



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 1

21st July 2022

Principal's Notes

Welcome

Welcome to Term Three, a term filled with lots of events, especially in the sporting area. I hope that you all had a holiday that filled your cup and ticked items off of your bucket list.

This week, we welcomed two new students to St John's School, Lyric (Year One) and Elizabeth (Year Four). It is wonderful to have these two girls (re)join our beautiful school. I know their class mates will look after them and make them feel welcomed.

NAIDOC Week

On page three of the newsletter, Mrs Pollard provides a synopsis of our NAIDOC Week activities. I am sure that you will agree by the photos on Facebook, with lots more to come, the week has been one of great celebration.

I would like to personally thank Miss Lesley Jones, Miss Ashleigh Jones, Mr Michael Wright, supported by Mrs Emma Pollard, Mr Brett Love and the teaching staff, for all that has been facilitated over the course of the week. I am very proud of the way our school community has collaborated with Aboriginal community stakeholders to ensure that St John's School gets up, stands up and shows up!

Marquees

Our new faction and school marquees have arrived! Exciting! We will require some initial help unpacking all the boxes and setting them up prior to the upcoming carnivals. Please stay tuned for further details.

A very special thank you to the St John's School P&F for financing these marquees which are not only personalised but have also been selected based on their strong wind rating to suit the city in which we live. This thanks is also extended to the school community because every raffle ticket, chocolate, lucky number, P&F lunch etc that you have bought, has ensured that our students are able to access all the little extras.

Pupil Free Days

On Monday, our two Assistant Principals, Mrs Emma Pollard and Mr Brett Love led the staff in a Professional Development Day addressing a number of areas in our School Improvement Plan. Change, Daily Reviews, celebrations and feedback for Education Assistants and Aboriginal Teacher Assistants were just some of the areas of focus. I thank Emma and Brett for leading the day and for the staff for their participation and collaboration.

Good News Story

NAIDOC Week is the good news for this week. It has truly been a wonderful week and reinforces just how special the St John's School Community is. Nearly a third of our student population is Aboriginal and this week provides an opportunity for the Aboriginal culture to be recognised, celebrated and reinforce very powerful messages.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Term Two

Friday 27th July

NAIDOC Mass 9:00am

Monday 25th July

NCC Music Aptitude Test (Year 6)

P&F Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday 26th July

**School Advisory Council Meeting
6:00pm**

Thursday 28th July

BRLA Practice Year 5

Friday 29th July

Prayer Assembly - Yr 6

BRLA Practice Year 3

Student Ministry Meeting

P&F/Social Ministry Disco

**Kindy - Yr 2
4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Yr 3 - Yr 6
5:15pm - 6:30pm**

Religious Education

Wilunyu Sign of the Cross

It is with great excitement that I can announce to the St John's School Community that the Sign of the Cross has been recently translated into Wilunyu local language for all school community members to use. The Sign of the Cross is a sign both of Christ himself and of the faith of all Christians and is used at the beginning and end of any prayer or liturgical celebration.

This version of the Sign of the Cross will now become an embedded spiritual representation within our faith community to help unite Aboriginal spirituality and culture and the Catholic faith culture of our school.

This initiative has been a thorough process in consultation with many key stakeholders. Thank you to Bishop Michael Morrissey, Callan Bindon from the Bundinyarra – Irra Wangga Language Centre, Marion Baumgarten (Aboriginal Consultant CEWA), Lesley Jones, Ashleigh Jones and Michael Wright for the work undertaken to prepare this translation for use within St John's School.

*Iningga (m)amaju,
Iningga juraju,
Iningga warndu(ju)
kuwarluju.*

"In the name of our father. In the name of our son. In the name of our good spirit."

NAIDOC Prayer Assembly and Mass

On Tuesday, select Aboriginal students led the school community in a NAIDOC Prayer Assembly. Thank you to our Aboriginal Teacher Assistants, Ms Lesley Jones, Miss Ashleigh Jones and Mr Michael Wright for preparing this celebration.

Tomorrow, select Aboriginal students will lead the school community in a Mass at 9.00am in the St John's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

BRLA

In Term Three, students in Years Three and Five will take part in the Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA). Please refer to the following dates for the administration of these assessments:

Year 3 & 5 BRLA Practice and Equating Testing - **Thursday 28 July** (Year 5) & **Friday 29 July** (Year 3)

Year 3 & 5 BRLA Test - **Thursday 4 August** (Year 5) & **Friday 5 August** (Year 3)

Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be **Sunday 31 July at 8.30am in the St John's Church**. Alternatively, the Confirmation candidates can also attend the Commitment Masses in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following dates:

- **30 July Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm**
- **31 July Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am or 6.30pm**
- **6 August Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm**

It is preferred students attend the St John's Church Commitment Mass. A St John's School representative will be present at all Commitment Masses.

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Sunday 18 September at 8.30am at St John's Church**. Further information regarding this Mass and the Brunch afterwards will be sent out closer to the date.

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

Thursdays - Year 1, Year 2, 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.

School Book Returns

Important points to remember: Return your library books on time, look after them and keep them in the best condition you can, don't forget to bring your library bag when coming to borrow books.

The Library closed at Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday

The Library will be closed during the recess and lunch period until further notice.



Religious Education

Fruit of The Spirit - Goodness

This will be the first week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Goodness.

*God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging
(Psalm 46: 1-3)*

In Psalm 46, the psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a present help in times of trouble. And therefore, we can say with absolute confidence, that God is good

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Term Three

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope all our families enjoyed their term break, kept well and are ready to embrace the third term of the year.

NAIDOC Week 2022

We have been greatly enjoying our NAIDOC Week celebrations! Our week began with a number of our Aboriginal students leading us in a very special Prayer Assembly on Tuesday, where the school community was introduced to the Sign of the Cross translation into Wilinyu language for the first time.

Throughout the week, students thoroughly enjoyed listening to our guest speakers from the Police Force, Charlie Comeagain and Michael Mongoo, as well as Cadets, Kris Coster and Lily Darcy. Students from Year 1-6 loved joining in with cultural activities with the 'Deadly Sista Girlz' from Champion Bay Senior High School and our younger students had a great time having their faces painted by parent, Jamiee Davies. Today, students were very grateful to chat with staff from the GRAMS 'Tackling Indigenous Smoking' program who provided the school with a sausage sizzle and lots of wonderful resources.

Tomorrow morning, we will conclude our NAIDOC Week with a School Mass beginning at 9:00am. All families are welcome to attend. A big thank you to our Aboriginal Teacher Assistants, Lesley, Ashleigh and Michael, for their planning and organisation of this week. We would also like to express our deepest gratitude and thanks to all of our guests this week for enriching our NAIDOC week celebrations.

School Photos Update

School photos have arrived and have been sent home with students today. If you have ordered family photos, these need to be collected from the front office by parents. If you have ordered photos but have not received them, please contact the school office.

Assembly - Week 3

Our first Assembly for Term 3 will take place on **Thursday 11 August at 2.20pm**. The Year One Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. We welcome all family and friends to join us in the School Hall, remembering to socially distance and sanitise hands.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Term Two Meeting Dates

Monday 25 July
6:00pm

Monday 15 August
6:00pm

Monday 5 September
6:00pm

P&F and Social Ministry Disco

Friday 29 July

Kindy - Yr 2
4:00pm - 5:00pm

Yr 3 - Yr 6
5:15pm - 6:30pm

School Hall \$5 Entry Free

A note has gone home today with all the details. We hope to see you there.



Administration News

PLP Meetings Term Three

Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings for Term 3 will be held during Week 4 on **Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 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. Notes will be sent home next week advising of when timetables will be available to book your meeting.

Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Administration

NAIDOC WEEK



Netball Fixtures

Saturday 23rd July

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Court</u>
A Yellow Vs Waggrakine	11.00am	5
C Yellow Vs St Lawrence White	09.45am	3
NSG Set Vs Allendale	08.30am	2



**GERALDTON NETBALL ASSOCIATION
PINK ROUND 19-23 JULY 2022
ROUND 10**



**CAKE STALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT THE
NETBALL COURTS SATURDAY ROUND 10**

**SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND INCORPORATE PINK
INTO YOUR UNIFORM**

**MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
FROM GAMES CONTROL**



**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE MCGRATH
FOUNDATION AND BREAST CANCER
NETWORK AUSTRALIA**



Hockey Fixtures Saturday 23rd July

Division 1 Vs SFX 10.00am Std 2

Division 2 Bye



Jolly Soles Socks

Thank you so much to everyone who placed an order for 'Jolly Soles Sock Fundraiser'. We sold over 540 pairs of socks ranging in sizes and styles from XS-XL. We raised a magnificent \$770 for our Year 6 Camp.

If there is anything wrong with your order, please don't hesitate to call me and I will do my best to rectify it.

We do have approximately 30 pairs of socks ranging in styles from S to L still available. These will be a special \$5 price and you can purchase from the School Office.

Once again, thank you all!

Jenna McGregor- 0423 932 904



JUNIOR LEAGUE

6 weeks commencing 10 August 2022

Thursday 5:00 to 6:00pm

Geraldton Tennis Club

ENTRY FEES:

- GTC Members: \$55
- Non members: \$70

Bookings & Enquiries

Coach Natalie: 0413 34 56 57
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Geraldton Tennis Club
256 Eighth St, Geraldton



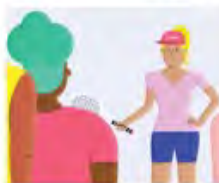
CARDIO TENNIS



**MONDAY 5:30-6:30PM or
WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:30PM**

8 WEEKS COST \$125

Commences 25 or 27 July 2022



MIX OF CARDIO WORKOUTS &
MODIFIED TENNIS DRILLS

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES, SKILLS
& FITNESS LEVELS

Bookings & Enquiries

Coach Natalie: 0413 34 56 57
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Geraldton Tennis Club
256 Eighth St, Geraldton



Road Map to My Emotions



A 5-week workshop for students aged 7 - 9 years and 10 - 12 years.

Each session includes information and fun activities to help identify and accept feelings, and learn problem-solving strategies to cope with these feelings.

Program start dates:

Workshop 1

Ages 7 to 9 - Wednesday 17th August 2022, 3.30pm - 4.30pm (for 5 x weeks)

Workshop 2

Ages 10 to 12 - Thursday 18th August 2022, 3.45pm - 4.45pm (for 5 x weeks)

Cost: \$25

Parent information sessions will be run on:

Wednesday 10th August 2022 6pm - 7pm

Thursday 11th August 2022. 3.45pm - 4.45pm

Contact Centacare to register: **9921 1433**
admin@centacaregeraldton.org.au

