



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 6

29 August 2024

Principal's Notes

Father's Day

Wishing all the dads, grandfathers, uncles, carers and special people in the lives of our students a very Happy Father's Day. I hope that you enjoy the handmade gifts, cards, well wishes and time with your children on Sunday. Thank you for everything you do for your children, providing love, support and guidance each and every day.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next Tuesday, students from Year Six will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit. The grace of this sacrament provides the students with a moral compass to be guided by as they travel the journey of life. I would like to congratulate the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

<i>Iyane</i>	<i>Jack</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Darci</i>
<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Darcy</i>	<i>Mackenzie</i>	<i>Isaac G</i>
<i>Cheyne</i>	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>Vienna</i>	<i>Isaac Z</i>

The following students are to also be congratulated for their participation in the Sacrament of Confirmation program, supporting their peers and/or for receiving a blessing on Tuesday:

<i>Iyane</i>	<i>Samson</i>	<i>Azelia</i>	<i>Coby</i>
<i>Chol</i>	<i>Levi</i>	<i>Shakiya</i>	<i>Elliyarn</i>
<i>Luke</i>	<i>Dustin</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Beau</i>
<i>Bianca</i>	<i>Reece</i>	<i>Daniel</i>	<i>Lillie-Rae</i>
<i>Jett</i>	<i>William</i>	<i>Chloe</i>	

Thank you to Mrs Carolyn Jaeger, Miss Terin McCleod, Miss Abbey Wilson, Mr Michael Wright and Mrs Laura Lang for preparing the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am also appreciative of the guidance and support from Bishop Michael and Father Robert for concelebrating the Mass.

Athletics Carnival Results

We had a glorious day at our Faction Athletics Carnival! The weather was amazing, the track was awash with colour and the students performed their best!

I would like to thank everyone who assisted, helping to ensure the day was an absolute success. My thanks go to the parents who helped with the set up and pack away, an official role on the day, working as a member of the P&F or attending and supporting from the sidelines. I am also appreciative of all the staff who assisted before, during and after the Carnival, especially Mr Patrick Matthews who was responsible for co-ordinating the event. A special mention must go to Mrs Inge Jansen, ably supported by Miss Sally McIntyre, in operating the Canteen, providing lots of yummy foods for our tummies. The students also deserve my gratitude for the manner in which they raced, cheered, supported and demonstrated sportsmanship, you are all truly amazing!

Congratulations to **Abrolhos** Faction for taking out the Championship Shield, three years in a row! Please see all the results of the day on page six.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 30 August
Prayer Assembly
Year 1 - 8.45am

Monday 2 September
Class Spelling Bee
Years 3 - 6

P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Tuesday 3 September
Sacrament of
Confirmation 6.00pm St
Lawrence's Church

Thursday 5 September
Kindy/Pre-Primary
Faction Athletics
Carnival

Friday 6 September
Prayer Assembly
Spiritual Ministry
8:45am

Interschool Cross
Country

Tuesday 10 Sept
Playtime Evacuation
Drill

Footy Colours Free
Dress Day - Gold Coin
Donation

Bus Stop

For the safety of the students at St John's School, the Bus Stop has a duty teacher assigned every afternoon until 3:55pm which is when the last bus arrives. In the best interests of the students, we ask those who are being picked up by their parents to also wait in this area. Whilst at the Bus Stop, the students are required to sit down until they are collected. Recently, students have not been following the rules and it has resulted in some students being hurt. I would ask all parents/carers to reinforce this rule with their children so that we can ensure the safety of everyone. Students not willing to follow the rules will be required to find alternative transport arrangements.

With students who are waiting at the Bus Stop to be collected by their parents/carers, we understand that parents/carers may be late for pick up due to work commitments, unforeseen delays etc. We are happy to supervise the students in Bus Bay until you arrive as we want to ensure the students are safe. We acknowledge that parents/carers are appreciative of this arrangement and do not take advantage of this agreement. Some parents/carers are physically meeting with their child/ren after school and giving them the choice to go home with them or catch the bus. We ask parents/carers to be mindful that the Bus Stop is not a place of socialisation. It is a very busy place and students should only be there if the only alternative is for them to catch the bus home or wait for parent/carer collection.

Privacy

The privacy of everyone in the St John's School Community is extremely important. This privacy extends to the students, family members and staff. I ask all parents/carers to be mindful of this when they are posting images on social media without full consent. This includes images of students, staff members, parents/carers, vehicles, number plates, anything that may divulge personal information and the whereabouts of individuals. We have individuals, children and adults, who are under orders of protection for various reasons and placing the aforementioned information on social media can jeopardise their safety.

If you have a concern about an individual, a matter related to school, the school grounds or local community etc, please come and see me to discuss rather than making a post on social media. Thank you.

Pre Primary Students

It is an expectation that students in Pre Primary are dropped off and picked up from the Pre Primary Classroom by an adult. If a child in Pre Primary needs to be dropped off before 8:30am, and a discussion has been held with me, an adult needs to hand the child over to me whilst I am on morning duty. Pre Primary students are not to walk into St John's School unaccompanied by an adult. Pre Primary students will not be released into the care of their siblings in the afternoon. If there are extenuating circumstances that hinder families from following these procedures, I ask that you contact Mrs Makeeli Allison or me to discuss further.

Berry Street Education Model – Ready to Learn Scale

One of the newly implemented strategies that teachers have introduced is a Ready to Learn Scale. This scale is to help the students better manage their emotions and feelings. All classrooms will have a visual on display with either a three or five point scale. I have included an example below. As students arrive at school, they place their name on the scale, reflecting how they are feeling in that moment. If a student indicates they are not ready to learn, then teachers will draw on a range of strategies to appropriately respond to and support the student.



Good News Story

Students from Years One to Six are the stars of the Good News Story for this fortnight. This week, Mrs Lang has been collating art pieces for a display at the Chapman Valley Show. I was blown away by all the pieces of art the students have completed.

Mrs Melissa Marquis - PRINCIPAL

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

Children's Book Week was great fun! Thank you to students and staff who took this opportunity to dress as their favourite book characters. Such creativity! Thank you to the families who supported their children in dressing up for the parade. It's never too early to announce the Children's Book Week theme for 2025 is 'Book an Adventure!' Please ensure your passports are up to date as I have a feeling you might need them.

A reminder to students who won a Book Week book voucher to use at the Book Fair. Please choose a book and present their voucher Mrs Connolly.

The Enchanted Book Fair commences next Wednesday on the 4th September. Students will have the opportunity during their library classes to browse the books on sale. As mentioned previously, the school receives the commission from the sale of the books to reinvest in new resources for the library or classrooms.



If anyone has any spare collectable Disney cards and would like to donate them to be used for a Library display that would be wonderful.



Overdue Books - As we are nearing the end of Term 3 can you please assist your children to return their overdue books to the classroom or to the library. If the book has been lost or damaged, please let the classroom teacher know.

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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

Week Eight Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Spiritual Ministry will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Next week, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 3rd September at 6.00pm at St Lawrence's Church**. Please ensure the families of the Confirmation candidates have read the note that has been distributed.

Prayer for Confirmation Candidates

Lord, you send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love. Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what we do not understand. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

*Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.*

Fruit of The Spirit - Faithfulness

This is the last week St John's School Community will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness.

*'For we walk by faith, not by sight'.
(2 Corinthians 5:7)*

How easy is it for us to believe in what we can see? And how hard it is for us to believe in what we cannot see. At the core of our faith is the Paschal Mystery. The belief that through Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension into Heaven we have been saved. The Church does not shy away from this central nucleus being a mystery. It may seem like a 'cop out' to tell your child, "It's a mystery," when questions arise about God. In essence, it is not! Having faith in the mystery is as important as having faith in one another.



Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Faction Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day all around and we were so proud of our students and their sportsmanship. Congratulations to Abrolhos who was the winning faction on the day! We are now looking forward to the Kindy & Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival which will take place, next Thursday 5th September, on the school top oval.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Term 3

Monday 2 September

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Canteen Day

Monday 16 September

Notes will be coming home soon.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Please note the following arrangements in relation to picking up donut orders:

- Friday 30 August
- Between 12:00noon and 4:00pm
- School Hall
- Oval gate will be open for cars to drive across
- Please park at the top of the oval, the western end
- Please drive across the oval slowly
- Double gates from the oval to the Hall will be closed but unlocked - please close behind you
- The ladies from the P&F will be available to assist with the collection of your order.

Administration News

School Athletics Dates

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

Thursday 5th September: Kindy and Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday 6th September: Interschool Cross Country (selected students only)

Wednesday 11th September: Interschool Jumps and Throws (selected students only)

Friday 13th September: Interschool Athletics Carnival (selected students only)



If your child has been selected for an interschool event, either as a selected student

or as a reserve, you will be advised via a note home on Seesaw. All students attending these events need to wear the full correct St John's Sports Uniform and will require a hat, water bottle, sunscreen and food for recess and lunch. All students who have been selected as a reserve will need to come to school prepared to attend, however, will stay at school if not required on the day.

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 12th September at 2:20pm, with our Choir students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the assembly in the school hall.

Father's Day DUGS – Kindy

Thank you to all of the Dads, Uncles, Grandads and other special people who attended the Kindy DUGS afternoon. The students enjoyed sharing their afternoon with all of their special people! We wish all Fathers and Father figures a wonderful day on Sunday.

High Heroes – Years 4-6

On Wednesday 28th August, the students in Years 4-6 participated in school-based wellbeing workshops. Year 4 & 6 focused on resilience and Year 5 participated in a session about showing love to themselves. We thank Zero2Hero for coming to St John's School and facilitating these sessions.

Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book fair opens on Wednesday the 4th September. Students will be able to preview the items during their Library lessons and complete their wish lists. Please see the Library news for the dates and times the Library will be open for families to visit and purchase items from the book fair.

Spelling Bee

We are looking forward to the upcoming Spelling Bees for the students in Year 3-6. Information regarding this was sent home last week via Seesaw. Classroom competitions will be held on Monday the 2nd September, and the School Competition with selected competitors will be held on Monday 16th September.

Winter Sports Presentation

On Monday 16th September, we will be holding a presentation for the Winter Sports Program. This will be held at 8:45am in the School Hall. Families are welcome to join us for the presentations which will be celebrating the participants, as well as the volunteers as without them, we would not be able to offer the program.

School Holidays

The final day of Term Three for students is Thursday 19th September. Staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Friday 20th September. Term Four commences for staff on Monday 7th October with Professional Learning. Students commence Term Four on Tuesday 8th October.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

FOOTY COLOURS FREE DRESS DAY

Tuesday 10 September

Wear your favourite team colours to school for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will assist with fixing the roof of St John's Church.



CAR BOOT SALE – ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANGEWAY – SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 9:00AM start

Please help support our fundraisingA car boot sale is planned to help raise some funds towards the cost of the repairs of the church ceiling.

Come along and pay a bay fee of \$20 per car per bay to set up your stall.

Everyone is welcome to St John's Church carpark to buy some items or to sell your wares.

Please note: All items on sale are the responsibility of the seller. No food sales in the carpark.

Tea and coffee and cakes will be on sale in the Parish Family room on the day. Conditions as per the registration form.



Bring your car with wares to sell, please contact Sis: 9921 4634 or Kaye: 0437 488 589 or Amy 0419 216 621 for further details

2024 Athletics Carnival

Championship Shield

First	Abrolhos	522 points
Second	Batavia	443 points
Third	Hayes	312.5 points
Fourth	Pelsaert	230 points

Champion Boys and Girls

Junior Girls Runner Up Champion	Serenity	Batavia	20 points
Junior Girls Champion	Melody	Abrolhos	34 points
Junior Boys Runner Up Champion	Sam	Abrolhos	20 points
Junior Boys Champion	Will	Batavia	21 points
Intermediate Girls Runner Up Champion	Scarlett	Abrolhos	16 points
Intermediate Girls Champion	Ariannah	Abrolhos	48 points
Intermediate Boys Runner Up Champion	Brodie	Batavia	18 points
Intermediate Boys Champion	Jack	Batavia	48 points
Senior Girls Runner Up Champion	Vienna	Abrolhos	22 points
Senior Girls Champion	Bianca	Batavia	40 points
Senior Boys Runner Up Champion	Mitchell	Hayes	27 points
Senior Boys Champion	Samson	Hayes	37 points



CALLING FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

STUDENTS FROM 6 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Trees, symbol of Strength, Hope and Resilience - art exhibition

FROM 5 OF OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER 4TH / 2024

THE 'GERALDTON TREE CANOPY ADVOCATES' ARE HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL 'TREE APPRECIATION' ART EXHIBITION AT THE GREENOUGH MUSEUM AND GARDENS

- THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS "TREES SYMBOL OF STRENGTH, HOPE AND RESILIENCE"
- THE CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO DRAW/PAINT A TREE THAT CAN SHOWS IT HAS SURVIVED CYCLONES, FLOODS, WINDS AND DROUGHT OVER TIME.
- HOW TREES ARE SYMBOLS OF LIFE AND STRENGTH, FACE AND OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES POSED BY WATER SCARCITY.
- ADDITIONALLY, PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY AND SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES."
- THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY (JUNIOR, SECONDARY, SPECIAL NEEDS).
- DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15

DETAILS AND ENTRANCE FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY EMAILING TREEART@GMAIL.COM, TREE ART EX FACEBOOK PAGE OR SCANING :



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This workshop is suitable for everyone. Register to learn how you can play your part.

Child Protection Week Event 2024

"EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS"

Come and join us for FREE family fun to celebrate Child Protection Week!

MAITLAND PARK

Wednesday 4th September 2024

3pm - 4:30pm

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- ART ACTIVITIES
- FREE CHILDRENS BOOKS
- BOUNCY CASTLE
- FACE PAINTING
- VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS



Government of Western Australia
Department of Communities
Child Protection and Family Support



MEMORIAL WALK

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Join us for a memorial walk along the foreshore at sunset

Tuesday 10th September

5.30pm-8.00pm

Midalia Beach (AJ's Cafe)

Food & Refreshments Provided

Alcohol Free Event

sarah.collins@anglicarewa.org.au



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This workshop is designed to equip parents with **practical tools** and **knowledge** to assist in the prevention of abuse. Parents will leave equipped to help their children understand personal safety, recognise their rights and develop confidence in handling challenging situations.

Discover how to create a supportive environment where your child can thrive, knowing they are safe and protected. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your family's safety network and increase your child's well-being.

To secure your place please send us an email at: admin@cfss.org.au

DATE:

3 September 2024

TIME:

6:00PM - 8:00PM

VENUE:

Mount Tarcoola Primary School,
57 Forden Street,
Geraldton WA 6530

COST:

Free Workshop



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PLAY CRICKET



Geraldton ALL Girls Cricket Blast Centre

Registrations are now open for the Geraldton ALL Girls Cricket Blast Centre.

Sign up now to learn fun ball skills in a fun, non-contact format! Register today via the link below!

Upon registration you will receive- Tote Bag, Stress Ball and Hat!!!!

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/86e0c5>

Questions and queries contact: Tia Hatch (Mid-West Cricket Manager) – 0429 107 963

Location: Wonthella Oval

Cost: Free

Who: Girls aged 4-12

Days: Friday (18th Oct- 6th Nov) 6 Weeks

Time: 4pm- 5pm



REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW
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Geraldton Cricket Blast Centre

Registrations are now open for the Geraldton Cricket Blast Centre.

Sign up now to learn fun ball skills in a fun, non-contact format! Register today via the link below!

Upon registration you will receive- Cricket Blast Bucket Hat and Shirt, Bat and a Ball!!!!

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/8d5e5e>

Questions and queries contact: Tia Hatch (Mid-West Cricket Manager) – 0429 107 963

Location: Wonthella Oval

Cost: \$85 (NOT including insurance)

Who: Kids aged 4-12

Days: Friday (18th Oct- 20th Nov) 6 Weeks

Time: 4pm- 5pm



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PLAY CRICKET



Geraldton Star Blast Cricket Centre

Registrations are now open for the Geraldton Star Blast Program.

Sign up now to learn fun ball skills in a fun, non-contact format! Register today via the form below!

Provides kids with a disability an inclusive adapted version of the Woolworths Cricket Blast Program that is available through cricket clubs. Star Blast programs are provided with adaptive equipment and resources children with disabilities can be a part of a program, with the program adapted to suit the capabilities of the children involved.

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/a33b63>

Main queries to Sarah Prickett - 08 2060 0200/ sarah.prickett@playcricket.com.au and other queries to Tia Hatch (Mid-West Cricket Manager) - 0429 107 963

Location: Geraldton Grammar Gymnasium

Cost: \$25.00

Who: Kids aged 6-17

Days: Wednesday (31st July, 07 Aug, 14th Aug, 21st Aug and 28th of August.)

Time: 3:45pm - 4:45pm



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