



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 3 WEEK 5**

**15 August 2024**

## Principal's Notes

### Faction Athletics Carnival

One sleep to go! Tomorrow is a very exciting day for the students in Years One to Six. We look forward to the fun commencing at 10:30am at the Little Athletics Track behind the Aquarena. Please also refer to the flyer on page five of this Newsletter.

In order to make the day run as smoothly as possible, parents/carers are asked not to visit the students in the bays. Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day before coming to school. Your child/ren will be able to come and sit with you at lunchtime. Thank you for your understanding in relation to this request.

### URSTRONG Friendology

Hopefully by now, you would have seen some of the information that has been shared on Seesaw about URSTRONG Friendology. The Friendology curriculum is designed as a framework to support a whole school friendship strategy. It provides students with consistent language and strategies. Friendology helps staff to create a school culture that promotes positive mental health, wellbeing and kindness through the lens of friendship. Please stay tuned for information in relation to how parents can access resources to further support your understanding and conversation with your children at home.

### P&F/Social Ministry Disco

The Disco on Friday 2 August was an absolute blast and a fun time had by all. The students, and staff, danced the night away to the tunes chosen by the students. A very special thank you to the St John's School P&F, the Social Ministry, Mrs C and the attending staff for everything that was organised to ensure a great event. The glow sticks were very popular.

### SUPER Library

The SUPER Library has been back up and running now for two weeks and everyone is very excited to be back in the new old Library, especially Mrs Connolly. Whilst some space was taken from the Library as part of the upgrade to the Administration Building, it definitely does not feel smaller with the painting of the walls and current furniture arrangement. The students have loved visiting the Library and have commented on how many books there are in comparison to the Mobile Library.

I sincerely thank Mrs Connolly for all the work she has put into setting up the Library for the students. Many hours have been spent dusting, shelving, moving furniture, culling and organising and it looks truly fabulous. You are a Super Library Technician, Mrs Connolly. I would also like to thank the staff and students for their patience over the last three terms as you have navigated a Mobile Library, smaller book selection.

### Berry Street Education Model

This year, St John's School has joined other Catholic schools in the Geraldton Diocese to undertake training and implement the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM). BSEM is an educator-designed and evidence-led framework that empowers schools to create classrooms where every student is ready to learn and able to thrive. It is a holistic approach to education that helps everyone with proven strategies to help all students succeed.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Friday 16 August**  
Prayer Assembly  
Pre Primary - 8.45am

**St John's Athletics Carnival**

**Monday 19 August**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Tuesday 20 August**  
Bookweek Commences

**Wednesday 21 August**  
Prayer Assembly  
Year 6 - 8:45am

**Thursday 22 August**  
Assembly - Pre Primary  
2.20pm - Hall

**Friday 23 August**  
Prayer Assembly  
Year 5 - 8:45am

**Monday 26 August**  
Confirmation Retreat

*enjoy every day of your life*

Schools that have applied the Berry Street Education Model have seen:

- improved student wellbeing and engagement to bolster positive behaviour
- better supported students who experience diverse and complex learning challenges
- increased teacher wellbeing, ensuring all staff feel equipped to deal with the diversity of student needs

More information will be provided to parents/carers in future newsletters.

### Good News Story

The Year Five Class are the stars of the Good News Story for this week. The garden they planted on the retaining wall behind their classroom is in full bloom thanks to their efforts under the guidance of Mrs C. Over the course of the year, they have continued to tend to the garden, including the removal of weeds. Not only is the garden a success in improving the aesthetics of the area, the plants have successfully held the soil in place despite the large amounts of rain we have had this Winter. Thank you, Year Fives!

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

### Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow morning, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Pre-Primary Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Week Six Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Year Five Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is invited.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 3rd September at 6.00pm at St Lawrence's Church**. Further information regarding this Mass will be sent out closer to the date.

The **Confirmation Retreat** for students will be held on **Monday, 26th August**. Further information regarding this day will be sent out closer to the date.

### Catholic Day

On **Monday 19 August**, St John's School will have their annual Catholic Day which will see the school closed. This day recognises the huge amount of extra work St John's School Staff put in to developing and nurturing the faith of our students throughout the year. I wish all the staff a restful and well-deserved break on Monday.

### Fruit of The Spirit - Faithfulness

This is the first week we focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness:

*'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see'.  
(Hebrews 11:1)*

How hard it can be to trust in something we cannot see. But it is within this space of hope where faithfulness bears its fruit. Let us look at life through eyes of faith and hope that's God's will be at play.

## 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

### Library News

Children's Book Week activities commence in the Library during lunchtimes on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Students can choose between making their own magical bookmark, I spy colouring activity, and reading and voting for their favourite CBCA shortlisted book.

Students have been enjoying their return to the Library and believe it or not, "there are too many books to choose from".

Our annual Book Fair will be here during Week 8 and 9 and students and parents will have time before and after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays to view and purchase books. The commission from the sale of the books goes directly into purchasing more library books for our students to enjoy.



# Religious Education

## Research Project: ABSENT FROM THE TABLE: Australian Catholics who do not regularly attend Sunday Mass

The National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, has developed a survey to investigate why some Australian Catholics do not attend Mass on a regular basis

The participants in this study are Catholics in Australia who do not attend Sunday Mass on a weekly basis. Regular weekly attendance at Sunday Mass is defined as physical attendance three or more times a month, including the Saturday vigil. The definition for this project does not include attendance at services held online nor Sunday Liturgies in the Absence of a Priest.

**This survey is for Catholics aged 18 years or older.**

This is an opportunity for you to make known your experiences to the bishops, priests, parish communities and to a wider audience including schools and agencies of the Church. The important information gathered from this survey will be used to lay a strong research foundation to support further pastoral action in this area.

**The survey is anonymous and confidential.** You will not be asked to provide your name, location or any other identifiable details. Your involvement in this project is entirely voluntary but your time would be greatly appreciated. The survey could take around 10 minutes, but there are a few questions which allow you to provide unlimited additional comments. A report of the aggregated results will be written and published in some form, but no individuals can be identified in any way.

## Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Administration News

## Jumps and Throws

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the Faction Jumps and Throws on Monday. It was wonderful to see the students' sportsmanship and talents shine! Thank you to Mr Matthews and Mr Antonovich for the work that went into preparing and facilitating the running of the day, it was a very successful event.

## Athletics Carnival

We are now looking forward to the Faction Athletics Carnival on Friday! The events will commence at 10:30am at the Geraldton Little Athletics Centre, Eighth Street, Wonthella. The children will be transported to the carnival by bus and will return to the school via bus at the conclusion of the carnival. Parents may take their children home from the carnival at the conclusion of the days events and must see their child's teacher to sign them out before leaving the Athletics Centre.

All students must wear their sports uniform with faction coloured shirt, hat and sunscreen. Children are permitted to colour their hair, although this must be done at home, not at school or at the carnival. Students need to have a water bottle and lunch if they have not ordered from the school canteen.

## P&F News

[pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au](mailto:pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au)

### P&F Committee

### Meeting Dates

#### Term 3

Monday 2 September

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

Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

It would be fitting to say that the St John's School Community loves Krispy Kreme donuts! We have been inundated with orders...thank you!

The P&F are in the process of collating all the orders to submit for processing. We may need to organise a bigger truck! Please stay tuned for delivery details.



# Administration News

## School Athletics Dates

There are still many Athletics events to come this term, please mark the following important dates in your calendars:

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August:** School Faction Athletics Carnival (all students Year 1-6)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** Kindy and Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** Interschool Cross Country (selected students only)

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September:** Interschool Jumps and Throws (selected students only)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September:** Interschool Athletics Carnival (selected students only)

## PLP Meetings

PLP meetings have been held over the past two weeks. We thank all families who have taken the time to meet with their child's teachers to review their progress and set goals for the remainder of the year. If you were unable to attend a meeting over the past two weeks, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

## Book Week

We will celebrate Children's Book Week in Week 6. This year's theme is 'Reading is Magic' and our much loved book parade will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. We look forward to seeing the magic of literature come alive in the students' costumes! The parade will begin at 9:00am in the school hall and we welcome all families to attend.

## Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 2:20pm, with our Pre-Primary students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the assembly in the school hall.

## Father's Day DUGS – Kindy

On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**, the Kindy class invites all Dads, Uncles, Grandads and other special guests to attend their Kindy 'DUGS' Afternoon from 2-3pm. The Kindy students look forward to showing how much they treasure this special person in their life!

## High Heroes – Years 4-6

On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**, the students in Years 4-6 will participate in a free school-based wellbeing workshop, run by Zero2Hero. These sessions will focus on the different types of resilience and how to develop our own.

## Mrs Sarah D'Mello

### ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

### CAR BOOT SALE – ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANGEWAY – SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024 - 9:00AM start

Please help support our fundraising ....A car boot sale is planned to help raise some funds towards the cost of the repairs of the church ceiling.

Come along and pay a bay fee of \$20 per car per bay to set up your stall.

Everyone is welcome to St John's Church, carpark to buy some items or to sell your wares.

Please note: All items on sale are the responsibility of the seller. No food sales in the carpark.

Tea and coffee and cakes will be on sale in the Parish Family room on the day. Conditions as per the registration form.



Bring your car with wares to sell, please contact Sis: 9921 4634 or Kaye: 0437 488 589 or Amy 0419 216 621 for further details



# St John's School Athletics Carnival

## Friday 16th August 2024

Carnival Start Time 10.30am



Time	
10.30 - 11.30	Leaderball 200 metres Years 1-4 Sprints (50 and 75 metres)
11.30 - 12.30	Passball Leaderbag Flag Relays 800 metres
12.30 - 1.00	Lunch
1.00 - 1.30	Years 3-6 Sprints (75 and 100 metres)
1.30 - 2.00	Baton Relays
2.00 - 2.30	Presentations

### St John's Carnival

Our carnival has a participation focus and students will have the opportunity to participate in at least four events on the day.

- All times for the Athletics Carnival and lead up events are approximate times and they are subject to change.
- First Aid support can be found at the Announcer's desk.
- We welcome parents to watch all events, however we ask parents to please not enter the faction bays.
- Children are to remain in faction bays and are only allowed to go to their parents during the lunch break.

### Bay Supervisors

<b>Pelseart</b> Mrs Jaeger Miss Oliveri Ms Jones	<b>Abrolhos</b> Mrs D'Mello Miss Allen Miss Jones
<b>Hayes</b> Mrs Ruiz Miss Causer Mr Anderson	<b>Batavia</b> Miss Gronow Mr Wright



**"It is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all."**





# PDA PARTNERS

## Promoting Positive Partnerships

Workshop by Jasmine Yardley,  
Psychsense Therapeutic Services



## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

### Embracing Neurodiversity & Understanding PDA

- Explore PDA as a natural variation within the autism spectrum, rather than a disorder.
- Recognize the diversity of experiences and strengths of individuals with PDA.
- Appreciate the unique ways in which PDA individuals perceive and interact with the world.

### Recognising & Respecting Individual Differences

- Identify the wide range of behaviors and traits associated with PDA, acknowledging that each individual is unique.
- Understand the personal and contextual factors that may influence demand avoidance behaviors.
- Emphasize respect for individuals' autonomy and self-determination.

### Promoting Positive Communication & Collaboration

- Practice neurodiversity-affirming communication techniques that validate and respect individuals' experiences.
- Utilize person-centered approaches that prioritize collaboration and mutual understanding.
- Incorporate the voices and preferences of individuals with PDA in all aspects of communication and support.

**REGISTER  
YOUR  
INTEREST  
NOW!**



**11TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

**10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**LOCATION - TBA**

**CONTACT US!**



**9924 6941**



**ADMIN@PSYCHSENSEWA.COM**





## OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE SERVICES

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE



- For children aged 4 - 12 years old
- Before and after school care from 6.30am - 5.30pm
- Free transport to and from all schools across Geraldton
  - School Holiday Program including excursions
- Nutritious meals provided - Morning/afternoon tea and lunch
  - OSHC Services located at Geraldton Primary School,

Geraldton's leading early education provider! Operating for over 50 years.

St Francis Xavier Primary School, Geraldton Grammar School, Mount Tarcoola Primary School and Beachlands Primary School

### HOMESCHOOLING

GERALDTON'S BEST VALUE FOR MONEY!

Educators are available to help support your child with homework after school to a satisfactory level, taking the pressure off families and parents



### TUTORING



Bambi offers a tutoring service for maths and literacy in small groups with our Australian Tutoring Association (ATA) accredited teacher. These sessions are tailored to your child's individual requirements and abilities and are for children in Years 1 - 6.

NO HIDDEN FEES OR CHARGES!

To enrol please contact our Commercial Officer on the contacts below and have your child's birth certificate, immunisation records and your Centrelink Child Care Subsidy claim details and we can assist you with the rest.

Bambi is able to offer "Early Education Services" tailored to your needs upon individual request.

Unit 3, 201 Foreshore Drive, Geraldton, WA 6530  
E: [commercial@bambichildcare.com.au](mailto:commercial@bambichildcare.com.au)  
W: [bambichildcare.com.au](http://bambichildcare.com.au)

Point Of Contact  
Commercial Officer - Jaimee Alger  
(08) 9960 7914





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# FINDING NEMO



# JR.

14 SEPTEMBER  
2 & 7 PM

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Paula Wilkinson  
**Supported by**  
Pat Miles



**CWYT**  
Reach for the Stars



Tickets Available at <https://qpt.cgg.wa.gov.au/>



Book, Music & Lyrics by: Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez  
Book Adapted by: Lindsay Anderson  
Music and Orchestrations Adapted and Arranged by: Myrna Conn

Based on the 2003 Disney / Pixar film Finding Nemo written by Andrew Stanton, Bob Peterson, David Reynolds and directed by Andrew Stanton





## Keeping Kids In Mind

A FREE 5-session parenting program for parents and carers with children post-separation

If you are a parent that has separated and would like some tools to help, make co-parenting easier, this program is for you! Only one parent from each family can attend the program at a time. This program will cover:

- Loss and grief after separation
- The hidden world of children
- Rebuilding resilience
- Bridging the gap
- Looking back, moving forward

**TWO GROUPS AVAILABLE!**

Creche available morning sessions.

Bookings essential, as is attendance at all 5 sessions.

T: 08 9921 4477 | E: [Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au](mailto:Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au)

Group 1: 9:30 - 11:30am  
5 Aug - 2 Sep 2024  
Group 2: Tuesday 6 - 8pm  
13 Aug - 9 Sep 2024  
Where: Geraldton Family Relationships Centre  
116 Durlacher Street



## Demystifying Autism

An information session about all things autism  
Facilitated by Amy Seear & Kate Foster

Join us for a FREE information session about Autism:

- Autism facts & stats
- How autism presents in children and teens
- Getting a diagnosis and intervention options
- Strategies to help support families touched by autism

Q & A and morning tea.

Suitable for parents and carers.  
Creche provided.

When: 9:15 - 11:15am  
Friday, 6 Sep 2024  
Where: Naturescape,  
470 Chapman Road,  
Geraldton

Bookings essential.

T: 9921 4477 E: [Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au](mailto:Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au)



## Tuning in to Kids

A FREE 6-week program for parents & carers of children 3 - 12 yrs.

This 6-week program teaches parents emotion coaching skills to recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions in an accepting, supportive way. This approach helps children to understand and manage their emotions.

Would you like to learn how to:

- Communicate with your child more effectively
- Understand your child better
- Prevent behavioural problems in your child
- Help your child to manage their emotions
- Teach your child to deal with conflict

When: 9:30am - 11:30am,  
Every Wednesday starting  
24 July - 28 August 2024  
Where: Child and Parent Centre -  
Rangeway, Entrance on Hovea  
Street

Creche available.

Booking is essential, as is commitment to attend all 6 sessions.

T: 9921 4477 E: [Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au](mailto:Midwest.PCWA@ngala.com.au)



## Geraldton Children's Storybook Launch Invite

To celebrate National Child Protection Week 2024, Child Focused Safety Services in partnership with Desert Blue Connect, WA Police and Ngala, invite you to attend the Geraldton Story Book Launch, titled, 'Keeping Kids Safe in Geraldton', written by Andrea Musulin.

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024  
**Time:** 9.30am - 11am  
**Location:** Ngala Geraldton - 24-28 Gregory St.  
Geraldton WA, 6530

Official launch followed  
by morning tea

**RSVP:** [admin@cfss.org.au](mailto:admin@cfss.org.au)  
by 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024



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