



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 4 WEEK 1
10 October 2024

Principal's Notes

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families for Term Four. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the busyness of Term Four. I am looking forward to the Year Six Camp next week.

Staff Retreat

On Friday 20 September, the last day of Term Four, the Staff participated in our annual Staff Retreat. Religious knowledge and faith are the two aspects of the Staff Retreat, which is held every year. This year, our focus was on the Charism of the Presentation Sisters, the founders of St John's School. Over the course of the day, we engaged in learning related to Nano Nagle, the Charism of the Presentation Sisters, Sister Raphael, the first principal of St John's School, Sister Flora, a Presentation Sister currently living in Geraldton and how all of this links in with the work we do at St John's School. I thank Mrs Laura Lang for facilitating all aspects of the Retreat and to all staff for participating with enthusiasm and grace.

Annual Community Meeting (ACM) – Save the Date

Please pencil Tuesday 19 November into your diary as the date for the St John's School Annual Community Meeting. At this meeting, the School Advisory Council and P&F will conduct their respecting ACMs, including elections to both bodies and the presentation of the 2025 School Budget. I will also present my Principal's Report. A light supper and drinks will be provided. We hope to have your support.

School Advisory Council and P&F

The St John's School Advisory Council and P&F both have positions vacant for the 2025 school year. These two parent bodies work with various stakeholders in the school community, in the best interests of the students. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions, please see pages five and six in the newsletter. Any queries can be discussed with me or an existing member of the School Advisory Council or P&F.

Wheelchair for Kids Fundraiser

I am very pleased to advise that St John's School raised \$240 for Wheelchair for Kids from yesterday's pyjama free dress day. St John's School has a long standing relationship with Wheelchair for Kids which is run solely by volunteers who make wheelchairs for children all around the world.

On Friday 18 October, the last day of the Year Six Camp, the Year Six Class will call into the Wheelchair for Kids factory, have a tour and present the cheque from today's fundraiser. This camp activity is part of the schedule, helping the students to fully understand, after a week of fun on camp, there are children in the world who will never have the same opportunities. It helps to foster further understanding and appreciation.

If you wish to know more about Wheelchair for Kids, please go to www.wheelchairforkids.org

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser.

Oval Fencing

In case you have not noticed, the fencing work on the school oval is complete and it looks fantastic. Our students can now play with 100% safety. I would like to thank Catholic Education Western Australia for their support with the installation of the fencing. The fence will make a massive difference to all those involved with St John's School.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 11 October
Prayer Assembly -
Year 3 - 8.45am

Monday 14 October
Year 6 Camp
Commences

Thursday 17 October
Kindy/PP Athletics
Carnival 9:15am

Friday 18 October
Prayer Assembly
Year 1 - 8.45am

Year 6 Camp Concludes

Monday 21 October
P&F Meeting - 6.00pm

Wednesday 23 October
Socktober - Free Dress
Crazy Sock Day

Thursday 24 October
Year 2 Assembly
2.20pm - Hall

Friday 25 October
Prayer Assembly
Year 6 - 8.45am

World Teachers' Day



Principal's Notes

Kindy/Pre Primary Athletics Carnival

I would like to wish all the Kindy and Pre Primary students the very best of luck for their Athletics Carnival next week. I look forward to seeing the photos and hearing all about all the fun when I return from camp. I thank the staff for all the work they have undertaken in preparing the students and the actual event itself. I appreciate the understanding of the parents with the rescheduling of the event from last term due to the weather. Fingers crossed for a mild day next week.

Year Six Camp

Four sleeps to go! Next Monday, the Year Six students depart for their camp in Perth. We will be bowling, touring, expanding our scientific, legal and historical knowledge, taking safe risks via the big swing, flying fox and the crate climb, just to outline a snippet of our upcoming Year Six Camp adventures. I know the students will represent St John's School extremely well. We will share all our camp stories when we return to school in Week Three.

Student Attendance

Education is recognised as a fundamental human right and an important building block in the development of children and society (United Nations, 1948). Attendance is not only a fundamental human right; it is also mandated by law. School attendance is strongly related to:

- increased academic development
- opportunities for the development of social competence and relationships
- an occasion to be in a language rich environment
- the provision of time to work with others
- the development of learning new skills such as problem-solving and persistence

Every day does count!

Good News Story

My Good News Story this fortnight relates to a young man in Year Six who showed impeccable manners on the first day back. Mrs Doglione and I asked him how his holidays were and then he proceeded to sincerely ask each of us how our holidays were. Delightful!

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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

The Week Two Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area. The Year One Class will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Socktober – Wednesday 23rd October

Socktober invites students to engage with developing world issues through understanding what 'Sock it to Poverty' means. On **Wednesday 23rd 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.

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

Welcome back to Term 4 in the Library. Let's have a look at what is coming up in the Library this term. Christmas will be here before we know it!

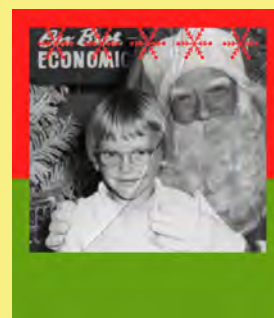
Lunchtimes in the Library

The Library is open during lunchtime for students to quietly read, complete a puzzle, or create a Christmas tree decoration. The Disney World of Wonder cards will be used to make the decorations. Thank you to the families and staff who donated their spare cards.

Christmas Display

If you have a Christmas photo that you would like to share and for it to be part of the Christmas display in the library, please send it via Seesaw or to my email below. It can be a photo of you in the snow! Maybe a photo of you wearing a Christmas hat! I look forward to seeing your fun festive photos.

Mrs Connolly
susan.connolly@cewa.edu.au



Religious Education

Fruit of the Spirit

For the following four weeks, St John's School Community will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Kindness.

Hint of the week: Care for others genuinely. At its most basic, kindness is about caring genuinely for others around you, wanting the best for them, and recognising in them the same wants, needs, aspirations, and even fears that you have too. Kindness is warm, resilient, patient, trusting, loyal, and grateful.

*She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26*

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term Four! It has been fantastic to see all of the students' smiles and excitement as we return for a very busy nine week term. I hope everyone had a happy holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Assembly

Our first assembly for Term Four 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.

Kindy & Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival

The Kindy & Pre-Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 17th October at 9:15am, on the top oval after being rescheduled due to bad weather last term. We look forward to seeing parents and carers attend and our students try their very best in all events!

Hats & Water Bottles

As we are heading into warmer weather, please be reminded that all students require a hat and water bottle at school each day. Water bottles can be refilled from the water fountains throughout the day as needed.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Term 4

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.

Events - Term 4

Thursday 21 November
St John's School Feast Day

Monday 2 December
P&F Canteen Day (Ice Cream Sundaes)

Administration News

2025 Student Booklists

The process for ordering student booklists has changed as we head towards the 2025 school year. The decision has been made that as a school we will go with a bulk ordering approach, rather than families having to order and supply individual booklists for students and bring them to school on the first day of the new school year. This decision has been made for multiple reasons and includes but is not limited to:

- reduce costs for families.
- to ensure that all students have the required materials.
- a long term approach toward improving our school sustainability.
- to allow resources to arrive and be organised prior to the start of the school year, allowing a smoother start to the first day for students, families and teachers.

Parents will continue to pay for student booklist requirements through the amenities fee, included in each child's school fees. If you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



St John's School

Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATION

There will be an opportunity for a member of the school community to serve on the School Advisory Council this year. Interested persons are requested to nominate themselves, seek nomination or nominate others to this important position in our school community.

FUNCTIONS OF THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The functions of the Advisory Council include working with the Principal on:

- support planning for the present and future operation of the Catholic school;
- provide membership, at the principal's request, on selection panels for the employment of staff to the Catholic school in accordance with the relevant CECWA Policies and Executive Directives;
- provide membership on the panel that recommends the appointment of a Principal in accordance with the relevant CECWA Policy and Executive Directives;
- in consultation with the Principal, communicate about the Catholic school and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the School Community;
- endorse the Catholic school's annual budget before submission to CECWA for approval; and
- advise the Principal on school financial matters such as performance against budget, sustainability, and capital and recurrent planning.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Membership of the School Advisory Council is based on:

- a commitment and desire to promote Catholic education and give service to the Catholic School Community;
- a commitment to the safety, wellbeing and pastoral care of all students and staff;
- an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with the Principal, school leadership team and all other members of the Advisory Council;
- the possession of skills, competencies and experience that are reflective of, relevant and beneficial to the Catholic School Community; and
- a sufficiency of time to devote to Advisory Council duties.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL 2025 SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL NOMINATION

I, _____, nominate _____ for a position on the School Advisory Council.

Signature

Date



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Rangeway, Geraldton

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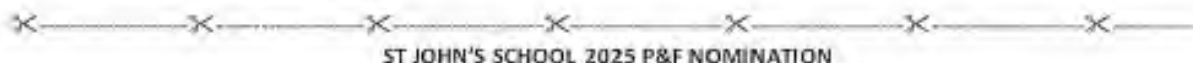
ST JOHN'S SCHOOL P&F NOMINATION

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The St John's School P&F endeavours to foster community and positive relationships by organising activities for the students and families. Secondly, the St John's School P&F enables families to support the students and school through fundraising initiatives so that resources and equipment, which may otherwise be unavailable, can be purchased.

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR THE P&F

- **It is for the children.** Once we have children our lives (and time) are never the same again. We are changed for the better and they are a driving force behind a lot of things we do. We might only get paid in hugs, kisses, and fridge artwork (less if you have a teen) but it is worth it in the end.
- **Fosters a sense of community.** It takes a village to raise a child and, in a world where we don't always live with our family close by, our village becomes more diverse and often school centred.
- **It is a great way to learn skills.** Getting involved with the P&F is a great way to start building skills if you have been out of the workforce for a while.
- **Friendraising, friendraising, friendraising.** It is a great way to get to know people outside of your child's classroom group and helps to build a school with a strong sense of community. A school with a strong sense of community is one that is caring and supportive and great to be a part of, a win-win!
- **Sharing the load.** It doesn't matter what time you can give to the P&F, it is still valuable and helps to share the load amongst the community – many hands make light work.
- **Give something back.** We never know what is around the corner and helping out when you can, contributes to the pool of helpers. This way, when someone needs help, there is plenty on offer, and you don't have to rely on the same people all the time.
- **Learn new skills and confidence.** There is usually help available if you are undertaking a position that is new to you. CSPWA can provide lots of help including online resources, access to the online induction or by organising a school visit from our very friendly Liaison Officer. Past members of the executive can also be a great source of information.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL 2025 P&F NOMINATION

I,, nominate, for a position on the P&F.

Signature

Date

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Term 4 2024 Program

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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 (5 weeks): 9:30am to 11:30am, 14 November

Solid Start (3 – 6 months)

Introduction of solids, healthy balanced diet, your baby's development, enjoying time with other new parents.

Thursday (one-off session): 9.30am to 11.30am,

7 November, 19 December

Please call CPC to register 99216814

Playgroup (0 – 5 years)

A casual catch-up for dads, mums and carers of babies from birth to 5 years. Bring your own hats, drinks and snacks.

Fridays: 9am to 11am (during school term)

Mondays

7 October to
9 December
9.30am to
11.30am

PlaygroupWA 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.

Wednesdays
16 October to
20 November
9.30am to
11.00am

PCWA Botanical Art Series (6 week program)
Join us for an opportunity to take some time for yourself – to be creative and explore different artforms with an emphasis on natural and recycled materials. These sessions will provide a safe space to discuss different parenting topics each week. Call 99214477 for bookings Crèche available.

Wednesdays
23 October &
27 November
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 join this monthly support group where grandcarers meet at the CPC Rangeway and Wanslea video link into the session.
Call 1800 794 909 for bookings.

Thursday
24 October
12.30pm to
2.30pm

WACHS Attention, Regulation & Concentration (5yr+)

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.

Thursday
31 October
9.30am to
11.30am

WACHS Sensory Processing Workshop (0-8yrs)

Develop an understanding of what sensory processing is, what it means, what it looks like to have additional sensory processing needs and what we can do to help.
Call 9921 6814 for bookings Crèche available.

Tuesday
12 November
9.30am to
11.30am

WACHS A Guide to Toilet Training (1.5-4 years)

Gain strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently and explore different problems commonly faced during toilet training with a Child Health Nurse. An Occupational Therapist will discuss ongoing toileting challenges that may already be happening.
Call 9921 6814 for bookings. Crèche available.

Tuesday
19 November
9.30am to
11.30am

WACHS Let's Talk Happy Mealtimes

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.

All programs, services and workshops are free. Registration for all programs, workshops, crèche and services is essential.

To register or for more information contact the Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway on 9921 6814, 0438 860 669 or rangeway@ngala.com.au

BIG SKY

Readers and Writers Festival
Power of Expression

KID'S SUNDAY FUNDAY

Sunday 13 October



Sweet Olive Coffee van onsite

Let's get CRAFTY and CREATIVE!

A morning of FUN and GAMES at the Library for all kids (big and Little), 9.30am - 12.30pm

Please note: We request that children are accompanied by an adult for all sessions.

Storyteller Extraordinaire

Times: 10.00am - 10.30am | 10.45am - 11.15am
| 11.30am - 12.00pm

Free. No bookings required.

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