St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 7
3 September 2026

Principal's Notes

Father's Day

This Sunday, we celebrate all the wonderful dads, grandfathers, uncles and special people who play such an important role in the lives of our students. We hope your day is filled with love, laughter and cherished moments with family, along with a few handmade gifts and heartfelt hugs to remind you just how much you are appreciated.

Thank you for the care, encouragement and guidance you provide each day. The positive impact you have on your children's lives is invaluable, and we are truly grateful for all that you do. We wish you a very happy Father's Day and hope you enjoy every moment of your well deserved celebration.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday, students from Year Six received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit. The grace of this sacrament provides the students with a moral compass to be guided by as they travel the journey of life. I would like to congratulate the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Jye	Lila	Aurora	Liam
Hazel	Marlarnia	Chantelle	Ariannah
Ava	Jack	Isabelle	

The following students are to also be congratulated for their participation in the Sacrament of Confirmation program, supporting their peers and/or for receiving a blessing on Tuesday:

Stella	Ashley	Rylan	Ambrose
Maliyah	Brooklyn	Rueben	Tex
Brodie	Stephen	Kaitlyn	Lila
Mason	Isla	Caysee	Lachlan

Thank you to Mrs Laura Lang, Mrs Kath Qumivutia and Mr Jack Reynolds for preparing and supporting the students for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I am also appreciative of the guidance and prayers from Bishop Michael and Father Robert for concelebrating the Mass.

Spelling Bee – Years Three to Six

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the dates for the 2026 Year Three to Six Spelling Bee have had to be changed. Please note these dates in your diary:

Monday 7 September – Words sent home for the Class Spelling Bee
Monday 21 September – Class Spelling Bee
Term Four – School Spelling Bee

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 meeting your son/daughter in preparation for 2027 and their first step as a student of St John's School.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 4 September
Prayer Assembly
Pre-Primary - 8:45am

Monday 7 September
Interschool Cross Country - GBSC Park- 9.30am

P&F Meeting - 6:00pm

Wednesday 9 Sept
Interschool Jumps & Throws - 9.30am
Little Athletics Oval

Thursday 10 Sept
Incursion - CBC Author Years 1/2 - 1.30pm

Friday 11 September
Prayer Assembly
Year 5 - 8:45am

Interschool Athletics - 9.30am
Little Athletics Oval

Principal's Notes

Good News Story

Our Eagles Cup team enjoyed a fantastic series of games over the last few weeks, with several close and exciting matches. While the students played some great football, it was their sportsmanship that truly stood out.

In the final game, Mason and Stephen volunteered to play for the opposition, who were short on players. Several other students also stepped up to help the opposing team following Mr A's request. Their willingness to ensure everyone could participate demonstrated fabulous sportsmanship, teamwork and respect.

We are incredibly proud of the way our students represented St John's School throughout the competition.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

Week Seven Prayer Assembly will be held at 8.45am, in the School Hall. The Pre-Primary Class will lead the school community in prayer. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Tuesday evening, students from our Year Six class celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Church.

It was a very special evening for our candidates and their families. The students represented themselves, their families and St John's School beautifully, showing great respect and maturity throughout the celebration. As they received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide, strengthen and support them as they grow in their faith.

A special thank you to Bishop Michael and Father Robert for celebrating the Mass and for their guidance and support throughout the candidates' preparation. We also thank the St John's Parish community for keeping our Confirmation candidates in their prayers.

Finally, thank you to our St John's staff for the many different ways they supported the celebration — through preparation beforehand, their presence on the evening, and helping to pack away and tidy afterwards.

Congratulations to all of our Confirmation candidates and their families on this important milestone in their faith journey.

Library News

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

Library Newsletter

Exceptional efforts from everyone involved in Book Week. What an exceptional group of students, and thank you to their families for all of the support and creativity!

Our school will be hosting our annual Book Fair, celebrated in Weeks 9 and 10. We will be available for before and after school purchasing, more details to follow.

Thankyou 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. We had to speak to many children about our new books being returned with broken spines, and unfortunately will have to be a little more strict about how they are treated outside of the library.

Borrowing and Return Day is WEDNESDAY each week for all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS BACK FOR SEPTEMBER 16 PLEASE.

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.

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

Religious Education

Fruit of The Spirit – Goodness

This week we are focusing on Goodness.

Goodness is more than simply "being good". As a Fruit of the Holy Spirit, goodness is about choosing to do what is right and living in the way God calls us to live. It grows in us through the work of the Holy Spirit and helps us become more like Jesus in our thoughts, words and actions.

At school, we might see goodness when students make the right choice even when no one is watching, stand up for what is right, help someone who needs it, take responsibility for their actions, or choose what is good even when another choice would be easier.

This week, we encourage our students to notice opportunities to choose what is good and right and, through these everyday choices, allow the Holy Spirit to work through them.

Mrs Laura Lang

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL -RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Assembly

The next Assembly for Term Three will be held on Thursday 17th September, with the Year One Class presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the Assembly in the School Hall at 2:20pm.

Interschool Cross Country, Jumps & Throws and Athletics Carnivals

If your child has been selected to attend, you would have received further information from Mr Antonovich. Please check your Seesaw messages. Please note the following dates:

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)

Book Week

We were so excited to see the magic of literature come alive in the students' costumes last Thursday morning! Please keep your eyes on the School Facebook page for some photos of the parade. Our celebrations continue with the Scholastic Book Fair arriving during Week Nine. Further information regarding opening hours for the Book Fair will be released from the Library in the coming days.

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

- Father's Day Event – Friday 4 September

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.

Administration News

Father's Day DUGS - Kindy

Thank you to all of the Dads, Uncles, Grandads and other special people who attended the Kindy DUGS afternoon. The students enjoyed sharing their afternoon with all of their special people! We wish all Fathers and father figures a wonderful day on Sunday.

Numero Competition

We would like to wish our selected students all the very best as they prepare to represent St John's School in the upcoming Numero Competition. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their mathematical thinking, teamwork and strategic skills. We are very proud of their efforts and know they will do a great job. We also extend a big thank you to Miss Gronow, Mrs Crocetta and Mr Reynolds for preparing the students for the competition.

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. Please note that the dates have been changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Classroom competitions will be held on Monday 21st September, and the School Competition, with selected competitors, will be held in Term Four.

PAT Assessments

Over the coming weeks, students at St John's will be participating in the PAT-R (Progressive Achievement Test in Reading) and PAT-M (Progressive Achievement Test in Mathematics) assessments. These nationally recognised tools help us understand where each child is in their learning journey and how we can best support their growth. The assessments are designed to be accessible and adaptive, meaning each student is challenged at their level. They're not about pass or fail, they are about progress. The data we gather helps us tailor teaching to meet individual needs and monitor development over time. If you'd like to learn more about PAT assessments and how they support learning, please visit https://schoolsupport.acer.org/hc/en-au/article_attachments/10802085089935

School Holidays

The final day of Term Three for students and staff is Friday 25th September. Staff return for Term Four Professional Learning on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October. Students commence Term Four on Wednesday 14th October.

Mrs Sarah D'Mello

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Congratulations

To our August Aussie of the Month Winners

Government of **Western Australia**
WA Country Health Service

Child Development Service

Together with country WA families and communities, we support children to reach their full developmental potential

Artwork by Leeann Kelly-Petersen

Noticing something different about your child's talking or understanding?

Our virtual team is here to help!

FREE online speech pathology check

See a paediatric speech pathologist from home for a quick, friendly chat.

No referral needed - first come, first served.

You can ask us about developmental concerns such as:

- How much your child is talking
- How well they understand things being said to them
- How they follow instructions
- If their speech is difficult to understand
- If they use incorrect speech sounds

If you have a concern about eating or drinking please contact your local service.

For more information including clinic dates and virtual links, click on the QR code or email **WACHSCDSVirtual@health.wa.gov.au**

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See a paediatric physiotherapist from home for a quick, friendly chat.

No referral needed - first come, first served.

You can ask us about developmental concerns such as:

- Tummy time, sitting, crawling
- Head shape or neck movement
- Foot or leg shape
- Walking, running or coordination
- Jumping, hopping, ball skills

For more information including clinic dates and virtual links, scan the QR code or email **WACHSCDSVirtual@health.wa.gov.au**

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Midwest Early Years Network

Learning Opportunity

Insights: Protective Behaviours

Ngala Training Room
24-28 Gregory Street, Geraldton

Thurs 10 Sep 2026
9.30am

RSVP Calendar Invitation

Join us for program updates, followed by an overview of the **Protective Behaviours** personal safety program taught in homes, schools and organisations, with local providers; Desert Blue Connect and Child & Parent Centre – Rangeway, followed by the opportunity to network.

Contact MEYN Committee midwest.eyn@outlook.com or
9921 6914 for more information

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

Greater Geraldton Regional Library

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.

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The Enemy Within

Breakaw Presents

ALIWAH BARDINARI

A new family musical by Gina Williams and Guy Gluroo

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

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