



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 4 WEEK 8**  
1st December 2022

## Principal's Notes

### Season of Advent

Last Sunday marked the beginning of Advent. The season of Advent reminds us of the importance of recognising Jesus as our saviour and 'Sovereign King'. It serves as an invitation for all of us to reflect on how well we are emulating Christ's love, compassion and understanding for our fellow brothers and sisters. It is a gentle reminder for us to pause to see things from other people's perspectives and, metaphorically speaking, 'walk in the shoes' of others.

The classrooms are currently each undertaking a food drive for St Vincent DePaul. I invite you all to 'walk in the shoes' of those less fortunate and donate generously. Your small item could bring a Christmas smile, which you may never see.

*Dear Heavenly Father, help me to hear your voice. Touch me once again. Give me the courage to be your beloved. Give me courage to choose joy. I need you now this Christmas. Be born in me again. Today. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

### 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 and the classroom teachers 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.

### 2022 NAPLAN

Please see page four for an overview of the 2022 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.

**Please note that in 2023, NAPLAN Assessments will take place in Term One for Year Three and Five students. NAPLAN testing will commence from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March.**

### Good News Story

The staff and students from Kindy to Year Six who have been rehearsing for the End of Year Concert items are the stars of this week. What I have particularly loved seeing are the students whom performing doesn't naturally come easy. All children have put their hand up for a role without reservation and have given every bit of themselves to performing it. The staff continue to go above and beyond to provide every opportunity for our students. Although the energy levels can often dwindle at this time of the year, our dedicated staff continue to soldier on and give one hundred percent to rehearsing the students. Blow them away kids!

**Mr Brett Love - ACTING PRINCIPAL**

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 2 December**  
Prayer Assembly -  
Pre Primary

School Concert  
6:00pm - 6:45pm  
Years One - Three

7:00pm - 7:45pm  
Years Four - Six

**Monday 5 December**  
Kindy Transition  
9:15am - 10:15am

Classroom Food Drive

**Tuesday 6 December**  
Pre -Primary Concert  
10:00am - Hall

**Wednesday 7 December**  
Kindy Concert - 9:30am  
School Hall

Year 6 Graduation Mass  
5.30pm - Church



# Religious Education

## Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Pre-Primary class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## End of Year Mass 2022

On **Friday 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!

## Graduation Mass 2022

On **Wednesday 7 December at 5.30pm**, St John's School will celebrate a Graduation Mass to officially farewell the Graduating Class of 2022. We welcome families and friends of the Year Six class to attend.

## 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.

## 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 Matthew. 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.

## **Mr Brett Love**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

# Administration News

## 2023 Transition Visits

We look forward to seeing our 2023 Kindy families, for their final transition visit next **Monday 5 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.

## 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.

## 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

Welcome to Summer. A great time for reading and relaxing under a nice shady tree.

**Battle of the Books** -The Year 4 Class is currently in the lead, followed closely by the Year 3 Class.

Thank you to those students who have returned their library books this week. Please contact the school if you have a query regarding a missing or damaged book.

## End of Term Book Returns

Could all library books please be returned before 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.



# 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 6 December 10:00am-10:30am Pre-Primary**  
**Wednesday 7 December 9:30am-10:00am Kindy**

## 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. 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 8 December**. The Year One to Six 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**

## P&F News

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

### P&F Committee

### Term Four News

The P&F would like to thank all families for their contribution towards selling of the Raffle tickets.

We still have outstanding tickets. Could you please return all sold/unsold tickets to the Office before Friday 2nd December 3:00pm as the Raffle is drawn Friday night at the School Concert.

Good Luck to everyone and Thank You.



## 2022 NAPLAN

### Mean Score Comparison

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

2022 Reading					2022 Writing				
Year	School	CEWA	State	National	Year	School	CEWA	State	National
3	424	437	428	439	3	367	427	419	423
5	475	513	505	510	5	461	490	480	485

2022 Spelling					2022 Grammar				
Year	School	CEWA	State	National	Year	School	CEWA	State	National
3	379	419	414	418	3	383	431	424	433
5	476	509	505	505	5	456	500	496	499

2022 Numeracy				
Year	School	CEWA	State	National
3	377	397	395	400
5	467	490	487	489

### Year Five Cohort Effect Size

The Year Five Cohort Effect Size is not able to be calculated this year as this cohort did not sit the Year Three NAPLAN Assessments in 2020, due to NAPLAN being cancelled that year.



## St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal 2022



The St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal is almost at hand and once again we are looking to provide hope, comfort and dignity to 100 families in Geraldton, who are struggling during the Christmas season.

This year we are requesting items (as per list below) to make up the hampers we distribute which will enable us to reach more families in need.

Long life milk	Long life custard	Long life juice
Christmas cake	Mince pies	Tin Ham
Sweet & savoury biscuits	Packet of jelly	Lollies/Sweets
Gravy	Chips	Chocolates
Soft drinks	Tinned vegetables	Baked beans & Spaghetti

All generous donations can be handed into the Class Teacher. All donations will be collected by Vinnies, if all donations could be dropped off to the school by the 7th December

Thank you to everyone for your generous support.



## Back To School Project 2023

(Stationery Packs and Uniform Vouchers for families in need)

**Location:** Centacare Family Services  
3 Maitland St, Geraldton

**Dates:** Monday 23 - Friday 27 January  
(Closed 26 January, Australia Day)

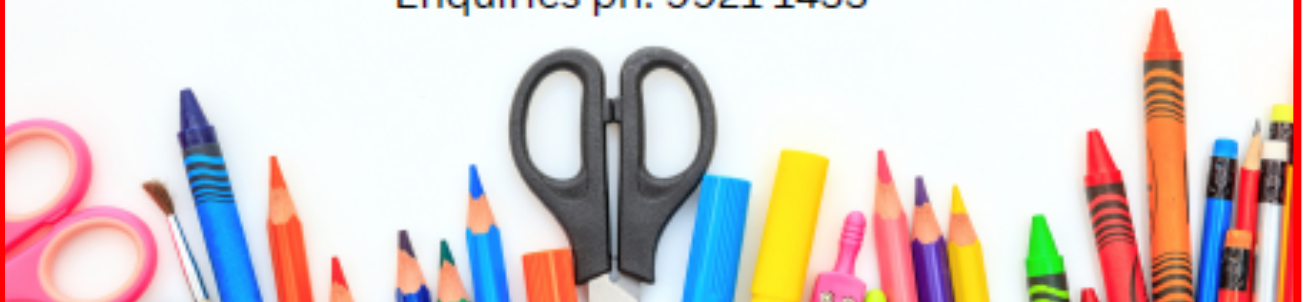
**Time:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

### Required!

Health Care Card (Concession Card)  
Family Income Statements or Payslips  
\$2 admin fee per child

The BSP Project is subjected to a brief assessment to identify individual family needs.

Enquiries ph: 9921 1433



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NB: Orders will not be taken in advance; orders must be collected by the named Health Care Card holder.

# The Light of Christmas

Sunday 11th December 2022  
Maitland Park, Geraldton

*Geraldton Christian College*  
**Family Activities**  
5.00pm

**Carols**  
Starts  
7.00pm

**Featuring**  
Geraldton  
City Band

**Smoke &  
Alcohol FREE**  
Event

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