



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Principal's Notes

50 Year Anniversary Reflection

Fifty years ago, a Catholic school was born in Rangeway. The school had two classrooms that were used as the Church on Sunday and approximately thirty students enrolled. The altar was made to slide away after Mass on Sunday and the blackboards were hinged in such a way that they could be positioned to hide the altar, tabernacle and other furnishings formally located in the Sanctuary area. Fast forward to today and St John's School has nine classrooms, an Administration Area, a Library, Computer Lab, Art Room, a Canteen and a Hall with lots of outdoors spaces to use as a place to learn, play and socialise.

In addition to the growth of the physical buildings and resources, St John's School has flourished in regards to the curriculum that is taught, the specialist learning areas offered, sporting opportunities presented, the religious dimension across all aspects of school life and the integration of Digital Technologies across the day to day life of the school.

St John's School would not be the wonderful educational organisation it is today without those who have gone before us. The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Presentation Sisters, were responsible for the operation of St John's School on its inception in 1969. Nano Nagle founded the Presentation Sisters and she lived her life by being faithful to the Gospel, a compassionate servant to the poor, expanding the circle of love. The staff, students and community of St John's School strive to follow in the footsteps of Nano Nagle in their day to day lives.

The next three days will be filled with celebration, love, prayer and joy. It truly is a humbling experience to be part of an educational institution that has such a long and rich history. To everyone in the school community who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the 50 Year Celebrations are memorable and special, words will never truly express my appreciation and gratitude. May you enjoy the fruit of your love and labour as we celebrate the birthday of St John's School. Happy Birthday, St John's School.

50 Year Anniversary Art Competition

Last Friday, we announced the winners and runner ups of the 50 Year Anniversary Art Competition which now takes pride of place in the School Office. St John's School partnered with Nagle Catholic College (NCC) to produce this beautiful piece of artwork. Mr Matt Grigsby helped to judge the artwork and assisted with the mounting and framing. Mr Corey Smith worked with ex-St John's School students, Henry Ford and Oscar Cook, to make the beautiful wooden frame and deliver the final piece. NCC also provided the prizes for the winners and runner ups. I am extremely grateful for all that NCC have done to support us in this aspect of our 50 Year Anniversary Celebrations.

This initiative was facilitated and co-ordinated by a number of staff at St John's School. My thanks go to Miss Kristen Hogue, Mrs Linda Osborn, Mrs Nicole Henderson and Miss Ashleigh Pedler for working on various aspects of the project, ensuring the current students have contributed to the celebrations. Each class had a theme/focus for their artwork, as outlined below:

Kindy	Emotion Eagles
Pre Primary	Line Monsters
Year One	Woven Flowers
Year Two	Number 50 Collage
Year Three	Australian Animals Dot Painting
Year Four	Painted Flowers
Year Five	People in Motion Silhouettes
Year Six	Sketches of St John's Church or St John



Term 4 Week 2
24th October 2019

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found
on the school website

FRIDAY 25th October
50th Celebration Mass -
9.30am St John's Church
11.00am - Morning Tea

FRIDAY 25th October
NO CANTEEN, SORRY

SATURDAY 26th October
Open Day - Afternoon Tea
1.30pm - 4.45pm
Dinner Wonthella Bowls
Club - 6.00pm

TUESDAY 29th October
School Board Meeting -
6.00pm

WEDNESDAY 30th October
Choir Showcase Rehearsal
Bookfair (see back page for
more information)

THURSDAY 31st October
Choir Showcase Rehearsal
Nagle Orientation



The final results were:

Year Level	Winner	Runner Up
Kindy	Louise W	Lila B
Pre Primary	Mitchell P	Jack M
Year One	Mackenzie G	Luke H & Jack B
Year Two	Lawrence S	Darcy M
Year Three	Amity G	Lilah B
Year Four	Skyla B	Natanna M
Year Five	Ella M	Charlee O
Year Six	Arley M	Riley C



Congratulations to all of the students, especially those listed above. I know that you are filled with pride to have your artwork shining in the School Office.

50 Year Anniversary Mosaic Mural

Today, the 50 Year Anniversary Mosaic Mural has been installed. It will be on display tomorrow, Friday 25 October. Miss Kristen Hogue has been the driving force behind the mosaic mural, and I am sure you will agree that it is truly a piece of art which reflects the St John's School Community. And, it was indeed community that brought this piece to life. We had current staff, students and parents, past staff and parents, and community members all work on the project to ensure it's completion.

Each time I look at the mural, I notice a different aspect, colour and image. The tree reflects our learning and the growth of those at St John's School, and it also connects with the painted mural at the front of the school. The colours at the base of the tree, red, yellow and black, acknowledge and respect the Custodians of this land. At the base of the tree are hands, which symbolise our spirituality and support we have from our God. Within the mural are four mandalas, one for each faction colour. Mandalas symbolise the symmetry of the universe and wisdom.

My heartfelt thanks go to Miss Hogue for having the creative and practical skills, strength and courage to envision, plan and produce a piece of work that will create conversation, appreciation, commemoration and community for the next fifty years!

50 Year Anniversary K/PP Mural

As you are all aware, Miss Lauren Hewitson has worked tirelessly to transform a blank brick wall in the Kindy/Pre Primary Playground to a frieze that portrays the colours of our school, the actions and learning of the students, and the mission, beliefs and values that permeate through all aspects of life at St John's School. From start to finish, Miss Hewitson has had a vision for this space, a vision which is now bearing the fruit of her labour. Once again, the work has been completed in community with many staff and community members helping to paint, create and beautify. I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the space transform each day, noticing the new additions as they unfold to reveal the story of the work we do at St John's School.

My deepest appreciation is extended to Miss Hewitson. I appreciate her ability to think big, think resourcefully and think artistically, creating a piece of art that spreads joy to our community and advertises our beautiful school to the passing traffic.

50 Year Anniversary Thank You

In addition to the three previously mentioned projects, a tremendous amount of other work has been undertaken around the school in preparation for our 50 Year Anniversary. We have had a Busy Bee, guttered rooms, painted the Resource Room, rendered walls, made Rosary Beads, installed a cross, revamped the entrance to the school, added benches and plants, decorated classrooms and the Hall, prepared noticeboards, made signs, removed the shade house, fixed a pump, relocated a pump, paved, decorated the Courtyard and Church, communicated and celebrated via social media, organised memorabilia, formulated a School Prayer, updated the Honour Boards in the School Office, added pots, tidied up areas with artificial turf, signposted the Student Voice Letterbox, added Fruit of the Spirit signs, painted the School Office and planted veggie gardens. And after that big, long list, I am sure that I have missed something! From the bottom of my heart, thank you to staff, parents, families, students, community members and businesses that have all worked to make this happen in a very short period of time! We have given our school the best present of all, love!



May the faithfulness of Nano Nagle be an example for you in the coming week.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

50 Year Celebration Mass

Tomorrow, **Friday 25th October at 9.30am in the St John's Church**, the St John's School Community will gather to celebrate fifty years of operation. This Mass will be a wonderful opportunity to gather as a family of God to celebrate, reflect and give thanks.

This celebration will be well attended by many past and present members of the school community as well as several dignitaries and special guests. Should you wish to attend this celebration, please ensure you arrive early to secure a seat in the Church. Seating will be set up outside if required.

Religious Education

St John's School Prayer

It is with great excitement I can announce that the St John's School Prayer is complete and will be unveiled to the community at tomorrow's 50 Year Celebration Mass.

The process of development for this school prayer has been extensive and involved many stakeholders, including students, staff, Catholic Education Western Australia and Bishop Michael. We are thrilled with the outcome and look forward to praying this prayer for many years to come! If you are planning on attending the 50 Year Celebratory Mass, you will be gifted with a bookmark with the St John's School Prayer on it.

Socktober 2019

Socktober is an initiative of Catholic Mission and one way which St John's School can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October.



On Tuesday, students wore crazy socks to school for a gold coin donation in support of Catholic Mission's initiative to 'sock it' to poverty. The students also listened to a guest speaker, Father Clement, who spoke about his own first hand experience of missions in Papa New Guinea. Thank you to Rosemary Taylor, Diocesan Director of Catholic Missions, for once again helping our students in the Extraordinary Missionary Month declared by Pope Francis.

All Saint Mass

Next Friday, at 1.15pm in the St John's Church, the school will gather to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. All are welcome to attend.

Fruit of the Spirit

This week, St John's School will again focus on the fruit of faithfulness.

*"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."
(1 Corinthians 4:2)*

This extract of St Paul's letter to the Corinthians deals with our role as stewards. The one requirement for stewards is that they be found faithful. Faithful carries the idea of being trustworthy or reliable. A faithful person is a person upon whom God can rely for service.

Brett Love - Assistant Principal Religious Education

Leader of Special Projects - News

Digital Technology

Next week Ms Deanne Poole will be visiting St John's School to continue working with teachers to assist with the integration of the Digital Technologies Curriculum. Teachers and students always enjoy the fun and interactive lessons that are delivered during these visits.

Teacher Network Meeting

Teaching Staff will travel to St Mary's School, Northampton next Tuesday after school to take part in a Regional Network Meeting where staff from Catholic Primary Schools in our region meet to collaborate and learn from each other in a chosen area. We look forward to sharing and acquiring new knowledge from our colleagues.

Nagle Orientation

Year Six students who are attending Nagle Catholic College next year will have the opportunity to attend an Orientation Day on Thursday the 31st of October. Information has been sent out to the students involved. I am sure they will enjoy the opportunity to look around the College.

Choir

The St John's School Choir have a very busy term ahead of them with several performances planned. We wish them luck with all their performances and are looking forward to hearing them sing at this term's School Assemblies, with the first one being on Thursday the 7th of November.

Have a great weekend, especially if you are joining us for any of our 50 Year Celebrations.

Kylie Murphy - Leader of Special Projects

Family Science Show

We would like to invite families from St John's school to join us for an evening Family Science Show titled
"Lightning: So Frightening"
to be conducted, for regional families, at **Leaning Tree Steiner School, 74 Macedonia Dr, Glenfield** on **Friday
November 8, 2019, 7.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.**

Cost: \$12.00 (at the door)

Please email leaning@sciencetime.com.au also mention St John's School when making your booking. Thanks

LIBRARY NEWS

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Parents and students are invited to St John's Scholastic Book Fair starting next Wednesday, 30 October.

The theme of the Book Fair is Dino-Mite. It's a fun event with a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination, and helps children discover who they are. Every purchase you make earns learning and literacy resources for St John's School.

Book Fair open days: Wednesday 30 October, Thursday 31 October, Tuesday 5 November and Wednesday 6 November

Shopping hours: 8.15am – 9.00am, 12.30pm – 1.00pm, 2.30pm – 3.30pm

WIN VOUCHERS TO SPEND AT THE BOOK FAIR!

COLOURING COMPETITION - Book Fair Colouring sheets have been sent home this week to be returned to the Library by Tuesday 5 November. There will be one \$10 voucher winner in each class from Kindy to Year Six.

GUESS - There are thousands of books in the St John's School Library > Guess how many books there are and the closest will win a \$10 voucher to spend at the Book Fair! Closes Monday 4 November.

If you are unable to attend the Book Fair, you may wish to pay online if you know the total amount from the Wish List. Please note this is not ordering the books. Visit <https://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/BookFairs>. The Wish List with the receipt number will need to be shown for students to collect the books from the Fair.

Hope to see you there!

Thank you.

Natalie Riemer - Library Technician



CHILDREN'S WEEK & Kids take over the Greenough Museum & Gardens



VENUE: Greenough Museum & Gardens

DATE: Sun 27 Oct 2019 9:30am -1pm

FREE: Must Book! & Places are Limited

- ★ Make & decorate a cool Museum Mouse to help you discover our museum & its secrets!
- ★ dress up in period costume
- ★ create your own 'Personal Museum in a Box'- all about you
- ★ Learn how to collect stuff - for fun & for the future
- ★ Raid the Museum's Kitchen Garden,
- ★ Make a healthy Wrap & Roll lunch

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Pop-up Pancake Stall

Where: Platform Markets

When: 8.00am - 12.00pm
Sunday, 27th October

Why - To raise money for Geraldton Flexible Learning Centre (GFLC) leadership camp at Nanga (near Pinjarra)

Pancakes from \$2.00
Drinks available
Raffles drawn on the day
Gluten free option

