



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 11

19 July 2024

Principal's Notes

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term Three – a term well known for all things relating to athletics. I look forward to the colour and atmosphere of the upcoming carnivals and watching the students do their best as they run, jump, throw and participate.

As this week has progressed, the holiday stories have been abundant involving fishing, camping, trips to Perth, holiday injuries and animal tales. It is wonderful to see the children smiling and ready for another term of learning.

NAIDOC Week

In the last week of Term Two, St John's School celebrated NAIDOC Week. I am sure you will agree, based on the photos published via Facebook, that the children had the opportunity to engage in a range of learning experiences provided by the Staff of St John's School. I wish to thank the classroom teachers for planning learning experiences that embedded Aboriginal perspectives and celebrated the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to Miss Lesley Jones, Miss Ashleigh Jones and Mr Michael Wright for coordinating a range of aspects for NAIDOC Week. We are grateful for your leadership, work and knowledge. Thank you.

Administration and Security Upgrades

The upgrades to the Administration Block and security are about 90% complete and we are in our new Administration Building thanks to a number of staff who gave up some of their holidays or worked over the course of the holidays to move from the Hall to our new space! This is very exciting news for everyone in the St John's School Community.

There are a small number finishing touches still to be undertaken, including signage, CCTV, the delivery of a few pieces of furniture and the upgrade to the PA system. However, given these small number of tasks to be undertaken, it feels amazing to be in our new and improved Administration Building. The comments we have received to date include, it is so bright and light, it looks nothing like the old Office, it is very fancy, I love the arches and wow, wow, wow.

I would like to thank the School Advisory Council for their support of this Capital Development Plan, the students and parents/carers for their understanding and flexibility during the build, and the staff for making the most of working in an open plan office over three terms and for enduring the changes to the learning spaces. Your versatility, resilience and grace have shone brightly.

Please feel free to come and have a look around our newly refurbished administration space.

Berry Street Education Model Professional Development – Day Two

On Monday, staff from St John's School attended Day Two of the Berry Street Education Model Professional Development. The focus of Day Two was Relationship. As humans, we are hard wired for connections which help us to flourish in all areas of our life. Over the course of the day, we reviewed the importance of relating and belonging, including attachment, unconditional positive regard, redefining power, empathy and zen, golden statements, process vs praise, active constructive responding, whole school relationships and teacher self-care. I look forward to sharing additional information over the coming weeks.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 19 July
Prayer Assembly
Year 3 - 8.45am

Monday 22 July
P&F Meeting 6:00pm

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

REA Online Assessments
- Years 3 & 5

Thursday 25 July
REA Online Assessments
- Years 3 & 5

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

REA Online Assessments
- Years 3 & 5

Student Council
Meeting

Thursday 1 August
Assembly Year 3
2.20pm - Hall

Broadband Initiative

The Australian Government has launched the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30 000 unconnected Australian families with school aged students.

The program is available to all students who lack an active nbn connection at home. Families can register until December 2024.

To be eligible, families must:

- ✓ Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school.
- ✓ Not have an active National Broadband Network (nbn®) Internet service at home. Having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility.
- ✓ Live in a home that can access the National Broadband Network via a standard connection – this will be checked for you.

Families can be directed to the following to register:

- Visit www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/nationalbroadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi
- Call 1800 954 610 (10am – 6pm AEDT Monday to Friday)

2025 Kindy Enrolment Interviews

Parents/carers, who have submitted their enrolment applications for Kindy for 2025, will be contacted very shortly to arrange a time for an Enrolment Interview. I look forward to getting to meeting your son/daughter in preparation for 2025 and their first step as a student of St John's School.

National Quality Framework (NQF)

The National Quality Framework (NQF) aims to improve the quality of early childhood education and care services in Australia.

Providing children with quality experiences early in life can lead to better health, education and employment outcomes, building a productive and fair Australia.

The NQF includes legal requirements that all services must comply with, including:

- the number of staff and their qualifications
- ensuring children's health and safety
- service space and layout
- the quality of developmental and learning experiences for children.

The early childhood staff at St John's School are continually working in partnership to ensure we are continually reflecting on our program and practices.

Good News Story

Thank you to all the students for the manner in which they engaged in all the NAIDOC Week activities at the end of last term. I would also like to acknowledge the Aboriginal students who led our NAIDOC Week Prayer Assembly. You conducted your respective roles beautifully, representing your culture with pride.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Week 2 Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Two Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Week 3 Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Four Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome 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
Thursdays - Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Library News

Welcome back to school. I am looking forward to celebrating Children's Book Week with you in August. The theme for 2024 is 'Reading is Magic'. I am also looking forward to being relocated back to our 'Super Library' in Week 4. Thank you to the Year 6 student who used the 'Super Library' name to describe our Library to a new student.

The Greater Geraldton Regional Library is promoting the following storytelling competition. If you would like to know more about this competition, please click on the link below.

<https://www.scribblersfestival.com.au/golden-pen>

The Junior Category is for students Year 4 to Year 6



THE GOLDEN PEN STORYTELLING COMPETITION

This year's theme is **Rebels & Dreamers**. Will you create a character who rebels against expectations or stands up for something important? Will you dream up a whole new world? Or will you put yourself in the story? The competition is for Western Australian children and young people in Years 4 – 12.

Religious Education

Religious Education Assessment

In Term Three, students in Years Three and Five will take part in the Religious Education Assessment (REA). Please refer to the following dates for the administration of these assessments:

Year 3 & 5 REA Practice and Equating Testing – **Wednesday 24 July** (Year 3) and **Thursday 25 July** (Year 5)

Year 3 & 5 REA Test - **Wednesday 31 July** (Year 3) & **Thursday 1 August** (Year 5)

Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The Confirmation Parent Child Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 24 July** at 5:00pm at the Catholic Centre with students from St Francis Xavier and St Lawrences.

The Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following dates:

27 July Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm

28 July Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am or 6.30pm

3 August Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm

A St John's School representative will be present at all Commitment Masses.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 3rd September** at **6.00pm** at **St Lawrence's Church**. Further information regarding this Mass will be sent out closer to the date.

Fruit of The Spirit - Goodness

This will be the first week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Goodness.

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
(Psalm 46: 1-3)*

In Psalm 46, the psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a present help in times of trouble. And therefore, we can say with absolute confidence, that God is good."

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Welcome Back!

It has been fantastic to see all of the student's bright smiles as we return to Term Three. I hope everyone had a happy holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Assembly

Our first Assembly will be held on Thursday 1st August at 2:20pm. We are looking forward to the Year Three class entertaining us and cannot wait to have our first Assembly back in the Hall!

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

PLP Meetings

Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings will be held in Week 4, on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th August. These meetings are 15 minutes and will be used to discuss student achievement from Semester One, as well as to set goals for Semester Two. Further information regarding timetables for meetings will be sent home next week.

School Athletics Dates

There are many Athletics events held this term, please mark the following important dates in your calendars:

Monday 12th August: School Faction Jumps and Throws (selected students only)

Friday 16th August: School Faction Athletics Carnival (all students Year 1-6)

Thursday 5th September: Kindy and Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



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.

Supported by the Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway 



LEVY STREET LIFE

Fusion Games, Bible Stories, Fun & Friendship,
Sausage Sizzle

Levy Street Park, Rangeway

9am - 11am

Saturdays during School Term



For information
contact Fusion on
0493 991 277


Together There's Life



Child and Parent Centre
Rangeway



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.



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PARENTING LINE
8am-8pm
7 DAYS
For all children, aged 0-18
ngala.com.au



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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.edu.au/rangeway



Term 3 Program 2024

In partnership with



Babies

Early Parent Group (0-3 months)

Sleep patterns, settling techniques, growth development, feeding, and guest speakers. Come and enjoy time with other new parents. No need to book.
Thursdays (5 weeks): 9:30am to 11:30am 15 Aug, 26 Sept

Starting Solids (3-6 months)

Introduction of solids, healthy balanced diet, your baby's development, enjoying time with other new parents.

Thursdays (one-off session): 9:30am to 11:30am 8 Aug, 19 Sept
Please call CPC to register 9921 6814

Playgroup (0-5 years)

A free, casual catch-up for dads, mums and carers of babies from birth to 5 years. Bring your own hats and water bottles.
Fridays: 9:00am to 11:00am (during term)

Date	Day	Time	Program
15 July to 16 Sept	Mon	9.30am to 11.30am	PlaygroupWA PlayConnect + (Mondays during term) Free, facilitated playgroup sessions for children aged 0-5 years with developmental concerns and/or disability. Parents stay and siblings are welcome. No diagnosis is necessary. Facilitator leads the group with play activities and information. Connect with other families, share ideas and have fun! Call 1800 171 882 for bookings.
16 July	Tue	9.00am to 12.00pm	Desert Blue Connect Protective Behaviours This workshop will provide adults with the information they need to support to their children by giving them the tools to understand the ownership of their body, the difference between surprises and secrets and knowing whether they feel safe or unsafe. It empowers them to get help and talk to someone if they feel unsafe. Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available.
17 July	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	WACHS Attention, Regulation & Concentration (5yr+) At this workshop, we will explore what factors impact on attention, regulation and concentration. Provide you with strategies to support your child's attention and regulation. Help you determine where to go next if concerns persist. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available.

Date	Day	Time	Program
24 July to 28 Aug	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	PCWA Tuning into Kids (6 week program, 5-10yrs) Learn emotion coaching skills to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way. Communicate with your child more effectively, understand them better, prevent behavioural problems, help them to manage their emotions, and deal with conflict. Call 9921 4477 for bookings. Crèche available.
24 July to 18 Sept	Wed	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Wanslea Grandcarers Support Group If you are a grandparent with full time care of your grandchild/ren, you are welcome to join this monthly support group where grandcarers meet at the CPC Rangeway and Wanslea video link into the session. Call 1800 794 909 for bookings.
7 Aug	Wed	12.30pm to 2.30pm	WACHS Sensory Processing Workshop (0-8yrs) Develop an understanding of what sensory processing is, what it means, what it looks like to have additional sensory processing needs and what we can do to help. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available
3 Sept	Tues	9.30am to 11.30am	WACHS Let's Talk Happy Mealtimes What 'normal' feeding, mealtimes and eating behaviours might look like? Covering diet and nutritional information for your child, troubleshooting difficult mealtimes and where you can seek help if things start to go wrong. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available
4 Sept	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	PCWA ...And So to Sleep (6m-2yrs) Explore children's sleep patterns which evolve as their brain continues to make sense of their world. Explore and identify both the parent's and child's role in relation to sleep for this age group. Call 9921 4477 for bookings. Crèche available.
11 Sept	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	PCWA Managing Toddler & Baby For parents of toddlers that are welcoming a new baby into the family, will discuss the changes that this may bring; recognising your older child's stage of development; create a welcoming environment for your new baby and child; and apply practical strategies to manage change in your family life. Call 9921 4477 for bookings. Crèche available.
18 Sept	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	WACHS A Guide to Toilet Training (1.5-4 years) Gain strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently and explore different problems commonly faced during toilet training with a Child Health Nurse. An Occupational Therapist will discuss ongoing toileting challenges that may already be happening. Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available.

All programs, services and workshops are free. Registration for all programs, workshops, crèche and services is essential. To register or for more information contact the Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway on 9921 6814, 0438 860 669 or rangeway@ngala.com.au



Keeping Kids In Mind

A FREE 5-session parenting program for parents and carers with children post-separation

If you are a parent that has separated and would like some tools to help, make co-parenting easier, this program is for you! Only one parent from each family can attend the program at a time. This program will cover:

- Loss and grief after separation
- The hidden world of children
- Rebuilding resilience
- Bridging the gap
- Looking back, moving forward

TWO GROUPS AVAILABLE!
Creche available morning sessions.
Bookings essential, as is attendance at all 5 sessions.

T: 08 9921 4477 | E: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au

Group 1: 9:30 - 11:30am
5 Aug - 2 Sep 2024
Group 2: Tuesday 6 - 8pm
13 Aug - 9 Sep 2024
Where: Geraldton Family Relationships Centre
116 Durlacher Street



Demystifying Autism

An information session about all things autism
Facilitated by Amy Seear & Kate Foster

Join us for a FREE information session about Autism:

- Autism facts & stats
- How autism presents in children and teens
- Getting a diagnosis and intervention options
- Strategies to help support families touched by autism

Q & A and morning tea.
Suitable for parents and carers.
Creche provided.

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

When: 9:15 - 11:15am
Friday, 6 Sep 2024
Where: Naturescape,
470 Chapman Road,
Geraldton



Tuning in to Kids

A FREE 6-week program for parents & carers of children 3 - 12 yrs

This 6-week program teaches parents emotion coaching skills to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way. This approach helps children to understand and manage their emotions.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Communicate with your child more effectively
- Understand your child better
- Prevent behavioural problems in your child
- Help your child to manage their emotions
- Teach your child to deal with conflict

When: 9.30am - 11.30am,
Every Wednesday starting
24 July - 28 August 2024
Where: Child and Parent Centre -
Rangeway, Entrance on Hovea
Street

Creche available.
Booking is essential, as is commitment to attend all 6 sessions.
T: 9921 4477 E: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au



About Mike Dyson Good Blokes Co.

Mike Dyson founded Good Blokes Co in 2015 and has lead tens of thousands of conversations with blokes all over Australia in workplaces and schools, on men's leadership retreats and father & son camps and on rites of passage programs for young men.

These conversations give him a rare insight into what's truly going on behind the mask of masculinity and a unique perspective on how our culture of masculinity shapes our men and boy's wellbeing and behaviour.

www.goodblokes.co

Growing Good Blokes

This FREE informative and practical presentation begins by exploring masculinity and its impacts on boys' mental health, their propensity to risk and aggression, boys' relationships with girls and women, and the quality of their social connection.

Topics covered will include:

- How the interplay between stoic masculinity and social media are leaving an increasing number of boys lacking the social intelligence that is essential for them to thrive.
- Practical tips for getting boys talking on all kinds of difficult topics at home and a large list of conversation starters.

When & Where
6pm - 8pm with Q&A
Tuesday, 6 August 2024
St Lawrence's Primary School,
346 Chapman Road, Bluff Point

Free event. Book Now.
E: Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au
T: 08 9921 4477



GAME ON!

ALL SKILL LEVELS
WELCOME!

Refreshments provided



SQUASH

Geraldton Squash Courts, Wonthella
Ages 10 - 17

Wednesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm
24 July - 11 September 2024

SOCCER

Nagle Catholic College Oval
Ages 10 to 17

Thursday 3.30pm - 4.30pm
25 July - 12 September 2024

Register for **FREE** at

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

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



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