



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 4 WEEK 9**  
8th December 2022

## Principal's Notes

### Mrs. Marquis Newsletter Insert

Please ensure you have read the Newsletter insert from our wonderful Principal, Mrs. Marquis on page four and five.

### End of Year Concert 2022

What a wonderful night we had last Friday night. Our students entertained the audience, showcasing all their God-given gifts and talents. We congratulate all the award winners and thank them for working to their full potential during the 2022 school year. A special thank you must go to Mrs Emma Pollard for all the work she did to co-ordinate the event. Mrs Emma Pollard was well supported by the staff of St John's School and I am very appreciative of their contributions.

### Kindy and Pre-Primary Concerts

The shows kept rolling on 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.

### Uniform Shop

Thank you to Anita Grima for coordinating the Uniform Shop since 2021. Anita will be stepping down from this responsibility. Thank you to Megan Clarkson and Amy McColl for undertaking this role in 2023. Please keep an eye out on Facebook for Uniform Shop open times in January.

### Departing Members of the SAC and P&F

At this time of the year, we often farewell departing members of the School Advisory Council and Parent and Friends Committee who have children graduating from St John's School. St John's School would like to thank the following people for their contributions of service to the school community, this year, and years past.

Bill Fairall (School Advisory Council)  
Nicole Beaver (P & F)  
Stacey Ertzen (School Advisory Council and P & F)

**Should you wish to nominate for the 2023 School Advisory Council and/or Parent and Friends Committee, please contact the school.**

### Graduating Class of 2022

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

<i>Tyler</i>	<i>Heidi-Bree</i>	<i>Chaney</i>	<i>Ualani</i>	<i>Iona</i>
<i>Ava</i>	<i>Lacey</i>	<i>Indi</i>	<i>Beau</i>	<i>Beau</i>
<i>Lilah</i>	<i>Toby</i>	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Joey</i>	<i>Kai</i>
<i>Ruby</i>	<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Sienna</i>	<i>Taj</i>	
<i>Erin</i>	<i>Amity</i>	<i>Zander</i>	<i>Cooper</i>	

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 9 December**  
End of year Mass - 9:00am

Year 6 -Excursion-  
Foreshore 11:00-1:00pm

**Wednesday 25 January**  
Uniform Shop Open Day  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
School Library

**Monday 30 January**  
PUPIL FREE DAY

**Tuesday 31 January**  
PUPIL FREE DAY

**Wednesday 1 February**  
STUDENTS COMMENCE  
TERM ONE



Thank you to Miss Erica Lee for preparing the students so wonderfully for their Graduation and all that you have done to make their final year at Primary School so memorable. Good luck in High School Year Sixes!

### 2023 Dates

Please see page six for the full list of dates for the 2023 school year.

### Good News Story

My good news story is more of a recognition of the enormous amount of work this particular employee undertakes each day, and certainly, during this busy time of the year. Mrs. Tracey Doglione, our wonderful Administration Officer, is tireless in her pursuit to ensure all school members are provided with every opportunity. Mrs Doglione's duties and responsibilities far exceed what she is contracted to undertake, yet she does so with a smile and a quiet determination to get the job done! The St John's School community are so grateful for everything she does to ensure the school administration runs so smoothly. Thank you, Tracey!

### Goodbye and Good Luck

As I write my final Newsletter insert for St John's School, I cannot help but reflect on all that this school community is able to achieve year after year. It must never not go understated the importance this little school has within the Geraldton community. Our school community members, who all derive from a myriad of backgrounds, often tell me this place feels like a home. To hear such a comment is a remarkable achievement in itself! And because this place is a home for so many of us, myself included, it undoubtedly makes it very hard to say goodbye.

I thank you all for bringing your story to St John's School so that we can provide the students with every opportunity. I wish you every blessing during this Christmas season and a safe and happy new year. Thank you for what each of you have given me personally and all the very best in continuing to showcase the remarkable people and their achievements at St John's School. Take care!

**Mr Brett Love - ACTING PRINCIPAL**

## Religious Education

### End of Year Mass 2022

Tomorrow, we celebrate the end of the 2022 school year with a Thanksgiving Mass. All community members are welcome to attend.

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 4

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

Thank you to all the students who have returned their library books this week. Year 3 and Year 4's have done an excellent job in returning their books and have tied for the battle of the books.

Please keep returning your books to the library.

### Pet Display

If you have a pet at home, I would really like to see a photo of you reading to your pet over the summer holidays. I will use your photos in the first library display for 2023. Will there be more students reading to their cats or reading to their dogs? Maybe you have an unusual pet like a bobtail!

You might have a horse or a goldfish that would like you to read to them. I have a cat who loves stories. I look forward to hearing all about your summer reading when I see you next year.

Merry Christmas  
Mrs Connolly



# Religious Education

## Year Six Graduation

The Year Six Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony took place last 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!

## Christmas Wishes

Wishing all our families at St John's School a safe and festive season. We will see you back on **Wednesday 1 February 2023**. 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 2022

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 will be gratefully received by this hard-working agency next week and will assist many families over the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who very generously provided food for this worthy cause!

## Medical Plan Updates for 2023

The holidays are a good time to make doctor appointments to update medical plans for 2023. 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.

## P&F News

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## P&F Committee

## Term Four News

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

Please see the details on page six for the results of the Raffle draw.



# Administration News

## 2023 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 13 January from 4.00pm-6.00pm** and **Saturday 14 January from 9.30am-2.30pm** from Allendale Primary School Hall.

## NAPLAN 2023

NAPLAN Assessments are being moved across Australia to Term One in 2023. The NAPLAN testing window will commence during Week Seven of Term One, from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March for students in Year Three and Year Five. This will allow for results to be available earlier in the year to help better inform teaching and learning in schools.

## 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 2023. 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**

# Principal's Message

## Staff Farewells

### Gayle Mau

At the beginning of the school year, Gayle took on the position of cleaner for the duration of the 2022. Gayle quickly adapted to the role and life at St John's School. No request was too big or too small and Gayle could always be seen with a smile on her face. Whilst we are saying goodbye to Gayle in a professional capacity, I am sure we will see her around the school wearing the grandparent hat to Bridei in Year Two. Thank you, Gayle, for all that you have done at St John's School. We look forward to seeing you at various school events in the future.

### Yvonne Mansfield

For the past two years, Yvonne has held a part time position in Pre Primary and as a relief teacher. Yvonne has shown a strong ability to adapt to any given situation in a professional manner. She has also demonstrated a commitment to early childhood education, working collaboratively as a member of the early childhood team. During this time, Yvonne has managed to successfully balance working at two different schools and has ensured that every requirement has been met to a high standard. We wish Yvonne all the very best with the full time position she has attained at another school in Geraldton. Thank you, Yvonne.

### Nicole Henderson

St John's School has been very blessed to have Nicole Henderson as a staff member for the last six years. During this time, Nicole has demonstrated an unwavering commitment and passion to early childhood education, specifically the Kindy students. All Kindy Teachers have an integral role in ensuring a child's first experience of school is a safe and enjoyable one. This is reflective in Nicole's educational philosophy, interactions with the students and management of an educational programme that fosters the development of whole child.

Nicole will be fondly remembered by all members of the St John's School community and I thank her for her dedication to ensuring that every child in her care flourishes. I wish Nicole all the very best as she moves to Perth with her family and begins teaching in the metro area.

### Janet Spowart

In 2023, Janet is taking a year of leave as part of the Deferred Salary Scheme. Over the past twenty-one years Janet has worked tirelessly to ensure that the grounds of St John's School have looked their very best. Working in the outdoor environment is never easy but Janet has always managed to get the job done with minimal fuss. No job has been too big or too small and we thank Janet for all that she has done to beautify our school. I hope that Janet enjoys her year away from the school, spending lots of time with family, including her grandchildren.

# Principal's Message

## Brett Love

It is with mixed emotions that we farewell Brett as he leaves St John's School to take on the role of Principal of St Mary's School in Northampton. Brett began his years of service at St John's School as a teacher and Acting Assistant Principal and will leave as the Short-Term Principal. During the last eight years, Brett has held many roles in addition to being Assistant Principal. These include Digital Technology Teacher, Classroom Teacher, Health and Physical Education Teacher, and STEM/Numero Teacher.

As a leader of St John's School, Brett has demonstrated a strong commitment to building relationships with the students, staff and families, living and breathing the school's moral purpose, 'Every Story Every Opportunity'. Brett has played an integral role in the introduction of many important initiatives, especially under the Catholic Identity pillar, providing a positive example of Christian Witness to others. It is truly wonderful that Brett can take the next step in his career, undertaking the role of Principal at St Mary's School. Whilst Brett will be greatly missed, his positive impact on St John's School will be remembered for many years to come. Congratulations and all the very best, Brett.

## 2022

2022 has once again been a year like no other. Within all the joy and celebrations, we encountered COVID-19 in our school, community and state. We are all now comfortably living with COVID-19 as a part of our day to day lives however, this was not the case at the beginning of the year. At the height of COVID-19 cases, one thing that stood out was the way our school community banded together to work through the times of uncertainty, supporting and showing love for one another. In particular, our students showed great resilience, calmness and support for one other. This is the great strength of St John's School.

I would like to thank each member of the school community for continuing to ensure that we are a community, a family, and that we can celebrate and support each other no matter what life presents to us. I thank the parents/carers for continuing to entrust us with your precious children. I express my greatest appreciation to the staff for serving the school community and each other, above and beyond, and to the students, thank you for being you and bringing great joy into my life each and every day. I have definitely missed you over the past weeks.

As we approach Christmas, and the joy of the birth of Jesus, may we all take a moment to reflect and express gratitude for the love of family, neighbours and friends. May we all experience love and the season of giving love to others. I hope your greatest present is the presence of being surrounded by those who you love the most.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas, a prosperous new year and I look forward to seeing you all for the 2023 school year. Thank you for your support, love, prayers and understanding. It has been a great source of comfort and love.

**Mrs Melissa Marquis**

**PRINCIPAL**



## 2023 - DATES

### Term One

Wednesday 25 January	Uniform Shop open (10:00am to 2:00pm)
Monday 30 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 31 January	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Wednesday 1 February	Students commence Term One
Monday 6 March	Public Holiday
Friday 7 April	Good Friday

### Term Two

Monday 24 April	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 25	ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 April	Students commence Term Two
Monday 29 May	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Monday 5 June	Public Holiday
Friday 30 June	Students and Staff conclude Term Two

### Term Three

Monday 17 July	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 18 July	Students commence Term Three
Monday 21 August	Pupil Free Day – Catholic Day
Thursday 21 September	Students conclude Term Three
Friday 22 September	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development

### Term Four

Monday 9 October	Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 10 October	Students commence Term Four
Friday 8 December	Students conclude Term Four
Friday 15 December	Staff conclude Term Four

## Raffle Prize Winners

Giant 24" XTC Bicycle - Ruth Roffey  
Great Southern Fuel Vouchers - Zander Mitchell  
Coles/Myer Vouchers - Indi Reed  
Family Night Out - T Reid  
Lorraine Lea Linen - Mat Nix  
Brolos Fresh Seafood Voucher - Deb Munday

Many thanks  
Jodi Reed



**Congratulations!**



# SunCity Tennis Academy Tennis Holiday Program For Kids Tarcoola Park Tennis Club

*Perfect for  
Beginners!*

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd December 2022

## Clinic Options

**Tiny Tackers RED Ball 3-5yrs**

9-9:45am

\$12.50 per day or \$50.00 up front

**Clinic HALF Day 6yrs+**

9am-12pm or 12-3pm

\$30.00 per day or \$125.00 up front

**Clinic FULL Day 6yrs+**

9am-3pm

\$50.00 per day or \$200.00 up front

## To Register please provide:

- Participants Full Name
- Preferred Group & what Day/s
- Guardians Name & Contact number
- Any medical info we may need

## Fun Activities each Day!

- Tennis Skills & Technique
  - Ball Machine
  - Indoor Games
  - Cricket & other Sports
  - Water Activities
  - Pizza Lunch & Bouncing Castle on last day\*
  - Fruit & Snacks provided each day
- (Bring your own Recess, Lunch & Afternoon Tea)*

**To secure your spot please contact us!**

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## 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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Required!

1. Health Care Card /Concession Card
2. Family Income Statements or Payslips
3. \$2 admin fee per child

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

For more info please see

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