



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 2 WEEK 5

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Principal's Notes

System Leaders Renewal Leave

At the beginning of the school term, I was blessed with the opportunity to join seven other CEWA Primary Principals for a twelve day tour of Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain. I will be forever grateful for this time of renewal, faith formation and collegiality. Fatima, in Portugal, and Lourdes, in France, were the two highlights of my trip. At both of these places, we participated in candlelight processions, saying the Rosary. It was extremely moving to see thousands of other people all gathered in one place, for various reasons but unified by our beliefs. I would like to thank Miss Tessa Venturini and Mrs Sarah D'Mello for leading the school in my absence.

Staffing

I would like to formally welcome Mrs Laura Lang, Assistant Principal, to St John's School. Mrs Lang commenced on Monday 6 May and has met all the students through her lessons in the Art Shed. In addition to her leadership and Visual Arts teaching role, Mrs Lang is also the Students with Disabilities Co-ordinator. I thank the students and staff for making Mrs Lang feel welcome.

As you are aware, Miss Mellissa Davey has resigned from her position at St John's School during the April holidays. I thank Miss Davey for her role as an Education Assistant at St John's School, working across multiple year levels and with many students. Miss Davey will be fondly remembered for her ability to make meaningful relationships with the students, her positive energy and her willingness to go above and beyond the responsibilities of her role.

After conducting interviews, I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Paris Glover has been appointed to the position. Paris will commence in the role on Tuesday 28 May, after her upcoming wedding. I look forward to welcoming Paris into the St John's School Community.

Miss Tessa Venturini's last day at St John's School will be on Thursday 23 May. Miss Venturini is taking a period of Maternity Leave as she prepares for the impending birth of her baby. I would like to wish Tessa and Brayden all the very best as they await the arrival of their baby. We can't wait to meet your little bubba and look forward to you returning to your role at St John's School. I can just see you teaching Physical Education with your baby attached in a sling.

Mother's Day Events

Over the last week, we have had many successful events to celebrate our mothers, aunts, grandparents and special people. The P&F Mother's Day Movie Night was a very successful fundraiser with approximately seventy people gathering to relax, enjoy a movie and eat a range of treats. Thank you to everyone who attended, enjoying a chilled Friday night. I would like to express my gratitude to the P&F, and Ricky, for all their work to ensure the night was an enjoyable one. Your technical skills, popcorn making skills and lolly sales were all top notch.

Last Thursday, the Kindy Classroom hosted their annual MAGS Afternoon. All the ladies came in to be pampered and spoilt by their children. I was even lucky enough to have my nails painted! Well done to the Staff in the Kindy Team for your collaborate effort to ensure the afternoon was a special one for all our visitors.

And finally, the Pre Primary Class led our Prayer Assembly on Friday, reminding us of the need to care for, love and pray for all the special ladies in our lives. You were suitably prepared by the Pre Primary Staff and we were very proud of your ability to read and sing in front of the whole school.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 17 May
Prayer Assembly
Year 4 - 8.45am

Tuesday 21 May
SAC Meeting - 6.00pm

Wednesday 22 May
National Simultaneous
Storytime

Thursday 23 May
Assembly - Year 1
2.20pm Courtyard

Friday 24 May
Prayer Assembly
Year 2 - 8.45am

Monday 27 May
National Reconciliation
Week

Friday 31 May
Prayer Assembly
Year 1 - 8.45am

**EVERY DAY
MAY NOT BE
GOOD...
BUT THERE IS
SOMETHING
GOOD IN
EVERY DAY**

I hope that all the mothers, aunties, grandparents and special people in the St John's School Community know how appreciated you all are and that every day should be Mother's Day.

2025 Kindy Enrolments

St John's School is currently accepting 2025 Kindy enrolments. If you have a son/daughter who is turning four by the 30 June 2025, 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.

Water Fountains

Our water fountains are back in full use. Students are permitted to drink directly from the four water fountains. The classroom teachers have discussed the rules associated with drinking from the water fountains, especially reminders to not let any part of the mouth touch the fountain. Water bottles are still strongly encouraged.

WA Student Assistance Payment

Get ready to claim the WA Student Assistance Payment.

The ServiceWA app is the fastest and most convenient way to claim the payment.

Download the latest version of the ServiceWA app and log in with your Digital Identity (myGovID) so you're ready to apply for the offer from 15 April 2024.

Apple Store: <https://apps.apple.com/au/app/servicewa/id1599181775>

Google Play: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.wa.digital.service.mobile.servicewa.citizen>

For app support, head to WA.gov.au/servicewaapp

For more information on the payment, including eligibility criteria, visit education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Behaviour Management – School Rules

At St John's School, we have four school rules:

- Follow Directions
- Respect Others
- Respect Property
- Think Safely

These rules apply in and out of the classroom. Students who follow the rules are positively acknowledged through a variety of means. Students who disregard the rules are reminded of the expectation with continued instances dealt with accordingly.

I thank the students who follow these rules on a regular basis, providing a safe and harmonious environment, conducive to learning.

Feedback

At St John's School, we continually strive to do what is in the best interests of the students entrusted to our care. We aim to ensure that our thoughts, words and actions reflect the best intentions. As humans, sometimes, we get things wrong and we appreciate parents/carers bringing the matter to our attention and being open to discussing the manner that is calm, confidential and geared towards a problem solving approach. We welcome the opportunity to work through concerns in the early stages rather than when it has escalated.

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,
Thursdays - Pre Primary, Year 3, Year 4,
Year 5 & Year 6

Welcome back to the Library. A friendly reminder to return overdue books that were borrowed over the holidays. During Term 2 we will be participating in WAYRBA and NSS.

'READING: Your Passport to Adventure'

During Week 3, students have been borrowing books from the WAYRBA collection.

Inside these books I have placed some voting slips for the students to fill out and vote on what they thought about the books. Can you please assist your child/children with the voting slips if they have selected one of these books?

On their next visit to the Library, the voting slips can be placed in the ballot box directly next to the books on display.



On Wednesday 21st May we are looking forward to sharing the 'Bowerbird Blues' the book chosen for National Simultaneous Storytime.

Thank you to those students and families who have followed up any overdue books and returned them to the Library. Please contact the Library or your classroom teacher if you cannot locate the missing book. The Library Management System allocates a cover image of the book to the overdue reminder slip making it easier for students to identify the books they have borrowed.

We are open to and appreciate all forms of feedback. All parents/carers can provide feedback via our school website. The home page has a tab titled Feedback where the user has the option to provide a compliment, offer a suggestion or make a complaint. All entries are forwarded to me and based on the feedback, the appropriate course of action can be taken.

Good News Story

Our Year Six Boys basketball team are the stars of this fortnight. Last Friday, they participated in the Geraldton Slam Series, winning all the games in their pool to make the grand final. The boys fought a very hard battle against Allendale Primary School, who proved to be a little too strong for our boys. I am incredibly proud of the way they played and conducted themselves on and off the court.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Four Class will be leading the school community in a Prayer Assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sacrament of First Eucharist

A reminder that the Sacrament of First Eucharist will take place on **Saturday 15 June at 3.00pm at St Lawrence's Church**. All children who are participating in the Mass are asked to arrive 30 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.

We pray for the Year Four students as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ.

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 2024 'Step Up'

Communio Week 2024 has, yet again, been a great success story at St John's School. The theme for this year's Communio Appeal was 'Step Up' which was beautifully highlighted during the Communio Prayer Assembly led by students on 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

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 10 June

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Term Two P&F Events

- Canteen Day - Butter Chicken - Monday 17 June
- Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser - more information to come



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.

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)

Miss Tessa Venturini

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Assembly

The next School Assembly is scheduled during Week 6 on **Thursday 23rd May** at 2:20pm. We look forward to the Year One Class presenting their Assembly item. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

National Simultaneous Storytime

This year's National Simultaneous Storytime will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May**. The book chosen for this year is titled 'Bowerbird Blues', written by Aura Parker. The story stars a beautiful bowerbird on the search for anything blue! It is a moving story of longing and connection, that unfolds as the bowerbird's search sends him sparing across the sea, sky and city. He swoops and snatches vibrant treasures for his collection, and soon his bower – a mix of natural and unnatural objects – attracts something greater and more fulfilling than he could ever have imagined. Students will have the opportunity to listen to the story and participate in related activities.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place on **Wednesday 5th June**. Students are requested to wear their full School Uniform instead of their Sports 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 will be sent home as soon as they are available. I will advise, via Seesaw, when these arrive and are sent home. If you do not receive one, please notify the school as soon as possible.

You will be able to order the school photographs online at www.msp.com.au 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. We will send out a Seesaw notification when these have arrived. Online ordering is not available for family photos. Family photos will be taken between 8:15am and 9:00am on Wednesday 5th June, in the Indonesian Room.

Administration News

Swimming Lessons

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

Public Holiday

A reminder that **Monday 3rd June** is a Public Holiday. School will resume for students and staff on Tuesday 4th June.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



**Fundraising Movie Screening to support Guor and Akot Village in South Sudan
3:30 pm on Sunday 26th May at Orana Cinema**

"The Way, My Way" film is a charming and captivating true story of a stubborn and amusingly self-centred Australian man who decides to walk the famous Comino de Santiago pilgrimage route through Spain. It is an inspiring story of determination, perseverance, self-realisation and connection.

Cost: 1 Adult ticket \$25 1 Pensioner/Student Ticket \$20

Plus free drink (Water, Juice or Cool drink) and complimentary small popcorn

Tickets available from Monsignor Hawes Heritage Centre (near St Francis Xavier Cathedral) or phone 0438804191.



NETBALL - Round 2

Saturday 18th May



TEAMS

TIME

COURT

A Yellow Group 2	St John's V Geraldton Primary School	10.30am	Stadium
Go Blue	St John's has a Bye		
Set Blue	St John's V St Lawrence Black	09.15am	7

HOW DO SCHOOLS AND PARENTS COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER?



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AUSTRALIA

has extended an invitation to 46 schools across Australia including **St John's School** to be involved in a research project to hear the voices of parents and school staff about:

How to build and maintain effective School-Parent Communication

A research team will visit **St John's School** on **Tuesday 28 May** to conduct one-on-one interviews and focus groups.

Want to be involved?

Contact Melissa Marquis for more details.

melissa.marquis@cewa.edu.au



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10am – 12pm

Bunnings Warehouse Geraldton

Contact Sarah geraldton@bunnings.com.au

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TACKLING THE WORRY MONSTER

Understanding Childhood Anxiety

This session explores anxiety & what is happening in the brain & the body. Participants will gain an understanding of anxiety, behaviours, & practical ways & strategies to support.

Suitable for parents, carers, educators or for anyone that works with children or young people.

**VENUE - KIDS HUB NATURESCAPE, 470
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Enquiries - kate@fosteryourmind.com.au
Phone - 0407 024 051

**PRESENTED BY:
KATE FOSTER - COUNSELLOR**

Date - Monday,
20th of May
Time - 6:15pm
7:45pm

Cost - \$36.50

St Lawrence's Church Garage Sale

We are asking for donations please of items you have found no further use for although still in good condition, a treasure for another

Items such as:

Tools, kitchenware, plates, mugs, cutlery, cooking utensils, jewellery,
pot plants, garden items,
push bikes, toys, balls and soft toys and etc.

Unfortunately, we can't accept electrical, mechanical and clothing items and books.

To help further have your donation SALE READY as this adds GREAT value to your donation.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS

**Money raised goes towards Annual Maintenance and
General Running Costs of St Lawrence's Church.**

Please deliver your donations

Saturday 18 May

between

11:00 am and 2:00 pm to

Undercover area at St Lawrence's School

The Garage Sale is on Sunday 19 May 8:30 am to 1:30 pm

St Lawrence's School undercover area

A good cuppa is available with homemade scones, cake and savory.

DONATIONS are also required please for our raffles which raise a lot of money. A gift or a small money donation is greatly appreciated. **THANK YOU!**

VOLUNTEERS to help please for a few hours on Saturday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm and Sunday between 8:15 am and 2:30 pm. A rewarding experience and fun.

If you can help or need further information, please contact
Rosemary 0428 215147 and Jane 0427 273729

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