



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 4 WEEK 9
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Principal's Notes

Conclusion of the 2021 School Year

The 2021 school year has come to an end. This time of the year is always a time of mixed emotions. We may feel tired with the plethora of events to attend and jobs to be done, and anxious about the changes ahead in 2022. But as we reflect on the year that was, may we also feel a sense of joy and achievement with everything that we accomplished and as we look to 2022, may there be a sense of hope with the new adventures and challenges that lay ahead.

Graduating Class of 2021

Last night, the Year Six Class were recognised as graduands, graduating from St John's School. Congratulations to the following students:

<i>Charlee</i>	<i>Skylla</i>	<i>Jaymee</i>	<i>Gracie</i>	<i>Kally</i>
<i>Alison</i>	<i>Adam</i>	<i>Samuel</i>	<i>Clive</i>	<i>Blake</i>
<i>Tattaum</i>	<i>Tallan</i>	<i>Brendan</i>	<i>Madison</i>	<i>Natana</i>
<i>Karys</i>	<i>Meg</i>	<i>Ecelini</i>	<i>Breanna</i>	<i>Alyssa</i>
<i>Will</i>	<i>Kai</i>	<i>Kyrah</i>	<i>Lucy</i>	<i>Oscar</i>

During your primary school years at St John's School, you have worked hard, demonstrated strong leadership, and through your thoughts, words and actions, reflected the teachings of Jesus, loving your neighbour. It has been an honour to work with you for just under three years and I wish you nothing but the very best for your high school years and beyond. The next chapter of your life is waiting for you to add new pieces of the puzzle. May God keep you safe on your journey.

Bookclub Thank You

Over the course of the year, the students have been very lucky to be able to access Scholastic Book Club. Book Club is co-ordinator by a parent volunteer in our school community, Miss Amy Causer. We are very appreciative of all that Amy does throughout the year to collate orders, process payments and distribute the books. Not only does Amy's work help students to foster a love of reading, points are also raised and the school can use these points to add texts to our Library collection. Thank you, Amy.

Uniform Shop Thank You

Mrs Anita Grima stepped into the role of running the Uniform Shop at the start of the 2021 school year. Anita has generously given her time on a Monday morning to make sure that parents are able to purchase uniforms for their children. I would like to thank Anita for providing such a valuable service to St John's School. We are very grateful for all that you have done. Thank you, Anita.

Kindy and Pre Primary Concerts

The cute factor has been very high this week as the youngest students in the school performed at their respective concerts. The singing, dancing, smiles and laughs were all on display for the many family and friends to enjoy. I thank all of parents, carers, grandparents and friends who came along to support the students.

An enormous thank you must also go to all the ECE Staff for preparing the students and the Hall. Your dedication to ensuring the students are provided with every opportunity is most certainly evident.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 10th December
Last day for Students

Friday 14th January
Collection of School Booklists - Allendale Primary School Hall
4:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday 15th January
Collection of School Booklists - Allendale Primary School Hall
9:30am - 2:30pm

Tuesday 25th January
Uniform Shop Open Day
10:00am - 2:00pm
Library

Monday 31st January
STUDENTS COMMENCE
TERM ONE



Principal's Notes

Staffing 2022

I would like to advise the St John's School Community that Michael Wright has resigned from his ATA position and will not be returning to St John's School in 2022. Michael will be pursuing football opportunities in Perth next year and we wish him all the very best as he works to play football at an elite level. We thank Michael for everything he has done during his six months of employment at St John's School. He has built positive relationships with all students and undertaken his role with great enthusiasm. Thank you, Michael, and all the best for the future.

PALS Grant

Earlier this year, St John's School applied for a grant through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries initiative, Partnership Acceptance Learning Sharing (PALS). We were successful and were awarded \$1 000 to spend on books and kits related to embedding Aboriginal perspectives into the curriculum and Aboriginal languages. Two kits from the Our Land, Our Stories series were purchased with all staff being upskilled in their usage at an after school professional development session. Staff have been using the books and kits with the students to increase their awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages. We are very appreciative of the funds we have received from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the PALS initiative.

2022 Dates

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

Good News Story

The students from Kindy to Year Six must be recognised for being the stars of the week. They were all literally the stars of the stage as they participated in their respective Concerts. Look out Broadway!

Christmas and New Year

I would like to wish all members of the St John's School Community a very happy and holy Christmas. May you and your family experience the joy of Christmas. I also hope that your holidays provide an opportunity to rest and recharge in preparation for the 2022 school year.



Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

End of Year Mass 2021

Today we celebrated the end of the 2021 school year with a thanksgiving mass. It was so lovely to see the children, staff and parent community fully participate in this mass with reverence and joy.

On behalf of St John's School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Father Robert O'Bryan, Mrs Sis Macdonald and the parish of St John's Church for everything they have done to support the St John's School community in celebrating the eucharist. We are truly blessed to have such amazing people who continue to give of themselves for the service of our students.

Advent

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means 'rejoice'. This Sunday of Advent is marked by the lighting of a pink or rose coloured candle instead of a purple one. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy.



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

Christmas Wishes

A big thank you to our wonderful St John's School community for your support of our library during the year.

We wish you a very merry and safe Christmas and lots more reading in the new year!



Religious Education

Year Six Graduation

The Year Six Graduation took place on Wednesday night. The Year Six students represented themselves, their families and St John's School with maturity, reverence and joy.

Thank you to all of the family members and friends who came along to support the Year Six students. Our gratitude is also extended to Miss Erica Lee for coordinating the Mass and to Father Robert for presiding over the Eucharistic celebration. To the staff who assisted before, during and/or after the Graduation Mass and Supper, thank you!

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Lucas McGregor who volunteered to be the altar server. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Wishes

Wishing all our families at St John's School a safe and festive season. We will see you back on **Monday 31 January 2022**. May the peace and joy of the newborn Christ be with you all during this festive season



Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

End of Year Concert - Thank You!

Thank you to all the parents, carers, family and friends who attended our various concerts for students from Kindy to Year Six. We hope you enjoyed the respective shows as we celebrate the end of the school year.

Thank you to 65Thirty Events and Entertainment for all of our lighting, sound and staging requirements during our Year One to Six Concert on Friday evening and for the generosity they showed to support our school holding another successful concert onsite.

Thank you also to all the Staff of St John's School, for preparing the students so well and for all the behind the scenes work that is required to make nights like this a success.

Lastly, to our wonderful students. Thank you for your amazing performances, you all displayed such remarkable talent in singing, acting and dancing! You were the absolute stars of the night!

Semester Two Report 2021

Reports have been sent home with the students today. If you have not yet received a copy, please check your child's school bag. If you have any questions regarding the report, please ring the School Office to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher.

St Vincent de Paul Food Drive

The food that was donated to the St John's School, for the St Vincent de Paul Food Drive over the Christmas season has been gratefully received by this hard-working agency and will assist many families over the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who very generously provided food for this worthy cause!

P&F News

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Raffle Winners

The results of the St John's School P&F Association 2021 Raffle, drawn on Friday 3 December are:

1 st Prize	Brenda Mines
2 nd Prize	Betty Sawers
3 rd Prize	Sharon Allen
4 th Prize	Sabby
5 th Prize	Ben Stephens
6 th Prize	Penny Smith

Permit Number LS217638521

Congratulations to all our prize winners and thank you to all our prize donors.



Administration News

Medical Plan Updates for 2022

The holidays are a good time to make doctor appointments to update medical plans for 2022. As per St John's School Policy, all medical plans for students need to be updated annually. In the case that your child no longer requires a medical plan, please notify the school in writing.

Swimming 2022

Due to maintenance works happening at the Aquarena during Term One of next year, St John's School 2022 Interm Swimming Program for Pre Primary to Year Six, will commence in **Week One of Term Two, beginning on Wednesday 27 April to Friday 6 May.**

2022 School Book Lists

A reminder that if you chose the pick-up option for your child's 2022 Booklist, the dates for collection are: **Friday 14 January from 4.00pm-6.00pm** and **Saturday 15 January from 9.30am-2.30pm** from Allendale Primary School Hall.

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to the St John's School staff, students and school community for your support throughout the year. I thoroughly enjoyed working alongside you all and look forward to 2022. I wish everyone a very happy Christmas filled with happiness and love and look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



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

2022 Dates

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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



School Holiday Tennis Clinics



Looking for a great way to entertain the kids over the school holidays?

Why not try our ANZ Hot Shots Junior holiday tennis clinics?

Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

Monday 20th - Thursday 23rd December 2021

Tiny Tackers RED Ball 3-5yrs

9:00-9:45am

\$12.50 per day or \$42.50 up front

Clinic HALF Day 6+yrs

9am-12pm / 12-3pm

\$30 per day or \$105 up front

Clinic FULL Day 6+yrs

9:00am-3:00pm

\$50 per day or \$170 up front

Come & have fun with Coach Zane!



Multi-Sport Activities & Fun!

*Clinic is subject to enrolment numbers.

*Clinic may be combined or cancelled.

*Enrolments are on 1st in best booked basis.

*Rackets are available to borrow



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
**Geraldton
City Band**

Smoke &
Alcohol
FREE event

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