



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 4 WEEK 8
2nd December 2021

Principal's Notes

Baby Welcome

Skye, Thomas, Beau and Tessa welcomed Kyzer to their family on 26 November. The St John's School Community would like to congratulate you all on the safe arrival of your son/brother. Sending you all lots of best wishes and many precious memories.



End of Year Concert and Presentation Night

One sleep to go! We are all very excited and looking forward to tomorrow night's End of Year Concert where students from Year One to Six will entertain their parents, carers, family and friends. I would like to thank Mrs Emma Pollard for coordinating all aspects relating to tomorrow night. It is a mammoth task and I know we will all enjoy the performances that the staff and students have worked so hard to prepare.

2021 NAPLAN

Please see page five for an overview of the 2021 NAPLAN results for Years Three and Five. NAPLAN provides the Staff of St John's School with a snapshot of a student's achievement at a point in time, and I am very proud of the students in Years Three and Five for their achievements. The data also allows us to track student progress over time at a school level.

NAPLAN, however, does not measure creativity, critical thinking, resilience, motivation, persistence, curiosity, humour, endurance, reliability, enthusiasm, self-awareness, self-discipline, discipline, leadership, compassion, courage, sense of beauty, sense of wonder, resourcefulness, spontaneity, humility and civic mindedness.

Individual NAPLAN results have already been sent home with the students in Years Three and Five.

Moral Purpose and Mission Statement

After two years of collaborative work as a staff, we have an updated Moral Purpose and Mission Statement. At St John's School, the core business of all our work is based on the foundation of, '*Every Story Every Opportunity*'. What does this mean? At St John's School, we believe that every person is an individual and we need to know their story so every opportunity for growth and development can be provided. If we do not know the individual stories of the students, families and staff, we cannot be fully prepared to offer the required opportunities.

Under the four pillars of Catholic Education Western Australia, Catholic Identity, Education, Community and Stewardship, we have formulated four statements which articulate our mission as we live out '*Every Story Every Opportunity*'. Please refer to page five of the School Newsletter for the full overview of our Moral Purpose and Mission Statement.

I would like to thank the Staff of St John's School for all that they have done over the last two years to create the foundation of the work that we do at our beautiful school. It has been a long journey but the time taken has ensured that we are authentic and transparent in what we believe to be the core business of work and life at St John's School.

Over the last few weeks, the staff have been introducing the students to our Moral Purpose and Mission Statement, unpacking what they actually mean so that the students can also be advocates and knowledgeable in relation to life at St John's School. Whilst the explanation from a Kindy student may be different to that of a Year Six student, we are building their understanding of what it looks like, sounds like and feels like to be a part of the St John's School family.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 3rd December
Prayer Assembly -
Spiritual Ministry

**School Concert &
Presentation Night**
Years 1 to 3 - 6:00pm -
6:45pm
Years 4 to 6 - 7:00pm -
7:45pm

Monday 6th December
Classroom Food Drive
Kindy Transition
9.15am - 10.15am
Harbour Pines Choir
Excursion

Tuesday 7th December
Pre-Primary Concert
10:00am - School Hall

Wednesday 8 December
Kindy Concert
9.30am - 10:00am
Year 6 Graduation Mass
5:30pm - St John's
Church

The more you
PRAISE and
celebrate your
LIFE, the more
there is in life
to **CELEBRATE.**

Principal's Notes

Staffing

Over the last week, some staffing arrangements have been finalised. Please note the following updates:

Canteen Manager
Special Needs Education Assistant (Year Three)
Education Assistant (Multiple Year Levels)

Mrs Nikki Barndon
Ms Amy Causer
Miss Abbey Wilson

We are very pleased that Nikki will be continuing in her role as Canteen Manager and we look forward to the implementation of some new initiatives, including online ordering. I would also like to welcome Amy and Abbey to the St John's School Community. The two ladies are a wonderful addition to our school family.

Faction Sports Shirts

The votes are in! By an overwhelming margin, the design for the Faction Sports Shirts for St John's School is:



Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who voted. We are currently liaising with our uniform supplier and we will communicate sizing, delivery, costs and timelines in due course.

2022 Dates

Please see page six for the full list of dates for the 2022 school year.

Good News Story

The students from Year One to Six who have been audience members for St John's Got Talent are to be congratulated this week. Whilst their peers have been performing, they have been an attentive audience, encouraging the performers whilst on stage. I have seen and heard about the audience members giving their peers the thumbs up, smiles and cheers. This continues to reinforce our moral purpose where students are seen as individuals with a specific story and we are willing to provide every opportunity for them to shine.

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 - PP, Year 2, Year 4
Thursdays - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6

Battle of the Return Books

Each year group competes weekly to have the least number of overdue books and show the best care for the St John's Library, with the winning class displaying the St John's School Library trophy for the week. At the end of the term, the class with the most weekly wins will receive a special surprise and bragging rights as the winner of the Return Books Battle. Last week's winner was YEAR SIX, also the winner of the Battle of the Return Books for Term Four. Congratulations and thank you, Year Six, for working together throughout Term Four to return your Library books on time and for displaying continual respect and responsibility towards your Library.

End of Year Book Returns

Could all library books please be returned for the end of the school year? A big thank you to all parents and carers who have assisted in ensuring our children return their books on time each week.

Library Opening Times on Wednesday and Thursday

The library will be open from 8 am to 3.30 pm on Wednesday and Thursday to assist in returning books. Children can also colour in a picture or play a board game with a friend during lunch.



Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 3 December at 8.45am**, the Spiritual Ministry will lead the school in prayer. All are welcome to attend.

Advent

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. As the journey of Advent continues and we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, we encounter the story of John the Baptist in the Gospel of Mark. John the Baptist is a significant figure in the Bible. His invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God into our lives through the Sacrament of Baptism helps us to prepare the way for the coming Lord. At Mass, this coming Sunday, the second purple candle will be lit. This candle represents faith.

End of Year Mass

On **Thursday 9 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! If you wish to attend, please adhere to COVID-19 protocols.

Graduation Mass 2021

On **Wednesday 8 December at 5.30pm**, St John's School will celebrate the Graduation Mass to officially farewell the Graduating Class of 2021. All families and friends are welcome to attend. If you wish to attend, please adhere to COVID-19 protocols.

Fruit of the Spirit

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

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable, if anything, is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.
Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me or seen in me put it into
practice. And the God of peace will be with you.
(Philippians 4: 8-9)*

In this letter to the Philippians, St Paul reminds us to focus on things in our lives that are true and good. Through doing so, we open ourselves wholly up to the peace of God, rather than the temptation of sin.

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

2022 Transition Visits

We look forward to seeing our 2022 Kindy families, for their final transition visit next **Monday 6 December** from 9:15am-10:15am. We hope these visits have been enjoyable and allowed next year's Kindy students and their families to feel supported in their transition to school.

P&F News

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P&F Chocolates Fundraiser

There are still
extra boxes available
for sale please
contact the Office on
99200 100.



Administration News

End of Year Concerts

Tomorrow is the day! The Year One to Six Classes are extremely excited for our Junior and Senior School Concert and Presentation Night and are looking forward to performing for you all. Please note a few last house keeping items for tomorrow night:

- The Junior Concert is scheduled to run from 6.00pm to 6.45pm and the Senior Concert is scheduled to run from 7.00pm to 7.45pm
- Parking will be available around St John's Church and on the School Oval.
- **The School Oval gates will open at 5.15pm and gates to enter the school grounds will be open at 5.30pm Please be patient and courteous to ensure the safety of all our students, staff and guests.**
- Tickets are not allocated to specific seats. Guests will be directed by staff to available seating.
- All guests will be required to leave the School Hall between the Junior and Senior Concerts. Those that are attending both concerts will be reallocated a seat upon their arrival to the Senior Concert.

Our Kindy and Pre-Primary Classes have also been busily preparing their own concerts for next week. They have been set for the following dates and times:

Tuesday 7 December 10:00am-10:30am	Pre-Primary
Wednesday 8 December 9:30am-10:00am	Kindy

Transition Morning Kindy to Year Five

The students were buzzing after their Transition Morning on Tuesday! It was wonderful to hear them excitedly sharing what they got up to in their soon to be new classrooms. Thank you to all our teachers who welcomed their new classes in with big smiles and fun activities.

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

Over the week, St John's School will continue collecting non-perishable food items to be donated to St Vincent de Paul to help those in need over the Christmas period. Families are asked to donate food items that are not past their expiry date or in glass or breakable containers. Tin foods are ideal to be donated. Food items can be dropped into your child's classroom any time up until Monday 6 December. Thank you, in anticipation of your support.

Semester Two Reports

Students in Pre-Primary to Year Six will receive a Semester Two Report on **Thursday 9 December**. The Year One to Six Semester Reports 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. 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.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the upcoming report or wish to discuss the current progress and development of your child, please see your child's classroom teacher to arrange a pre-arranged suitable meeting time.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



Congratulations

Our congratulations are extended to Indi and Mac as they were recently announced winners of an art competition for the Department of Communities. Indi and Mac's winning entries strongly reflected the theme of 'Every child needs a fair go/what do kids need to thrive and be healthy'. Their work was eye catching, captive of the theme and demonstrative of skilful use of art resources. We are very proud of Indi and Mac and thank Ms Hogue for facilitating this art opportunity.

2021 NAPLAN

Mean Score Comparison

The tables below compare the St John's School Mean (average) with the CEWA, State and National Means (averages).

2021 Spelling					2021 Grammar				
Year	School	CEWA	State	National	Year	School	CEWA	State	National
3	357	418	410	421	3	392	429	421	433
5	480	513	503	505	5	485	504	497	503

2021 Reading					2021 Writing				
Year	School	CEWA	State	National	Year	School	CEWA	State	National
3	416	438	426	437	3	415	435	426	425
5	489	516	505	512	5	472	493	481	480

2021 Numeracy				
Year	School	CEWA	State	National
3	371	399	395	403
5	485	494	489	495

Year Five Cohort Effect Size

The table below shows the amount of growth for the 2021 Year Five Cohort from when they sat the NAPLAN Assessments as Year Three students. Effect size is a way to quantify the size of the growth from one assessment to the next.

Test Domain	School Effect Size	CEWA Effect Size
Reading	1.03	1.08
Writing	1.14	1.14
Spelling	1.24	1.27
Grammar	1.01	0.76
Numeracy	2.04	1.34

MORAL PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Identity - Inspiring our community to develop their faith through acceptance of all individuals.

Education - Providing a holistic education that caters for all individuals.



Stewardship – Supporting and responding to the diverse needs of all individuals.

Community - Accepting and supporting the St John's Community to nurture the full potential of all individuals.

2022 Dates

Term One

Tuesday 25 January	Uniform Shop open (10:00am to 2:00pm)
Thursday 27 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Friday 28 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday 31 January	Students commence Term One
Monday 7 March	Public Holiday
Friday 8 April	Students conclude Term One

Term Two

Monday 25 April	Public Holiday
Tuesday 26 April	Staff and Students commence Term Two
Monday 30 May	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday 6 June	Public Holiday
Thursday 30 June	Students conclude Term Two
Friday 1 July	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development

Term Three

Monday 18 July	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 19 July	Students commence Term Three
Monday 22 August	Pupil Free Day – Catholic Day
Friday 23 September	Staff and Students conclude Term Three

Term Four

Monday 10 October	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 11 October	Students commence Term Four
Friday 9 December	Students conclude Term Four
Friday 16 December	Staff conclude Term Four



GERALDTON TENNIS CLUB COMMUNITY EVENT



You've had a ball at the SunSmart Red Ball Competition, but the fun doesn't have to stop there. Come down to our free family tennis event with activities for kids and adults alike. Play your way with the whole family!

Friday 3 December
5:30pm Onwards
Geraldton Tennis Club
256 Eighth St, Wonthella
WA 6530

 play.tennis.com.au





Gift of Grace

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 12th December 2021
Maitland Park, Geraldton

Geraldton Christian College
Family Fun 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Carols
Starts 7.00pm

Featuring
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021

Churches	Christmas Eve			Christmas Day	
	Vigil	Carols	Night	Morning	Evening
St Francis Xavier Cathedral	6:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	7:30 & 9:30	No evening Mass
St. John's Church Lot 1931, Off Banksia Street, Rangeway	6:00pm			8:30am	
St. Peter's Church 54 Gregory Street, Greenough				8:00am	
St. Lawrence's Church 346 Chapman Road, Bluff Point	6:00pm (School under cover area)	10:30pm (Church)	11:00pm (Church)	9:00am (Church)	
St. Patrick's Church Cnr. Howard & Third Streets, Wonthella	No Service				

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

SFX Cathedral

13th December

Monday

7:00pm

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SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER
8.30 - 12.00

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