



# St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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**TERM 1 WEEK 3**  
21 February 2025

## Principal's Notes

### New Students

A very special welcome to our new students and families. It has been great getting to know you over the past couple of weeks. Please join me in welcoming:

Kindy	The whole class (names to be published next newsletter)
Pre Primary	Evie, Kingsley, Dashell
Year One	Olivia, Sahara
Year Two	Adriel, Prahiith, Sadie
Year Three	Ivy
Year Four	Kobe, Harper
Year Six	Dan

### Student Leaders

Recently, the Year Five and Six Class spent time undertaking various leadership activities on and offsite. The activities called the students to challenge themselves, grow as a team, learn about leadership and build community. Thank you to Mrs Carolyn Jaeger, Mrs Raechel Crocetta, Miss Lesley Jones and Miss Bridie Teakle for all the work they did in providing rich learning experiences for the students. The following students have been elected to leadership positions for the 2025 school year:

**Head Boy:** Mitchell P

**Head Girl:** Heidi

### Student Councillors

Mitchell B Heidi Karissa Billie Lakyrh Alexis Chantelle Ariannah Liam Jack R

I congratulate all the students and look forward to working with them over the course of the year.

### Faction Captains

Last week, the students from Years Four, Five and Six voted for the Faction Captains and Vice Captains. It is with great delight that I announce and congratulate the following students:

<b>Hayes</b> Captain - Jake Vice Captain - Mitchell B	<b>Batavia</b> Captain - Tessa Vice Captain - Logan	<b>Pelsaert</b> Captain - Billie Vice Captain - Lucy	<b>Abrolhos</b> Captain - Loata Vice Captain - Zavier S
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### Health and Physical Education (HPE)

All aspects of Health and Physical Education (HPE) in 2025 are being facilitated by Mr Caleb Antonovich (Mr A). This includes HPE lessons and all Carnivals.

Each week, Mr A will conduct a one hour HPE lesson with the students from Pre Primary to Year Six. This lesson may be focused on Health or Physical Education or both. This approach allows Mr A to plan accordingly for visiting coaches, incursions, weather and the required content to be covered.

Classroom Teachers will oversee Daily Fitness, a physical activity on Friday afternoons, teaching of the Keeping Safe Curriculum and Friendology.

Please be assured that the above format still meets the notational times for HPE as recommended by School Curriculum Standards Authority of two hours per week.

## Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

**Monday 24 February**  
P&F Meeting - 6.00pm

**Thursday 27 February**  
Assembly Year 5  
2.20pm - Hall

**Friday 28 February**  
Prayer Assembly  
EAs - 8.45am

**Monday 3 March**  
**LABOUR DAY**  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

**Wednesday 5 March**  
Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
- 9:00am

**First Reconciliation**  
Parent Child Meeting -  
St John's 3:15pm

**Friday 7 March**  
Prayer Assembly Yr 1 -  
8:45am

**Tuesday 11 March**  
PLP Meetings  
Commence

**Wednesday 12 March**  
PLP Meetings

**NAPLAN Commences -**  
**Years 3 & 5**

# Principal's Notes

## Child Safe Framework

The wellbeing and safety of all students is the highest priority for all Catholic schools, including St John's School. Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA) is committed to child safety and leading and supporting a child safe culture for all our schools, care centres and communities. All members of St John's School are encouraged and supported to make good decisions that always keep the best interests of the child or young person first.

The CEWA Child Safe Framework (CSF) is based on the latest research in child safety for institutions, is in support of best practice, and is consistent with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse recommendations. Parents/carers can learn more about the CSF on page five and six of the school newsletter or by visiting <https://childsafce.cewa.edu.au/>

## Census

Today, Friday 21 February is Census Day for St John's School and reporting to various bodies. It is vitally important that all students from Pre Primary to Year Six are at school tomorrow. If you son/daughter is absent, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet guidelines. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding so please ensure your child is at school on Friday 21 February.

## Good News Story

Congratulations to our stars for this fortnight, the Kindy Class. The children are adapting very well to life at school and are getting to know the routines of the classroom. It is wonderful to see them engage in their learning, with each other and the staff.

## Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

# Religious Education

## Prayer Assemblies

Week Four Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Education Assistants will be leading the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

## Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we once again focus on the Fruit of Love.

*'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'*

**John 13: 34-35**

In the delivery of this new commandment, Jesus completely went against the 'status quo' of the social structure of Palestine. In Jesus' time, people were basically identified by two social classes: the upper social class, who were considered worthy, important, and deserved the privileges that came their way, and the peasant social class, who were ostracised, not considered to be of any worth and received little to no privilege.

For the first time, Jesus created one group whose identifying factor was love. Love crossed over all barriers of social standing. Indeed, we learn later through Jesus' ministry, love should be given in abundance, particularly to those who are vulnerable and on the margins of society.

St John's School use the Fruit of the Spirit to guide our students to become faith-filled individuals, representing Catholic virtues in all that they do.

## Library News

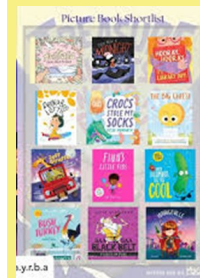
*Library books are kept for one week and then returned to school. A Library Bag is required to borrow books.*

## Library Days

**WEDNESDAY – PP, Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6**  
**THURSDAY – Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5**

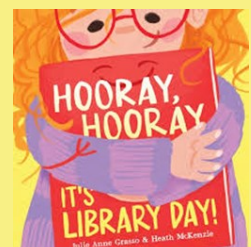
**"Treasure awaits inside a book"** - The Western Australian Young Readers' Book Award shortlist has been announced. This is an exciting time for readers at our school as the books on the shortlist have been selected by readers throughout WA.

St John's School Library will have books in their collection from the following categories – Picture Books, Younger Readers, and Middle Grade Readers. Some of the books on the shortlist are Australian authors and illustrators.



I'm looking forward to reading this book from the Picture Book shortlist when it arrives.

Thank you to the students who returned their library books this week. Students who would like to borrow their library book for another week, please place a Renew Book slip inside the book you wish to renew. You can find these slips in the book trolley.



# Religious Education

## Sacrament of First Reconciliation

As previously advised, our First Reconciliation candidates and their parent/carers will prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A note has gone home to all Year Three students with further information. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The final Commitment Mass for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be held in the St Francis Xavier Cathedral on the following date:

### **22 February Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm**

This is the last opportunity for students and parents to make their commitment to the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Mrs Marquis will be present at the Commitment Mass on Saturday night.

A Parent/Child First Reconciliation Meeting will be held at **St John's School, Year 3 Classroom on Wednesday 5 March, at 3.15pm.**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 1 April, at 9:00am in the St John's School Hall.** Family members are encouraged to attend.

## Sacrament of First Eucharist

Please note that the date for Sacrament of First Eucharist, for students in Year Four, has been changed to **Saturday 7 June.**

## Medical Updates and Health Considerations

It is extremely important that the school is aware of any medical conditions or other health considerations that your child/ren may have. If you are new to the school or aware of any new medical conditions or other health considerations that may have developed over the holidays, then **please come and collect the appropriate forms from the Office as soon as possible.**

A reminder that existing student medical plans must be updated yearly and, where necessary, signed by your doctor. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## Allergy Aware School

St John's School is an allergy aware school. The foods that are particularly life-threatening for some of our students are **nuts (peanuts and tree nuts), eggs and shellfish.** We ask that students do not bring these foods to school in their lunch boxes.

Students are learning about ways they can help their classmates who have allergies stay safe. There are several posters around the school reminding the school community of the steps they can take to do this. Most of the steps are common practise in our school but it is useful for everyone to be reminded of these important steps.

The steps include:

1. Don't share your food, especially with friends who have allergies.
2. Wash your hands before and after eating.
3. Know what your friends are allergic to.
4. If a schoolmate who has allergies becomes sick, get help straight away.

Your assistance to help keep everyone safe at our school is much appreciated.

**Mrs Laura Lang - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## P&F News

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

### P&F Committee

### Meeting Dates -

6:00pm

Monday 24 February

Monday 24 March

All welcome

## Friday Blessings

Today I Pray for you  
A **Heart** free of **SADNESS**,  
A **Mind** free of **WORRIES**,  
A **Life** full of **GLADNESS**,  
A **Body** free of **ILLNESS**,  
and A **Day** full of  
**GOD'S BLESSINGS.**

Happy Friday!

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# Administration News

## School Communication

If you need to communicate with your child's classroom teacher this year, there are several options available to you;

- Message directly through the school communication platform, Seesaw. New families have received QR codes to register for the app and be connected directly to their child's class.
- Phone the School Office and leave a message for the teacher to return your call. Please note, teachers will be unable to return parent phone calls whilst they are teaching during the day.
- Arrange a face to face meeting at a mutually convenient time.

Should any issues arise during the school year, parents are asked to make contact with the classroom teacher first to discuss. Following this, if required, a member of the Leadership Team will be able to assist if further follow up is required.

A reminder that absences from school can be communicated through the school's website page, via a phone call to the School Office or a note sent in with your child upon their return.

## Seesaw

Seesaw is an app that provides parents with visibility into the students' learning journey to support and celebrate their learning. It is also our preferred method of communication between home and school. If you do not have access to Seesaw, require a new QR code to be printed, or need assistance to create or manage your account, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

## Nagle Catholic College Principal Visit

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Michael Williams, Principal of Nagle Catholic College visited our Year Six Class. They were interested in hearing about all of the exciting opportunities that the College can offer students. Each student was presented with an enrolment pack to take home. If your child did not receive one, please contact the School Office to arrange one for you.

## Keeping Safe Curriculum

Throughout the year, students will be engaging with the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum. This is a child safety and respectful relationships curriculum providing age and developmentally appropriate activities for children and young people. This program helps children and young people to recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching, and understand ways to keep themselves safe.

All teachers have received explicit training to deliver this curriculum. Although parent permission is not required for students to participate in this curriculum, we encourage parents and carers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the school with any relevant information about their child if required.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for students in Year Three and Five is scheduled to commence in Week Six, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The testing window closes on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Further information, including the proposed timetable, will be sent home to parents in the coming weeks.

## Assembly

Our first assembly for the school year will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2:20pm with our Year Five students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the Assembly in the school hall.

**Mrs Sarah D'Mello**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION**

# Child Safe Framework – Key Concepts

**Extended Guardianship** - When our leaders, staff and wider school community share a collective responsibility to actively support an environment that is engaging, supportive and safe.

**Healthy & Respectful Relationships** - Modelling healthy and respectful relationships creates an engaging, safe and supportive environment. It also assists in equipping, children and young people with discernment of how they should be treated.

**Situational Prevention** - Seeks to reduce opportunities for behaviour that presents risks to students. Evaluating various elements within our schools – including physical and online environments, staffing, governance, behaviours and culture with an aim to eliminate or mitigate situations that present risk for children and young people.

## Child Safe Framework – Elements

 <p>Support &amp; Healing</p>	<p>Responding to those who have been injured or hurt through abuse and harm and assisting them to heal.</p>
 <p>Voice of the Child</p>	<p>Recognising each child and young person’s right to be heard and to have a voice in all decisions affecting them.</p>
 <p>Culture</p>	<p>All members of the school community share responsibility for, and actively promote an environment that prioritises the best interests of children and young people.</p>
 <p>Governance &amp; Leadership</p>	<p>School leaders create and promote environments that are safe, supportive and engaging. They make their decisions based on the best interests of children and young people.</p>
 <p>Policy &amp; Procedures</p>	<p>Having structures and processes that are accessible, consistent and transparent. Policies must be understood, implemented and actioned every day.</p>
 <p>Human Resource Practices</p>	<p>Assisting our schools and care centres to identify the most suitable people to work with children and young people, and to provide appropriate training.</p>
 <p>Investigating &amp; Reporting</p>	<p>Following, or developing and implementing where required, processes that are transparent, fair and clearly understood by the community</p>
 <p>Risk Management</p>	<p>Proactively identifying and limiting potential risks.</p>
 <p>Quality Assurance</p>	<p>Improving systematically and continually through ongoing evaluation and assessment.</p>

# St John's School Code of Conduct Statements

1. You act safely and competently.
2. You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.
3. You act in accordance with the values of the Gospel as defined in the Code of Ethical Conduct.
4. You conduct yourself in accordance with laws, agreements, policies and standards relevant to your relationship with the school community.
5. You respect the dignity, culture, values and beliefs of each member of the school community.
6. You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.
7. You give impartial, honest and accurate information about the education, safety and well-being of students.
8. You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students.
9. You promote and preserve the trust and privilege inherent in your relationship with all members of the school community.
10. You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.
11. You act reflectively and ethically.
12. You allow students to have a voice in their education, safety and well-being.



Have you heard?

*This year sub junior hockey will be club based*

**WE ARE SEEKING PLAYERS**

**PP-YEAR 6**

*Never played before but want to give something new a try?*

*Contact Us Today!*

Email the club to secure your spot or for more information

**murchisonhockeyclub@yahoo.com.au**

Or contact Sharnna on **0417 914 778**

# PIANORAMA

NEW CLASSES STARTING IN MARCH

*Junior:*

*4-6/7 Year Olds*

*Wednesday 19th 3:45-4:15pm*

*Thursday 20th 3:45- 4:15pm*

## FREE DEMO CLASSES!

TERM 1- WEEK 3- 19TH & 20TH OF FEBRUARY.

*Primary:*

*7/8 Year Olds and up!*

*Wednesday 19th 4:30-5:00pm*

*Thursday 20th 4:30-5:00pm*

BOOKINGS ARE ONLINE & ESSENTIAL!  
GROUP NUMBERS ARE CAPPED!

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# PIANORAMA

## NEW CLASSES STARTING IN MARCH



**Small Groups**  
45 minute, weekly session in small groups capped at 10.

**Adults Encouraged**  
Adults are encouraged to stay and participate in the class (adult attendance is mandatory for 4 & 5 year olds)

**We reward commitment**  
It takes a regular commitment to learn an instrument. That's why we encourage all of our students with an annual practice challenge and reward system.

**Modern Format**  
Children learn to build healthy practice habits with support of our interactive practice app which gives access top backing tracks, tutorial videos and allows them to ask questions of the teacher.

**Junior:**  
4-6/7 Year Olds  
Wednesday 3:30-4:15pm  
Thursday 3:30-4:15pm  
Junior- Kindy Group-  
Friday 11-11:45am

OR

**Primary:**  
7/8 Year Olds+  
Wednesday 5:10-5:55pm  
Thursday 5:10-5:55pm  
Friday 4:20-5:55pm

**ENROL ONLINE:**

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**\$29**  
**PER LESSON**  
\$26 PER LESSON FOR  
SUBSEQUENT SIBLINGS





# 2025 Soccer Season is Coming!

New **GIRLS ONLY** Comp

**MENS & WOMEN'S**  
Training has begun  
6PM Wednesday

Under 17s Training begins  
25th March 5.30pm

Mini Soccer Sessions 19th Feb-5th March  
Wednesdays from 4pm U7s to U15s

Junior Training  
Under 7s through to U15s  
Training begins  
26th March 5.30pm

Tiny Tigers Mentor Program (Ages 5 to 10),  
Tiny Tigerlillies Mentor Program (Ages 5 to 10)  
4PM - 4.45PM  
Starting from  
25th March

Core Skills Training (Ages 11 & Over)  
Championing her Game Training (Ages 11 & Over)  
5PM-6PM  
Starting from  
25th March

**All at Alexander Park**



Contact us at  
[Chapmansoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:Chapmansoccerclub@gmail.com)  
for more information  
or find us on Facebook



The 2025 Premiership Season is coming soon! Always wanted to play? Looking for a sport that is inclusive and community-driven. Soccer is for you!



## SCOUT GROUP -INFO.

Woorree Scout Group meet at the **Bluff Point Scout Community Centre** 8 Morris Street Bluff Point.

**Joey Scouts 5 –8yrs** meet Tuesdays—4.30pm—5.50pm

**Cub Scouts 8-11yrs** meet Tuesdays - 4.30pm – 5.50pm

**Scouts 11-14yrs** meet Tuesdays - 6.00pm – 8.00pm

**Venturer 14-18yrs** meet Tuesdays— 5.30pm – 7.30pm

**Batavia Coast Rovers 19-25yrs** are self run and meet when they can

**Scouting is a Family Endeavour.** One of the added benefits for Parents is to be involved in some way and be part of the growth and development of our Youth as they come to understand and embrace the *Scout Method* and “*Education for Life*” programs. They will become involved in a journey of great fun, knowledge, skills, camping and our amazing outdoors. They will learn how to look after our environment, meet challenges head on, make new friends, how to get on with others, learn about themselves, respect others, believe in themselves and what they can achieve. Plus much more....

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