



# ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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## Principal's Notes

### K/PP Shade Sail – Thank You

On Saturday, several members of the School Community volunteered their time, equipment and materials to fix the K/PP shade sails. Jaydon and Lucas Hirst and Jason, Dee and Ashley Peck all so generously assisted to ensure the shade sail was safe and that the playground could be re-opened for the students to play in. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you! We truly appreciate your community spirit and sense of giving.

### 2021 Student Enrolment

If your child is not returning to St John's School in 2021, please advise the School Office. This important information assists us with our forward planning.

### 2021 Kindy Orientation

On Monday, we opened the Kindy Classroom to the students enrolled for 2021. A wealth of indoor and outdoor experiences were provided by Mrs Nicole Henderson, Mrs Deeanne Peck and Mrs Leigh Golosky and the children enjoyed every minute! We are very thankful to the parents/carers for attending and we look forward to continuing to work with you next year.

### Code of Conduct – Conduct Statement Eight

Conduct Statement Eight from the St John's School Code of Conduct is, 'You support all members of the school community in making informed decisions about students'. This statement recognises parents as the first educators and equal partners in the educational journey of their children. The skills and expertise of community members are viewed as a resource to be used in partnership in the best interests of the students. Appropriate language is used in all communication with all parents who are treated equally. And, positive relationships are fostered between all members of the school community.

This is a snapshot of Conduct Statement Eight. The full transcript can be found at [https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies\\_codeofconduct.pdf](https://www.sjr.wa.edu.au/pdf/policies_codeofconduct.pdf) on pages nineteen and twenty, including specific examples.

### School Fees

Thank you to the families who have paid or have a payment plan in place to cover the costs of their child/ren's school fees. The income received from school fees help to cover the day to day operation costs of the school. We do understand that there are times when some families experience financial hardship. It is in these instances that I ask parents to make an appointment to confidentially and sensitively discuss the matter so that alternative arrangements can be made.

### St John's School Board and P&F

The St John's School Board and P&F are two parent bodies that work with me and the school community in the best interests of the students. We have two vacancies for the 2020 St John's School Board and one vacancy for the 2020 St John's School P&F. If you are interested in nominating for one of these positions, please see the pages four and five in this newsletter. Any queries can be discussed with me or an existing member of the School Board or P&F.

### Good News Story

This week, I am proud of the 2021 Kindy students who came along to the Orientation on Monday and participated in all the activities without any tears. You are all showing that you are ready for school.

May the goodness of our natural environment provide the nourishment that we require to fuel our bodies, minds and souls

Mrs Melissa Marquis  
Principal

Term 4 Week 4  
5th November 2020

### Dates to Remember

#### FRIDAY 6th November

Yr 6 Prayer Assembly -  
8:45am

#### MONDAY 9th-13th Nov NAIDOC Week Commences

#### TUESDAY 10th November

P&F Hamburger Lunch

#### WEDNESDAY 11th Nov

Remembrance Day

#### THURSDAY 12th Nov

Interschool Swimming  
Carnival

#### FRIDAY 13th Nov

NAIDOC Prayer Assembly -  
8:45am

Netball Carnival Yrs 5-6

NOT EVERY  
DAY IS GOOD.  
BUT THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
GOOD IN  
EVERYDAY.

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## Religious News

### Prayer Assembly

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, the Year Six Class will lead the school in prayer. All are welcome to attend.

### Fruit of the Spirit

This will be the last week St John's School will focus on the fruit of Goodness.

*And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion."*  
Exodus 33:19

In this scripture, Moses receives an indication of God's goodness for humankind. In later scripture, Moses demands to see a sign from God. God proclaims to him his *name*. In other words, if you grasp the name of God, you have seen his goodness and glory.

### St John's School Feast Day Mass

On **Friday 20 November at 9.00am** in the St John's Church, the school community will gather to celebrate St John's School Feast Day. Although St John the Evangelist's feast day falls on 27 December, this day has been chosen to coincide with the Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 21 November, whom the Presentation Sister order is based upon. The Presentation Sisters were the founding sisters of St John's School.

Two students from years PP to Year 6 will be presented with a Nano Nagle Award at this celebration. The recipients, chosen by their classroom teacher, have adhered to the three pillars of Nano Nagle during the 2020 year: **Sharing, Caring and a Sense of Justice.**

Brett Love

Assistant Principal Religious Education



## Administration News

### 2021 Booklists

This week, the 2021 Class Booklists have been sent home with students from Kindy to Year Five. There are four options available for ordering. If you are choosing 'Option 2- School Pick Up', booklists must be ordered by **Friday 27 November**. With this option you can either order online or return your list to the school.

### Spare Parts Puppet Theatre Incursion

Students from Kindy to Year 6 were greatly entertained by the Spare Parts Puppet Theatre today, performing their 'Hare Brain' incursion. The performance tackled the age-old dilemma - does fast and furious really win the race or slow and steady? I am sure your child will be excited to share their response with you! Our Year 3-6 students were then invited to participate in some puppet making workshops, providing a fun way to encourage their creativity, problem solving and teamwork skills.

### NAIDOC Week

St John's School will be celebrating NAIDOC Week during Week Five, with many activities planned to celebrate and acknowledge the rich history of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year's theme '**Always Was, Always Will Be**' recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. Thank you to Lesley and Ashleigh, our Aboriginal Teacher Assistants, for their wonderful organisation and preparation of this year's NAIDOC activities. Please see the table below for further information:

Day	Activities
Monday	Free dress in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander colours for students in Pre Primary to Year Six. Rotational cultural activities for students in Year One to Year Six.
Tuesday	Rotational cultural activities for students in Kindy and Pre Primary Hamburger lunch (P&F fundraiser) Didgeridoo and dance performances for students from Kindy to Year Six Incursion
Wednesday	Author visits: Mark Greenwood (Year Three to Year Six) Frane Lessac (Kindy to Year Two)
Thursday	Aboriginal Art (Year Five and Six)
Friday	NAIDOC Prayer Assembly

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### Remembrance Day

Next **Wednesday 11 November**, the students and staff of St John's School will come together to mark Remembrance Day and pay our respects to all who have fought and died in war. We will honour them through a minute's silence at 11am, followed by a Prayer Service in the afternoon, led by the Year Five Class.



### Interschool Swimming Carnival

The Interschool Swimming Carnival is being held next **Thursday 12 November** from 12.00pm-2.30pm at the Aquarena. We wish our selected students, who have been chosen to represent the school, all the very best in their individual races on the day.

### Netball Carnival

Next **Friday 13 November**, St John's School have entered four mixed teams in the Netball Carnival for Years 5 and 6. Students will compete at the Geraldton Netball Association Courts, departing at 9.00am and returning approximately 2.40pm. We hope our netball teams have a fun and enjoyable day!

**Emma Pollard**  
Assistant Principal Administration

## NETBALL NEWS

Primary School Netball Carnival  
Years 5 & 6  
Friday 13th November  
Approximately 9.30am to 2.15pm  
Geraldton Netball Association Courts



### UMPIRES NEEDED

St John's community - If you or anyone you know, has some experience in umpiring netball and are able to attend on this day, we would be extremely grateful as all four of our teams are required to have an umpire. Please let me know if you are able to assist in this, even if only for a game or two.

Thank you  
Christine Kerr

**HAWES HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENT**

# **CHRISTMAS IN THE PIAZZA**

**DEVONSHIRE MORNING TEA      CAKE & CRAFT STALL**  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLS      THE GERALDTON BELLS**  
**&**

# **SUITCASE MARKETS**

Stall Holders will be selling wares of all sorts from their Suitcase.

Stall Registrations (\$10) Contact Details below.



**6TH DECEMBER 2020    8:30 -12:00**

MONSIGNOR HAWES HERITAGE CENTRE    56 CATHEDRAL AVENUE    GERALDTON

Enquiries & Stall Registrations: Gerry Eastman (0417912997)    More Information: [www.monsignorhawes.com/](http://www.monsignorhawes.com/)





# St John's School

Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION

There will be opportunities for members of the school community to serve on the School Board next year. Interested persons are requested to nominate themselves, seek nomination or nominate others to these important positions in our school community.

### FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

The functions of the Board include working with the Principal on:

- planning for the present and future operation of the school
- disseminating information about the school and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the school community
- liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the school with persons and organisations in the local Catholic community
- managing all the finances associated with the school
- advising with respect to school policy that has financial implications

### CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

Membership of the School Board is based on:

- possession of special skills that will be an asset to the School Board
- a deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff
- a desire to give service to the Catholic school community
- a keenness to promote Catholic schooling
- an ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the School Board

### ROLE OF INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

- to attend all School Board meetings and be involved in the decision making process (Board Meetings are held one evening a month)
- to prepare well for meetings
- to become informed about and develop competence in all matters affecting the School Board
- to provide advice to the Principal with respect to the formulation of school policy that has financial implications
- to support the ethos of the Catholic School
- to abide by the Board Code of Ethics
- to assist the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as required
- to be a member of sub-committees or other task groups
- to represent the members of the group that nominated you
- to generally, bring to the attention of the School Board any issues or problems in the group or organisation which need to be dealt with by the School Board

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## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL 2021 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION

I, ....., nominate ..... for a position on the School Board.

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Signature

.....  
Date

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There will be opportunities for members of the school community to serve on the P&F next year. Interested persons are requested to nominate themselves, seek nomination or nominate others to these important positions in our school community.

The St John's School P&F endeavours to foster community and positive relationships by organising activities for the students and families. Secondly, the St John's School P&F enables families to support the students and school through fundraising initiatives so that resources and equipment, which may otherwise be unavailable, can be purchased.

### P&F EXECUTIVE

The objective of the P&F Association is the promotion of the interests of St John's School and of the children attending the school.

#### Aims:

- to act as liaison between the wider community, and the governing bodies of the school
- to further the growth and development of parental involvement through a range of social, school and parish activities
- to raise funds for the further development of the educational, social and spiritual growth of St John's School children

#### The St John's School P&F strives to:

- Use our funds to support the educational, religious and social aims of the school
- Recognise and encourage the support given by parents to our school community

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## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL 2021 P&F NOMINATION

I, ....., nominate ..... for a position on the P&F.

☐ I would like to nominate for the position of Vice President.

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Signature

.....  
Date

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**OBSTACLE OF FUN**

**COLOUR RUN**

**Friday 20 November 2020**

Please wear **FREE DRESS (with a WHITE SHIRT)**

Students will have **FUN**, get **WET** and **COVERED IN POWDER**

All participants will receive an **ICY POLE** to finish!

Please also bring a towel and a spare set of clothes to get changed into at the end  
PS.... Volunteers are needed on the day from 12.30pm to finalise set up and from 1.30pm to  
assist students at the stations, please put your name and availability down in the Office.



If you would like to know more about the powder we are using please visit: <https://holicolourpowder.com.au/fag/>