



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 4 WEEK 3

24 October 2024

Principal's Notes

World Teachers' Day

Australia will celebrate the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day tomorrow, Friday 25 October. Our staff shows great dedication on a daily basis, all so they can give the students of St John's School every opportunity. Hats off to the staff this World Teachers' Day!

We are encouraging students, their families and the community to celebrate teachers. What does the staff mean to you?

Today, we had a coffee van at school, thanks to the St John's School P&F who shouted all staff a coffee to say thank you for everything they do. Tomorrow, the staff will also be treated with a delicious morning tea, lovingly prepared by the ladies of the P&F. This is a small token of appreciation for the staff who go above and beyond.

Road Safety – School Zone

A reminder to all parents/carers of the 40 km/hour zone around schools in the mornings and afternoons. Your co-operation to ensure that all students are kept safe is appreciated.

Year Six Camp – Thank You

The Year Six Class had the best time on Camp last week. The success of the week is attributed to the high level of organisation undertaken by Mrs Carolyn Jaeger. We are extremely appreciative of everything that Mrs Jaeger planned to ensure the students had the most magnificent time. A special thanks must also be given to Mr Caleb Antonovich and Mr Michael Wright for assisting on the camp over the course of the five days.

It is a massive undertaking for staff to attend and supervise a camp, being on duty twenty-four hours a day. I sincerely thank all attending staff members for giving up time from their loved ones in the best interests of the students. Their willingness to go above and beyond in truly appreciated.

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.

Whistleblower Protection Framework

The Whistleblower Protection Framework is designed to uphold CEWA's shared values arising from the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, co-responsibility and participation.

Further information about this Framework can be found on the St John's School website <https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/policies/>

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 25 October
Prayer Assembly -
Year 6 - 8.45am
World Teachers Day

Monday 28 October
Soccer Incursion
10:00am - 2:30pm

Wednesday 30 October
CBSH School Visit
Year 6 - 9:30am

Friday 1 November
Prayer Assembly
Year 2 - 8.45am - All
Saints Day

NCC Year 7-2025
Orientation

Monday 4 November
2025 Kindy Orientation
9:00am - 10:30am

P&F Meeting - 6:00pm

Wednesday 6 Nov
Dental Screening -
PP, 3 & 6

Friday 8 November
Prayer Assembly
Year 5 - 8.45am

Principal's Notes

Good News Story

The Year Six students are the stars of the fortnight. Their behaviour at camp was impeccable and we received lots of positive comments and compliments from the various vendors that we visited over the course of the week. I am very proud of the Year Six students.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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

The Week Four Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the School Hall, led by the Year Two Class with a focus on All Saints Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Socktober

Thank you to all the students who came along to school yesterday wearing and showing off their most crazy sock styles! We raised \$233.40. The funds will be gratefully received by Catholic Mission Australia to assist with their many projects tackling poverty across the globe.

All Saints' Day - Friday 1 November

On Friday 1 November, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of All Saints.

Did you know that there is a link between the Pagan celebration of Halloween and the Catholic celebration of All Saints' Day?

'Hallow' is a word that means 'Holy'. We even say it in the Our Father, 'hallowed be thy name'. We celebrate All Saints' Day on 1 November. This day can also be called 'All Hallows Day' because it's the day about all the Holy people, the Saints. The day before All Saints' Day is called 'All Hallows Eve', just like the day before Christmas is called 'Christmas Eve'. Over time, people just started saying 'Halloween' instead of 'All Hallows Eve'.

Unfortunately, people started dressing as ghosts and scary things on All Hallows Eve when they should have really been dressing as saints. I encourage all families to remind the children of the importance of All Saints' Day should you be celebrating Halloween this year.

The Year Two Class will be leading an 8.45am morning Prayer Assembly on Friday 1 November, in the School Hall, in celebration of All Saint's Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All Souls' Day - Saturday 2 November

All Souls' Day is a feast day in the Catholic liturgical calendar that falls on 2 November. The Catholic Church sets aside All Souls' Day to remember members of the faith who have died, especially those believed to be suffering in purgatory. Through prayers, masses, and almsgiving, the living pay tribute to the dead and hope to help them enter into heaven.

Prayer Assembly at 11:00am - Remembrance Day Prayer Service

On Monday 11 November, the school community will gather in prayer to commemorate Remembrance Day at 11:00am in the School Hall. The Year Four Class will lead this service and we thank them for taking on this responsibility. Families are welcome to attend. Let's we forget.

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.

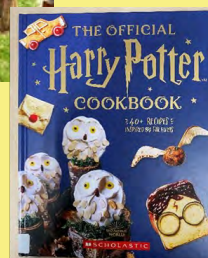
Library Days

Wednesdays - Year 1 & Year 2

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

Library News

Last week the students were greeted with a "WOW" factor Harry Potter display in the Library. It was wonderful seeing all their different facial expressions marveling at the construction of the buildings. Most of the buildings are on motorised turntables allowing the students to be able to peer inside the shops and houses. The display was gifted to the Library from the Bunbury Catholic College Library where I previously worked. The logistics of having it transported to Geraldton was easy..... inside a holiday maker's caravan! An addition to our display is the new Harry Potter cookbook purchased with the commission from the Book Fair!



The students have settled into our Super Library and can visit during lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Beanbags are out for a comfortable read. The Year Ones have been enjoying their time in the Library, relaxing and sharing books with each other.



Administration News

Assembly

Thank you to the Year 2 Class for a wonderful assembly item, taking us around the world! Our final school assembly for the year will be held on Thursday 14th November at 2:20pm, with our Choir students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the assembly in the School Hall.

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.

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.

2025 Kindy Orientation Day & Transition Visits

We are looking forward to meeting our newest St John's students for 2025 as they attend the Kindy Orientation Day and follow up Transition Visits. Please see the dates below which have been scheduled to support the transition of students as they commence Kindy next year.

Monday 4th November: Kindy Orientation, 9-10:30am

Monday 11th November: Kindy Transition Visit, 9:15-10:15am

Monday 18th November: Kindy Transition Visit, 9:15-10:15am

Monday 25th November: Kindy Transition Visit, 9:15-10:15am

End of Year Concerts

The following dates have been set for our end of year concerts.

Friday 29th November: Pre-Primary to Year 6 Concert, 5:30pm

Wednesday 4th December: Kindy Concert, 9:30am

More information regarding the concerts will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Year 6 Graduation

Please save the date for the Year 6 Graduation on **Wednesday 4th December at 5:30pm**. Location to be advised, and further details will be provided to parents and guardians in the coming weeks.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

P&F News

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P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Term 4

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)



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Rangeway, Geraldton

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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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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

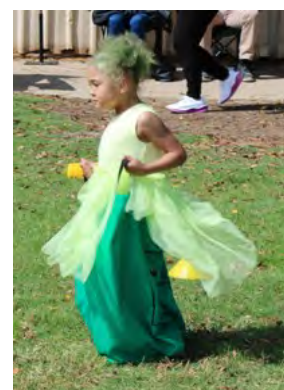
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