ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 1
16 October 2026

Dates to Remember

Friday 16 October
Prayer Assembly - Year 5 - 8:45am

Monday 19 - Friday 23 October
Year 6 Camp

Friday 23 October
Prayer Assembly - Year 2 - 8:45am

Monday 26 October
P&F Meeting - 6:30pm
All Welcome

Wednesday 28 October
Kindy Sports Carnival - 9:00am

Thursday 29 October
Assembly Year 3 - 2:20pm

Friday 30 October
Prayer Assembly - Spiritual Ministry - 8:45am

Socktober - Free Dress Day

World Teachers' Day

Principal's Notes

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our families for Term Four. I hope that you all had a lovely holiday and are ready for the busyness of Term Four.

Faction Athletics Carnival Record

Congratulations to Ariannah, who achieved an outstanding result at this year's Faction Athletics Carnival by breaking the Senior Girls Turbo Javelin record. Ariannah threw an impressive 21.8 metres, surpassing the previous record and showcasing her dedication, skill and determination. This remarkable achievement is a testament to her hard work and commitment to athletics. We are incredibly proud of Ariannah's success and look forward to seeing her continue to excel in future sporting events. Well done, Ariannah!

Year Six Camp

Our Year Six students commence an action packed camp next week. Thank you to Miss Gronow for the time, planning and consideration that goes into such an undertaking and also to the staff who will be attending at various times over the course of the week. Keep an eye on Facebook for all the photos!

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Principal's Notes - Mrs Melissa Marquis

Staff Professional Development
On Monday 12 October, our staff participated in a valuable professional learning focused on collaboration, growth and planning for the term ahead.

Our Education Assistants and First Nations Education Assistants attended the CEWA Education Assistant Conference in Geraldton, where they had the opportunity to engage with specialist CEWA consultants, participate in a range of informative workshops, and network with colleagues from other schools. The conference provided practical strategies, professional insights, and valuable connections that will support student learning and wellbeing.

Meanwhile, our teaching staff spent the day planning and preparing for the term ahead. Through collaborative discussions and curriculum planning, teachers reviewed student learning, shared ideas and developed engaging learning experiences for their classes.

On Tuesday 13 October, staff participated in a meaningful Retreat Day, spending time together in a natural setting to reflect, learn and deepen our understanding of our shared mission and values.

Guided by Miss Jo Harris, CEWA Religious Education Consultant, staff explored Laudato Si', Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home. Throughout the day, we unpacked the key messages of the document, reflecting on our responsibility to care for the environment, one another and all of creation.

Being immersed in nature provided a fitting backdrop for these discussions, encouraging staff to consider how our actions impact our local community, our nation, and the wider global community. The retreat offered valuable opportunities for reflection, discussion, and renewal, strengthening our commitment to living out these values in our daily work and interactions.

It was an enriching and thought provoking day that encouraged us to continue fostering stewardship, compassion, and respect for all of God's creation. My thanks are extended to Miss Jo Harris and Mrs Laura Lang for facilitating and organising the day.

Student Attendance
Education is recognised as a fundamental human right and an important building block in the development of children and society (United Nations, 1948). Attendance is not only a fundamental human right; it is also mandated by law. School attendance is strongly related to:

- increased academic development
- opportunities for the development of social competence and relationships
- an occasion to be in a language rich environment
- the provision of time to work with others
- the development of learning new skills such as problem-solving and persistence

Every day does count!

Principal's Notes - Mrs Melissa Marquis

Good News Story
There was a wonderful buzz around the school as students returned for Term Four, bringing with them plenty of smiles, laughter and stories from their holiday adventures. Classrooms were quickly filled with excited conversations as students caught up with friends and shared highlights from their break.

A special welcome back goes to Miss Hayley Gronow, who was warmly greeted by students and staff alike. It was particularly heartwarming to see the big smiles from our Year Six students as they reconnected with Miss Gronow and settled back into school life.

Staffing 2027
Please note that the 2027 staffing allocation outlined below is preliminary and subject to change. Whilst every effort has been made to confirm staffing arrangements, adjustments may occur due to enrolments, staffing availability and school operational requirements.

Principal - Brett Love
Assistant Principal - Sarah D'Mello
Assistant Principal - Laura Lang
Religious Education Co-ordinator - Melinda Jupp
Kindergarten - Bethany Van Eck & Julie Barnett
Pre Primary - Danyela Payne, Sarah D'Mello (Mondays) & Sarah Jones
Year 1 - Maggie Mills, Melinda Jupp (Thursdays) & Kath Qumivutia
Year 2 - Jessika Ruiz & Megan Clarkson
Year 3 - Michelle Hilton-Barber, Eloise Drew & Julie Barnett (Mondays)
Year 4 - Alison Gilbert, Ashleigh Jones & Lesley Jones (Fridays)
Year 5 - Raechel Crocetta & Leigh Golosky
Year 6 - Hayley Gronow & Lisa Husking
MultiLit Intervention - Amy Causer
Art - Laura Lang
Music - Lachlan Anderson
AUSLAN - Melinda Jupp
PE & Science - Caleb Antonovich
First Nations Education Assistants - Lesley Jones, Ashleigh Jones & Calarni Dann
Administration Officer - Tracey Doglione
Finance Officer - Kym Harris
Library Technician - Emma Johnston-Clark
Canteen - Inge Jansen
Cleaners - Lady Pacheco & Sally McIntyre
Groundsman - Brent Stevens

Religious Education News - Mrs Laura Lang

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

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

Fruit of The Spirit – Faithfulness
Faithfulness is one of the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23). It means being someone others can count on, keeping our promises and being there for others, even when things are difficult.

Jesus showed faithfulness by always loving and caring for others. He teaches us that God is always there for us and that we can show this same care to those around us.

At St John's School, we encourage students to show faithfulness by telling the truth, keeping promises, helping their friends, finishing what they start and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Try this at home: Talk with your child about what makes a good friend. How can we show our family and friends that they can count on us?

Remember, it's the little things we do each day that help us grow in faithfulness and become more like Jesus.

Caring for Our Common Home – Laudato Si'
On Tuesday, our staff came together for a special retreat day focused on Laudato Si', Pope Francis' message about caring for our common home.

Laudato Si', meaning "Praise Be to You", reminds us that everything in creation is connected. It calls us to care not only for the environment, but also for one another, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Through prayer, reflection and time spent in nature, staff explored how we can live out this message in our daily lives and within our school community.

As a Catholic school, we are called to be responsible stewards of God's creation. We look forward to continuing to share this important message with our students, encouraging them to recognise that even small acts of kindness, gratitude and care can make a difference to our world.

Administration News - Mrs Sarah D'Mello

Welcome Back
Welcome back to Term Four! It has been fantastic to see all of the students' smiles and excitement as we return for a very busy nine week term. I hope everyone had a happy holiday and you are looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

Kindy Sports Carnival
The Kindy Sports Carnival will be held on Wednesday 28th October at 9am in the Kindy playground. We look forward to seeing our parents and carers attend and our students try their very best in all events.

Assembly
Our next Assembly will be held on Thursday 29th October, with the Year Three Class presenting an item. We invite all parents and carers to attend the Assembly in the School Hall at 2:20pm.

World Teacher's Day
World Teachers' Day is a nationally recognised occasion, held on Friday 30th October, that celebrates the dedication and impact of educators across Australia. It's a time to acknowledge the vital role teachers play in shaping young minds and building strong communities. We thank all teachers for their continued commitment to education and the difference they make every day.

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.

Interschool Swimming Carnival
On Thursday 12th November, selected students will be heading to the Geraldton Aquarena to compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Further information regarding this will be sent home by Mr A in the coming weeks.

Spelling Bee
We are looking forward to the School Spelling Bee, with selected competitors on Friday 13th November.

2027 Student Booklists
The process for ordering student booklists changed moving into the 2025 school year and will continue in the new format for the 2027 school year. The decision was made that as a school we would 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 was 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.

Library News

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

Term Four already! And what an exciting term ahead.

Many thanks to all of the St John's Staff for all of their support facilitating our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to our very generous St John's families, our fair raised nearly $4 000 for the Library. I am very excited to find more novels, non-fiction, picture books and education support materials for our wonderful students!

Library has been a super busy place, with Book Week, Book Fair and the $10 000 worth of books the school received through Dymocks Charities. Thank you to the students who have assisted with unpacking, sorting, stamping and stickering the books, now to cover them all...

As we return to school schedule, a reminder that returning and borrowing day remains on WEDNESDAYS for all students, Pre-Primary to Year 6.

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 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 if we can please ensure that little siblings are not drawing on the pages.

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
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Library Officer

P&F News

Jolly Soles Sock Fundraiser
Orders were sent home on 14 October. Thank you for your support

Term Four Meeting Dates
Week Three - Monday 26 October @ 6:00pm

Week Five - Monday 9 November @ 6:00pm

Term Four P&F Events

- End of Year Raffle - tickets sent home early Term Four
- Feast Day Celebration - Thursday 26 November
- End of Year Raffle Draw - Friday 4 December at End of Year Concert
- P&F Canteen Day (Ice Creams) - Tuesday 1 December

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.

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Starting Kindy in 2027?

Prepare for a smooth start to Kindergarten with a range of sessions on offer in Term 4, to support families in this transition:

Toileting Support

For support getting your child toileting independently contact your local Child Health Nurse. **9956 1980**

Speech Support

For support with your child's speech, contact WA Country Health Services.
Child Development Services: 9956 2204

Protective Behaviours

Learn how to support and empower children with strategies to promote safety through fun, age appropriate activities. **Thursday 3 December 9.30am to 11.30am. Creche available.**

Attention, Regulation & Concentration

Explore what factors impact on attention, regulation and concentration. Providing you with strategies to support your child's attention and regulation. Help you determine where to go next if concerns persist. **Thursday 17 December, 9.30am to 11.30am. Creche available.**

Sensory Processing

Difficulties interpreting information from senses and movement can affect our daily activities, learning, relationships, emotions and behaviours. Explore what sensory processing is, what it looks like in children, and what we can do to help. **Friday 16 December, 9.30am to 11.30am. Creche available.**

Separation, Independence, Sleep & Routines

For any further concerns about your child starting Kindergarten, please book in for a free, parenting chat with Parenting Connection available on **Thursday afternoons in Term 4.**

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A morning of fun activities,
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- Museum of Geraldton
- Tues 27 Oct 2026
- 9am to 11am

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ABOUT THE EXPO

A dedicated day to raise awareness of perinatal anxiety and depression, connecting mothers with community services and providing valuable wellbeing information. This years theme is "what you need when you need it".

- Wellbeing activities for mothers
- Children's activities
- Community organisations and local business stalls
- Health representatives
- Playgroup and childcare representatives
- Mother's wellbeing stalls
- Free morning tea

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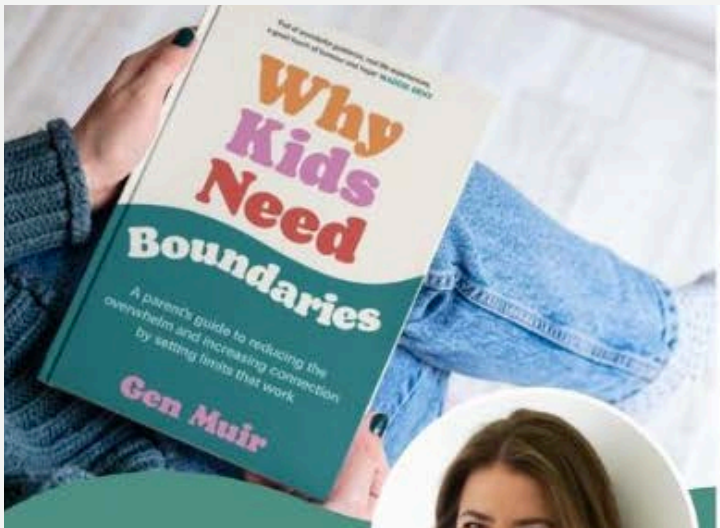

Why Kids Need Boundaries

In this FREE presentation, Gen Muir breaks down a practical, no-nonsense framework for setting limits that actually land - and raising kids who can handle frustration and big emotions without falling apart.

You'll learn how to:

- Set a boundary in four clear steps
- Establish core family rules
- Handle defiance, meltdowns, and pushback
- Understand whether punishments work and what to do when kids break the rules
- Build a structure for managing sibling rivalry, screens and more

Leave with practical ideas you can use right away.

Tuesday 27 October 2026
10.30am - 12.30pm
Spalding Community Centre
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Creche available for booking.
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About Gen Muir

Connected Parenting founder Gen Muir is a parent educator, author, social worker, grief counsellor and mother of four boys. She is passionate about helping families to connect and thrive amid the many challenges of modern parenting.

Gen has appeared on Sunrise, The Today Show, The Morning Show, The Project, 2Day FM, ABC, SBS Insight, TEDx Speaker (2025).

Her recent book, Why Kids Need Boundaries (2026), Little People, Big Feelings (2024), and her co-hosted podcast, Beyond the Chaos, provide valuable resources for those working with or raising children.

For more information visit:
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