



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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Let the  
Little  
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## Principal's Notes

### Positive Principal Visits

Last week and this week, there has been a stream of students coming to see me to show me their great work. Sometimes, the staff accompanying the students say, "I know you are busy, but..." My belief is that I am never too busy to celebrate the individual successes of the students at St John's School. In fact, these visits are the highlights of my day and to quote Samuel Johnson, 'Each person's work is always a portrait of themselves' and when I am looking at the great work that the students have presented, I am viewing the greatness of each student and their full potential. To then share the students, their work and their visits on Facebook, permission permitting, allows the wider community to see the gallery of portraits we have at St John's School. I hope you enjoy the exhibition of work on Facebook.

### 2021 Kindy Interviews

This week, St John's School has been abuzz with more little people than usual as we have commenced the 2021 Kindy Interviews. It has been a delight getting to know our future students and their own individual joy is infectious. As we have walked around, I have heard and seen many excited three year olds. From the, "Oh wow," to the smiles and the tears for when it has come time to leave, it is very special to introduce these children to the start of their educational journey at St John's School. I look forward to the interviews scheduled for next week and if you know of anyone who is still making a decision about where to send their child to school, we do offer an obligation free tour of the school.

### End of Term Two

Term Two, for students, was scheduled to finish on Thursday 2 July. Friday 3 July was a designated Pupil Free Day so the Staff of St John's School could undertake professional learning (PL) in relation to our Aboriginal Education Plan. The presenter for this PL is unable to travel to Geraldton due to employer COVID-19 travel restrictions so we have had to reschedule the Pupil Free Day to Friday 25 September. As a result, students will attend school on Friday 3 July. I apologise for any inconvenience that this change this may cause.

### Every Day Counts

There is a direct correlation between student achievement and student attendance. Illness and COVID-19 aside, a day absent from school here or there does not seem like much but, parents and carers are asked to consider the data below. If there are challenges around your child attending school, please contact us so we can look at the support structures we can put in place to assist. Please remember, every day does count.

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore from Pre Primary to Year 12 that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks of school	Nearly 1½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks of school	Nearly 2½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks of school	Over 5 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks of school	Over 8 years of school	Equal to finishing Year 4

Term 2 Week 9  
25th June 2020

### Dates to Remember

**THURSDAY 25th June**

Classroom Merit Awards Presentation

**FRIDAY 26th June**

PA Prayer Assembly Year 2

**WEDNESDAY 1st July**

Reports Sent Home

**FRIDAY 3rd July**

Last Day of School for Students & Staff

**MONDAY 20th July**

Students commence

**WEDNESDAY 22nd July**

School Photographs  
(Please wear correct school uniform)

Dear Lord  
Please Embrace  
Your Loving Arms  
around my family and  
friends. Keep them always  
Protected, Secured,  
Loved and Blessed.

Amen

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## Principal's Notes

### Good News Story

Our Kindy students are the stars this week! Whilst taking the future Kindy students and their families around the school, the current Kindy students have been so welcoming. As we look around the classroom, they are saying hello to the visitors, asking them to play and as we go to leave, saying goodbye. One young girl even came running out of the classroom after us because she had missed us and wanted to say and wave goodbye. Another example of the family community that exists at our beautiful school.

May your work and home life be flooded with moments of peace over the coming week.

**Mrs Melissa Marquis**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## Religious News

### School Prayer Assembly

The Year Two Class will lead the school in prayer tomorrow morning over the PA System. Thank you, Year Two for preparing this prayer.

### Fruit of the Spirit

We again focus on the **Fruit of Patience** this week:



*Jesus replied, 'You do not realise now what I am doing, but later you will understand'.*  
(John 13:7)

Patience can be a very difficult virtue to exhibit in today's day and age, particularly for children. I find myself consistently reminding my sons that they need to wait. I suspect the technological breakthroughs we have experienced over recent years has had a part to play in this. Children do not have to show the same kind of patience as they did twenty, ten or even five years ago. Everything they want can be had in the 'click' of a button.

Jesus reminds us in this scripture how important patience is. Waiting might seem strange and even difficult for children to understand, perhaps even adults. However, trusting in the process of waiting will often bring many more internal riches.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next week, students in Years Three, Four and Five will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please see the time and date below:

#### **Sacrament of First Reconciliation:**

Tuesday 30 June at 6.00pm – St John's Church

A Sacrament of Reconciliation Retreat Day has been organised for **Monday 29 June**. This Retreat Day will be on school grounds. **Please note: all Year Three children will participate in this Retreat Day.**

If you are interested in having your child/ren baptised please feel free to see me or ring the Parish Office on 9964 1608 to make an appointment to speak with Father Bernard.

**Brett Love**  
**Assistant Principal – Religious Education**

## Administration News

### Class News

Our classes have been very busy the last few weeks and it is wonderful to read of the variety of learning experiences that the students have been engaging in

**Year One:** The Year One Class recently became expert engineers, designing and creating some new bridges to help the three Billy Goats Gruff who were looking for a new bridge to cross. They showed great persistence when building our bridges and loved testing them out to make sure they were strong and stable.

**Year Two:** The Year Two Class has been busy in Maths, learning about the links between addition and subtraction. In English, they are writing an information report about their favourite Australian animal. They have had a lot of fun in Science by designing, creating and playing their very own, 'Push and Pull Board Game'.

**Year Three:** In Year Three, we have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, which we will receive next Tuesday. In Design and Technology, we have studied how technologies are used in different occupations and how these impact our lives.

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**Year Four:** The Year Four Class has been lucky enough to have Mr Barham working with us for the last four weeks of this term. We have been doing many interesting activities such as writing procedures and learning about the properties of different objects in Science.

**Year Five:** The Year Five Class are happy that Ministry Meetings have started again and are looking forward to the activities they have planned with their ministries. They were visited by Mr Williams, Principal of Nagle Catholic College, and Mr Farris. They learnt a lot about school life at Nagle and were given a Nagle pen.

**Year Six:** The Year Six Class has been busy writing animal reports in English and have turned them into speeches to present to their peers. They have also just finished reading their class novel 'Storm Boy', which overall the class thought was okay, although some were unhappy with the sad ending.

### Merit Awards

Congratulations to all our Merit Award winners and to our students who have received Aussie of the Month! You should all be very proud of your efforts and for striving to be the very best you can be, well done.



### School Reports

School reports will be sent home with students next week on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July**. Due to disruptions to teaching and learning caused by COVID-19, this report will be in an interim report format and will include information about student learning progress in each of the Learning Areas as well as a General Comment. If you wish to discuss your child's Semester One Interim Report, you are welcome to arrange a mutually suitable meeting time with the classroom teacher.

### School Photographs

A reminder that our school photographs will be taken during the first week of Term Three, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Students are requested to wear their full School Uniform instead of their Sport Uniform on this day. Faction Captains and Vice Captains are requested to bring their Sport Uniform in their bags to change into for their group faction photo. More information regarding school photographs will be given out next week.

### PLP Meetings- Term Three

Please be advised that Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) meetings for Term Three have been scheduled during Week Three for **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August**. These meetings are 15 minutes in duration and are used to discuss student achievement of their Semester One learning goals as well as to review and create new goals for Semester Two.

**Emma Pollard**

**Assistant Principal Administration**

## CANTEEN NEWS

There are only three canteen days left until the end of Term two. Unfortunately, this means that some items on the menu may not be available due to running low on stock.

Sorry for any inconvenience. Have a great, happy and safe holidays.

Jane Smith

Canteen Manager



## LIBRARY NEWS

### NEW BOOKS TO THE LIBRARY

The Library has forty brand new books to add to our collection from the latest Book Club catalogue. There's something for all ages to enjoy from Bluey to Minecraft, Babysitters Club, Bad Guys, Roblox, Captain Underpants, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Fifty War Stories, Disney classics as well as true adventure books and more!

Students can reserve books now and they will be available for borrowing soon.

Thank you.

Natalie Riemer

Library Technician



## HOCKEY NEWS

### St John's/ Walkaway Hockey 2020 (8 week season)

All players need to register with Hockey Australia before they play their first game. You must follow this link to register:

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/geraldtonhockey/registration/> Please click on register and not on renew.

When you register, you will be required to pay a registration fee of \$31.50 unless you are turning 8 or younger in 2020 in which case there is no cost.

### Full Field Team

Training will take place on the turf each Tuesday between 3.30pm and 4.15pm commencing on the 21st July. The team will be coached by Mark Weston with assistance from Bill and Liz Fairall.

First game is this Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July.

Fees are \$35 for the season and these need to be paid by the to the school by the end of July.

### Half Field Hockey

#### Team 1 (Coach: Hayley McGlynn)

#### Team 2 (Coach: Heiner Schmidt)

Training will take place on Saturdays before games starting on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10.45am on the grass fields at hockey.

The half field teams will have their first fixture on the 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am.

Fees are \$35 for the season and these need to be paid to the school by the end of July.

- Fees need to be paid as soon as possible.  
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## SunCity Tennis Academy Tennis Holiday Programs For Kids



## Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Monday July 6th - Friday July 10th 2020

### Clinic Options:

Tiny Tackers **RED Ball** 3-5yrs  
8:15-9:00am  
\$10 per day or \$40 up front

Clinic **HALF Day** 6+yrs  
9:00am-12:00pm / 12:00-3:00pm  
\$30 per day or \$125 up front

Clinic **FULL Day** 6+yrs  
9:00am-3:00pm  
\$50 per day or \$215 up front

Adults **GROUP** 17+yrs  
5:30-7:00pm  
\$15 per day or \$65 up front

Let us look after the  
Kids these Holidays!

What's on each day!

- \* Tennis \* Cricket \* Soccer & Footy
- \* Movies & Indoor Activities

- Please provide Recess, Lunch & Afternoon Recess meals
- Rackets available to borrow
- Current COVID Hygiene rules will be strictly followed

\*Programs are subject to enrolment numbers.  
\* Classes may be combined or cancelled.

To secure your spot please contact us either via email, phone, sms or Facebook!

[tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au](mailto:tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au) / 0409 485 117



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When registering please Include Childs Name, Day/s, Guardians Name & Contact number



# Come & Try Day



For Ages  
5 - 7 years

15 July  
Wednesday

Session 1  
9.30am to 10.15am

Session 2  
10.45am to 11.30am

Geraldton  
Netball Association  
Eighth Street Geraldton

Limit of 20 per session

Register at:  
[netball.resultsvault.com/  
common/pages/reg/welcome.  
aspx?type=5&id=89708&entityid=40018](http://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=5&id=89708&entityid=40018)

## School Car Park

All users of the St John's School Car Park are reminded to drive slowly and carefully to ensure our students are kept safe.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



## NEW FOOTPATH CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) has advised it will be constructing a new footpath at the northern side of Digby Street. The works are scheduled to commence on Monday 29 June for a period of three weeks between 7:00am and 6:00pm. Traffic management will be in place during this time and residents, motorists and pedestrians are advised to exercise caution, obeying all warnings signs and directions.

CGG have also asked the members of our school community to report to the police, any activity relating to graffiti in the area, especially on the footpaths that have been recently been installed. May we all work together to preserve our community and the area surrounding St John's School.

Regards - Melissa Marquis

# CROSS COUNTRY

