



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 3 WEEK 10
23rd September 2022

Principal's Notes

School Spelling Bee Competition

On Monday, we hosted the 2022 School Spelling Bee Competition. Congratulations to the following students for being named as the Spelling Bee Champion for their respective year level:

Year Three Heidi G
Year Four Evelyn P
Year Five Mac H
Year Six Toby E

We are all very proud of you and the strength you displayed in relation to spelling the words.

Thank you, Mrs Christine Kerr for all the assistance you provided to run the competition for another year.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Last week, St John's School hosted the Interschool Athletics Carnival which also included the Jumps and Throws Day. Congratulations to Geraldton Primary School who won the Overall Championship Shield. St John's School finished third, as noted in the table below:

OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD		
Place	School	Points
6th	Rangeway Primary School	129
5th	Bluff Point Primary School	144
4th	Geraldton Christian College	148
3rd	St John's School	254
2nd	Geraldton Grammar School	438
1st	Geraldton Primary School	494

Our congratulations are also extended to Geraldton Christian College for winning the Handicap Shield.

Two students from St John's School are deserving of individual mention for their efforts over the course of the two days of competition. Lilah B was awarded Senior Girls Champion with 37 points and Ava B was Senior Girls Runner Up Champion with 21 points. It was wonderful to see these ladies excel at their last primary Interschool Carnival Competition.

I would like to make a special thank you to Mr Patrick Matthews for co-ordinating all aspects of the Interschool Carnival. As the host school, there are a lot of organisational aspects that need to be attended to and Mr Matthews ensured all aspects of the day ran very smoothly. Thank you to all the parents and staff who also assisted, supporting Mr Matthews over the two days.

Catholic Primary Principals' Association Conference

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, I have attended to Catholic Primary Principals' Conference. Richard Gerver, Tuesday's presenter, is the author of the number one bestsellers, *Change* and *Simple Thinking*. He offered a ground-breaking look into how the world is dealing with the challenge of unleashing human potential and embracing and leading change in the most uncertain of times. Richard is a former globally renowned and life changing school principal, taking innovation by storm. It was very inspiring to listen to Richard. I will share other highlights from the Conference in future Newsletters.

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 23 September
Last day of school for Term 3

Monday 10 October
PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday 11th October
Students commence Term 4

Thursday 13th October
Free Dress Crazy Sock Day

Friday 14th October
Beginning of Term 4
Mass - 9:00am

P&F Playground
Showcase 3:00-4:30pm

Monday 17th - Friday 21st October
Year 6 School Camp



Seesaw

As previously advised, there has been issues with the Messages feature of Seesaw. These issues were related to cyber security breaches. CEWA IT has been working with Seesaw to rectify the security breaches. CEWA IT will continue to work with Seesaw to ensure our students, teachers and parents can work in a safe and secure platform.

This is a timely reminder to all parents/carers to regularly update passwords and to not use the same password across multiple online services.

National Quality Standard (NQS) – Quality Area 7

The aim of Quality Area 7 is to support effective leadership and management of the service that contributes to quality environments for children's learning and development. Well-documented policies and procedures, well-maintained records, shared values, clear direction and reflective practices enable the service to function as a learning community. An ongoing cycle of planning and review, including engagement with families, creates a setting for continuous improvement. [Quality Area 7 – Governance and leadership | ACECQA](#)

Please also refer to the poster on page four of the Newsletter

Good News Story

This week, I would like to recognise a participant in the School Spelling Bee Competition who overcame nerves to participate in the event. I admire this student's ability to work through the experienced emotions and take a risk.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Religious Education

Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Sunday, select students from the Year Six Class celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. All students who attended, represented themselves, their families and St John's School in the most reverent manner. The Holy Spirit was most certainly present as a helper and a guide on this special morning of celebration.

A special thank you must be given to Bishop Michael and Father Dominic for presiding over the Mass and for their spiritual guidance and wisdom during the candidate's preparation. To the St John's Parish Community, thank you for your special prayers for the Confirmation candidates. Lastly, thank you to Miss Erica Lee and all St John's School Staff for their support prior, their presence during and their efforts post the celebration.

International Food Festival Fundraiser

As previously advertised, our Geraldton Catholic community are joining together in solidarity to fundraise and to celebrate with the upcoming International Food Festival on **Sunday October 23**. The fundraising is a combination of a major raffle, various activities, food stalls with international cuisines, prepared and sold at the venue. Family and community is the focal point being something so central to our everyday living, it is a great way of sharing and bringing families and the wider community together. The International Food Festival also celebrates our different identities, cultures, faith beliefs and wonderful cuisines that shapes and unites us

Socktober - Thursday 13 October

Socktober invites students to engage with developing world issues through understanding what 'Sock it to Poverty' means. On **Thursday 13 October**, students can wear crazy socks to school for a gold coin donation.

The students are invited to also wear free dress on this day, providing they wear correct, enclosed footwear and clothing which is sun smart

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 4

Thursdays - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5, Year 6

News from Mrs Connolly

BOOK FAIR

Once again a huge thank you to the School Community for generously supporting the Book Fair. St John's School has been rewarded with \$720.00 in commission from the sales. Thank you to all staff who assisted with the Book Fair.

END OF TERM

As we are nearing the end of Term 3 can you please assist your child/children in returning their overdue library books? Overdue reminder slips were sent out during Week 10. Please contact the school or the library if your child's book has been lost or damaged.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

"Dreaming with eyes open" is the slogan for Children's Book Week. The "Dress-Up" Parade will take place in week 5.



Religious Education

Fruit of the Spirit

This will be the first week the St John's School Community will focus on the Fruit of the Spirit, Faithfulness.

Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

(Matthew 8:24-25)

The disciples were very much apparent of Jesus' miraculous ways having spent a lot of time with him and been witness to many of His miracles. Yet, the Bible has countless stories of the disciples' wavering faith, even up to, and after, Jesus' resurrection. As humans, having unwavering faith is difficult as we are flooded with numerous tragedies and challenges daily.

The story of Jesus calming the storm concludes with Jesus, yet again, performing a miracle of settling the storm and reassuring his disciples to have faith that He will not abandon them.

Happy Holidays

I wish all the St John's School Community a happy and safe holiday. School will return for students on **Tuesday 11 October**.

Mr Brett Love - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

End of Term Three

We have come to the end of a very busy and event-filled Term 3! I would like to wish all our students, families and staff a restful term break before we come back for the final term of the school year. **Students return on Tuesday 11 October.**

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of our St John's students who competed in last Friday's Interschool Athletics Carnival. Overall our school achieved third place, which is a wonderful achievement from all of our students who displayed great sportsmanship and talent. Thank you to Mr Patrick Matthews and Mr Brett Love for their ongoing preparations in organising events such as these and to all the other staff and parents who assisted on the day.

Assembly

Congratulations to our Choir students who did a wonderful job of showcasing their singing and performance skills at today's Assembly. Thank you to Miss Lauren Hewitson for the work she has done in preparing these students so well. Our next school assembly is scheduled for **Thursday 27 October** in Term Four, with the Year Three class presenting their item to the school.

Term 4: Important Dates for Weeks 1-5

Tuesday 11 October:	Students return for Term Four
Thursday 13 October:	Socktober - Crazy Sock Day
Friday 14 October:	Beginning of Term Four Mass @ 9:00am
Friday 14 October:	P&F Playground Sundowner 3:00pm-4:30pm
Monday 17- Friday 21 October:	Year Six Camp
Sunday 23 October:	Geraldton Parish International Food Festival

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Term Four

Meeting Dates

Monday 10 October
6:00pm

Monday 24 October
6:00pm

Monday 14 November
6:00pm

P&F Gourmet BBQ Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

The staff and students really enjoyed the gourmet sausage sizzle on Monday. Thank you to following ladies for assisting on the day: Jodi, Nicole, Amy, Ainsley, Libby, Alex and Penny. Your cooking skills were amazing.

Our initial profits are calculated to be \$734.92, which is an amazing effort. Our sincere thanks are extended to Batavia Coast Butchery and Woolworths in the Stirling's Centre and Queens IGA for their very generous donation of various food items.

P&F End of Year Raffle

The St John's School P&F is busily preparing for our annual P&F Raffle. We are reaching out to any businesses and families for prize donations. All donations are gladly accepted. If you have any further questions, please contact a member of the P&F or see the Office.

Playground Showcase Afternoon Tea

Third time lucky – fingers crossed. Friday 14 October at 3:00pm. Please see the flyer on page five of the Newsletter.

Administration News

Thursday 27 October:	Year Three Assembly @ 2:20pm
Wednesday 26 October to Friday 28 October:	Midwest Showcase
Friday 28 October:	Nagle Catholic College Year 7 2022 Orientation Day
Thursday 3 November:	Kindy – Year Two Water Fun Afternoon
Friday 4 November:	Faction Swimming Carnival (Year 3-6)
Thursday 10 November:	Book Dress-up Parade 9:10am
Thursday 11 November:	Remembrance Day Service @ 11:00am (Year Five leading)



Mrs Emma Pollard - ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

National Quality Standard **Quality Area**

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**governance
and leadership**



Effective leadership, systems and processes support a continually improving workplace and learning environment.

www.acecqa.gov.au 1300 422 327

 Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority

2023 Faction Shirt Orders

A faction shirt order is currently being compiled for 2023. If you require shirts for your children, could you please contact Tracey in the Office to place your order. There is no limit on the number of shirts that you can order however, sizes will not be able to be exchanged as they have been ordered specifically for your child/ren, so please consider growth spurts that may occur over the Christmas holidays.

Payment will not be required until the shirts are collected. At this stage, we cannot guarantee the shirts will arrive in time for our Uniform Shop Open Day in January 2023. **The faction shirts are compulsory for all students in Years One to Six from February 2023.**

Thank you!

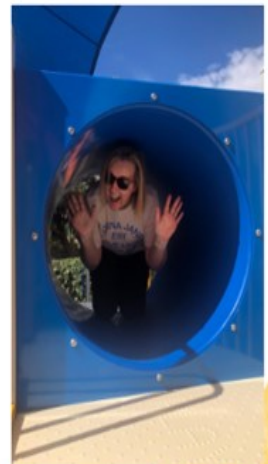
P&F Playground Showcase Afternoon Tea



**Fusions Gelato Van
onsite**

**Free sausage sizzle
Pre-Primary & Kindy
Area**

**Friday 14 October
3-430pm**





Please note that any amendments will be notified in the School Newsletter.
Thank you.

St John's School

Term 4 2022 Planner - Parents

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 1	10 PUPIL FREE DAY P&F Meeting 6:00	11 STUDENTS COMMENCE	12	13 Socktober Socktober – Crazy Sock Day/Free Dress	14 Beginning of Term Four Mass – Led by Staff 9:00 P&F Playground Showcase 3:00-4:30	16	16
WEEK 2	17 School Camp Year 6	18	19	20	21 Prayer Assembly Year Three	22	23 Geraldton Parish International Food Festival
WEEK 3	24 P&F Meeting 6:00	25 Rugby WA Clinic Years 1-6	26 Midwest Showcase	27 Midwest Showcase Assembly Year 3 2.20pm - Hall	28 Prayer Assembly Year Four PP Excursion 9.15-12.30 Town Trip Midwest Showcase NCC Year 7 2023 Orientation Day P&F Busy Bee – Sea Container 9:00	29	30
WEEK 4	31 1 st November All Saints Day Prayer Assembly (Spiritual Ministry)		2	3 Kindy-Year 2 Water Fun Afternoon	4 Prayer Assembly Year Six Faction Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)	5	6
WEEK 5	7	8	9	10 Book Fair Dress Up Parade 9.10	11 Remembrance Day Service 11:00 – Yr 5 Rangeway Dental Visits 1:45: PP, 3 & 6	12	13



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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
WEEK 6	14 Kindy 2023 Orientation 9.00-10.30 P&F Meeting 6:00 Yr 6 Headspace Transition Talk 11.30-12.20	15 NCC Robotics – Yr 5 1.30	16	17 Assembly Showcase Duet 2.20 - Hall	18 Prayer Assembly Year Two	19	20
WEEK 7	21 St John's School Feast Day Mass P&F Colour Fun Run CBSHS Yr 7 2023 Transition Days GSHS Yr 7 2023 Transition Days (TBC) Kindy 2023 Transition Visit 9.15-10.15	22 ACM 6:00 IEP Meetings	23 IEP Meetings	24	25 Prayer Assembly Year One Year 4 Tennis Tournament	26	27
WEEK 8	28 Kindy 2023 Transition Visit 9.15-10.15 Classroom Food Drive	29 Transition Morning Kindy – Year 5	30	1 st December	2 Prayer Assembly Year Two School Concert & Presentation Night	3	4
WEEK 9	5 Kindy 2023 Transition Visit 9.15-10.15 Classroom Food Drive	6 PP Concert 10.00	7 Kindy Concert 9.30 Year Six Graduation Mass 5.30pm	8 Reports go home	9 Prayer Assembly Year Pre-Primary Last Day for Students	10	11
WEEK 10	12	13	14	15	16 Last Day for Staff	17	18



Join us and have a go at
being a chorister for a day !!

Singing workshop

A fun workshop experience with the St Mary's
Cathedral Choir (Perth)

- ▶ open to children of all ages
- ▶ no prior singing experience necessary
- ▶ learn lots about singing and working with choral groups
- ▶ make new friends !!
- ▶ AND get to sing in the AMAZING St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Geraldton with its amazing pipe organs and bells !!!



Saturday 24th Sept 3-5pm

Workshop with St Mary's Cathedral Choir

Sunday 25th Sept 9:30am

Solemn Sung Mass at St Francis Xavier Cathedral

To register please contact:

heritage@diocese-geraldton.org

fremantlechamberorchestra.com

Fremantle Chamber Orchestra

Paul Wright Conductor

Hannah Woolley Oboe

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MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

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of various Monsignor
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Francis Xavier Cathedral
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includes coach travel, buffet lunch & light refreshments



Midwest
Early Years
Network

Free Family Fun Day!

Wed 19 Oct 2022
in the gardens
@ the Museum
of Geraldton
9.30am to 11.30am



Fun activities for families and their children



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Babies

Parents and Babies Group

(0 – 3 months)

Sleep patterns, settling techniques, growth development, feeding, and guest speakers. Come enjoy time with other new parents. **Thursdays: 9:30am to 11:30am 10 November**

Starting Solids (3 – 6 months)

Introduction of solids, healthy balanced diet, your baby's development, enjoying time with other new parents.

Thursdays: 9:30am to 11:30am (one-off session) 3 Nov, 15 Dec

Please call CPC to register 9921 6814

Parenting Support

One on One Parenting Chats with Ngala (0 – 18 years)

Let's talk all things parenting. Free, private one-on-one sessions are booked for up to an hour to discuss any parenting topics you like from sleep, behaviour support, anxiety, transition to school and more.

Call 9921 4477 to book.

Geraldton Family Counselling Service

Friendly, confidential counselling support for parents available for free. Discuss any topic you need from depression and anxiety, to grief and loss, anger management, separation and relationships, managing stress and more.

Wednesdays: appointments from 9.00am onwards call 99216 814

Playgroup 2022

(0 – 5 years)

A free, casual catch-up for dads, mums and carers of babies from birth to 5 years. Bring your own hats, drinks and snacks.

Fridays: 9:00am to 11:00am

(runs for 10 weeks, starting 14 Oct)

Specialised Services BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Child Health Nurse

Call 9956 1985 to book



Free Workshops – Bookings essential

Date	Day	Time	Program
12 Oct	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	PCWA TLC Lactation Education pre-birth - 3 months A free information session presented by Guidance Speech and Feeding, Lactation Consultant for mums with bubs aged 0-12 weeks to learn about breastfeeding in the period often referred to as the 'fourth trimester'. Call 9921 4477 for bookings.
18 Oct- 6 Dec	Tues	9.00am to 11.00am	FULLY BOOKED CPC Little Learners (runs for 8 weeks) Little Learners (8weeks) Do you have a child starting Kindy in 2023? Do you want to help your child learn some skills to prepare for starting school? Parent participation required, siblings welcome.
19 Oct- 23 Nov	Wed	9.30am to 11.30 am	Tuning in to Kids (6weeks) Tuning in to Kids A free six session parenting program for parents and carers of children 5 – 10 years. Learn how to: • Be better at talking with your child • Prevent behaviour problems in your child • Help your child to manage their feelings. Crèche available Call 9921 4477 for bookings.
26 Oct & 23 Nov	Wed	12.30pm to 2.30pm	Wanslea Grancarers Support Group If you are a grandparent with fulltime care of your grandchild/ren, you are welcome to attend this monthly support group where grandcarers meet together at the CPC Rangeway and Wanslea video in to the session. Call 1800 794 909 for bookings.
21 Nov	Mon	9.30am to 11.30am	WACHS Sensory Processing Workshop for Parents 0-8yrs At this workshop, parents will develop an understanding of what sensory processing is, what it means and what it looks like to have sensory processing. Crèche available Call 9921 6814 for bookings.
28 Nov	Mon	9.30am to 11.30 am	WACHS Happy Mealtimes 1 - 8 years What 'normal' feeding, mealtimes and eating behaviours might look like? Covering diet and nutritional requirements for your child, troubleshooting difficult mealtimes and where you can seek help if things start to go wrong. Crèche available Call 9921 6814 for bookings.
5 Dec	Mon	9.30am to 11.30am	Desert Blue Connect Protective Behaviours Delivered in schools, Protective Behaviours gives children the tools to understand the ownership of their body, the difference between surprises and secrets and knowing whether they feel safe or unsafe. It empowers them to get help and to talk to someone if they feel unsafe. This free adult workshop will provide you with the information you need to provide further support. Crèche available Call 9921 6814 for bookings
7 Dec	Wed	9.30am to 11.30am	WACHS Triple P Toileting 1.5 - 4 years This workshop aims to give some strategies to help encourage your toddler to toilet independently. It will also explore different problems commonly faced during toilet training and an Occupational Therapist will join us to discuss ongoing toileting challenges that may already be happening. Crèche available Call 9921 6814 for bookings.

All programs, services and workshops are free and are subject to current health advice.

Registration for all programs, workshops, crèche and services is essential.

To register or for more information contact the Child and Parent Centre – Rangeway on 9921 6814 or rangeway@ngala.com.au