



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 7

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Principal's Notes

Every Story Every Opportunity

The moral purpose of St John's School is, 'Every Story Every Opportunity'. At the core of all our decision making, planning, discussions, thoughts, words and actions is the understanding that each individual student of St John's School comes to receive his/her education with a story. It is imperative that we, as the staff of St John's School, know these stories so we can provide each individual student with every opportunity to be the best they can be.



Mass of the Oils

Last night, I attended the Mass of the Oils with Miss Tessa Venturini, Mrs Carolyn Jaeger and Year Six students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in Term Three. At this Mass, Bishop Michael and all the priests from the Diocese of Geraldton came together to renew their priestly commitment and bless the oils used for Baptism, Confirmation and the Anointing of the Sick.

The attending Year Six students are to be congratulated for the manner in which they represented St John's School, setting a positive example. Thank you, Elizabeth, Chaney, Sienna, Vienna, Darci, Mackenzie, Issac G, Issac Z, Jack, Luke and Max. I am extremely proud of each one of you. A special mention to Mackenzie who was tasked with the special responsibility to carry the Oil of Christ as a representative of all the students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Last week, the Year Three Class celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was a beautiful celebration for the students who received the sacrament for the first time and for those who received a blessing. I would like to thank the students for the way they represented themselves, their families and their school. The students were suitably prepared by Miss Tessa Venturini, Mrs Hayley Gronow and Miss Lesley Jones, for which I am extremely grateful. Lots of family and friends were in attendance, indicating the high level of support and love for the children. Father Robert presided over the Liturgy, guiding the students spiritually and on a practical level, thank you, Father Robert.

I am very proud of the Year Three students, and I hope they continue to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the future, seeking healing and forgiveness.

NAPLAN

Yesterday, the students in Years Three and Five commenced the 2024 NAPLAN Tests. It is a timely reminder for our students that at St John's School, our vision for them as a learner, centres on 'Every Story Every Opportunity'. The NAPLAN Tests are one small part of their own individual learning journey. The Staff of St John's School work hard to know the individual story of each student and the results of NAPLAN add just one small piece of the puzzle to assist in the provision of every opportunity for students to reach their full potential.

NAPLAN does not assess the individuality and uniqueness of our students. As a school, we know this about every student because of the relationships we form with them on a day to day basis. The tests do not show how the students love to sing, their strengths in painting or their ability to excel in the sporting arena, but we know this through the varied opportunities we provide.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 15 March

Prayer Assembly - Yr 1
8:45am

Monday 18 March

Harmony Day Incursion

P&F Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday 19 March

PLP Meetings

Wednesday 20 March

Evacuation Drill

PLP Meetings

Thursday 21 March

Faction Swimming

Carnival

Years 3 - 6

Friday 22 March

Prayer Assembly

Spiritual Ministry

8:45am

Monday 25 March

NAPLAN Testing

concludes - Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 27 March

Interschool Swimming

Carnival

Friday 28 March

Stations of the Cross

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The assessors of the tests have not witnessed the students' leadership skills or the way they reach out to help others, but we as a staff do, as we have evidence of these behaviours each and every day. They do not know that the students are supportive friends, help their family and try their best each day as these cannot be tested through NAPLAN. We see this because the students are contributing members of the St John's School Community.

The results of the NAPLAN tests will provide a snap shot of the students' academic ability but not the full picture. They will not measure the children's growth, the challenges that individuals have overcome.

I ask all students to continue to come to school with a positive mindset, do their best and know that because we know your story, and we will continue to provide every opportunity for your specialness to shine brightly.

St John's School Advisory Council

The various positions on the School Advisory Council have been finalised for 2024. Thank you to the following ladies for taking on a specific role to support the strategic direction and financial planning for St John's School:

Chair	Joanne Blayney
Secretary	Melissa Pitman
Treasurer	Nicole Jupp
SAC Rep	Megan Clarkson

Professional Learning

Over the course of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, I have attended a variety of professional learning opportunities in Perth and in Geraldton with leaders from across CEWA. On Monday, the Leadership Team attended the CEWA Leaders' Forum in Perth where we dived into the strategic direction for our system for the next seven years.

Upon returning to Geraldton, leaders from the Diocese of Geraldton participated in learning opportunities relating to Aboriginal Education, Work Health and Safety, Insurance and the upcoming Synod. In addition to professional learning and collaboration, there were plenty of opportunities to network with other leaders from across the state and diocese.

Child Safe Framework (CSF)

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.

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/>

Good News Story

My shout out this week goes to the students in Years Three and Five who have successfully and confidently navigated the NAPLAN assessments conducted to date. I am so proud of their willingness to give the tests their best efforts, remaining positive and calm. I am so proud of you.

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

My new library book picks for this week leading up to Easter are:

Bin Chicken's Eggcellent Easter - Following her beak, on long gangly legs, Ibis spies something shiny - glittering eggs! It's Easter morning, and there are eggs everywhere. Ibis better hop to it and get hunting.

The Easter Story - retold in very simple language. Colourfully illustrated throughout, making this book a popular Easter pick.

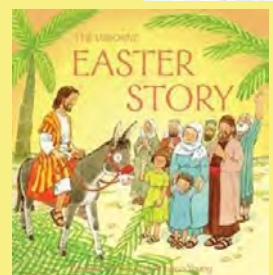
Celebrating other library days in March:

World Storytelling Day: Wednesday March 20th

World Storytelling Day is a day to celebrate the art of storytelling and the power of oral tradition. Mrs Connolly is looking forward to Mrs D'Mello storytelling to the Year 1s during their library session on this day.

World Poetry Day: Thursday March 21st

World Poetry Day is a day to celebrate the art of poetry and the power of the written word. Students can create their own poems and place them in their library book they are returning to Mrs Connolly on this day. Mrs Connolly would enjoy being poetry bombed on World Poetry Day.



Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, **Friday 15th March, at 8.45am**, the Year One Class will prepare and lead the Prayer Assembly in the Undercover Area. Our Spiritual Ministry will lead us in prayer next week on **Friday 24th March**. Parents are most welcome to join us.

Year Three Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday 6th March, the Year Three students celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to the Sacrament of Reconciliation Candidates:

- ◆ Elianah
- ◆ Jerome
- ◆ Finn
- ◆ Xavier
- ◆ Isaac
- ◆ Scarlett
- ◆ Jamie
- ◆ Jonathan
- ◆ Ari



Congratulations to all the Year Three students for participating in the Reconciliation Program. Thank you to Father Robert O'Bryan for celebrating the liturgy with us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

On Friday 22nd March, our Year Four, Five and Six students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey before Easter. Thank you to Father Robert O'Bryan for making himself available to assist our students with this Sacrament.

St Patrick's Day – Sunday 17 March

St Patrick was born in Britain in the late 300s or early 400s. Pirates captured him when he was sixteen. They sold him as a slave in Ireland, where he worked as a shepherd for six years. He then escaped and returned home.

After years of religious training, Patrick went back to Ireland. There he converted many people to Christianity.

There are several legends about St Patrick. One legend says that he drove away all the snakes in Ireland. Which is untrue, no snakes have ever been native in Ireland.

St Patrick is most known for using the three parts of a shamrock leaf to explain the idea of the Trinity. The Trinity refers to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit of our Lord. One God, three persons.

Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

This week St John's School will continue to focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Joy:

*Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
yet I will rejoice in the Lord,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour.*

(Habakkuk 3:17-18)



Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

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
- Canteen Day (croissants) - Monday 25 March

Easter Raffle

The annual P&F Easter Raffle is back. Please note all the important dates and reminders to ensure the raffle is a great success!

Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolate goodies, baskets and other Easter goodies being accepted at school.

Tuesday 19 March - Raffle tickets and monies due back at school, and final day for donations

Tuesday 26 March - Raffle drawn 8:45am

P&F Canteen Day

Monday 11 March - Canteen Day note sent home

Friday 15 March - Orders and money due back at school

Monday 25 March - P&F Canteen Day Croissants

Administration News

Assembly

Thank you to our Year Four Class for entertaining us with their poem at today's Assembly. Due to the short term, our next School Assembly will be held in Term Two on Thursday 2 May. The Year Six Class will be presenting an item for us to enjoy.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all of our Year Three and Year Five students who have commenced this year's NAPLAN testing. We are very proud of your efforts so far and how you have conducted yourself during your allocated assessments.

A reminder that NAPLAN assessments provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process and does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be issued to parents/carers later in the school year. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

Harmony Day Incursion

St John's School will celebrate next **Monday 18 March** to coincide with our Harmony Incursion. We are excited to be welcoming Valanga Khoza, an award-winning musician, storyteller and author from the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Students may wear orange clothing and/or accessories. Alternatively, students may wear cultural dress from their family's culture.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

P&F EASTER RAFFLE



We are seeking donations of
Easter Eggs, baskets, chocolate
goodies etc






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>

NETBALL

- We are very close to finalising the St John's Netball teams for 2024. The teams and training days will soon be announced.
- We only have six players from Years 2 and 3 for our Set Team, so we may need to top it up with some Year 1 players that have agreed to help out. If you are in Year 2 or 3 and would like to add your name to our team, please let me know as soon as possible.
- I have yet to send out the PlayHQ registration link, so anyone that has registered an interest in playing will need to wait for that link to be able to register to Geraldton Netball. I will send it very soon, then you will be able to register and pay fees.
- If you are intending to use a Kidsport voucher to cover the fees, please apply for it as soon as you can contact the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on 9492 9911 or email kidsport@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Christine Kerr
Netball Co-ordinator
St John's School



The poster features an illustration of three people playing netball. On the left, a young boy in a green and white jersey is reaching up to catch a white netball. In the center, a man in an orange and black jersey is also reaching up. On the right, a woman in a white and orange jersey is reaching up. The background is blue with white wavy lines. Logos for 'netball 100 YEARS OF NETBALL 1908-2008', 'PRINCIPAL PARTNER GOLD INDUSTRY GROUP', 'Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries', and 'healthdirect' are visible. A large green circle at the bottom contains the text 'walking netball' and 'Have Fun • Stay Active'. Below this, the text 'Come & Try' and 'Geraldton Netball Association' is displayed. A white box contains the following details: Date: Saturday 23rd March 2024, Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm, Cost: Free, Venue: Geraldton Netball Association, Contact: gna@westnet.com.au, 08 9964 2752. At the bottom, it says 'Register Now!'.

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Register Now!

HOCKEY NEWS

**Hockey Registration
Please register ASAP.**

Registration link is now live
gha.org.au/registration

If they have already registered for Chicks with Sticks they will not need to register again. .

The fees charged from Hockey Australia are:
\$45.31.

Thank you
Patrick Matthews





**YEAR 7 2025
ENROL NOW**



Year 7 2025 Enrolment Schedule

Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February: Enrolment Packs

distributed to Year 6 students in Catholic Primary Schools

Monday 19 February to Monday 11 March: Year 7 College campus tours

Wednesday 6 March at 5.00pm: Year 7 2025 Information Evening

Wednesday 27 March: Applications for Enrolment close

Wednesday 17 April to Wednesday 24 April: Ring to book an
Enrolment Interview

Monday 29 April to Friday 17 May: Enrolment Interviews held
(between 8.00am – 4.30pm)

Friday 21 June: Offers of places will be mailed

Our Enrolment Pack is downloadable from the College website
or can be collected from the College Reception.

Register your interest in attending a College tour by visiting the College website
www.ncc.wa.edu.au/college-tour1 or phone 9920 0500

MIDWEST MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS



ALCOHOL AND SMOKE FREE EVENT



HARMONY FESTIVAL 16th March 2024

STOW GARDENS 11AM - 3PM

- CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT • FOOD & GIFT STALLS
- REMAJA (TEENS) WORLD • WATOTO (KIDS) WORLD



HEADLINE ACT

PERTH'S PREMIER BRAZILIAN BAND

