



St John's School

Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 2 WEEK 10

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Principal's Notes

Attendance

Every day counts! Non-attendance has a variety of effects on students, both academically and socially. The chart below provides a snapshot of how every day at school counts.

If your child misses...	...that equals...	...which is...	...and over thirteen years of schooling that equals...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	nearly 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	12 weeks per year	nearly 5 years
3 days per week	100 days per year	16 weeks per year	nearly 8 years

At a leadership and administrative level, we have been refining the process we undertake at a school level to follow up unexplained absenteeism. Please refer to page five for the full overview of process that we are following.

If your child/ren are absent, we ask that you leave a voice message on the answering machine, send an email, submit an online absentee form via the school website or send a message via Seesaw. A note can also be provided upon the child's return to school.

Drink Fountains

You may have noticed, or your child/ren may have told you, that we have a new tap on the drink fountain in the Courtyard. In partnership with the P&F, we have been exploring options to assist with the refilling of water bottles given that the students cannot drink directly from the fountain. One tap has been installed as a trial. We need to ensure that it fills the bottles quickly and that the water pressure is not affected. After the trial, discussions will be held to make a final decision of what to do with the other drink fountain outlets.

The P&F Committee and I are very appreciative of a community member/business who has generously donated the funds to cover the cost of the trial. Whilst the donor and the associated business wish to remain anonymous, I am very appreciative of this generous gift which means the P&F can commit the saved funds to other projects. It is truly special to be a part of such a generous and kind community.

End of Term Two

Next week is the last week of Term Two – we made it through an eleven week term! Students finish on Thursday 1 July. Friday 2 July is a Pupil Free Day with staff involved in our annual Retreat Day offsite, led by Jo Harris, CEWA Religious Education Consultant.

Good News Story

Next week, students from Years Four and Five will be competing in a STEM Showcase Competition at Nagle Catholic College. The Showcase provides an opportunity to present all that the students have worked on for the duration of Term Two under the guidance of Mr Brett Love. I would like to wish Lilah, Charney, Mac, Jayden, Ava, Indi L, Indi R and Shelby all the very best. I know that they will do St John's School very proud!

Mrs Melissa Marquis
PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 25th June
Prayer Assembly - Year 5

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

Tuesday 29th June
Enrichment Showcase
(Nagle Catholic College)

Wednesday 30th June
Reports being sent home

Thursday 1st July
Whole School Mass -
Year 4 at 9.00am
Last day for Students

Friday 2nd July
PUPIL FREE DAY
Staff Retreat

Monday 19th July
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 20th July
Students Commence
Term 3



Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

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



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 www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/ for further information.

End of Term – Whole School Mass

Next Thursday, at 9.00am, in the St John's Church, the Year Four Class will be leading the school community in a whole school Mass. If you are intending on coming, please sanitise your hands upon entry and register your details with the SafeWA app.

Fruit of the Spirit – Kindness

"Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
(Ephesians 4:32)

Mr Brett Love

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

School Assembly

Thank you to our Year Six Drumbeat students for their skilful performance at our School Assembly today. Our next School Assembly is scheduled next term on Thursday 5 August at 2:20pm where our Pre-Primary Class will be performing their first item to the school community. All family and friends are welcome to attend, and we look forward to seeing you there.



STEM Enrichment

Students involved in this term's STEM Enrichment Program have been very busy working towards the completion of their projects. Next **Monday 28 June**, the students will have the opportunity to present to the Year Four and Year Five Classes in the School Hall at 9:30am and 10:00am. Parents or carers of students involved in the Enrichment Program are welcome to come and watch these presentations.

On **Tuesday 29 June**, STEM Enrichment students will travel to Nagle Catholic College to formally present their completed work at the STEM MAD Showcase. Due to number limitations, parents and carers are unable to attend this event. Congratulations to each of our STEM Enrichment students and we wish you all the best as you demonstrate your thinking, research and processes behind your projects.

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 PRE PRIMARY. Thank you, Pre Primary and parents, for working together to return your library books on time.

Library Open at Lunch on Wednesday and 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

There is only one week left to enter the writing competition which finishes on the 3 July. All of the entries received have been submitted to the City of Greater Geraldton's competition. It is not too late to enter, and information and entry forms are available in our library.

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



Administration News

Semester One Reports

Semester One Reports will be sent home next **Wednesday 30 June**. 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. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's Semester Report, please arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's classroom teacher.

Pupil Free Day - Monday 19 July

A reminder that **Monday 19 July** is a Pupil Free Day. Students will commence Term Three on **Tuesday 20 July**.

STUDENT
FREE
DAY

NAIDOC Week 2021

NAIDOC Week is celebrated as a nation from Sunday 4 July to Sunday 11 July. As this falls within the school holidays, St John's School will be recognising NAIDOC Week during Week One of Term Three. This year's theme is 'Heal Country!' and calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

More information regarding the school's NAIDOC celebrations will be communicated to parents next week via a note home.

PLP Meetings Term Three

Please be advised that Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) Meetings for Term 3 will be held during Week 4 on **Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 August**. These meetings are 15 minutes in duration and are used to discuss student achievement of their Semester One learning goals as well as to review and create new goals for Semester Two. Notes will be sent home early in Term Three and timetables placed outside classrooms during Week Two.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

St John's Netball & Football Teams

Well done for the great effort at the Carnivals.



P&F News

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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 - 19th June

Division 1 defeated Grammar 4 - 1

Best Players: Isaac, Cooper, Will & Tyler

Division 2 lost to SFX 2 - 1

Best Players: Jayden, Nat O & Jaxson

Half Field defeated Tarcoola

Best Players: Lachlan for doing a great job bringing other players into the game and Chantelle for greater strength with her ball skills.



Fixtures for Saturday 26th June

Division 1 Vs Geraldton Primary	11.00am	Grass 1
Division 2 Vs SFX Black	08.30am	Grass 1 South
Half Field Vs Wandina	11.30am	Field 2

A reminder that all players should be at the grounds ready to play 15 minutes before the game is due to start so the Coach is able to organise the team and they are able to warm up before the game. This applies to all players.



NETBALL RESULTS

Saturday 19th June

A Blue: St John's lost to Gtn Primary 3 - 24

Best Players: Meg, Skyla, Alison

B Yellow: St John's defeated Waggrakine 11 - 3

Best Players: Erin, Ava & Heidi

NSGGO: St John's Vs Wandina - No results

Best Players:



NETBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 26th June

Grade	Teams	Time	Court
A Blue	St John's Vs Mt Tarcoola	11.15am	5
B Yellow	St John's Vs Gtn Primary	10.00am	Stadium
NSGGO	St John's has a BYE		



SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINIC

Monday-Wednesday | 12-14 July 2021

Geraldton Tennis Club

8.30am-9am Hot Shots Blue (3-5yrs)	\$15/day or \$30 (3 days)
9am-10am Hot Shots Red (5-8yrs)	\$25/day or \$65 (3 days)
10am-11:30am Hot Shots Orange (8-10yrs)	\$35/day or \$72 (3 days)
3pm-5pm Hot Shots Green (9-12yrs +)	\$45/day or \$90 (3 days)



DYNAMIC
TENNIS COACHING



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Geraldton Tennis Club
256 Eighth St, Geraldton

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

Step 1

- Teachers complete Attendance Roll in SEQTA at 9:00am and 1:00pm each day.
- A Student Sign In/Sign Out Register is situated in the Office for students who are late or absent for periods of time over the course of the school day.

Step 2

- A daily SMS is sent out through SEQTA by the Administration Officer for all unexplained absences.

Step 3

- A phone call is made by the Administration Officer when a student is absent for two consecutive days and an explanation has not been provided. Where applicable, pastoral care support is offered.
- A pastoral care note is entered into SEQTA by the Administration Officer, outlining the details of the phone call.

Step 4

- A phone call is made by the Assistant Principal/Principal each Friday when a student is absent for four/five consecutive days of that week and an explanation has not been provided. Where applicable, pastoral care support is offered.
- A pastoral care note is entered into SEQTA by the Assistant Principal/Principal, outlining the details of the phone call.

Step 5

- The Attendance Officer at the Midwest Department of Education is contacted by the Principal on a Friday when a student is absent for two weeks and an explanation has not been provided. Where applicable, pastoral care support is outlined.
- A pastoral care note is entered into SEQTA by the Principal, outlining the details of the contact.

Step 6

- Child Protection and Family Support is contacted by the Principal when a student is absent for three weeks and an explanation has not been provided. Where applicable, pastoral care support is outlined.
- A pastoral care note is entered into SEQTA by the Principal, outlining the details of the contact.

As required, St John's School will liaise with the CEWA Psychologist and any other relevant agencies for ongoing support. Additionally, Attendance Plans will be devised in collaboration with all major stakeholders to support the student upon return after an extended period of absence.



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Our Vinnies shops raise funds for the most vulnerable in our communities.

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