

## St John's School

Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

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# Principal's Notes

#### Year Six Nagle Catholic College Science Experience

Last week, the Year Six Class visited Nagle Catholic College (NCC). During this visit, the student visited one of the Science Labs, donned protective and stepped into the role of scientists. The students happily recounted all the details of their visit upon return to St John's School. Next term, the Year Four Class will participate in a Music experience and in Term Four, the Year Five Class will have a Technology encounter.

The purpose of these experiences is to continue to build partnerships between NCC and St John's School, expose the students to learning opportunities using facilities that are beyond what we can offer at a primary school level, provide students with a taste of high school life in an effort to reduce anxieties associated with transitioning from a small primary school to a large secondary school, and last but not least, have fun!

I am very appreciative of this collaboration with NCC, facilitated in conjunction with Mr Michael Williams, Principal, Kelly Killen, Communications and Enrolment Officer, and the various associated teachers. Thank you!

#### Pyjama Day

Last Friday, the Social Ministry organised a Pyjama Party with all funds raised going to Wheelchair for Kids. The Year Sixes will visit the Wheelchair for Kids factory whilst on camp and will present Brother Ollie Pickett with a cheque for \$275. Thank you to everyone who came along, stayed comfy and had fun all whilst helping a very worthy cause. A special thank you to Mrs Carolyn Jaeger and the Social Ministry for organising the fundraiser.

If you wish to learn more about the invaluable work Wheelchair for Kids do, please got to https://wheelchairsforkids.org/

#### **Kindy Interviews**

This week, our school has been abuzz with lots of little people exploring St John's School. It has been absolutely delightful to meet the members of the 2022 Kindy Class along with their parents/carers. There has been a range of emotions on display, including happiness, hesitation, excitement, shyness and nervousness. We have also had a few tears, tears of joy, in amongst the confusion of why they can't start school right now!

We only have a few places left so if you know anyone who is considering St John's School, I ask that you encourage them to contact the Office to arrange to collect an Enrolment Pack and an interview. Mrs Tracey Doglione will only be too happy to assist, answering any questions that potential new families may have.

#### **Good News Story**

A young lady in Year One needs to be recognised for the multiple acts of kindness she has recently displayed. In the Library, Kaitlyn was very caring towards two of her friends when they expressed a strong desire to both have a certain book. On both occasions, Kaitlyn willingly let her peers have the books, happily selecting another one as it was important to Kaitlyn that her friends were happy. Thank you, Kaitlyn for your kind generous heart, putting others first.

### Mrs Melissa Marquis

**PRINCIPAL** 

### Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 18th June
Prayer Assembly Pre-Primary

Netball & Football Carnivals (Years 5 & 6)

Monday 21st June
IEP Parent Meetings

Tuesday 22nd June
Andrew Chin Concert

Thursday 24th June
Assembly - Drumbeat
Performance - 2.30pm

Friday 25th June
Prayer Assembly - Year 5

Monday 28th June STEM Enrichment Showcase (St John's School)

The most valuable gift you can receive is an honest friend.



### Let the Little Children

# **Religious Education**

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#### **Prayer Assembly**

Tomorrow, at 8.45am, in the Undercover Area, the Pre-Primary Class will be leading the school community in a Prayer Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Fruit of the Spirit - Kindness

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great."

(Luke 6:35)

Being kind to the ones we love is generally very easy. In this scripture from the Gospel of Luke, Jesus encourages us to love our enemies as well as our friends. We are to love our adversaries and pray for those that are antagonistic towards



#### **Sacrament of First Eucharist**

On Sunday, students from the Year Four Class celebrated the Sacrament of First Eucharist. All students who attended, represented themselves, their families and St John's School in the most reverent manner.

A special thank you must go to Father Dominic Hoang for presiding over the Mass and for the spiritual guidance and wisdom he offered the candidates and congregation. We were very lucky to have Father Dominic lead this celebration.

Thank you to the Staff of St John's School for their continued support and help. Particularly, Mr Patrick Matthews, who prepared the Year Four candidates so perfectly.

I pray that the candidates who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Sunday will continue to receive the abundance of Christ's presence each time they receive this special sacrament.

#### **Fan the Flame**

You are invited to join the national prayer campaign and in a special way to support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council Assembly in October 2021.

Pope Francis stated, "The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us, with the Blood of Christ. And this Blood makes us children of God of the first class! We all have a duty to do good. If we, each doing our own part, if we do good to others ... we will make that culture of encounter." (Pope Francis Homily, May 2013)

Please visit <a href="www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/">www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/</a> for further information.

#### **Mr Brett Love**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 

## **Administration News**

#### **Netball and Football Carnival**

We wish our Year Five and Six students all the best as they compete in the Netball and Football Carnivals tomorrow. A reminder that students must wear their Sport Uniform and bring morning tea, lunch and a water bottle with them. Students will be leaving school at 9:00am and returning at 2:30pm. The Netball Carnival is being held at the Geraldton Netball Association Courts and the Football Carnival at the GBSC Sports Park. Please note that students from St John's School will not have permission to use the Canteen, providing their own food and drinks. Thank you to Mrs Kerr and Mrs Halford for their organisation surrounding these events and to our parent volunteers for offering to assist with various roles on the day.

### **Library News**

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

#### LIBRARY DAYS

Wednesdays - PP, Year 2, Year 4 Thursdays - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6

#### **WEEKLY NEWS**

#### **Battle of the Return Books**

Each year group competes weekly to have the least number of overdue books, with the winning class displaying the St John's School Library Trophy for the week. At the end of the term, the class with the most weekly wins will receive a special surprise and bragging rights as the winner of the Return Books Battle. Last week's winner was YEAR SIX. Thank you, Year Six, for working together to return your library books on time.

#### <u>Library Open at Lunch on Wednesday and</u> Thursday

The Library is open during lunch on Wednesday and Thursday. So, pop on in and read a book, colour in a picture or play a board game with a friend. Our lovely Year Six volunteers are also available to read a book to you.

## The 2021 Randolph Stow Young Writers Award

We have another two entries for the writing competition. Thank you to Lucas and Sienna from Year Five. It is not too late to enter as the competition will run until 3 July. Information and entry forms are available in our Library.

Please encourage your children to enter as we have some wonderfully creative writers at St John's School, and we would love to show the Geraldton community what they can do.

#### What Do You Want From Your Library?

Please add your suggestions to the poster to tell us what you want from your Library.

#### **Mrs Kay Brown**

**LIBRARY TECHNICIAN** 

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## **Administration News**

#### **Andrew Chinn Incursion**

On **Tuesday 22 June**, students will have the wonderful opportunity to work with Andrew Chinn, an Australian religious songwriter and singer. Andrew will meet with different classes during the day to learn various songs and actions, before joining together as a whole school in the afternoon for a concert.

#### **School Assembly Week 10**

Our next School Assembly will be held on **Thursday 24 June at 2.20pm** in the School Hall. Selected students from Year Six who have been involved in the school's Drumbeat programme are looking forward to performing for us all. Merit Awards will be presented during the School Assembly with all family and friends welcome to attend.

#### **Semester One Reports**

Teachers are currently very busy writing and editing reports that capture the learning journey your child has embarked on during Semester One. The purpose of these reports is to identify and communicate areas for celebration as well as areas for future development. Reports in Years 1-6 measure student progress using an A-E grading scale, with a C grade indicating that students have met the 'at target' point for their respective year level in each of the learning areas.

To ensure that parents and carers are fully informed prior to these reports being sent home, teachers are currently organising and holding meetings with parents and carers of students who have not reached this desired target in the English and Mathematics learning areas. Reports will be sent home on **Wednesday 30 June.** If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's School Report, please arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

#### **Message from the Communications Ministry**

Last week we asked you to ponder the riddle "The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?". The answer is **footsteps!** Thank you to everyone that joined in our fun and had a go at answering the riddle. Keep a look out for the next instalment of SJN (St John's News) coming soon!



#### Social Ministry-Pyjama Day

A big thank you from the Social Ministry for supporting their Pyjama Day fundraiser. A total of \$275 was raised to support Wheelchair for Kids.

#### Mrs Emma Pollard

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION** 

#### **AUSSIE OF THE MONTH**

A huge congratulations to our winners of the Aussie of the Month Awards.

Senior Aussie was awarded to Indi R and the Junior Aussie was

awarded to Chantelle J.



## **P&F News**

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Meeting
Monday 19 July @
6:00pm
Everyone is welcome.

#### Containers for Change P&F Fundraiser

Please consider donating the funds received from recycling your bottles and cans, through Containers for Change, to the St John's School P&F. Our code is C102861876.
Thank you.



#### **HOCKEY NEWS**

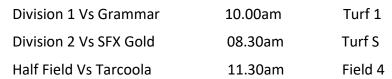
#### Results - 5th June

Division 1 defeated SFX Gold - 3 -0 **Best Players:** Ben, Lacey & Will

Division 2 drew with St Lawrences' 1- 1 **Best Players:** Jaxson, Nate & Mac

Half Field had a bye







#### **Saturday 12th June**

A Blue: St John's defeated Wandina 10 - 6
Best Players: Meg N, Breanna R & Gracie C

**B Yellow:** St John's drew with Gtn Grammar 9 - 9

Best Players: Amity G, Chaney J & Erin C

**NSG GO:** St John's Vs Allendale - no score **Best Players:** Azelia C, Lucy O & Kelly D

#### **NETBALL RESULTS**

#### Fixtures Saturday 19th June

Grade	Teams	Time	Court
A Blue	St John's Vs Gtn Primary	11.15am	1
B Yellow	St John's Vs Waggrakine	10.00am	7
NSGGO	St John's Vs Wandina	08.45am	3

#### Dear Parents/Guardians

Centacare Family Services Geraldton will be conducting the 2021 Road Map to My

Emotions workshop. This will be facilitated by Child & Family Counsellors Stacy Green and Justin Chan. We will be running the workshop in Term 3 - 2021 for both 7-9 years and 10-12 years. The workshop will commence from the 9th August.

The workshop is run weekly for an hour, over the course of 5 weeks. The aim of the workshop is to increase resilience and problem-solving skills to help children learn to name and accept emotions, and learn copying strategies for when emotions become distressing the outline of the programme is a follows:

Week 1: Emotions and Feeling Happy

Week 2: Feeling Sad

Week:3 Feeling Scared

Week 4: Feeling Angry

Week 5: Problem Solving

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A one-hour parent information session about the workshop will be held on the 3rd and 4th of August 2021. These sessions will cover all information relating to the Road Map to My Emotions workshops and look at what you can do to help support your child's learning between workshops.

If you have any questions regarding the programme, please fee welcome to call Centacare on 9921 1433







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Would you like to have your hearing tested?

## Student Audiology Clinic

All welcome to attend to attend our supervised student teaching clinic.

We will test your hearing and middle ear function.

This test does not include hearing aid fitting or review.

Results will be sent to your GP.

When: Tuesday 22 June - Thursday 1 July 2021

Who: For adults & children 4yo+
Where: WA Centre for Rural Health

167 Fitzgerald St, Geraldton

Cost: There is no charge
To book: Phone: 9956 0200

This student clinic is best suited to those who may have difficulty accessing other services.

Clinics are run by UWA Masters of Audiology students.





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### **DISCOVER**

- Our range of academic pathways
- Our unique pastoral care school model
- Vibrant and modern facilities
- Industry ready workspaces and equipment
- The abundance of programs available to students
- Resources ready to support your child
- And so much more!!

Starting Week 9 Term 2

<u>Thursdays</u> 10.00am - 11.00am and 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Bookings essential, please contact our School Officers on 9965 8300