



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 8  
24th March 2022

## Principal's Notes

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Azelia, Year Four, Chantelle and Dylan on the recent arrival of your new baby brother/son. Baby Kayden was welcomed into the world on Saturday 19 March. We wish you every happiness as you share in the joy Kayden brings to your family.

### Thank you – Rigtters Supermarket Group

St John's School participates in the Rigtters' Shop for Schools Program. We recently received a cheque for \$82.59 as the proceeds from the 2021 program. We are very appreciative of these funds and express our sincere thanks to Rigtters Supermarket Group. Once a decision has been made about how these funds will be spent, we will share the purchase with the school community.

Please remember, if you are shopping at Rigtters IGA, to nominate St John's School to receive your points.

### Attendance

St John's School is open and safe. All students are required to attend unless they are unwell or are COVID-19 positive or an identified household contact. It is understandable that parents/carers are feeling worried or anxious and if this is the case, I encourage you to contact the school and we can talk through your concerns. If a parent/carer has made the decision to keep their child at home without a valid reason, work will not be provided. Children are legally required to attend school and every day does counts.

### Disputes and Complaints Resolution

Catholic Education Western Australia defines a complaint as, 'an expression of dissatisfaction with Catholic Education policies, procedures, decisions, omissions, quality of service, staff or student behaviour'. The Executive Directive – Dispute and Complaint Resolution provides the process to ensure that disputes and complaints across CEWA are dealt with fairly, objectively and in a timely manner. The processes used are child friendly, culturally safe, respect the dignity of the human person, and guide leaders in the principles of participation, co-responsibility and subsidiarity as they apply to the management of disputes and complaints. Further information can be found at <https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/policies/>

At St John's School, all members of the school community can make a complaint. The complaint can be made anonymously. Parents/carers may choose to make a complaint via the School Website, specifically the Feedback tab which is located on the home page. Similarly, this tab also provides individuals with the capacity to offer a suggest or provide a compliment.

### Code of Conduct – Statement Six

Conduct Statement Six from the St John's School Code of Conduct is, '**You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential**'. This guideline instructs us to follow the Privacy Executive Directive. It is imperative that all personal information remains confidential and everyone's privacy is protected. Due diligence is required if disclosing information to third parties. If a conflict of interest arises between maintaining confidentiality and potential student safety concerns, advice must be sought. Significant decisions in relation to student safety and wellbeing must be documented in detail.

This is a snapshot of Conduct Statement Six. The full transcript can be found at [https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies\\_codeofconduct.pdf](https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf)

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 25th March**  
Spiritual Ministry  
Prayer Assembly

**Thursday 31st March**  
Evacuation Drill  
Assembly - Choir

**Friday 1st April**  
Staff Prayer Assembly  
Reconciliation - Year 5

**Friday 8th April**  
Stations of the Cross -  
Year 6  
Last Day for Students

### Term Two

**Monday 25th April**  
Public Holiday

**Tuesday 26th April**  
Students commence

The secret of being  
**Happy**  
is accepting where  
you are in life and  
making the most  
out of everyday.

# Principal's Notes

## Good News Story

This week, I would like to recognise some of the boys in Year Three. One of their peers was injured recently and has had restrictions on what he can/can't do. Some of his peers have made sure that he has not by himself at playtime, altering their games to ensure he was included. I thank these boys in Year Three for the care and compassion they have shown to one of their class mates.

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 25 March, at 8.45am**, the Spiritual Ministry will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly over the school's PA system. Unfortunately, the gathering of parents and carers, even in outdoor areas, is to be avoided. **This Prayer Assembly will not be made available to parents and carers.**

## Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

*"You will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy."*  
(John 16:20-22)

As we edge closer to Easter Sunday, this scripture from Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper, reminds us of the joy of the risen Lord.

We can easily imagine the sorrow of the apostles when they saw their master, whom they admired and loved, put to a cruel death as a criminal. But through Jesus rising to life on Easter Sunday, to stand among his disciples once again, you can only imagine something of the apostles' joy. Coming out of total darkness, which had filled their souls for two long days and nights, into such a joyful light to see their master among them once more.

## Mass of the Oils - Cancelled

A reminder, the proposed Mass of the Oils scheduled for Wednesday 30 March at the SFX Cathedral for our Year Sixes has been cancelled. The Very High Caseload setting Western Australia finds itself in does not allow for the gathering of students in places of worship. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

## Project Compassion - Caritas Australia – For All Future Generations

This week we hear the story of Rosalie from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Rosalie had a tough childhood. Her father passed away when she was just two years old and her mother struggled to look after the family on her own.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), women are traditionally responsible for household tasks, with limited employment opportunities outside the home. Rosalie's mother found it difficult to afford food and clothing, let alone school fees, and Rosalie had to drop out school.



Then, when she was just fifteen years old, Rosalie was forced to join the army. In recent decades, the DRC has experienced ongoing political instability, violence and conflict, and the recruitment of child soldiers is all too common.

## 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 4, Year 5

Thursdays - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

## Write a Book Review

Children can now write a book review to make a reading suggestion. All reviews go into a draw to win a Book Club book of their choice at the end of Term 1. Optional templates are available in the library.

## Boomerang Bags

Thank you again to Boomerang Bags, Geraldton's amazing members, who have donated some more beautiful, recycled bags to the Library to be used by our children.

## 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 3. Thank you, Year 3 for working together to return your library books on time and reset the Library for the next class to enjoy.

## Before and After School Book Returns

Children who have forgotten their library books can now place books on hold to exchange on returning their current book. The library will be open from 8.00am until 3.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday to assist children and families with this exchange.

## Library Closed at Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday

The Library will be closed during the recess and lunch period for Term 1.



# Religious Education

With your generous help, Rosalie was able to participate in business and social skills training, supported by Caritas Australia's partners, Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and Caritas Bukavu.

Rosalie also joined a Saving and Internal Lending Community group (SILC), which helped her with a loan to start her own small business, selling second-hand shoes and natural remedies. She learnt savings and group management skills and became the SILC group's president.

## Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Administration News

## Harmony Day

It was wonderful to see a sea of orange whilst walking through the school yesterday with students engaging in a range of activities to promote the message of Harmony Day throughout the week. When stopping to ask various students what the meaning behind Harmony Day is, I have been very happy to consistently hear the message about all cultures working together to ensure everyone belongs.

## NAPLAN Coordinated Practice Test (CPT)

The NAPLAN Co-ordinated Practice Testing began today for the Year 3 and 5 students. The purpose of the CPT is to trial the online assessment platform with a large number of users from around Australia. This will provide an opportunity to identify any issues with the online assessment platform that need to be addressed before the NAPLAN tests. Another benefit of the CPT is that students have the opportunity to experience sitting the online test format before the NAPLAN tests occur in May. The public demonstration site is an additional way to assist students to understand the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests. **Parents are able to access this site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>.**

## School Choir Assembly: Thursday 31 March

In line with following the 'Very High Case Load Guidelines', our School Assembly scheduled for next Thursday will continue to be modified to meet the requirements. As families are not able to attend, the School Choir will have their Assembly Item recorded and shared to parents via Seesaw. Other students will have an opportunity to watch the recorded item via Teams in their classrooms.

Merit Awards will be presented to students within their class and photographs shared to their family via Seesaw or Facebook or email, depending on photo permissions. We thank you for your ongoing understanding.

## Nagle Catholic College 2023 Enrolments

A reminder to parents of Year Six students that 2023 enrolments for Nagle Catholic College **close on Friday 1 April**. Enrolment packs were issued to students during Principal, Michael William's, visit last month. However, if you did not receive one and would like to enroll your child, please contact the Nagle Catholic College's Enrolment Officer by calling 9920 0500 or emailing [nagleenrolments@cewa.edu.au](mailto:nagleenrolments@cewa.edu.au). Enrolment interviews are due to take place from Monday 9 May to Friday 27 May.

## P&F News

[pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au)

## P&F Committee

## Easter Raffle

Dear Families,

It is Easter Raffle time again! The P&F request your support for one of our most popular fundraisers!

This year, we will run the raffle in a modified format. Please refer to the note that was sent home behind last week.

Tickets are selling fast. Students can purchase tickets from their class teacher at the cost of \$1.00 per ticket.

The raffle will be drawn in the classrooms on Thursday 31st March.



# Administration News

## Cancelled/Postponed Events: Term One

Please be advised that the following events that have been previously communicated on the Term Planner have been cancelled, in line with the school following Very High Case Load Guidelines. Some events, where possible, may be rescheduled to another point of time in the school year.

Thursday 24 March - K/PP Water Fun Afternoon

Friday 25 March - Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival & Year 1/2 Water Fun Afternoon

Wednesday 30 March - Mass of the Holy Oils



**Emma Pollard**

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



Well done to Max B for receiving the Senior Aussie of the Month Award and the Junior Aussie Award went to Murphie.



## NETBALL

The following email has been sent to all players:

- This process must be completed before the first game (7<sup>th</sup> May 22) by all players, officials and guardians.
- Once you follow the link (MAKE SURE ITS THE RIGHT ONE) it's quite straightforward.
- Parents/Guardians/Officials - You will need immediate access to the email address that you register under because they send a confirming code to it.
- Once registered, if the player leaves the competition you have until **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to de-register without incurring the full fee.

Please choose the appropriate link to follow: Please note that for those born in 2012 but are in the Year 6 team you should choose the second link – all others born in 2012 please use the first link

To all players born from 1/1/2012 to 31/12/2015 (and Mrs Osborn and Mrs Allison)

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/336b6a>

To all players born from 1/1/2010 to 31/12/2012

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/74577e>



Good luck, and remember that if you have any difficulty you can come in to the school any morning (with a device to access your email) and I will be able to help you.

Christine Kerr  
Netball Co-ordinator,  
St John's School

# CONGRATULATIONS!



WooHoo!!



fabulous



GREAT JOB



## 2022 HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Palm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**



**Regular Sunday Mass times in all churches**

We recall Christ's triumphant entry to Jerusalem in the days leading up to his Passion and Death. Palms will be blessed at all parish Masses and these can be taken home afterwards for safe keeping during the year ahead. St. Luke's Passion will be read at all Masses. The congregation are invited to take part in this.



### St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

<b>Monday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Second Rite of Reconciliation</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Mass of the Holy Oils</b> <i>(Ticketed event to limit the number to 150)</i>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>(No Morning Mass)</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration before the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
		<b>3:00pm</b>	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>(No Morning Mass)</b>	
		<b>11-12noon</b>	Confessions
		<b>7:00pm</b>	Easter Vigil <i>The Easter Vigil includes the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire and Candle, Old Testament readings and Reception into our community as new Catholics.</i>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>7:30am, 9:30am &amp; 6:00pm</b>	Resurrection of the Lord



### St. Lawrence's Church, Bluff Point

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
		<b>3:00pm</b>	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, in the school undercover area
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Easter Vigil, in the school undercover area
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	Resurrection of the Lord, in the school undercover area

### St. John's Church, Rangeway

<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion followed by confessions
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	Resurrection of the Lord

### St. Peter's Church, Greenough

<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	Resurrection of the Lord





## HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS

We are seeking registrations for our

### Car Boot Sale & Market Stalls



As part of our

### May Day Fete



Turn your pre-loved treasure or hand crafted goods into CASH

1st May 2022

7:30-12:00

Catholic Centre Maitland St

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION: [WWW.MONSIGNORHAWES.COM](http://WWW.MONSIGNORHAWES.COM)**

Enquiries: Car Boot Sale: Rachel 0408 731 348

Market Stalls: Ann 0429 381896

General Enquiries: Gerry 0417 912997

# May Day Fete



supporting the Hermitage Appeal

~Car Raffle Draw~  
~Art Exhibition~  
~Devonshire Tea~  
~Car Boot Sale~  
~Market Stalls~

**Date: Sunday 1st May**  
**Time: 7.30am - 12noon**  
**Venue: Catholic Centre,**  
**Maitland Street**



Image: Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport in front of The Hermitage

## HELEN ANSELL

Art Exhibition & Merchandise  
Stall

More Information: [www.monsignorhawes.com](http://www.monsignorhawes.com) or Phone Gerry 0417 912997



# HERMITAGE APPEAL CAR RAFFLE



**WIN**

**Brand New Toyota Corolla Hatch Ascent Sport Petrol  
valued at \$30,000**

Frosted White

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:**

**Toyota Corolla Ascent Sport**

**PLUS 5 Draws of \$100**

**Tickets: \$100 each**



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**DRAWN 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2022**

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**Bishops House Office** 7 Maitland St Geraldton

**Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre** 57 Cathedral Ave Geraldton

**Geraldton Toyota** 339 Marine Terrace Geraldton

**Mitchell & Brown Retravision** 180 Chapman Rd

**Gerry Eastman:** 0417 912997

## *Stronger Smarter*

# YARNS FOR LIFE - INVITATION

This is a one-day, early suicide prevention training program created for and with First Nations Peoples, including Professor Chris Sarra of the Year, 2016 NAIDOC Person Of the Year.

### Content

1. An awareness of the prevalence of mental illness and suicide in Australia generally and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
2. A strengths-based approach to social support and suicide prevention
3. An understanding of the unique factors contributing to thoughts of suicide for First Nations People, including the impact of colonisation
4. The skills and knowledge to identify signs and debunk social myths
5. Tailored Indigenous mental health conversation planning tools
6. List of suitable referrals, support options and resources at local and national levels.

**Training Dates:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 **Time:** 8.45am until 4pm

**Venue:** Ngala 24 Gregory Street Geraldton. Refreshments & lunch will be provided.

**Registration essential at:** <https://www.yellowribbonmidwest.org.au/stronger-smarter-yarns-for-life/>

**Facilitated by:** Derise Jones & Robyn Hunt & Sarah Collins

**For more information Ph:** Derise 0409 266 722 **FREE EVENT supported by WAPHA**

