



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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## Principal's Notes

### NAPLAN Results

Earlier this term, the NAPLAN Student Reports were sent home to all students in Years Three and Five. A full overview of the 2019 results for St John's School can be found below. We have many areas of celebration! One is the Year Three School Means for Reading and Writing which are above the Australian School Means for these two assessment areas. The second is that the Year Three School Mean for Numeracy is only slightly below the National Mean. The third celebration is the growth of the current Year Five students from when they sat NAPLAN as a Year Three student. In all five assessments, the current Year Five cohort's growth exceeded the national growth, indicating that the students are progressing during Years Three, Four and Five at a faster rate than that of their peers across Australia. The staff of St John's School will continue to work collectively with all students with the objective of enhancing student achievement and student wellbeing across all facets of school life.

The table below shows the St John's School Mean (average) and the Australian Schools Mean (average).

	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
YEAR 3 St John's School Mean	Band 5 431.3 (slightly under)	Band 4 405.9 (slightly under)	Band 5 443.8 (above)	Band 4 398.4 (under)	Band 5 427.7 (above)
YEAR 3 Australian Schools Mean	Band 5 439.8	Band 4 408.1	Band 5 432.3	Band 4 418.7	Band 4 423.1
YEAR 5 St John's School Mean	Band 5 472.8 (under)	Band 5 470.7 (under)	Band 6 479.8 (under)	Band 6 477.9 (under)	Band 5 447.4 (under)
YEAR 5 Australian Schools Mean	Band 6 499.1	Band 6 495.8	Band 6 506.0	Band 6 500.7	Band 5 473.9

The table below shows the percentage of students from St John's School who are at or above the National Minimum Standard. The National Minimum Standard for Year Three is Band Two and for Year Five it is Band Four.

	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
YEAR 3 At or above the National Minimum Standard	100%	100%	100%	95%	100%
YEAR 5 At or above the National Minimum Standard	77%	95%	83%	86%	91%

Term 4 Week 7  
28th November 2019

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found  
on the school website

**FRIDAY 29th November**  
Prayer Assembly - Year 2

Student Council Meeting

**FRIDAY 29th November**

P&F Colour Fun Run  
Free Dress Day - Gold  
Coin Donation

**WEDNESDAY 4th Dec**

Kindy Concert & Morning  
Tea - 10.00am

**FRIDAY 6th December**

Prayer Assembly - Year 1  
Concert Rehearsal  
School Concert - 6.00pm  
Geraldton Grammar School  
Batavia Hall

### NEWSLETTER INSERT

Please find the invitation  
to St John's Presentation  
and Ceremony Concert  
on the 6th December.



The table below shows the growth of the Year Five students from when they sat NAPLAN in Year Three against the Australian Schools Mean Growth.

	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy	Reading	Spelling	Writing
YEAR 5 St John's School Mean Growth from Year Three to Year Five	101	98	95	103	79
YEAR 5 All Australian Schools Mean Growth from Year Three to Year Five	60	86	75	85	60

### 50 Year Anniversary Thank You

This week, we continue the shout outs and notes of thanks to everyone who has helped to make our 50 Year Anniversary so full of joy. Please see a third list of generous helpers and donors.

## 50 Year Anniversary

### ***LOCAL BUSINESS DONATIONS***

DC Promotional Products & Cheryl O'Brien  
 Bunnings Geraldton & Sandy Jakobson  
 Choices Flooring & Michael Payne  
 Dulux Trade Centre & Brett Morrison  
 Botanical Den & Bianca  
 Golden Pond Retreat & Raelene  
 Arctic Moon Photography & Natasha Gilmartin  
 Procure Logistics & Bishop Family  
 JMH Mechanical Services & Hirst Family  
 Davinci's Tile & Furniture Gallery & Chris Rafanelli

## Thank You

In the coming week, may we have the courage and strength to demonstrate self-control.

Mrs Melissa Marquis - PRINCIPAL

### Religious Education

#### Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 29th November at 8.45am**, the Year Two Class will lead the school in prayer. All are welcome to attend.

#### End of Year Mass

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am**, St John's School will gather in the Church to celebrate the end of the year with a Eucharistic celebration. Please come along and celebrate a fantastic year!

#### Graduation Mass 2019

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm**, St John's School will celebrate a Graduation Mass to officially farewell the Graduating class of 2019. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

## Religious Education

### Advent

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. We are reminded by the Church that the season of Advent is a time of expectancy. We are to prepare with joy in our hearts for the coming of Christ. Over the coming four weeks, a candle will be lit at the beginning of each Eucharistic celebration. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. At Mass this coming Sunday, the first purple candle will be lit as we wait for the coming of Christ. This candle represents hope. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promise, he made to us.



### Fruit of the Spirit

This week, St John's School will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Self-Control:

*"No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it".*  
(1 Corinthians 10:13)

Temptation is a routine part of life. Our desire to sin can sometimes feel so much more powerful than our desire to do what is right before God. In response to that kind of desire, this scripture offers reassurance: overcoming any given temptation is entirely possible if we trust in Christ our king.

**Brett Love**  
Assistant Principal – Religious Education



## Leader of Special Projects - News

### Assembly

Thank you to the Choir for presenting another wonderful item showcasing their singing talents. Congratulations to all the award winners.

### P&F Obstacle of Fun Colour Run

On Friday, the P&F are organising an Obstacle & Fun Run for the children. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their services to help on the day. Assistance is still required at 8.45am and 1.00pm. The approximate times for the run are:

PP/Year 1/Year 2	1.30pm
Year 3 & Year 4	1.50pm
Year 5 & Year 6	2.10pm

Children are invited to wear free dress (with a white or light-coloured shirt) with a gold coin donation on the day. Please be aware that clothes will get covered in coloured powder during the run. Children also require a towel and a spare set of clothes to get changed into. The children are looking forward to participating in the event.

### Concert Dates

The children are very excited about performing at the concerts. Please be aware of the Concert dates for the various year groups, as listed below.

**Kindy Concert and Morning Tea:** - 4<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.00am at St John's School Hall  
**Christmas Concert:** (Years 1-6)- 6<sup>th</sup> December @ 6.00 pm at Geraldton Grammar, Batavia Hall  
**Pre-Primary Concert and Morning Tea:** - 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 10.00am at St John's School Hall



Children in Years One to Six need to return the permission note to travel by bus to the rehearsal on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, if they haven't already. Children should be aware of costume requirements for the concert. If you have any queries, please feel free to ask your child's teacher.

### Semester Two Report 2019

Parents and carers, your child/ren will receive a Semester Two Report in Week 9. This report will use an A to E grading scale to evaluate and report on academic achievement across all learning areas, including the social, organisational and emotional growth of your child/ren. The results within this report should not be a surprise to parents/carers, nor should this report be viewed as a complete reflection on your child/ren's growth and development over the year.

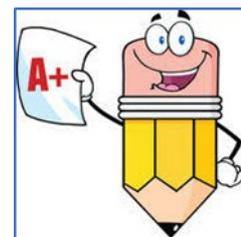
Teachers exercise their professional judgement when monitoring students' progress and determining grades/levels for reporting, consistent with the school's assessment policies and the School Curriculum and Standards Authority reporting policy.

Teachers may use a variety of methods for recording assessment information, including anecdotal records, audio and visual recordings, checklists, marking keys, portfolios, records of test results, observation notes and documented plans (Individual Education Plans and group plans).

## Leader of Special Projects - News

If you have any concerns or questions with the upcoming report and/or the progress and development of your child/ren. Please make an appointment with your child/ren's classroom teacher. Teachers will make themselves available to meet and discuss your child/ren's progress this semester at a pre-arranged time.

Kylie Murphy  
Leader of Special Projects



## P&F NEWS

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### P & F BIKE RAFFLE

A reminder that P & F Bike Raffle Tickets were due to be returned to school today, sold or unsold. Please, bring them in tomorrow or as soon as possible if you have forgotten. The permit conditions are that we must ensure all tickets are accounted for so please return regardless of how many you have sold.

Thanks  
P&F Committee

*The Midwest Multicultural Association (MWMA) and Athiolget Women's and Children's Health Association (AWACHA) invites you to a special screening of :*

## **RANGER TO RANGER**

**When: Sunday 1st December 2019**

**Time: 11.00am and 2.00pm (two screenings)**

**Where: Geraldton Catholic Centre**

**Cost: \$10.00 Singles \$25.00 Family \$5.00 Pensioners**

**Catering: Some light refreshments on offer**

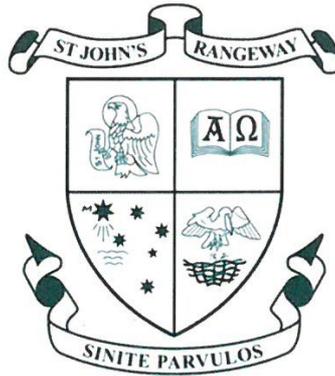
**(Coffee, Tea, Cordial/Juice, Water, Biscuits provided)**



**(All proceeds from these screenings will be applied to the benefit of the these two organisations)**

Ranger to Ranger is a heart-warming documentary film that follows the epic journey of nine Indigenous Australian Rangers, along with acclaimed Indigenous musician Dan Sultan, as they travel to Kenya and Africa to share knowledge, culture and music with a group of Maasai Community Rangers.





St John's School Principal, Melissa Marquis,  
and Staff invites

*The School Community*

to the

**St John's School**

**Presentation Ceremony and Concert**

on Friday 6th December 2019

The Celebration of the School Year

will commence at 6.00 pm

in the Geraldton Grammar School Batavia Hall

on George Road