



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 3
15th February 2024

Principal's Notes

New Students

A very special welcome to our new students and families. It has been great getting to know you over the past couple of weeks. Please join me in welcoming:

Kindy	The whole class (names to be published next newsletter)
Pre Primary	Dominic, Ava, Maggie & Miracle
Year Two	Drew
Year Three	Isabelle & Lachlan
Year Four	Caysee
Year Five	Halle, Brooke, Zavier & Isaiah

Student Leaders

Recently, the Year Five and Six Class spent two days undertaking various leadership activities on and offsite. The activities called the students to challenge themselves, grow as a team, learn about leadership and build community. Thank you to Mrs Carolyn Jaeger, Mrs Raechel Crocetta, Mr Michael Wright, Miss Abbey Wilson and Miss Tessa Venturini for all the work they did over the course of the two days, providing rich learning experiences for the students. The following students have been elected to leadership positions for the 2024 school year:

Head Boy	Reece	Head Girl	Vienna
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Student Councillors

Bianca	Darci	Luke	Max	Billie	Heidi	Loata	Roman
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I congratulate all the students and look forward to working with them over the course of the year.

Faction Captains

This week, the students from Years Four, Five and Six voted for the Faction Captains and Vice Captains. It is with great delight that I announce and congratulate the following students:

Hayes Captain - Samson Vice Captain - Chol	Batavia Captain - Darci B Vice Captain - Bianca	Pelsaert Captain - Sienna Vice Captain - Lucas	Abrolhos Captain - Max Vice Captain - Isaac Z
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Census

Tomorrow, Friday 16 February is Census Day for St John's School and reporting to various bodies. It is vitally important that all students from Pre Primary to Year Six are at school on this Friday. If your son/daughter is absent, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet guidelines. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding so please ensure your child is at school tomorrow.

Child Safe Framework

The wellbeing and safety of all students is the highest priority for all Catholic schools, including St John's School. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is committed to child safety and leading and supporting a child safe culture for all our schools, care centres and communities. All members of St John's School are encouraged and supported to make good decisions that always keep the best interests of the child or young person first.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 16 February
Prayer Assembly - Yr 5
8:45am

Saturday 17 February
Reconciliation
Commitment Mass SFX
at 6:00pm

Sunday 18 February
Reconciliation
Commitment Mass
9:30am & 6:00pm

Monday 19 February
Student Council
Meeting

Thursday 22 February
Assembly Year 5
2.20pm - Courtyard

Friday 23 February
Prayer Assembly
Yr 4 - 8.45am

**Year 3 Reconciliation
Retreat Day**

The CEWA Child Safe Framework (CSF) is based on the latest research in child safety for institutions, is in support of best practice, and is consistent with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommendations. Parents/carers can learn more about the CSF on page five of the school newsletter or by visiting <https://childsafce.cewa.edu.au/>

Code of Conduct

The St John's School Code of Conduct is to describe minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students. The Code applies to staff, students, volunteers, parents/carers and guardians as applicable. A full copy of the St John's school Code of Conduct can be found on the School Website https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf

On page four of this School Newsletter, you will find an overview of the twelve Conduct Statements.

Good News Story

Congratulations to our stars for this week, the Kindy Class. The children are adapting very well to life at school and are getting to know the routines of the classroom. It is wonderful to see them engage in their learning, with each other and the staff.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

This week's prayer assembly will be led by the **Year 5** students at **8.45am on Friday 16th February** in the undercover area. Parents are most welcome to attend. **Year 4** will lead us in prayer next Friday morning on the **23rd February at 8.45am**.

Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we once again focus on the Fruit of Love.

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13: 34-35

In the delivery of this new commandment, Jesus completely went against the 'status quo' of the social structure of Palestine. In Jesus' time, people were basically identified by two social classes: the upper social class, who were considered worthy, important, and deserved the privileges that came their way, and the peasant social class, who were ostracised, not considered to be of any worth and received little to no privilege.

For the first time, Jesus created one group whose identifying factor was love. Love crossed over all barriers of social standing. Indeed, we learn later through Jesus' ministry, love should be given in abundance, particularly to those who are vulnerable and on the margins of society.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

This week, the Catholic Church enters the season of Lent, commencing with the celebration of the Ash Wednesday Mass. Each class celebrated with a liturgy for Ash Wednesday.

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 - Year 1, Year 2, Year 6
Thursdays - Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5

Welcome back to the Library for 2024. It has been lovely to see lots of familiar faces and meeting new students too. Due to the building works, our Library is situated in a smaller room with our collection of books being reduced.

Pre-Primary has a mobile service where a trolley of books is wheeled over to their area for them to make their selection from. Other classes either borrow in the undercover area or visit the library in small groups. I've noticed students recommending some of their favourite books and great reads to their friends.

Each student requires a library bag and borrows their books for a week. Please inform the library staff or your child's teacher if a book has been damaged or lost. As the year progresses, I look forward to sharing various library and book events with the students and their families. Some of these annual events are Western Australia Young Readers Book Awards (WAYRBA), National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) and our much-loved Childrens Book Week.

A very big thank you to Mrs Clarkson who did such an amazing job whilst I was on leave. I'm very grateful for all the wonderful support and kindness from St John's School and the School Community.



Religious Education

Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass

This weekend, our First Reconciliation Candidates and their parent/carers make their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A note has gone home to all Year Three students regarding this Commitment Masses at SFX Cathedral.

If your child/ren are not baptised and you wish for this to occur, please contact the **Catholic Diocese of Geraldton on 9921 3221**. Alternatively, please come and speak to us and we will arrange a meeting.

Project Compassion 2024 – ‘For All Future Generations’

Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis – working in over 200 countries and territories.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during the six weeks of the Church season of Lent. St John’s School will invite families to help us raise funds and stand in solidarity with the millions of people across the world with whom they work for all future generations.

A Project Compassion mission box would have gone home with the eldest child on Wednesday 14th February.

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Anaphylaxis and Asthma Training

Staff have recently undertaken anaphylaxis training to update and refresh our knowledge of the triggers, symptoms and treatment of an anaphylactic reaction. An adrenaline autoinjector trainer device was used to practice with, ensuring all staff are aware of the correct procedures for administering an EpiPen. We would like to thank our school community for ensuring the school has an action plan if your child/ren have allergies and for assisting us in being an *Allergy Aware School* by refraining from sending any nuts and eggs in lunch boxes. Your awareness and support help to make our school safer for our students with anaphylaxis.

Our training in the management and treatment of asthma also ensures that we are up to date with the correct information and procedures. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure the school has been provided with an action plan and that your child/ren has the appropriate asthma puffer at school.

Nagle Catholic College Principal Visit - Year Six

Yesterday, Nagle Catholic College Principal, Michael Williams, visited our Year Six Class. They were very interested in hearing about all the varied and exciting opportunities that the College can offer students. Each student was presented with an Enrolment Pack to take home. If you did not receive one and would like one, please let the Office know.

Year Five Assembly: Thursday 22 February

Our first Assembly for the school year will take place on **Thursday 22 February at 2.20pm in the School Courtyard**. The Year Five Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 26th February
Monday 18th March

All meetings are held at 6:00pm in the Staffroom.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Term One P&F Events

- \$100 Boards at the Faction Carnival - Thursday 21 March
- Easter Egg Raffle - stay tuned for more details.
- Canteen Day (croissants) - Monday 25 March

Administration News

Seesaw

We are happy to see the number of families that are connected to and engaging with our online communication platform, Seesaw. This platform enables whole school announcements to be shared among our school community. It is also the preferred method of communication between parents/carers and classroom teachers. If you are having any problems with using Seesaw, please liaise with your child's classroom teacher.

URSTRONG: Friendology 101

This year St John's School we will be implementing the URSTRONG: Friendology 101 curriculum across the whole school. This is a skills-based curriculum to assist children to navigate the tricky world of friendships. Some topics covered through this curriculum include dealing with conflict, helping children choose healthy friendships and building self-confidence and self-esteem. UR Strong's friendship strategy equips students, parents and teachers with a common language of friendship and assists in empowering your children with friendship skills. You are encouraged to take advantage of a free parent membership to access numerous resources including an 8 session video series. This will allow you to learn the same language and strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology 101 curriculum. The UR Strong Friendology free parent membership can be found at: <https://urstrong.com/parents>

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

St John's School Code of Conduct Statements

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.









Child Safe Framework – Key Concepts

Extended Guardianship - When our leaders, staff and wider school community share a collective responsibility to actively support an environment that is engaging, supportive and safe.

Healthy & Respectful Relationships - Modelling healthy and respectful relationships creates an engaging, safe and supportive environment. It also assists in equipping, children and young people with discernment of how they should be treated.

Situational Prevention - Seeks to reduce opportunities for behaviour that presents risks to students. Evaluating various elements within our schools – including physical and online environments, staffing, governance, behaviours and culture with an aim to eliminate or mitigate situations that present risk for children and young people.

Child Safe Framework – Elements

 <p>Support & Healing</p>	<p>Responding to those who have been injured or hurt through abuse and harm and assisting them to heal.</p>
 <p>Voice of the Child</p>	<p>Recognising each child and young person's right to be heard and to have a voice in all decisions affecting them.</p>
 <p>Culture</p>	<p>All members of the school community share responsibility for, and actively promote an environment that prioritises the best interests of children and young people.</p>
 <p>Governance & Leadership</p>	<p>School leaders create and promote environments that are safe, supportive and engaging. They make their decisions based on the best interests of children and young people.</p>
 <p>Policy & Procedures</p>	<p>Having structures and processes that are accessible, consistent and transparent. Policies must be understood, implemented and actioned every day.</p>
 <p>Human Resource Practices</p>	<p>Assisting our schools and care centres to identify the most suitable people to work with children and young people, and to provide appropriate training.</p>
 <p>Investigating & Reporting</p>	<p>Following, or developing and implementing where required, processes that are transparent, fair and clearly understood by the community</p>
 <p>Risk Management</p>	<p>Proactively identifying and limiting potential risks.</p>
 <p>Quality Assurance</p>	<p>Improving systematically and continually through ongoing evaluation and assessment.</p>



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Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

10th February 2024

St John's School will be looking to field hockey teams in the Saturday morning competitions once again. Details are as follows:

COST: \$100 (\$70 for half field)

EQUIPMENT: Shin pads, mouthguard, hockey stick (school will provide a stick, but it is better if each player has his/her own)

TRAINING: Will be organised at a later date

VENUE FOR GAMES: Hockey Stadium and grass fields in Eighth Street

TIME FOR GAMES: Saturday Mornings - 1 hour between 8.30am and 12.30pm

SEASON: 2nd Term and first half of 3rd Term

If your child is interested in playing, could you please fill in the form below and return it to Mr Matthews by Wednesday 14th February

Please remember that teams are nominated according to these notes, and it is important that children are definite about playing and are reliable each week.

Patrick Matthews

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I give _____ permission to play hockey for St John's in 2024.

Saturday Morning Grade Hockey (Yr 3-6 plus possibly experienced Yr 2s)

Saturday Morning Half Field Hockey (PP-Yr 2) Games always at 11.30am

I am interested in coaching a team

Parent's Signature: _____

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Please join us for

BABY DAYS @ DRUMMOND COVE PLAYGROUP



Baby Days - Tuesdays

6th Feb - 6th Feb - Meet & Greet with Kiara from Playgroup WA and Yoga with Parenting in Mind from Parenting Connection
13th Feb - Desert Blue Connect Child Health Nurse Mel
20th Feb - Exploring Sensory Play Session
27th Feb - Jar of Arts Musical Play Session
5th March - Integrated Playgroup Session

Time: 11:30-12:30

**Where: John Batten Community Hall
61 White Hill Road Drummond Cove**



Did you know that playgroups are for babies and parents right from the start?

At Drummond Cove Playgroup you can have fun playing with your babies and meet other parents, through our NEW! Baby Days sessions. Providing engaging guest speakers at home in Drummond Cove.



Register here: <https://forms.gle/VpXpokj4K28fNpJ47>

First 1000 Days Playgroup WA

Babies

Early Parent Group (0 – 3 months)

Sleep patterns, settling techniques, growth development, feeding, and guest speakers. Come and enjoy time with other new parents.

Thursdays: 9:30am to 11:30am

11 Jan, 22 Feb, 4 April

Starting Solids (3 – 6 months)

Introduction of solids, healthy balanced diet, your baby's development, enjoying time with other new parents.

Thursdays: 9.30am to 11.30am (one-off session)
15 Feb, 28 March

Specialised Services

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Child Health Nurse
Call 9956 1985 to book

Playgroup 2023 (0 – 5 years)

A free, casual catch-up for dads, mums and carers of babies from birth to 5 years. Bring your own hats, drinks and snacks.

Fridays: 9:00am to 11:00am
(during term, starting 2 February)



ngala
PARENTING LINE

8am-8pm
7 days
Ages 0-18yrs

9368 9368
Country: 1800 111 546

The Parenting Line is provided by Ngala and funded by the State Government through the Department of Communities and Child & Adolescent Health Service.

HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY

GET STARTED TODAY

Geraldton Hookin 2 Hockey

Starts Wednesday 14th February at 3.45pm (6 week program)

Great for 4 to 10 year olds

admin@gha.org.au

HOCKEY.ORG.AU/HOOKIN2HOCKEY



Hockey Australia

DESERT BLUE CONNECT PRESENTS



Quiz Night

**International Women's Day
Friday, 8th March**

DOORS OPEN 5:45 PM FOR A 6:00 PM START

GERALDTON MULTIPURPOSE CENTRE

\$15 PER PERSON / TABLE OF 10 PLAYERS

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Grab your tickets from
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SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & ONLINE SAFETY WORKSHOP - FREE AGES 10 -13YRS

**The Cyberspace
Personal Safety
Online Safety**

Monday 12th Feb: 2.15pm - 2.45pm Parent Information

Tuesday 13th Feb: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Workshop

Monday 26th Feb: 2.15pm - 2.45pm Parent Information

Tuesday 27th Feb: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Workshop

Monday 11th Mar: 2.15pm - 2.45pm Parent Information

Tuesday 12th Mar: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Workshop



**Consent
Selfcare
Therapy Skills**

For more information or to book
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