
Address: Hovea Street, Rangeway,
Geraldton WA 6530
Phone: 9921 6814
Mobile: 0438 860 669
Email: rangeway@ngala.com.au
CPC Website: childandparentcentres.wa.gov.au/rangeway



Child and Parent Centre
Rangeway



Term 3 Program 2024

In partnership with

 **ngala.**

July 2024 School Holidays

at the

GERALDTON REGIONAL LIBRARY

Come and see what's on at the Library and bring some friends along too!

Wooden Dinosaur or Echidna Construction

Tuesday 2 July 2024

10:00am – 11:30am

Ages 5+

Free Session – No Bookings
Necessary. Drop in session.

Slide together the cut-out pieces to
assemble a wooden animal. Some adult
assistance required. While stocks last.

*Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times
during the session.*



Sew a Softie

Tuesday 2 July 2024

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Ages 8 – 12 yrs

(not for younger children)

\$5 pp – Bookings via
Humanitix

Join the worldwide craze of sewing softies
by making your very own Zenki. Limited
places and bookings essential.

*Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times
during the session.*



All bookings via Humanitix.

For more information contact the Geraldton Regional Library
9956 6659 | library@cgg.wa.gov.au



Greater Geraldton
Regional Library





Midwest Early Years Network
NAIDOC Week Meeting

CULTURE CONNECTION COMMUNITY

Wednesday 26 June 2024
Spalding Family Centre
12:30pm-2:30pm