

St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6



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Principal's Notes

Census

Today, Friday 2 August is Census Day with St John's School required to submit information for the State Government Census and Australian Government Department of Education and Training (AGDET) Census. This data collection provides the community and government with information about schools and students in Australia, collecting information on the numbers of students and staff per school, students on a visa, students with disability, indigenous Australian students etc. Census informs part of the My School website, giving parents and the community information about the needs of each school's students. Governments use Census data to calculate funding and create informed and tailored policies for Australian schools. Census reporting is required under the Australian Education Act 2013.

Regular school attendance is vital to help each individual student reach their God-given potential and flourish. This is particularly true for Friday 2 August so that the State and Federal Governments are provided with a true and accurate picture of the students enrolled at St John's School. If your child is absent tomorrow, it is imperative that we receive a written explanation for this absence on the first day he/she returns, for our records. This procedure is vital for our funding and audit purposes. Thank you, in anticipation.

Church Update

During the week, I spoke with Bishop Michael and he advised me that a contractor has been appointed to repair the internal ceiling of the St John's Church. The contractor will be erecting a fence around their workspace, but parents/carers will still be able to drive through to access the school and for pick up purposes. The contractors have been informed of the close proximity to the school and all of the necessary precautions. Parents/carers are asked to continue to drive slowly around this area. When further updates are received, I will share with the school community.

Smart Watches

We have a number of students wearing smart watches to school. If this pertains to your son/daughter, you are asked to ensure that all 'smart functions' such as the internet, notifications, messaging, camera, phone calls, games, videos etc are turned off during school hours.

Students are not to use the smart watch to message parents, and vice versa. All communication between home and school are to be done through the School Office or Seesaw.

Any inappropriate use of smart watches by a student will lead to the confiscation of the watch. Parents will be notified and the smart watch will need to be collected from the School Office by the student's parent/carer at the end of the day.

Parental Concerns and Complaints

At St John's School, we endeavour to work in close partnership with our families. In our work, the students best interests are our priority. On occasions, parents, carers and students may have concerns, queries and complaints. The best

avenue for queries to be dealt with is through the school. I strongly encourage parents and carers to make a time to meet with the respective staff member and allow that staff member to follow the processes that we have in place. Parents and carers are asked not to directly approach other parents or carers. Thank you for your co-operation in relation to this matter.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 2 August Prayer Assembly Year 4 - 8.45am

P&F Disco

Tuesday 6 August PLP Meetings

Wednesday 7 August PLP Meetings

Friday 9 August Prayer Assembly Year 6 - 8:45am

P&F Meeting 6:00pm - Meeting Room

Faction Jumps & Throws



"Here's to a great week ahead, filled with opportunities waiting to be seized, and the potential for amazing accomplishments."





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 <u>www.infrastructure.gov.au/media-communications-arts/internet/nationalbroadband-network/school-student-broadband-initiative-ssbi</u>
- 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.

Good News Story

Congratulations to the Eagles' Cup Football Team after their first game on Monday. Whilst the win was lovely, the reports received about their sportsmanship and overall approach to the game despite the weather trumped the final outcome of the game. Well done to all the players.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Today at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Four Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Nagle Catholic College Year 11 Retreat Day

Thank you to students from Nagle Catholic College for sharing their gifts and talents with us during their Year 11 Retreat Day. Classes from Years 1-6 enjoyed a variety of sporting activities that were delivered by the Nagle students who enthusiastically gave their time to ensure all students enjoyed the experience. It was also wonderful to see some of our past students return for this wonderful experience!

Religious Education Assessment 2023

This week, students in Years Three and Five have taken part in the Religious Education Assessment (REA).

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

Library News

Library books are kept for one week and then returned to school. A Library Bag is required to borrow books.

Library Days

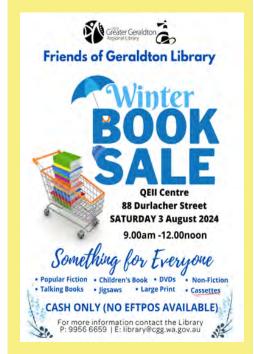
Wednesdays - Year 1 & Year 2 Thursdays - Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

Library News

The excitement is mounting. Next week the students will be choosing their books from the Super Library. I am so grateful for the help and assistance I have had from the staff and students who volunteered their time and muscles to organise the library ready for next week. Many hands make light work. Thank you.

2024 Children's Book Week is fast approaching, and the Staff here at St John's are already talking about their costumes. I can't wait to see what everyone will be wearing on the day.

This Saturday, 3rd August, the Friends of Geraldton Library are having their Winter Book Sale. This is a great opportunity to choose some extra reading material for Winter. Please see the details below



Religious Education

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 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.

Catholic Day

On **Monday 19** August, St John's School will have their annual Catholic Day which will see the school closed. This day recognises the huge amount of extra work St John's School Staff put in to developing and nurturing the faith of our students throughout the year. I wish all the staff a restful and well-deserved break on Monday.

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop) - Thursday 8 August

Mary MacKillop was the first Australian to be declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church. She was known as Mother Mary of the Cross in her lifetime.

St Mary of the Cross was known for her generosity, courage, and sense of giving for others, particularly those on the margins of society. Saint Mary of the Cross was the foundress of the Sisters of St Joseph in Australia. With Father Julian Tenison Woods and her sisters, Saint Mary of the Cross pioneered some of Australia's earliest Catholic schools.

Within five years, the Sisters opened over forty schools in South Australia with the mission of serving the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children in these communities, before venturing to other states and territories across Australia.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Thursday 15 August

On Thursday, the 15 August the Year Four Class will be leading Mass, celebrating The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00am in the school hall. All are welcome.

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we remember when Mary was taken ("assumed") into heaven, body and soul, after she died. You will not find this story in the Bible. However, a tradition handed down from the earliest days of the Church says that Mary died in Jerusalem and was buried in a tomb. But when the apostles opened the tomb again, her body was gone. Why would God take Mary's body and soul into heaven? In part because Mary is special to God: she said "yes" to becoming the mother of Jesus. But God also wanted to show us that one day, all of us will share in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Mary is the first person in the Church to experience the resurrection in its fullness.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is a <u>Holy Day of Obligation</u> which means it's an important feast day that we celebrate in Church with a Mass.

Research Project: ABSENT FROM THE TABLE: Australian Catholics who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass

The National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed a survey to investigate why some Australian Catholics do not participate regularly in Sunday Mass.

The participants in this study are Catholics in Australia who do not attend Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. Regular weekly attendance at Sunday Mass is defined as physical attendance three or more times a month, including the Saturday vigil. The definition for this project does not include attendance at services held online nor Sunday Liturgies in the Absence of a Priest.

This survey is for Catholics aged 18 years or older.

This is an opportunity for you to make known your experiences to the bishops, priests, parish communities and to a wider audience including schools and agencies of the Church. The important information gathered from this survey will be used to lay a strong research foundation to support further pastoral action in this area.

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 12 August Monday 2 September

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Disco

- Friday 2 August
- No door sales
- Free dress with sandals, enclosed shoes, joggers etc – no thongs
- Water bottle
- Parents/carers can stay
- Money is not required
- Kindy to Year 2 @ 4:30 5:15
- Year 3 to Year 6 @ 5:30 6:30
 - Prompt pick up is requested



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

- Orders and payment due by
 3:00pm on Monday 12 August
- Payment options cash or eftpos
- Delivery date Friday 30
 August from the School Hall



Religious Education

The survey is anonymous and confidential. You will not be asked to provide your name, location or any other identifiable details. Your involvement in this project is entirely voluntary but your time would be greatly appreciated. The survey could take around 10 minutes, but there are a few questions which allow you to provide unlimited additional comments. A report of the aggregated results will be written and published in some form, but no individuals can be identified in any way.

This research has been approved by the Christian Research Association Human Research Ethics Committee. In the event that you have any complaint or concern about this research, you may contact the Chair of the Ethics Committee, Dr Neville Carr, via email at: secretary-hrec@cra.org.au.

The last date for completing this survey is Tuesday 20 August 2024.



Scan the QR Code to access the survey.

Rangeway Afternoon Tea, Saturday, 10 August 2024 at 2 pm

The St John's Parish invites you.

This is an open invitation to everyone who feels connected to St John's Church, to come along, reconnect and join in afternoon tea for a friendly catch-up chat! Come along to the Family Room at St John's Church, Rangeway, where we will gather and share our stories. Feel free to bring a plate of food to share. All welcome. For more details, please contact: Sis 99 21 4634, Kaye 0437 488 589 or the Parish Office.

Car Boot Sale at St John's Church Rangeway, Saturday 7 September 2024, from 9:00am

Please support St John's Church Car Boot Sale to help raise funds towards the cost of the repairs of the church interior. All are welcome to St John's car park to setup and sell your wares. The bay fee of \$20 per car is required to set up your stall. Please note: no food sales in the car park. Please contact: Sis 99 21 4634, Kaye 0437 488 589 or Amy 0419 216 621 for further details.

Fruit of The Spirit - Goodness

This is the third week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Goodness.

MARY of the Cross PRAYER

Most loving God,
We thank you for the example
of St Mary MacKillop
who in her living of the Gospel
witnessed to the human dignity
of each person.
She faced life's challenges with
faith and courage.
May her holiness and goodness
Embody all of us.
We make this prayer through
Jesus the Lord.
Amen

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Assembly

Thank you to the Year Three Class who presented an outstanding item at our first assembly back in the school hall. They really went for gold! Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 22nd August at 2:20pm, with our Pre-Primary students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend.

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. Please see the Seesaw message sent to all families for further information. Booking timetables can be found outside each classroom, please contact your child's teacher directly if you are unable to attend the school to select a time, or if you require an alternative time. These meetings cannot be made through the School Office.

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

Book Week

We will celebrate Children's Book Week in Week 6. This year's theme is 'Reading is Magic' and our much loved book parade will take place on Wednesday 21st August. We look forward to seeing the magic of literature come alive in the students' costumes

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

A Geraldton Childrens Choir Choir Echoes of Joy

27[™]
July



3-4 PM



Fortnightly practices
Entry by donation

Contact



Lachlan Anderson | Jared Grimsley

Venue: Geraldton Christian College Hall

For students Year 4-12







BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AND GIVEAWAYS



WOMEN'S WORKSHOP FLATS:

PREVENTION AND CURE · Pre ride checks and

- maintenance · Patching
- · Tubes and tubeless repair





TEENS WORKSHOP SELF RESCUE

- · Pre ride checks and maintenance
- · Patching and changing tubes

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- Multitools
- Tubes
- · Levers
- · Inflators/Pumps















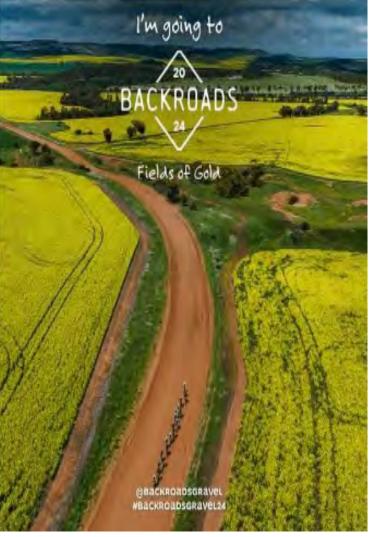
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Children & Youth Choir

Expression of Interest



Calling out to all singers and dancers, and those aspiring to beome singers and dancers to come and be apart of something special. Rehearsal days will be Saturday mornings at 208 Eighth Street, Wonthella. 10:30am - 12:00pm First performance will be on Friday 20th September 2024 (time to be confirmed)

Age:	Contact:
Please circle what you would like to do: Sing	Dance
Parents/ Guardian pe	ermission
Name:	
Signature:	
Contract	



Small changes, big differences.





Free seminar for parents

Fear-Less Triple P (Positive Parenting Program):

Helping your child learn to manage anxiety

Appropriate for parents/carers of children and teenagers aged 6-14 years

Everyone experiences anxiety occasionally, and it's a normal response that can be helpful and typically passes quickly. However, anxiety can sometimes become overwhelming and interfere with our ability to cope with day-to-day activities. Learning to manage anxiety effectively is a vital life skill that begins in childhood, and this FREE two-hour seminar can help you:

- ✓ Understand exactly how anxiety works.
- ✓ Learn key anxiety-management and coping skills that you can teach your children
 and teens
- ✓ Manage your children and teens' anxious behaviour effectively

DATE Tuesday 6th August 2024

TIME 5:00-7:30pm

VENUE Geraldton Primary School – Library

75 Fitsgerald Street

FREE Entry, refreshments and take-home tip sheet!

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL following this link - See all upcoming events near you | Triple P (triplepparenting.net.au) or search for this session by location at www.triplep-parenting.net.au/wa











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New Opportunities for Women (NOW)

ABOUT THIS COURSE

If you're a woman looking to return to study or the workforce, or just want to improve your general skills, this course is for you. This course serves as a bridging program for women who have typically had a break from the workforce and are looking to embark on a new career direction. It is also suitable for any woman who wishes to join the workforce for the first time. The course offers women an opportunity to explore various career options, build self-confidence and gain academic standards necessary to enter vocational offerings.

You will develop your skills in:

- · Reading and writing for the workplace
- Understanding education, training and career options
- Digital literacy (using computers)
- · Practical Maths
- · Preparation for employment
- Personal health and safety

CERTIFICATION

Upon successful completion you will receive a Certificate I in New Opportunities for Women (NOW)...

DELLVERY

Face-to-Face: Students attend classes in order to complete this course.

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To find out more about studying with us and to view our Student Handbook please visit our website.

For more information and to enrol contact:

Lizi Newman - Lecturer General Education (Geraldton)

Phone: (08) 99562714

Email: elizabeth.newman@crtafe.wa.edu.au

In-person: 173-175 Fitzgerald Street, Ceraldton 6530





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Playgroups within Geraldton Term 3 2024

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Please Note: \$35 Playgroup Association Fee per year which is transferable between playgroups, all playgroups run during School Term & Nut Free Please see Kidz Retreat's Facebook page for ongoing updates. www.facebook.com/kidzretreat