



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 9

14 March 2024

Principal's Notes

Easter

Last Sunday, Holy Week commenced with Palm Sunday. Easter is the most important feast in the Church's liturgical year. It is a time when we rejoice in the new life Christ has given us through His death and resurrection. I wish every family a very peace-filled Easter.

Easter also marks the beginning of the school holidays. I hope that all members of the school community take some time to rest and spend precious time with loved ones. Please enjoy the break and take care.

End of Term

Today is the last day of Term One which has flown by incredibly fast. Even though it was a nine week term, we have covered so much in this short period of time. Now is the prime opportunity to pause and take stock of all that has been achieved over the past nine weeks. The Kindy Class has finished their first term of learning, making lots of new friends along the way. The Year One Class has transitioned from Pre Primary to the big school, one of the biggest transitions of their school life and the Year Six Class has begun their final year of primary schooling, stepping up as leaders along the way. It is for these and other moments of joy and celebration that we should reflect on and give thanks. All students have made many positive gains over the last nine weeks, demonstrating great resiliency and growth. The smiles on their faces are our biggest rewards. May Term Two, which begins for the students on Tuesday 16 April, bring more opportunities for learning, laughter and love.

Faction Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday, we held our Faction Swimming Carnival at the Nagle Catholic College pool which was the right place to be given the heat of the day. Congratulations to Batavia Faction for winning the event by a comfortable margin. Well done to the individual students who demonstrated their strong swimming skills in the water, taking home the medals for Runner Up Champion or Champion.

Champion Faction

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| First | Batavia | 256 points |
| Second | Abrolhos | 213 points |
| Third | Hayes | 189 points |
| Fourth | Pelsaert | 151 points |

Individual Champions

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| Junior Girls Runner Up Champions | Elianah |
| Junior Girls Champion | Ava M |
| Junior Boys Runner Up Champion | Lachlan W |
| Junior Boys Champion | Tex |
| Intermediate Girls Runner Up Champion | Loata |
| Intermediate Girls Champion | Halle |
| Intermediate Boys Runner Up Champion | Jake |
| Intermediate Boys Champions | Logan & Zavier S |
| Senior Girls Runner Up Champion | Sienna |
| Senior Girls Champion | Darci |
| Senior Boys Runner Up Champion | Lucas |
| Senior Boys Champion | Reece |

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Thursday 28 March

Last day of Term 1

Monday 15 April

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 16 April

Term 2 Commences for Students

Friday 19 April

**Prayer Assembly
Year 5 - 8.45am**

Alleluia Day

Monday 22 April

P&F Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday 25 April

**ANZAC Day
Public Holiday**

Friday 26 April

**Prayer Assembly
Year 4 - 8.45am**

Thursday 2 May

Assembly - Yr 6



I would like to thank Nagle Catholic College for allowing us to use their pool. It is wonderful to have the pool all to ourselves. A very special thank you is extended to Mr Patrick Matthews for co-ordinating all aspects of the Carnival, ensuring the event was a great success. Mr Matthews was suitably supported by the attending Staff of St John's School, collaborating to facilitate a smooth afternoon.

The St John's School P&F collated and sold three \$100 boards at the Carnival. Thank you to the P&F for organising this fundraiser to help fund future P&F projects. To all of the parents and family members that attended as a helper or a spectator, thank you for your support and assistance. You helped to add atmosphere to the Carnival and lightened the load.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

After a period of time, the Interschool Swimming Carnival returned yesterday with the St John's School swimmers performing well in and out of the pool.

The final results for the day were:

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| First | St Lawrence's Primary School | 1032 points |
| Second | Geraldton Grammar School | 981 points |
| Third | St Francis Xavier School | 933 points |
| Fourth | Geraldton Christian College | 702 points |
| Fifth | St John's School | 625 points |

Congratulations to Reece, in Year Six, for being awarded Senior Boy Runner Up Champion. We are very proud of you.

Thank you to Mr Matthews for co-ordinating all aspects of the St John's School team. To the parents who assisted with a specific role, we are grateful for your time, lightening the load of the attending staff.

Absentees

Did you know that you can submit your child's absence online? The St John's School website has a quick and easy online form to make this process very simple. Once submitted, the notification is sent to the School Office for processing. <https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/online-absentee>

Absentees can be also be communicated via Seesaw, phone calls, email or notes.

P&F Easter Raffle Thank You

The P&F Easter Raffle has been long standing fundraising event on our calendar. It has always been well supported by families and the community and that was definitely the case on Tuesday when we held the raffle draw. There were prizes galore thanks to the generosity of the school community.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the P&F ladies for attending to all aspects of the Easter Raffle including, but not limited to, notes, tickets, money counting, collection of donations, gift wrapping and scrunching. We are appreciative of everything you have done.

Staffing News

On Monday, a Seesaw message was sent out in relation to the Assistant Principal appointments at St John's School. All parents/carers are asked to access this information in preparation for Term Two.

Berry Street Education Model (BSEM)

The first day of Term Two, Monday 15 April, is a Pupil Free Day. On this day, staff from St John's School will join with other staff to undertake day one of four days of professional learning. The Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) equips mainstream schools with practical, classroom-based strategies to increase the engagement of all students, including those with complex, unmet learning needs.

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

Thank you for a wonderful first term. For those students who have library books to read over the holiday break I hope you get the chance to find a great spot to read. Don't forget to read and share your book with your pets, a family member or a friend. I look forward to seeing you in Term 2 and hearing about your book buddies.

One of my favourite West Australian authors is Dianne Wolfer. One of her new books 'Scout and the Rescue Dogs' has been shortlisted on the WAYRBA (West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards) and on the shortlist for CBCA -Book of the Year in the Younger Readers category.

About this book - *A celebration of community, adventure, kindness and, above all, dogs!*

The summer holidays have finally arrived, and Scout can't wait for her adventure in the big rig with Dad. They're on a mission to deliver donations of dog food to animal rescue shelters right across the state.

There'll be lots of music, dad-jokes, and a brilliant plan that will make sure everyone's got a friend for the holidays. There might even be a special four-legged friend in it for Scout.

But Scout and her dad get more than they've bargained for. It's bushfire season – and it's not just the dogs who need rescuing . . .
<https://diannewolfer.com>



BSEM enables schools to support students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing to increase student engagement and significantly improve academic achievement.

Good News Story

The swimmers of St John's School are the shout out recipients for this fortnight, shining in and out of the water. Over the course of the two carnivals, we have witnessed great sportsmanship and efforts from the students. This includes cheering fellow athletes on when the individual has finished the race, shaking hands on the dais and giving each race a red hot go despite individual swimming ability. Well done to all our swimmers.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Palm/Passion Sunday

On Sunday, the Church celebrated Palm Sunday also referred to as Passion Sunday. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey toward the power of the cross and the rich truth that Jesus is truly our king.

Stations of the Cross

Today, selected students from Pre Primary – Year Six lead the school community in a re-enactment to honour Jesus' final walk to Calvary. It is based on the fourteen Stations of the Cross. Thank you to those parents/carers who were able to join us.

Fruit of the Spirit - Joy

*"You will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy."
(John 16:20-22)*

As we edge closer to Easter Sunday, this scripture from Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper, reminds us of the joy of the risen Lord.

We can easily imagine the sorrow of the apostles when they saw their master, whom they admired and loved, put to a cruel death as a criminal. But through Jesus rising to life on Easter Sunday, to stand among his disciples once again, you can only imagine something of the apostles' joy. Coming out of total darkness, which had filled their souls for two long days and nights, into such a joyful light to see their master among them once more.

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Lent

Last Friday, the Year Four, Five and Six Class celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten journey. Thank you to Father Robert O'Bryan for making himself available for this celebration.

Alleluia Day Term Two Friday 19 April

On **Friday 19 April**, the school community will celebrate Alleluia Day. Alleluia Day is a significant day in the St John's School calendar celebrating the risen Lord which occurred on Easter Sunday during the holidays. Students and staff are invited to wear white on this day. Teachers will designate an activity on Friday around Jesus' Resurrection for the students to participate in.

End of Term

Thank you to students, staff, families and friends, for all the wonderful work throughout Term One. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and may the joy of the risen Lord be with you all this Easter.

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 22 April

Monday 13 May

Monday 10 June

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Faction Swimming Carnival \$100 Boards

Congratulations to our winners:

Nick Q

Nick Q

Tracey K

Thank you to everyone who purchased numbers. Your support is appreciated.

Term Two P&F Events

Canteen Day – Monday 17 June

Administration News

See you later...

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell the St John's School community in my current role as Assistant Principal. This is a role that I have cherished since my commencement in 2013 and one that has left me with precious memories as I embark on my next chapter. The St John's School community is truly something special and I will dearly miss the daily opportunities to connect and be with students, parents and staff. Thank you to each and every one of you for being a part of my journey and enriching my story.

I look forward to many future visits in my new role, to support and hear about all the wonderful things that St John's School is achieving. So rather than farewell, it is a 'see you later' and wishing each of you all the very best for the rest of the school year and beyond.



NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing has now concluded. Congratulations to all of our Year Three and Year Five students who put in their very best efforts. We are very proud of you.

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.

Three Way Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) Meetings

Thank you to everyone who has met with their child's classroom teacher for a PLP Meeting. If you have not yet made a meeting time, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually suitable time. This may now need to occur at the beginning of next term.

Evacuation Drill

Last **Wednesday, 20 March**, the whole school was involved in a successful evacuation drill. These drills need to be carried out on a regular basis to help us to evaluate and refine our plans so we can make sure everyone will be safe in the event of an emergency. Evacuation posters are in all classrooms and in the Office for you to familiarise yourself with the planned routes from each area of the school.

Swimming Lessons: Term Two

Please be advised that In-term Swimming Lessons will commence for students from Pre Primary to Year Six, next term in Week 11 from Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June. This year the school is trialling students participating in double lessons for a one week duration, rather than over the regular two weeks. Further information regarding swimming lessons will go home next term.

Happy Easter

Students and staff will finish Term One today, **Thursday 28 March**. I wish everyone a safe and blessed Easter and hope that our students return refreshed on **Tuesday 16 April** for the start of Term Two.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Suncity Tennis Academy

Easter Holidays Tennis Camp

Tuesday April 9th - Friday April 12th

tarcoola park tennis club

Tiny Tackers RED Ball 3-5yrs 9-9:45am

- o \$12.50 per day or \$40 up front

Clinic HALF Day 6yrs+ 9am-12pm

- o \$30 per day or \$100 up front

Clinic FULL Day 6yrs+ 9am-3pm

- o \$50 per day or \$160 up front

Sleepover Camp 6yrs+ 9am Tuesday - 3pm Friday

- o \$275 per person
- o **Family Discount!**
(must be from same Family)
 - 2 Children for \$375
 - 3 or more Children for \$150 each
- o Separate Male & Female Facilities
- o Overnight Female Supervisor
- o Offsite afternoon activities Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
 - Spending money up to Parent discretion
- o Onsite night activities



To secure your spot please contact us & provide:

- Participants Full Name & Age
- Preferred option
- Guardians Name & Contact number
- Any Medical &/or Dietary info we may need
- Yes or No photos/videos (no names ever posted)

Jarron - 0409 485 117

• tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au

Zane - 0417 015 355

• midwest@suncitytennisacademy.com.au



PlayConnect+

Geraldton

Playgroup WA's PlayConnect+ groups are for children with developmental concerns and/or disability and their families. No diagnosis is required

- FREE, weekly playgroup sessions for 0-5 year olds
- Parents stay and siblings are welcome
- Facilitator leads the group with play activities
- Connect with other families, share ideas and have fun!

Playgroup Coming Soon!

PlayConnect+ is coming soon to Geraldton for children aged 0-5 years with developmental concerns or disability and their families during term-time

- **Where:** Child and Parent Centre
Rangeway, entrance on Hovea Street
- **When:** Monday from 5 Feb
- **Time:** 9.30am-11.30am



Scan the code or visit bit.ly/3NirvTK to find out more or register your interest.
Email: hotline@playgroupwa.com.au
Phone: 1800 171 882

Playgroup WA

Funded by the Australian Government
Department of Social Services

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 (5weeks): 9:30am to 11:30am
23 May, 4 July

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)
16 May, 27 June
Please call CPC to register
99216814

Specialised Services

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Child Health Nurse
Call 9956 1985

Playgroup (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)

| Date | Day | Time | Program |
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| 15 April to 24 June | Mon | 9.30am to 11.30am | PlayConnect + (Mondays during term) Free, facilitated playgroup sessions for children aged 0-5 years with developmental concerns and/or disability. Parents stay and siblings are welcome. No diagnosis is necessary. Facilitator leads the group with play activities and information. Connect with other families, share ideas and have fun! Call 1800 171 882 for bookings. |
| 17 April | Wed | 9.30am to 11.30am | WACHS - A Guide to Toilet Training (1.5 - 4 years) This workshop aims to give some strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently. It will also explore different problems commonly faced during toilet training and an Occupational Therapist will join us to discuss ongoing toileting challenges that may already be happening. Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available. |

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| 24 April-12 June | Wed | 9.30am to 11.30am | Circle of Security (COSP) 8 week series COSP focuses on supporting and strengthening parent-child relationships and teaches new ways to understand and respond to your child's needs. It is based on decades of attachment research, and how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. Call 9921 4477 for bookings Crèche available |
| 24 April, 29 May, 26 June | Wed | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Wanslea Grandcarers Support Group If you are a grandparent with full time care of your grandchild/ren, you are welcome to attend this monthly support group where grandcarers meet at the CPC Rangeway and Wanslea video link into the session. Call 1800 794 909 for bookings. |
| 8 May | Wed | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Attention, Regulation and Concentration Workshop (ages 5+) At this workshop, we will explore what factors impact on attention, regulation and concentration. Provide you with strategies to support your child's attention and regulation. Help you determine where to go next if concerns persist. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available |
| 15 May | Wed | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | Triple P Power of Positive Parenting - Seminar One (0-8 Years) This seminar helps you to understand the reasons behind why children do what they do, so you can better guide their behaviour. Join us to get some ideas to make tricky times of the day easier. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available. |
| 22 May | Wed | 12.30pm to 2.30pm | PCWA TLC Lactation Education pre-birth - 3 months An information session presented by Guidance Speech and Feeding's, Lactation Consultant for mums with bubs aged 0-12 weeks to learn about breastfeeding in the period often referred to as the 'fourth trimester'. Call 9921 4477 for bookings. |
| 19 June | Wed | 9.30am to 11.30am | WACHS Sensory Processing Workshop for Parents (0-Byrs) At this workshop, parents will develop an understanding of what sensory processing is, what it means and what it looks like to have additional sensory processing needs. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available |
| 1 July | Mon | 9.30am to 11.30am | Let's Talk Happy Mealtimes (School Holidays) What 'normal' feeding, mealtimes and eating behaviours might look like? Covering diet and nutritional information for your child, troubleshooting difficult mealtimes and where you can seek help if things start to go wrong. Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available |



**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



AusBike

AGES 5 - 12



A new national program, designed by Australia's peak cycling body, AusCycling, is running at Spokes Cycling Club.

AusBike gives kids the essential skills to experience the freedom, fun and adventure of life on a bike.

AusBikers are safe & active kids!
Our accredited coaches will help build your child's competence and confidence on two wheels...and who knows where their love of riding will take them?!



REGISTER NOW

The AusBike program has been developed with the support of the Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission.



Australian Government