



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 2 WEEK 5

25 May 2023

Principal's Notes

Sacrament of First Eucharist

Congratulations to the following students who will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Sunday:

Dan

Jaxon

Loata

Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts as they undertake the final preparations to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus, the fuel required for their spiritual nourishment.

The students listed below need to be recognised for participating in the program, supporting their peers with some receiving a blessing on Sunday. Please also keep them in your prayers and well wishes.

Lincoln

Reuben

Shelby

Jake

Bonnie

Mitchell B

Zavier

Roman

Lakyrak

Heidi

Ayden

Tessa

Alexis

Michael

Jack

Lucy

Mitchell P

Latisha

Billie

Logan

Staff Announcement

It is with sadness that I advise the St John's School Community that Mrs Cherrill Zander has resigned from her position at St John's School, effective Friday 30 June, the last day of Term Two. Mrs Zander has gained employment with a non-school based educational provider.

Mrs Zander has a long standing connection with St John's School. Mrs Zander attended St John's School as a child, stepped into the role as a staff member and finally, as a parent, sending her two daughters to St John's School for their primary school education. After nineteen and a half years of employment, the St John's School Community will be very saddened to say goodbye. Cherrill will be remembered for her ability to form positive relationships with the students in her class, her love of school camps and extra-curricular activities, and her strong pastoral connection to the St John's School Community.

We wish her all the very best as she undertakes a new journey in her career.

Communio Week

Last week, we celebrated Communio Week as a school. Our celebrations included a Prayer Assembly, School Mass, guest speaker, class based learning activities and our Market Day. The Communio Market Day is a highlight on the term planner with lots of delicious treats and fun activities on offer.

During Communio Week in Schools, Bishop Michael Morrissey invites students to reflect on the caring services that operate within the Geraldton Diocese and how these agencies reach out to those in need. In addition to fundraising, we are asked to pray for those in need, and for those people and groups who work tirelessly in these agencies to care for those less fortunate.

Our Communio Market Day raised \$ 1 384.55. This is a phenomenal effort for our small school, demonstrating the big hearts of our beautiful school community. It will be a pleasure to present Bishop Michael with this generous donation on his next visit to St John's School.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 26 May

Prayer Assembly - National Sorry Day

Sunday 28 May

Sacrament of First Holy Communion 8.30am St John's Church

Monday 29 May

Swimming Lessons Continue

Tuesday 30 May

School Advisory Council Meeting 6:00pm

Friday 2 June

Prayer Assembly Year 1

Monday 5 June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 8 June

Assembly Year 6 2.20pm Hall

Always End the Day With a Positive Thought.
No Matter How Hard Things Were,
Tomorrow's a Fresh Opportunity to Make it Better.

Occupational Health and Safety

St John's School endeavours to provide a safe environment for staff, students, parents, carers and visitors. We aim to:

- ensure the safety, health and welfare of all employees and non-employees on school premises
- develop, promote, and maintain a safe and healthy school premises that seeks to minimise the risk of injury or illness for employees and non-employees
- create a culture of safety that encourages the development, maintenance and promotion of healthy school premises
- ensure that adequate financial, physical and human resources are available to support the management of occupational safety and health on school premises.

If a hazard is observed, that is anything that may result in an injury or harm to the health of a person, we request that it is reported to the School Office in a timely manner. Staff have a form that they are required to complete, students are encouraged to speak to the Staff and parents/carers/visitors are requested to report their concerns to the Office so the hazard can be addressed in a timely manner. Thank you for working with the school to keep everyone safe.

2024 Kindy Enrolments

St John's School is currently accepting 2024 Kindy enrolments. If you have a son/daughter who is turning four by the 30 June 2024, please collect an Enrolment Application Pack from Tracey in the School Office.

Additionally, if you have family members or friends who are looking at schools for their own child/ren, please let them know we offer obligation free enrolment tours.

Attendance

All students are mandated to attend school. If a student is unwell or has an appointment, the school does require notification. This notification can be submitted through a number of avenues:

- written note
- phone call
- email
- Seesaw message
- school website

If notification is not received, a SMS will be sent out via the Office. Thank you, in anticipation, for your assistance.

Security

Parents, carers and visitors to St John's School are asked to be vigilant with locking their vehicles whilst onsite. We do not want to see property damaged, goods stolen or individuals put at risk.

Good News Story

On Monday, whilst at the Aquarena, a couple positively commented on how quiet and well behaved our students were whilst sitting in the grandstand waiting for the lessons to commence. The couple commented that they are regulars to the Aquarena, and see a lot of schools during this time and St John's School was definitely one of the best. A gold star to our students and staff!

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

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

Library News from Mrs Connolly

Thank you to staff and students who read and listened to 'The Speedy Sloth' this week during National Simultaneous Storytime. Our friendly sloth, Spike was a winner with all our students!



Randolph Stow Young Writers Award - Reminder

For those students who are interested in this award and would like to enter the Competition, please use the link below to access the entry form and guidelines. The Competition closes on Monday 3 July 2023.
<https://library.cgg.wa.gov.au/kids/randolph-stow-young-writers-awards.aspx>



Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards

The 2023 Randolph Stow Young Writers Awards writing competition is now open and will run until COB Monday 3 July 2023. The competition is open to all students from Years 3 to 12 who live or study within the Midwest as defined by the Education Department of Western Australia.

The Award provides a wonderful opportunity to encourage students in the art of creative writing. The competition is divided into two categories, poetry and prose and students are eligible to enter both categories, but only one entry is permitted for each category. Entries are to be a single piece of work written by one person.

More information about the competition including Terms and Conditions can be found on the entry form, which is available at the Geraldton and Mullewa Libraries or can be downloaded from the website under the Randolph Stow tab. Information has also been sent to schools and public libraries in the Midwest.

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, members of our St John's School Community will be leading the school community in a Prayer Assembly to acknowledge **National Sorry Day**. We are very grateful to have wonderful role models within our community to share this year's theme for National Reconciliation Week of '**Be a Voice for Generations**'. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

A reminder that the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place this **Sunday 28 May at 8.30am**. All children who are participating in the Mass are asked to arrive 15 minutes early to prepare for this very special occasion.

A reminder that traditionally girls wear white clothing and boys wear a white shirt and black pants to this formal occasion. Please sanitise your hands upon entry.

We wish them all the very best on Sunday.

Lord Jesus, come to me.

Lord, Jesus, give me your love.

Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself.

Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me. Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Communio 2023 'Looking Out for Others'

Communio Week 2023 has, yet again, been a great success story at St John's School. The theme for this year's Communio Appeal was '*Looking Out for Others*' which was beautifully highlighted during the Communio Prayer Assembly led by the Spiritual Ministry last Monday.

On the Wednesday, the school community held the annual market stalls and fundraising activities. This is always a highlight of the year with a wonderful 'spirit' enveloping the school community. It will be an absolute pleasure to present to Bishop Michael, later in the year, our donation from the money raised. This money will be gifted to the local Catholic affiliated agencies, so they can continue to support local families and people in times of need. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for all the work they did before, during and after the Market Day celebrations. Secondly, the generous donations from the families were also very much appreciated.

On Thursday, the Year Five and Six Students, enjoyed a presentation by Cassie Willems, from Centacare, who shared information about the work and services they provide for the Geraldton community. We ended the week gathering together for a Communio Week Mass, wonderfully led by the Year Three Class.

Fruit of the Spirit – Patience

This will be the first week we focus on the **Fruit of Patience**:

'Love is patient'.

(1 Corinthians 13:4)

Patience is the necessary ingredient for love to grow. Love is also mentioned within this scripture, revealing the close connection between these two fruits of the Spirit. Both love and patience are products of the Spirit's presence in one's life.

Pentecost Sunday

This coming Sunday, the Church will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day that the Church was born. After the ascension of Jesus into Heaven, his disciples were left feeling a little bewildered and lost. Meeting in a room, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they were filled with the Gifts of the Spirit so that they could go out and share the love of Christ.

P&F News

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Term Two Meeting Dates

Monday 12 June - 6:00pm

Stainless Steel Peg Fundraiser

Thank you for all the support received for our recent fundraiser, a bag of stainless steel pegs. This environmentally friendly fundraiser was generously supported with nearly two hundred bags sold. Please stay tuned for the final amount raised and the collection details. The estimated delivery date is the 31 May.

Term Two P&F Canteen Day – Tacos

Please note the following information and dates in relation to the Term Two P&F Canteen Day:

- Beef Tacos
- Friday 12 June Order forms sent home
- Friday 19 June Order forms and money due back at school
- Monday 26 June – P&F Canteen Day

Mother's Day Morning Tea

On page five of this newsletter, you will see a list of all the generous donors who gifted the school a donation for the raffles at our recent Mother's Day Morning Tea. Where possible, we ask the St John's School Community to support these businesses and offer a vote of thanks for their support.

Whilst the final fundraising amount is still being collated, the P&F has raised in the vicinity of \$3 000. This is an amazing result and we are very appreciative of the support and assistance received from our school community. Thank you to the ladies who attended the morning tea, those who helped with the set up and pack away, stall holders, students, staff, raffle prize donors, those who cooked food or donated money to buy catering supplies and the P&F. A very special thank you to Jo Blayney for co-ordinating what was a lovely morning for the special ladies in our lives.

Religious Education

On the day Pentecost was being fulfilled, all the disciples were gathered in one place. Suddenly they heard the sound of a violent blast of wind rushing into the house from out of the heavenly realm. The roar of the wind was so overpowering it was all anyone could bear! Then all at once a pillar of fire appeared before their eyes. It separated into tongues of fire that engulfed each one of them. They were all filled and equipped with the Holy Spirit and were inspired to speak in tongues—empowered by the Spirit to speak in languages they had never learned!
(Acts 2:1-4)

Administration News

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons have got off to a fantastic start! Thank you to all our families for helping to ensure all students are organised and well prepared. Please keep checking that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name as we already have some items of lost property. Thank you also to our wonderful students who have been showing exceptional behaviour during their swimming lessons as well as great development of their swimming skills. We look forward to continuing our lessons next week.

Assembly- Thursday 8 June

Our next School Assembly is scheduled for **Thursday 8 June**, where we look forward to the Year Six Class performing their Assembly item. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

School Photographs

School photographs are due to take place on **Wednesday 14 June**. Students are requested to wear their full School Uniform instead of their Sport Uniform on this day. Faction Captains and Vice Captains are requested to bring their Faction Sports Uniform in their bags to change into for their group faction photo.

School Photograph Order forms from MSP were sent home with each earlier in the term. If you did not receive one, please make contact with your child's Classroom Teacher.

You can order online at www.msp.com.au and place your order using your child's unique 8-digit shoot key. These orders close six days after the day of the school photographs, with late orders incurring a \$30 archive fee.

Family photos can be arranged by picking up a family envelope from the School Office. **Online ordering is not available for family photos.** Family photos will be taken between 8:15am and 9:00am on Wednesday 25 May, in the School Hall.

Semester One Reports

Teachers are currently very busy writing and editing reports that capture the learning journey your child has embarked on during Semester One. The purpose of these reports is to identify and communicate areas for celebration as well as areas for future development. Reports in Years 1-6 measure student progress using an A-E grading scale, with a C grade indicating that students have met the 'at target' point for their respective year level in each of the learning areas. To ensure that parents and carers are fully informed prior to these reports being sent home, teachers will be arranging meetings with parents and carers of students who have not reached this desired target in the English and Mathematics learning areas. Reports will be sent home on **Thursday 29 June**. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's School Report, please arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

Public Holiday

A reminder that **Monday 5 June** is a Public Holiday. School will resume for students and staff on Tuesday 6 June.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

St John's School P&F wishes to thank the following individuals and businesses for their donation and support of our Mother's Day Morning Tea. We sincerely appreciate your support and generosity.

<i>Art & Co Creatives</i>	<i>Jan Moir</i>
<i>Auto One Geraldton</i>	<i>JMH Group</i>
<i>Bunnings</i>	<i>Jo Blayney</i>
<i>Café Fleur</i>	<i>Jo Blayney Thermomix Consultant</i>
<i>Chapman Valley Tavern</i>	<i>Julie French</i>
<i>Choices Flooring Geraldton</i>	<i>Kelly Mattsson</i>
<i>Colour Décor</i>	<i>Lisa Naughton</i>
<i>Dianne Grima</i>	<i>Michelle Moir</i>
<i>Geraldton Parts and Mark Hopgood</i>	<i>Mitchell & Brown</i>
<i>Erin Noguera</i>	<i>Penny Smith & Auscavations Plant Hire</i>
<i>Finity Concept</i>	<i>Pink Petticoat</i>
<i>GRAMS</i>	<i>Procure Logistics</i>
<i>Kmart Geraldton</i>	<i>Prouds the Jewellers Geraldton</i>
<i>Harrington Family</i>	<i>Sabby Lynch & Family</i>
<i>Helping Minds</i>	<i>Shampers at Three</i>
<i>Hill River Contracting</i>	<i>The Hamper Co</i>
<i>Hippy Haven</i>	<i>Tupperware Australia</i>
<i>Ivy Vibe</i>	

Netball Results

Saturday 13th May

A Yellow: No results

Set Blue: St John's Vs Wandina - We scored 2 goals!

Best Players: Chantelle, Murphie & Breanna

Go Yellow: St John's - 8 Vs St Lawrence's - 12

Best Players: Marlarnia, Isabelle & Isla

Netball Results

Saturday 20th May

A Yellow: No results

Set Blue: St John's - 1 Vs SFX - 11

Best Players: Stella, Scarlett & Maisie

Go Yellow: St John's - 2 Vs Grammar - 11

Best Players: Brooklyn, Lucy & Lakyrh

Sports Page

Netball Fixtures

Saturday 20th May

Teams	Time	Court
A Yellow : St John's has a BYE		
Go Yellow: St John's Vs St Lawrence's Blk	11:45am	1
Set Blue: St John's has a BYE		

Sports Page

Hockey

Division 1

Division 1 drew with Geraldton Grammar (2) 0 – 0.

St John's played a great game with the majority of possession and a few shots on goal. The new players did really well for their first game. Grammar struggled to get past Mitchell's firm defence at fullback and Logan was sensational in attack despite the scoreboard results not reflecting the effort and intensity all round.

St John's drew with SCC 0 – 0.

St John's defeated Tarcoola/Wandina 1 – 0.

Fixtures

27 th May	Geraldton Primary	11.00	Turf 1
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Half Field

St John's did extremely well for their first half field game, very well rounded with a solid defence and an agile attack. Goal scorers were Xavier and Peyton, with special mention to the newcomers for their efforts. Well done to all the team.

St John's played very well in their second game, came out on fire, keeping the pressure on constantly and having a good amount of possession in the first third with a few shots on goals. Our defenders did very well and kept the pressure on and didn't give up. We didn't take the win this week, but the team played like winners.

Fixtures

27 th May	Geraldton Grammar	11.30	Field 1
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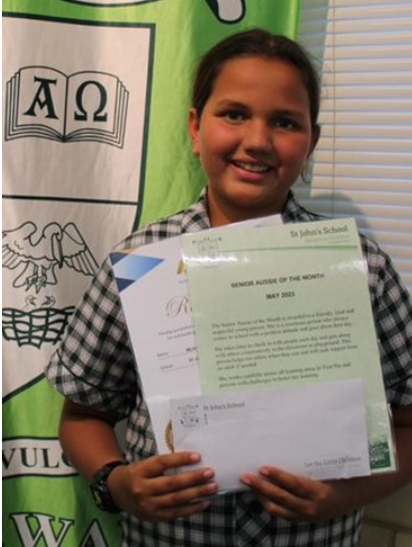
Hockey Fees are now due:

Division 1 - \$100

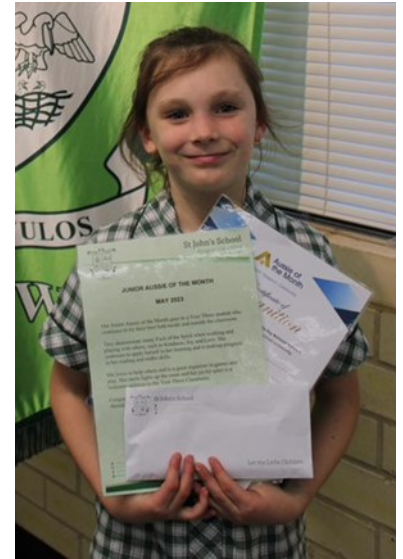
Half Field - \$50

Please pay as soon as possible.

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to our
Senior Aussie,
Milia M
and our
Junior Aussie, Maisie.



Families in our School with Italian background:

Grandparents, other Family Members and Friends

are warmly invited and encouraged

to come and help celebrate

an ITALIAN MASS and Light Lunch

on Thursday 1 June beginning at 10am!

“Benvenuti!” will be a good Greeting to one another!

This will be at St John’s Church Rangeway.

Bring and Share Refreshments will follow the Mass.

Please RSVP your interest via a message

or email or phone call.

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