



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 9
12 September 2024

Principal's Notes

End of Term and School Holidays

A reminder that Thursday 19 September is the final day of Term Three for the students. Friday 20 September is a Pupil Free Day as the staff participate in their annual Staff Retreat Day.

I would like to wish all families a wonderful holiday. May you all have opportunities for adventure, connection and recharging.

Monday 7 October is a Pupil Free Day with staff undertaking various forms of professional development. Students from Kindy to Year Six commence Term Four on Tuesday 8 October.

Interschool Cross Country

Congratulations to all our runners from last Friday's Interschool Cross Country event. We had three students who placed in the top four of their respective race – Jack R, Stella and Jett. Mrs Laura Lang and I have spoken about how fantastically behaved our students were, cheering on other athletes and giving 100% to the event.

The final results can be found on page five of this newsletter.

Staffing News

I would like to advise the St John's School Community that Mr Tim Wood, Groundsman, has resigned from his position at St John's School. I wish Tim all the best for the future and thank him for his ten years of service to St John's School.

The Grounds position will be advertised in the near future.

Spelling Bee Competition

On Monday 2 September, we hosted the 2024 Class Spelling Bee Competitions. Congratulations to the following students for making it through to the School Spelling Bee Competition which will be held on Monday 16 September at 9:15am in the School Hall:

Year Three	Dex, Elianah, Isabelle, Xavier (Reserves – Scarlett & Riley)
Year Four	Lila M, Isla, Ariannah, Kaitlyn (Reserves – Georgia & Ashley)
Year Five	Halle, Mitchell P, Heidi, Alexis (Reserves – Loata & Roman)
Year Six	Max, Cheyne, Isaac G, Yane (Reserves – Elizabeth & Darci)

We are all very proud of you and your ability to spell difficult words in competition circumstances. Good luck for Monday!

Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all the parents and carers for your understanding in relation to the decision to cancel last week's Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival. Whilst it did not rain during the scheduled carnival time, it was very windy and unpleasant. The Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled to Thursday 17 October.

Good News Story

Over the past two weeks, I have been very lucky to have lots of students come and see me to show me their great work. The work has been for Writing, HASS, Indonesian, Maths and Religion. I am very proud of these students and appreciate your efforts to complete your learning to the best of your ability.

Mrs Melissa Marquis - PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 13 September
Staff Prayer Assembly - 8.45am

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Monday 16 September
Winter Sports Presentation - 8:45am

School Spelling Bee - 9:15am

P&F Canteen Day - Pasta

Thursday 19 September
End of Term Mass- 9.00am

Last day for Students

Friday 20 September
PIPIL FREE DAY - Staff Retreat

Monday 7 October
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 8 October
STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM FOUR

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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

Whole School Mass

Next Friday 19th September, the Year Five Class will be leading the school community in an end of term Mass. This celebration will take place in the St John's Hall at 9.00am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Tuesday, select students from the Year Six Class celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. All students who attended, represented themselves, their families and St John's School in the most reverent manner. The Holy Spirit was most certainly present as a helper and a guide on this special morning of celebration.

A special thank you must be given to Bishop Michael and Father Robert for presiding over the Mass and for their spiritual guidance and wisdom during the candidate's preparation. To the St John's Parish Community, thank you for your special prayers for the Confirmation candidates. Lastly, thank you to Mrs Carolyn Jaeger and all St John's School Staff for their support prior, their presence during and their efforts post the celebration.

Socktober – Wednesday 9th October

Socktober invites students to engage with developing world issues through understanding what 'Sock it to Poverty' means. Socktober 2024 for Mission Month cultivates the passion of students to rise up, engage their local community, and take action against poverty through the world game of soccer. It provides young people in Australia with the opportunity to lead in mission, encouraging them to think not only of what they will do to help, but why they will do it.

This year we are raising awareness and funds for the Caring Center in Mongolia. The Caring Center provides a home for Otgonbayar and his friends who have no where else to call home. On **Wednesday 9th October**, students can wear crazy socks to school for a gold coin donation.

The students are invited to also wear free dress on this day, providing they wear correct, enclosed footwear and clothing which is sun smart.

Fruit of The Spirit - Faithfulness

The St John's School Community continues to focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness.

Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

(Matthew 8:24-25)

The disciples were very much apparent of Jesus' miraculous ways having spent a lot of time with him and been witness to many of His miracles. Yet, the Bible has countless stories of the disciples' wavering faith, even up to, and after, Jesus' resurrection. As humans, having unwavering faith is difficult as we are flooded with numerous tragedies and challenges daily.

The story of Jesus calming the storm concludes with Jesus, yet again, performing a miracle of settling the storm and reassuring his disciples to have faith that He will not abandon them.

Happy Holidays

I wish all the St John's School Community a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Library News

Library books are kept for one week and then returned to school. A Library Bag is required to borrow books.

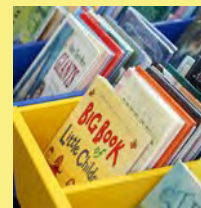
Library Days

Wednesdays - Year 1 & Year 2

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

Library News

BOOK FAIR - Thank you to the staff, students and families for supporting the Book Fair. I look forward to purchasing new books to add to the library collections. The Book Fair has been an enormous success. The final day for the Book Fair will be Friday 13th September.



CARING FOR LIBRARY BOOKS - Please inform Mrs Connolly or your teacher if you have lost or damaged your book.

Some of our favourite books that have been well read do need repairs at some stage.

I really appreciate students letting me know if a page is torn or the spine needs reinforcing.



BIG SKY Readers and Writers Festival

Please check out the programme for this festival that is held in Geraldton. Lots of fun and interesting things to do for all ages.

<https://library.cgg.wa.gov.au/big-sky-2024-programme.aspx>

Administration News

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who have shown great sportsmanship whilst competing in the Interschool Cross Country and Jumps and Throws events over the past week. The final Interschool Athletics Carnival event is being held tomorrow and we wish all of our competitors the very best!

Assembly

Thank you to the Choir who presented a wonderful assembly item today! Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 24th October at 2:20pm, with our Year 2 students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the assembly in the school hall.

Winter Sports Presentation

On Monday 16th September, we will be holding a presentation for the Winter Sports Program. This will be held at 8:45am in the School Hall. Families are welcome to join us for the presentations which will be celebrating the participants, as well as the volunteers as without them, we would not be able to offer the program.

School Holidays

The final day of Term Three for students is Thursday 19th September. Staff will be participating in Professional Learning on Friday 20th September. Term Four commences for staff on Monday 7th October with Professional Learning. Students commence Term Four on Tuesday 8th October.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Term 3

Monday 14 October

Monday 4 November

Tuesday 19 November

(Annual Community Meeting)

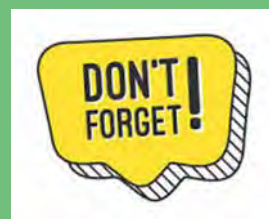
All meetings are held at 6:00pm in the Meeting Room.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Canteen Day

Monday 16 September

Pasta Day



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

A very big thank you to everyone who ordered Krispy Kreme donuts. Approximately 4 000 donuts were delivered, sorted and distributed thanks to Amy T, Kellie B and Lisa H. Our initial fundraising amount is approximately \$4 000 which is absolutely amazing!

Our gratitude is extended to Amy T who co-ordinated this very successful fundraiser.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Place	School
1	Mount Tarcoola Primary School
2	Geraldton Grammar School
3	St John's School
4	Geraldton Christian College
5	Bluff Point Primary School
6	Rangeway Primary School

Division	Competitors	Results
Intermediate Girls	Stella B Zarli W Ariannah L Evie M	2 nd 5 th 9 th 17 th
Intermediate Boys	Jack R Lachlan W Liam G Brodie M	1 st 9 th 10 th 11 th
Senior Girls	Heidi G Bianca L Billie W Sienna C	10 th 11 th 15 th 16 th
Senior Boys	Jett Darcy D Zavier S Max B	4 th 7 th 15 th 16 th



tarcoola park tennis club Primary Schools Challenge

The details:

- Open to all Midwest Primary Schools!
- Yr. 5 & 6 Students
 - Mixed Teams of 2 players
- 5-week competition
 - Cost = \$10 per person for the Season (5 weeks)
- Timed matches (time determined by number of teams registered)
 - Tiebreak serving rotation (each player serves 2 points then swap serving side)
 - Doubles only
 - Number of points won is your score for each match
 - Played over 8 full size Courts
 - 1 match per court per round
 - Number of matches each week determined by number of teams registered
- Friday afternoons
 - starting 18th October
 - 3:30-5:30pm
- Free sausage sizzle each week proudly donated by **Suncity Tennis Academy**

This is a 5 week commitment.

If you are unable to play one week please arrange a fill in.

Entries close Wednesday 16th October.

How to register:

School name: _____

Player Names: _____

Parent/Guardian names: _____

Mobile numbers: _____

Yes / No media consent: _____

Please send all registrations to:

✉ tennis@suncitytennisacademy.com.au

☎ 0409 485 117 (sms ok)



ARE YOU READY?

2 Day Camp

Unleash your talent! Join
our football clinic and
become the next big
signing.

Friday 13th September
4:00-6:00 PM

Sunday 15th 9:00 -
12:00 PM

Facebook MJ Soccer Academy
Instagram mjsocceracademy



Soccer player signs with
South American league.

\$199

ATTENTION GERALDTON!

Place : TBA

Training Camp

email mj.socceracademy10@gmail.com

Call 0449866503

CALLING FOR YOUNG ARTISTS STUDENTS FROM 6 TO 18 YEARS OLD

Trees, symbol of Strength, Hope and Resilience -art exhibition-

FROM 5 OF OCTOBER TO
NOVEMBER 4TH / 2024

THE 'GERALDTON TREE CANOPY ADVOCATES' ARE HOLDING THEIR
ANNUAL 'TREE APPRECIATION' ART EXHIBITION
AT THE GREENOUGH MUSEUM AND GARDENS

- THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR IS "TREES SYMBOL OF STRENGTH, HOPE AND RESILIENCE"
- THE CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO DRAW/PAINT A TREE THAT CAN SHOWS IT HAS SURVIVED CYCLONES, FLOODS, WINDS AND DROUGHT OVER TIME.
- HOW TREES ARE SYMBOLS OF LIFE AND STRENGTH, FACE AND OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES POSED BY WATER SCARCITY.
- ADDITIONALLY, PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR STUDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR CREATIVITY AND SHARE THEIR PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES."
- THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY (JUNIOR, SECONDARY, SPECIAL NEEDS).
- DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15

DETAILS AND ENTRANCE
FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED BY
EMAILING
TREEART@GMAIL.COM ,
TREE ART EK FACEBOOK PAGE
OR SCANING :



APPLICATION FORM:



School Holiday Tennis & Multi Sport Program Geraldton Tennis Centre

Monday-Friday 30 Sept - 4 Oct 2024
9-9:45am - \$15 / day OR \$50 / 5 days (3-6yrs)
10-1pm - \$40 / day OR \$145 / 5 days (6-16yrs)
Bring your own morning tea for half day

Contact Natalie 0413 345 657 or register at
<https://play.tennis.com.au/dynamictenniscoaching>





**Fundraising Movie Screening to support Guor and Akot Village in South Sudan
3:30 pm on Sunday 22nd September at Orana Cinema**

This is the heartfelt and hilarious tale of eleven-year-old Annie Shearer and her best friend Runt, an adopted stray dog with remarkable abilities. In a bid to save their family farm, the two aspire to compete in a prestigious Dog Show in London, while overcoming hurdles, obstacles and villains.

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.

This 2024 survey is a follow up to a similar survey conducted by Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) in 2022, which was completed by 6,286 Australian Catholic school parents. The parent views and experiences shared through the 2022 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning, helped CSPA to advise the Australian Government, the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and State, Territory and Diocesan Catholic Education Offices on key issues concerning parents with children and/or young people in Australian Catholic Schools. The 2022 survey clearly identified the concerns that many parents/carers have for their children's wellbeing.

By completing the 2024 survey, you will be helping CSPA to continue reporting on existing and emerging affirmations/challenges, in relation to the wellbeing and learning of our school-aged children.

It is only by having your voice heard that you can make a difference and influence decisions. We have noticed that wellbeing is now high on the agenda for most of our school communities, for both staff and students and in many cases the wider community - this is a positive step forward for which we are most grateful.

To continue to inform the discussion please feel free to complete this current survey by clicking on the link or scanning the QR code.

2024 NATIONAL PARENT SURVEY

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**Catholic School Parents
AUSTRALIA**

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

Catholic School
Parents Australia
is listening.

Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) acknowledges the funding received from the Australian Government to support this work.

The CSPA 2024 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is seeking your perspective as parents/carers of children who attend a Catholic School in Australia.

You are invited to share your views on existing and emerging affirmations and/or challenges in relation to your child's wellbeing and learning. Please consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey.

Click on the survey link or scan the QR code for more information about the study, how to participate, and how to have questions answered.

Survey link

Scan QR code above for Parent Survey

thrive



SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

BOOK NOW



Join Black Swan State Theatre Company and Healthway for a week of dynamic activities these school holidays with our Thrive Workshops!

Students will explore drama, writing, and devising in this enriching program designed to nurture artistic expression, build confidence, and support overall well-being. Together, Healthway and Black Swan are committed to enhancing mental health through social and emotional well-being practices.

No experience is required.

DATES

Monday 30 September – Friday 4 October

TIMES

AGES 8-12 9.00am – 12.00pm

AGES 13-17 1.00pm – 4.00pm

VENUE

Queens Park Theatre
75 Cathedral Avenue, Geraldton

COST

\$75 for the week (per age group)

This highly subsidised rate is possible thanks to the support of Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, and Healthway.



SAVE 10% WHEN YOU BOOK 2 OR MORE SPOTS IN OUR PROGRAM!

For further information please contact
learn@blackswantheatre.com.au
or call (08) 6212 9320



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