



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 5

6 March 2025

Principal's Notes

New Students

After nearly five weeks at school, the Kindy Class is settling into the routines of St John's School. It is with a happy heart that we welcome the following students who are beginning their school journey at St John's School:

Eusebio IV, Ella, Capri, Miranda, Rosalie, Zarlina, Evelyn, Alexander, Noah, Finn, Hazel, Madison, Hugo, Lorcan, Yazmin, Emily, Malachi, Adelaide, Adalyn, Oliver, Levi, Seth, Karson, Lily, Annalie, Dominick, Siena and Aurora.

Right to Disconnect

To assist us in enabling our staff to disconnect from work and technology at the end of their working hours, there is no expectation that they will respond to calls, emails, texts or other communications outside of school hours (8:00am - 4:00pm). If there is an emergency situation, please email me - melissa.marquis@cewa.edu.au or send me a message via Seesaw. Thank you for working collaboratively with the school.

St John's School P&F Committee

At our first P&F Meeting, we finalised some of the 2025 Committee for the P&F. Thank you to the following members for taking on a role to support friendraising and fundraising at St John's School:

Chair	Amy Bateman
Vice Chair	TBC
Secretary	Amy Thomas
Treasurer	Kellie Burg
SAC Rep	TBC

A reminder that all parents/carers are welcome to attend P&F Meetings at any stage of the year.

Nagle Catholic College Sibling Discount

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Geraldton are committed to providing an affordable quality Catholic education for families. We understand the financial demands placed on families and seek to keep the fees as low as possible.

This year, we will continue to have a Kindergarten to Year 12 Sibling Discount for school fees. If any of your children attending St John's School have a sibling currently at Nagle Catholic College, families are eligible for a \$100 family discount off their school fees from St John's School. Families will also be entitled to a further \$100 family discount off their school fees from Nagle Catholic College.

Please note that only one Sibling Discount for school fees is applicable per family. All of the details can be found on the school website <https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/enrolment/> at the bottom of the page.

Smoking and Vaping

A reminder that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on the school grounds, including any of the school carparks. This applies to all staff, students, parents/carers, contractors and visitors.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 7 March

Prayer Assembly Yr 2 -
8:45am

Tuesday 11 March

PLP Meetings

Wednesday 12 March

PLP Meetings

NAPLAN Commences -
Years 3 & 5

Thursday 13 March

PLP Meetings

Friday 14 March

Prayer Assembly Yr 1
8:45am



Monday 17 March
St Patrick's Day



Tuesday 18 March

School Advisory Council
Meeting - 6:00pm

Thursday 20 March

Assembly - Choir
2:20pm - Hall

Friday 21 March

Prayer Assembly
Spiritual Ministry -
8:45am

Harmony Day

Principal's Notes

Crisis Management Plan (CMP) - Emergency Procedures

Schools are obliged to plan for the safety of those attending their sites. As a consequence of this legal obligation, schools have a duty of care to ensure that all school related activities are conducted safely. In the emergency management context, the duty of care requires that pre-planning be undertaken for emergencies that might affect schools from time to time.

St John's School has a Crisis Management Plan (CMP). The purpose of our CMP is to provide details of how the school will prepare for, respond to and recover from emergency events. The CMP outlines responsibilities, drills and procedures that need to be understood and supported by training.

In the initial stages of an incident, the CMP provides clear and concise guidelines, via an *Immediate Actions Drill*, to enable anyone (staff, students or visitors) to escalate and notify the appropriate authorities of an emergency.

An *Evacuation* may be deemed necessary for a number of reasons, including, but not limited to a fire, chemical spill or a bomb threat. During an evacuation, all persons move to the designated muster point, in most cases our school oval.

A *Code Orange/Shelter in Place* is enacted when it is safe for the students to continue working in their classrooms but steps need to be made to shield them from witnessing an incident that may cause upset or distress. Examples include, a medical emergency, protester activity, a vicious dog, a snake or a car accident. If students were engaged in an outdoor activity, staff would direct them to move to the nearest suitable classroom.

If there was an active threat, an intruder with a weapon, an imminent danger to the lives of the students and staff, a *Lockdown* would be called. In a lockdown, learning ceases and students and staff move to a pre-determined location in the classroom, out of the line of sight, and take cover with all doors and windows locked.

At various times throughout the year, we conduct whole school drills, across a variety of situations to ensure all students and staff are familiar with the procedures. All drills are communicated to families in advance.

Good News Story

Congratulations to our stars for this fortnight, the Staff of St John's School. A CEWA Geraldton Consultant had nothing but praise for the work the staff are undertaking in relation to orderly learning environments, routines and the implementation of Berry Street Education Model strategies. The consultant awarded all the staff with a gold star!

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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

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

Library News

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

Library Days

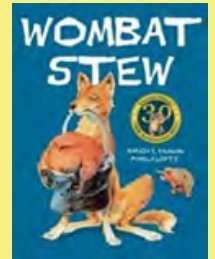
WEDNESDAY – PP, Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6
THURSDAY – Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5

Happy Anniversary to these wonderful Picture Books below. I am sure you have read and entertained your children with at least one of these books over the years.

The library at

St John's School has an amazing collection of Picture Books for students to borrow.

There is also a Picture Book Collection for older students.



In 2024 the picture books that have been borrowed the most are listed below.

As you can see from the top 3 titles, the students enjoy these hilarious books! Pig the Pug, and The Speedy Sloth are also on the list of the most popular resources.

LINK: ([Why Are Picture Books Important? Their Impact on Learning?](#))



Religious Education

Ash Wednesday Mass

On the 5 March, we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a beautiful Mass led by our Year Five students.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection, prayer, and renewal as we prepare for Easter. The ashes we receive on our foreheads remind us to turn our hearts toward God and live with faith and humility. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Robert for presiding over the Mass and guiding us in this important time of spiritual preparation.

Lent

Lent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare our hearts for Easter. It lasts for 40 days, beginning on Ash Wednesday, and is a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal. During Lent, Catholics are encouraged to make Lenten promises—small sacrifices or commitments to grow closer to God. These promises align with the three pillars of Lent: prayer, deepening our relationship with God; fasting, giving up something to practise self-discipline; and almsgiving, showing kindness and generosity to those in need.

As a family, Lent is a wonderful opportunity to pray together, help others, and make meaningful sacrifices in preparation for the joy of Easter.

Fruit of the Spirit

Starting next week, we will be focusing on the fruit of the spirit, JOY.

Joy is a gift from God that fills our hearts with happiness, not just in good times but even during challenges. True joy comes from knowing we are loved by God and sharing that love with others. We can show joy by being grateful, encouraging those around us, and finding happiness in simple moments. When we choose joy, we reflect God's light and bring hope to others.

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
(John 15:11)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Over the last two weekends, our First Reconciliation Candidates and their parents/carers made their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation.

On **Tuesday, 1 April, at 9.00am**, candidates in Year Three will celebrate the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at the **St John's School Hall**. Please keep our Year Three students in your prayers.

IEP Meetings

Please be advised that Individual Education Plan (IEP) progress meetings are scheduled to take place on **Monday, 24 March and Wednesday, 26 March and Thursday, 27 March**. A letter will be sent home to schedule meetings soon.

Project Compassion - Caritas Australia - Unite Against Poverty this Lent

Each year, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. For Project Compassion, let's Unite Against Poverty this Lent. Let's become a profound force for change. A force that partners with the world's most vulnerable to stand against poverty.

As individuals we can have a powerful impact – but when we come together as a community through Project Compassion, our good becomes great. Our combined kindness becomes amplified. And when we unite with each other – and with people living in poverty – we can create BIG, lasting change.

As we continue to support the Project Compassion fundraiser, a reminder that all family Project Compassion boxes are to be returned to the School Office before the end of term. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Laura Lang - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL -RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

6:00pm

Monday 24 March

All welcome

Term One P&F Events

- \$100 Boards at the Faction Swimming Carnival – Friday 28 March
- Canteen Day (Croissants) – Tuesday 8 April
- Easter Egg Raffle – Thursday 10 April



Easter Raffle

The annual P&F Easter Raffle is back. Please note all the important dates and reminders to ensure the raffle is a great success!

Current: - Donations of Easter Eggs, chocolate goodies, baskets and other Easter goodies being accepted at School

Tuesday 4 March: - Note and raffle tickets sent home

Friday 28 March: - Raffle tickets and monies due back at school, and final day for donations

Thursday 10 April: - Raffle draw at 8:45am



Term One P&F Canteen Day

Please note the following information in relation to the Term One Canteen Day

Tuesday 4 March: - P&F Canteen Day note sent home

Tuesday 18 March: - P&F Canteen orders and monies due back at school

Tuesday 8 April: - P&F Canteen Day – Croissants

Administration News

PLP Meetings

Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings will be held in Week 6, on Tuesday 11th March from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. These meetings are 15 minutes for each student and will be used to discuss how students are settling into the new school year and set goals for the remainder of Semester One. An additional allocation of time during the school day will also be provided for parents who are unable to make the after-school session. Please see Seesaw for further information on days and times. If you are unable to make one of the allocated times, please contact your child's classroom teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. IEP Meetings will be arranged by classroom teachers, in conjunction with Mrs Lang, to occur in Week 8.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing for students in Year Three and Five is scheduled to commence in Week Six, on Wednesday 12th March. The testing window closes on Monday 24th March. Please see below for the proposed timetable for each of the assessments. If students are away for the scheduled assessment, the school will provide them with an opportunity to complete the missed assessment. Teachers have been preparing students and familiarising them with the online site in the lead up to NAPLAN. If parents choose to, they are able to access the practice site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>.

Monday 10 th March	Tuesday 11 th March	Wednesday 12 th March	Thursday 13 th March	Friday 14 th March
		NAPLAN Begins Year 3 Writing	Year 3 & 5 Writing Catch Up	
Monday 17 th March	Tuesday 18 th March	Wednesday 19 th March	Thursday 20 th March	Friday 20 th March
Year 3 Reading Year 5 Reading	Year 3 Language Con- ventions Year 5 Language Con-	Year 3 Numeracy Year 5 Numeracy	Year 3 & 5 Catch Up Assessments	Year 3 & 5 Catch Up Assessments

Assembly

Our next assembly will be held on Thursday 20th March at 2:20pm with our Choir students presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the assembly in the school hall.

URSTRONG – Friendology

Last year, St John's School implemented the URSTRONG Friendology 101 curriculum across the school. This curriculum empowers students with friendship skills and has improved the social climate in schools around the world, connecting over a million kids, parents and teachers with a common language of friendship. The URSTRONG curriculum explores what is normal within a friendship and the differences between *healthy and unhealthy friendships*. Students are taught how to become *Friendship Ninja's*, who know how to put out common *Friendship Fires* and how to combat *Mean on Purpose* behaviour by using their *Quick Comebacks*. Friendship Ninjas can get their friendships back in the *Green Zone* by taking steps to *Talk It Out* and they also understand that friendships can change and that's okay too.

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the free parent membership to access numerous resources including a video series. This will allow you to learn more about the curriculum and the language and strategies being taught in the classroom through the Friendology curriculum. The URSTRONG Friendology parent membership can be found at www.urstrong.com/parents

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION



First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - *a time of renewal and solidarity*.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



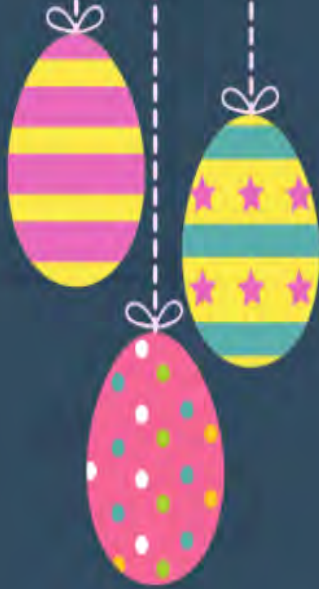
Please donate today

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413





P&F EASTER RAFFLE

Donations of eggs, chocolates
and other Easter goodies due
by Friday 28 March.





Hawes Heritage Events

Presents

Encountering Beauty

An ethereal Encounter with Beauty through
Music & Song in the Sublime Architecture of
St Francis Xavier Cathedral Geraldton

Featuring Renowned International Performers

Johann Vexo (Organist)

Damien Riviere (Tenor)



Event Sponsors



Tuesday April
1 2025
7PM



Tickets: \$55
(Scan QR Code)



Tickets also available at www.trybooking.com/CZKOM
or by Phoning Fr Robert Cross 99213221 during Office Hours 9am to 4pm

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**SEASON
STARTS IN
TERM 2 SO
CHOOSE
YOUR CLUB
TODAY!
PLACES
ARE LIMITED**

HOCKEY NEWS

We at the Yacht Club Hockey Club would like to invite all students that are interested in playing hockey this year.

For the first time, primary students are not going to play hockey for their school but will have to register with a local club.

It would be totally awesome if they chose Yacht Club as their preferred club as we are excited to grow our junior program and nurture the up-and-coming players in Geraldton.

Next attachment

Young Chorister

Have a go sessions !!

Join us for a unique opportunity to sing in the iconic St Francis Xavier Cathedral !!!

- ▶ sing lots of exciting music - some of it over 1000 years old !!
- ▶ learn lots about music and our rich heritage of music
- ▶ contribute to the community life
- ▶ make new friends !!

Open to boys and girls aged between 6-14 years of age
No prior experience necessary



Dates/times:

- ▶ Sun 6/4 9:30am Mass (sit-in)
10:45 - 11:45am Singing session
- ▶ Mon 7/4 4:30 - 5:45pm Singing session

Registrations essential !!

Contact: Jacinta at jacinta111@icloud.com
Reaistrations close FRIDAY 4th April



Child and Parent Centre
Rangeway



A Guide to Toilet Training

2025 dates

- Term 1 -Wednesday 9 April, 9:30am to 11:30am
- Term 2 -Wednesday 25 June, 9:30am to 11:30am
- Term 3 -Tuesday 16 September, 9:30am to 11:30am
- Term 4 -Tuesday 14 October, 9.30am to 11:30am

This workshop gives some strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently.

- ✔ Exploring toilet training with a local Child Health Nurse and Toileting Team guest speaker.
- ✔ Consider why some challenges happen.
- ✔ Learn the skills children need to get into a good routine.

Book now

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Creche available - bookings essential.
Workshop at the
Child and Parent Centre - Rangeway
Entrance on Hovea Street

in partnership with ngala.

CARTOONING

Fun Workshops

Busselton Sat March 15th - Sun March 16th **Kalgoorlie** Sat March 22nd - Sun March 23rd **Geraldton** Sat March 29th - Sun March 30th

The best fun your kids will have! Ages 4 - 15



Early Bird Special

Book all 4 classes by Friday March 7th 4.30pm & we will you 4 x 'How to Draw Cartooning Books'

Value \$48

Busselton-Bunbury Region

Sat March 15th - Sun March 16th
Churchill Park Hall 78 Adelaide St, Busselton
Sat Class 1 10am - 2pm Class 2 2pm - 6pm
Class 3 6pm - 9pm Sun Class 4 10am - 2pm

Kalgoorlie Goldfields

Sat March 22nd - Sun March 23rd
Caledonian Society 23 Brookman-Hay St, Kalgoorlie
Sat Class 1 12pm - 3pm Class 2 3pm - 6pm
Class 3 6pm - 9pm Sun Class 4 10am - 2pm

Geraldton

Sat March 29th - Sun March 30th
1st Geraldton Scout Hall 126 Sanford St, Geraldton
Sat Class 1 10am - 2pm Class 2 2pm - 6pm
Class 3 6pm - 9pm Sun Class 4 10am - 2pm

Enquiries: 9.30am - 4.30pm (EST)
Call outside of these times will be returned the following day

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- Please check junk, spam folders for the confirmation if you have a gmail or hotmail
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email

\$39 per class



Fun Weekend Cartoon Workshops

<p>Class 1: 10am - 2pm Note: Kalgoorlie Class 1: 12pm - 3pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Hawaiian & tropical. Wear colourful & tropical clothes. Prizes for best dressed. • Draw: A tropical island. • Draw: A frog, snake & a turtle. • Play: The exciting game 'Charge'. • Coral reef: Draw life in the sea. • Draw: Animated fruit & vegetables. • Competition: Design & win USA candy! • Enjoy: Decorate & eat doughnuts. • Play: Human O's & X's - a strategic thinking game. • Balloon squishes: Play the squishy game. • Make: A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti. • Enjoy: The Kit Kat™ challenge. Guess the unusual flavours blind folded. 	<p>Class 2: 2pm - 6pm Note: Kalgoorlie Class 2: 3pm - 6pm Note: Children can bring their scooters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Messy clothes & hair. Prizes for 'worst' dressed. Odd shoes, backwards clothes, etc... • Competition: Build with Lego™. • Draw: Australian animals. • Enjoy: Delicious Skittle S'mores. • Slimes: Make gooey oobleck slime! • Play: The shaving cream battle if you want! • Kids on wheels: Bring your scooter for some adventures. • Face painting: Be creative. The children get to be the artists. • Treasure hunt: Find the treasure & golden ticket 'jackpot'. • Crowning ceremony: Everyone gets honoured with a crown. • Draw: Japanese Anime & Manga characters, including Naruto™ & One Piece™. • Pokémon™ Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring in your Pokémon cards.
<p>Class 3: 6pm - 9pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Wear dark clothes for the games. • Play: Sock wrestling 'Nerf gun' style. • Play: The custard eating game. • Play: The Indian Jones™ game. • Draw: Cute manga animals. • Draw: Mario™ & Sonic™. • Draw: Toad™ & Yoshi™. • Play: The chocolate egg hunt. • Nerf gun battle disco: Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle & disco. Make cubby houses in the hall. • Play: Murder in the dark! An exciting game with balloons. 	<p>Class 4: 10am - 2pm The Markets - best class!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme: Computer Gaming, Glitter, Singers, Sparkles, Tay Tay & Movie Stars. Prizes for best dressed. • Pocky™ Challenge: Guess the flavour blind folded. • T-Shirt Designs: Be creative - we'll supply the T-Shirts. • Competition: Design & win a watch. • Draw: Farm animals. • Draw: Cartoon food. • Draw: A fire dragon. • Water fight: Bring a water gun & towel. • Flour battle: Join in the flour game. • Kingdom Markets: Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. It's important that the children prepare something to sell. Make cookies, old toys, books, etc... using Kingdom money. We'll also give the children \$100 Kingdom dollars. • Talent Show: Do singing, dancing, acrobatics & comedy for prizes. Win prizes including Taylor Swift posters.