St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 5
20 August 2026

Principal's Notes

PLP Meetings

At St John's School, we deeply value the partnership between home and school. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken the time to meet with staff, share insights and work collaboratively in the best interests of your children at a PLP Meeting. Your involvement plays a vital role in supporting student wellbeing, learning and growth.

If you have not yet made an appointment to meet with your child's teacher, we strongly encourage you to do so. These conversations are incredibly important in ensuring we are aligned in our approach and can provide the best possible support for your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. Together, we can continue to build a strong, supportive learning environment where every child feels known, valued, and empowered to thrive.

P&F Disco

The Disco on Friday 7 August was an absolute blast and a fun time had by all. The students, and staff, danced the night away to the tunes chosen by the students. A very special thank you to the St John's School P&F, the Social Ministry, and the attending staff for everything that was organised to ensure a great event. The students looked great in their Barbie and Ken outfits!

2027 Kindy Enrolment Interviews

Parents/carers, who have submitted their enrolment applications for Kindy for 2027, will be contacted very shortly to arrange a time for an Enrolment Interview. I look forward to getting to meet your son/daughter in preparation for 2027 and their first step as a student of St John's School.

Good News Story

The St John's School Choir proudly represented our school at the recent NCC Creatives for Care event, delivering a wonderful performance that showcased their talent, hard work and enthusiasm.

The choir performed two songs beautifully, impressing the audience with their confidence, harmony and stage presence. Their dedication during rehearsals was evident, and they should be very proud of their efforts.

A special thank you goes to Mr Anderson and Miss G, whose guidance, encouragement and leadership helped prepare the students for this successful performance.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the families. The support of our parents, from assisting with rehearsals to ensuring students were prepared and present on the day, played an important role in making this experience possible.

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 21 August
Prayer Assembly
EAs - 8:45am

Faction Athletics Carnival 9:30am

Monday 24 August
CATHOLIC DAY
PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 26 August
Nagle Music Aptitude Testing 1:30pm

Thursday 27 August
Book Week Parade
9:00am - Hall

Assembly - Choir
2:20pm - Hall

Friday 28 August
Prayer Assembly
Year 1 - 8:45am

Monday 31 August
Football Clinic
Year 2 & 3
8:45 - 10:45am

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Week Five Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the School Hall. The Education Assistants will lead the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Week Six Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the School Hall. The Year One Class will lead the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Confirmation

This term, select students in Year Six will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please take note of the following information and key dates:

The Sacrament of Confirmation for St John's School will be held on **Tuesday 1 September** at **6.00pm** at **St John's Church.** Further information regarding this Mass will be sent out closer to the date.

Fruit of The Spirit – Goodness

Goodness means choosing to do what is right and kind, even when it is not easy. At school, this might look like helping a friend, sharing with others, or standing up for what is fair. Just like a tree grows good fruit, we can grow goodness in our hearts when we follow Jesus' example.

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not give up." (Galatians 6:9)

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL -RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Assembly

The next Assembly for Term Three will be held on Thursday 27th August, with our Choir presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the Assembly in the School Hall at 2:20pm.

School Athletics Dates

There are many athletics events held this term, please mark the following important dates in your calendars:

Friday 21st August: Faction Athletics Carnival (*all students Pre-Primary to Year 6*)
Monday 7th September: Interschool Cross Country (selected students only)
Wednesday 9th September: Interschool Jumps and Throws (selected students only)
Friday 11th September: Interschool Athletics Carnival (selected students only)

Library News

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

Library Newsletter

One week until Book Week! We cannot wait to share the fun.

Book Week is being celebrated in Week 6, and we are loving the discussions with all of our students about their favourite books and dress up ideas.

Thank you to all the students who continue to be respectful and tidy within our library.

Please remind students to return their books and always carry their library books in an appropriate, protective book bag. We have St John's School book bags for sale in the school uniform shop. If you are not using a St John's School library bag, can you please ensure the bag used can protect the book from damage, as we have seen lots of books coming back to school with water damage, spines broken or pages torn. Also, can we please ensure that little siblings are not drawing on the pages.

The return and borrowing day is WEDNESDAY of each week for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

The library will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime until the end of term, and students are welcome to return books or read quietly during this time.

Thank you,

Ms Emma Johnston
(emma.johnston-clark@cewa.edu.au)
Library Officer

Administration News

Faction Athletics Carnival

We are looking forward to the Faction Athletics Carnival on Friday 21st August. The events will commence at 9:45am at the Geraldton Little Athletics Centre, Eighth Street, Wonthella. The children will be transported to the carnival by bus. Following the success of last year, our Pre-Primary students will be joining us at the Carnival, arriving in time for their events at approximately 11:15am. Parents may take their children home from the Carnival at the conclusion of the day's events and must see their child's teacher to sign them out before leaving the Athletics Centre. *If your child needs to return to school on the bus at the conclusion of the carnival, please send Mrs D'Mello a Seesaw message to confirm this as soon as possible.*

All students must wear their sports uniform with faction coloured shirt, hat and sunscreen. Children are permitted to colour their hair, although this must be done at home, not at school or at the Carnival. **Students are not permitted to wear coloured zinc.** Students need to have a water bottle and lunch if they have not ordered from the School Canteen.

Catholic Day

Please note, that Monday 24th August is our School Catholic Day. Students and Staff will not attend school on this day.

Book Week

We will celebrate Children's Book Week in Week Six. This year's theme is 'A Symphony of Stories!' and our much loved book parade will take place on Thursday 27th August, at 9:00am in the School Hall. We look forward to seeing the magic of literature come alive in the students' costumes! Further information regarding Book Week, the parade and the Scholastic Book Fair will be shared by Mrs Johnston in the coming weeks.

Kindy DUGS

We are looking forward to celebrating with all of our Dads, Uncles, Grandads and Special People, (DUGS) in Kindy on Thursday 3rd September. Further information from Mrs Van Eck to follow, please save the date!

Spelling Bee

We are looking forward to the upcoming Spelling Bees for the students in Year 3-6. Further information regarding this will be sent home via Seesaw. Classroom competitions will be held on Friday 4thSeptember, and the School Competition, with selected competitors, will be held on Monday 21st September.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Meeting Dates Term Three

Monday 7 September

6:00pm - Meeting Room

Everyone is welcome.

P&F Events

- Athletics Carnival $100 Board – Friday 21 August
- Father's Day Event – Friday 4 September

2026 Faction Athletics Carnival VIP Tent

Congratulations to Lenny Joy A, the lucky winner of our Athletics Carnival VIP Tent raffle. We hope you enjoy Friday, spectating in style.

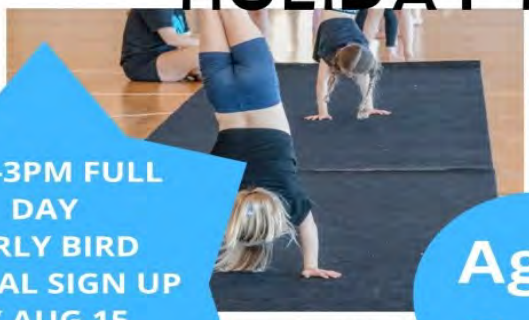
Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and supported this initiative. Your generosity and participation helped to raise funds for the St John's School P&F.

Once again, congratulations to Lenny Joy A, and thank you for your support!

P&F Fundraising Events

As a P&F, we are aware that everyone has different circumstances. We would like the members of the school community to remember that participation in any P&F fundraiser is voluntary.
We are extremely grateful for the support you can provide.

MINISPORT GERALDTON HOLIDAY PROGRAM



8:30-3PM FULL DAY
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL SIGN UP BY AUG 15
3 DAYS $210
4 DAYS $265

Ages 5-12

SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

Geraldton Grammar School
SEPT 29-OCT 2

Cricket, Soccer, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Dodgeball and much more!
Coached by Geraldton PE Teacher Bailey Minissale (Mr Mini)
Full day 8:30 - 3:00pm - 1 day $85 3 days $225 4 days $290
Half day 8:30-12:30pm - 1 day $70 3 days $180 4 days $230

Register at Minisportperth.com.au or contact the Facebook page

Midwest Early Years Network

Learning Opportunity

Insights: Growing Strong Brains

Desert Blue Connect
25 Chapman Road
(enter through Durlacher St)

Mon 24 August
1pm – 2.30pm

RSVP → **Calendar Invitation**

Join us for an overview of the **Growing Strong Brains®** toolkit, designed to support early childhood development in Aboriginal communities, focusing on the first 2000 days to promote healthy brain growth through positive experiences; with local developers; Parents & Learning (PAL).

Contact MEYN Committee midwest.eyn@outlook.com or 9921 6814 for more information.

BOOK WEEK
ONE MORE ADVENTURE
THE PARADE AFTER THE PARADES
9:30AM - 11AM
Saturday 29 August
Meet at Edith
Cowan Square
COSTUMES ENCOURAGED
PRAMS, BIKES, TRIKES WELCOME
WALK ALONG THE FORESHORE
FREE EVENT
SHAKERS & HOMEMADE INSTRUMENTS OPTIONAL
This isn't a drop-off activity.
If your child needs support or supervision, please come along with them.

2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK
SYMPHONY OF STORIES
22–28 August 2026
Special Story Time
AT THE GERALDTON REGIONAL LIBRARY
WITH SPECIAL GUEST
Karen Blair
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
10:00AM – 10:45AM
FREE EVENT
NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED
SUITABLE FOR PRESCHOOL AGED CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES
City of Greater Geraldton Regional Library
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
WA BRANCH THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

R U OK ? Community Event
Joe Williams
Former NRL Player and Mental Health Advocate
Join us at Nagle Catholic College for an inspiring evening with Joe as we talk openly about mental health, building resilience, and exploring the importance of connection.
9 September 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Nagle Catholic College
101-103 Sanford St, Geraldton
MidWestGascoyne@ngala.com.au
https://www.ngala.com.au/events/joe-williams-ger/
Free to register, Doors open at 6pm
Joe Williams is a Wiradjuri/Wolgalu First Nations Aboriginal man, with 15 years as a professional athlete in the NRL and as professional boxer. Following his own lived experience of bi polar and a suicide attempt, Joe is one of Australia's leading voices on trauma-informed mental health, child development and the lifelong impact of childhood experiences. Through his organisation, The Enemy Within, he has delivered trauma-informed wellbeing programs to more than 200 communities across Australia and internationally, helping families and organisations build resilience through stronger attachment, parenting and connection.
Joe recently featured in the award-winning parenting documentary Seen, exploring the science of childhood development, trauma and healing. He is also an author, Adjunct Associate Professor at the School of Psychology, The University of Queensland, and a PhD candidate at The University of Melbourne, researching Indigenous Knowledges and trauma recovery. Above all, Joe considers his greatest achievement to be his ongoing transformation as a father to his five children.
SCAN ME
ngala
The Enemy Within

Breaksea Presents
ALIWAH BARDINAR!
A new family musical by Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse
GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT!
TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2026
6PM PERFORMANCE
GET YOUR TICKETS AT WWW.QUEENSPARKTHEATRE.COM.AU OR PH: 9956 6662
City of Greater Geraldton Queens Park Theatre
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