



St John's School

Kindergarten to Year 6

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TERM 1 WEEK 3

16th February 2023

Principal's Notes

New Students

A very special welcome to our new students and families. It has been great getting to know you over the past couple of weeks. Please join me in welcoming:

Kindy	The whole class (names to be published next newsletter)
Pre Primary	Lataya and Madison
Year One	Lillian
Year Two	Jonathan and Elisha
Year Three	Leanne, Hazel, Jack and Isla
Year Four	Lakyrh
Year Five	Coby, Levi, Elliyarn, Bianca and Loma
Year Six	Micah

2022 Annual Community Meeting (ACM)

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to the ACM last week. Once the formalities of the evening were conducted, refreshments and socialising were enjoyed by all attendees. I would also like to thank all the members of the school community who have volunteered for a role on the School Advisory Council or P&F. Your willingness to work with the school in the best interests of the students is welcomed and appreciated. Below is a list of the School Advisory Council and P&F for 2023:

St John's School Advisory Council	
Chairperson	Sharnna Weston
Vice Chairperson	Tristan Reed
Secretary	Melissa Pitman
Treasurer	TBC
P&F Representative	Megan Clarkson
Elected Member	Ebony Wheatland
Elected Member	Nicole Jupp
Principal	Melissa Marquis
Parish Priest	TBC

St John's School P&F	
Chairperson	Jodi Reed
Deputy Chairperson	Amy Chopping
Secretary	Jo Blayney
Treasurer	Censina Barndon
P&F Representative	Megan Clarkson
Elected Member	Kate Bailey
Elected Member	Leah Hirst
Elected Member	Kelly Mattsson
Elected Member	Kellie Burg
Elected Member	Lisa Husking
Principal	Melissa Marquis

Dates to Remember

Dates can also be found on the School Website

Friday 17 February

Prayer Assembly - Yr 5
8:45am

Student Leadership Day
(onsite)

Monday 20 February

Scitech Incursion and
Workshops

Tuesday 21 February

Ministry Meetings

Wednesday 22 February

Ash Wednesday Mass -
9:00am

Thursday 23 February

Student Council
Meeting

Yr 5 Assembly 2:20pm

Friday 24 February

Prayer Assembly - Yr 4

Monday 27 February

P&F Meeting - 6:00pm

COVID-19 in 2023

The COVID-19 Self Reporting Form that was on the St John's School website has been decommissioned as per directives from Catholic Education Western Australia. Student absences due to COVID-19 must be reported to St John's School via normal attendance procedures – email, phone call, note, online absentee form, Seesaw message.

School Newsletter

As of 2023, the decision has been made to move the St John's School Newsletter from weekly to fortnightly. Interim notices and updates will be provided via Seesaw and the St John's School Facebook page. Please note that the newsletter will be published on odd weeks of the term, that is Weeks One, Three, Five, Seven and Nine.

Staffing 2023 – Canteen Manager

I would like to advise the school community that Ms Inge Jansen has been appointed as the Canteen Manager, replacing Mrs Nikki Barndon. Ms Jansen started in the role yesterday, allowing for a two week handover to occur before flying solo in the position from Wednesday 1 March. I am sure that everyone will welcome Ms Jansen over the coming weeks.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Barndon after being in the role for over a year. During this time, Mrs Barndon has set up Quickcliq, the Canteen's online ordering system, designed a yummy menu with lots of delicious food items and executed all aspects of the role with professionalism and a smile. I thank Mrs Barndon for all she has done in the position as Canteen Manager and wish her all the very best in her new job. It is definitely not goodbye as Mrs Barndon will still be a parent in the St John's School Community. Thank you, Nikki.

I would also like to acknowledge Nikki's Mum, Julie, who has assisted in the Canteen in a voluntary capacity numerous times. Nikki and Julie were the dynamic duo in the early days of the Canteen without too many mother daughter disagreements! Thank you, Julie, for all of your contributions to the St John's School Community, it is truly appreciated. Your hard work and smiling face will be greatly missed.

Census

Friday 17 February is Census Day for St John's School and reporting to various bodies. It is vitally important that all students from Pre Primary to Year Six are at school on this Friday. If your son/daughter is absent, a written note of explanation must be provided to meet guidelines. This Census has many purposes, one of which relates to funding so please ensure your child is at school tomorrow.

Good News Story

Congratulations to our stars for this week, the Kindy Class. The children are adapting very well to life at school and are getting to know the routines of the classroom. It is wonderful to see them engage in their learning, with each other and the staff.

Mrs Melissa Marquis

PRINCIPAL

Library News

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

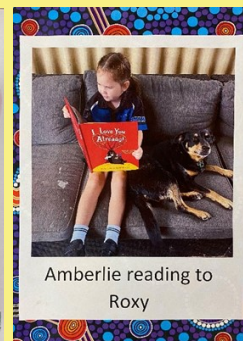
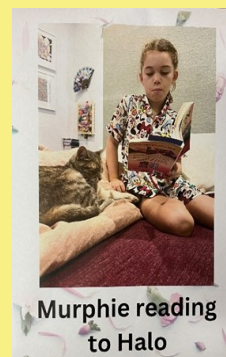
Library Days

Wednesdays - PP, Year 4, Year 5

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

Library News - Mrs Connolly

READING TO PETS - The staff and students are really enjoying the 'Pet' display in the Library. We've been listening to the many wonderful stories from the students who have been telling us about their adventures with their pets. We have had an amazing assortment of cats, dogs, a horse, a guinea pig, a bird and a hen. If your child/children would still like to add to our display, please send a photo of them reading to their pet or book buddy.



Religious Education

Prayer Assembly

This week's prayer assembly will be lead by the **Year 5** students at **8.45am on Friday 17th February** in the undercover area. Parents are most welcome to attend. **Year 6** will lead us in prayer next Friday morning on the **24th February at 8.45am**.

Fruit of the Spirit

This week, we once again focus on the Fruit of Love.

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

John 13: 34-35

In the delivery of this new commandment, Jesus completely went against the 'status quo' of the social structure of Palestine. In Jesus' time, people were basically identified by two social classes: the upper social class, who were considered worthy, important, and deserved the privileges that came their way, and the peasant social class, who were ostracised, not considered to be of any worth and received little to no privilege.

For the first time, Jesus created one group whose identifying factor was love. Love crossed over all barriers of social standing. Indeed, we learn later through Jesus' ministry, love should be given in abundance, particularly to those who are vulnerable and on the margins of society.

Lent and Ash Wednesday

Next week, the Catholic Church enters the season of Lent, commencing with the celebration of the Ash Wednesday Mass. The school community will celebrate Mass at St John's Church on Wednesday 22nd February at 9.00am. Parents and the Parish Community are most welcome to join us.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Commitment Mass

On **Sunday 19th February at 8.30am**, our First Reconciliation Candidates and their parents/carers make their commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. A note has gone home to all Year Three students regarding this Commitment Mass and alternative options at SFX Cathedral.

If your child/ren are not baptised and you wish for this to occur, please contact the **Catholic Diocese of Geraldton on 9921 3221**. Alternatively, please come and speak to us and we can assist.

Project Compassion 2023 – 'For All Future Generations'

Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia and is part of one of the largest aid and development networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis – working in over 200 countries and territories.

Each year, Project Compassion runs during the six weeks of the Church season of Lent. St John's School will invite families to help us raise funds and stand in solidarity with the millions of people across the world with whom they work for all future generations.

A Project Compassion mission box will go home with the eldest child next week.

P&F News

pandf@sjr.wa.edu.au

P&F Committee

Meeting Dates

Monday 27th February

Monday 20th March

All meetings are held at 6:00pm in the School Staffroom.

All are welcome to attend.

Mrs Helen Carrier

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Administration News

Anaphylaxis and Asthma Training

Staff have recently undertaken anaphylaxis and asthma training to update and refresh our knowledge of the triggers, symptoms and treatment of an anaphylactic reaction. An adrenaline autoinjector trainer device was used to practice with, ensuring all staff are aware of the correct procedures for administering an EpiPen. We would like to thank our school community for ensuring the school has an action plan if your child/ren have allergies and for assisting us in being an *Allergy Aware School* by refraining from sending any nuts and eggs in lunch boxes. Your awareness and support help to make our school safer for our students with anaphylaxis.

Our training in the management and treatment of asthma also ensures that we are up to date with the correct information and procedures. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure the school has been provided with an action plan and that your child/ren has the appropriate asthma puffer at school.

Nagle Catholic College Principal Visit - Year Six

Yesterday, Nagle Catholic College Principal, Michael Williams, visited our Year Six Class. They were very interested in hearing about all the varied and exciting opportunities that the College can offer students. Each student was presented with an Enrolment Pack to take home. If you did not receive one and would like one, please let the Office know.

Student Leadership Days

Today our Year Five and Six students attended their Student Leadership Day. Today's activities have taken place at the Fairbridge Camp School, followed by an afternoon down at the Foreshore. Tomorrow students will enjoy a variety of school based activities. We hope our students find new opportunities to develop and grow their leadership skills and enjoy the days. Thank you to Mrs Cherrill Zander and Miss Erica Lee for their coordination and organisation to ensure our students have this wonderful opportunity.

Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey

Thank you to the parents who have already completed the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey, we greatly appreciate your time and feedback. We would love to have as many parents as possible take up this opportunity to give their input and feedback into the school improvement process.

Parents can access the survey from the following URL: www.tellthemfromme.com/stjs2023 The survey takes approximately 20 minutes and the feedback given within the survey is anonymous. The survey is open to families until Thursday 9 March.

I would like to thank you, in anticipation, for completing the TTFM survey, and helping St John's School to continue to strive for excellence.

Scitech Incursion

Next **Monday 20 February**, we will be having Scitech at the school running Science shows and workshops for our students from Pre Primary to Year Six. Our Pre Primary to Year Three students will be enjoying a 'Mix and Make' presentation and workshop, with our Year Four to Year Six students engaging in the show 'Element of Surprise'.

Year Five Assembly: Thursday 23 February

Our first Assembly for the school year will take place on **Thursday 23 February at 2.20pm in the School Hall**. The Year Five Class will be presenting a performance item for us to enjoy. All families and friends are welcome to attend.

Permission for the Use of Photographs Note

Permission notes for the use of photographs will be sent home with students in the near future. If you could please complete and return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please note, one form per child needs to be signed.

Seesaw

We are happy to see the number of families that are connected to and engaging with our online communication platform, Seesaw. This platform enables whole school announcements to be shared among our school community. It is also the preferred method of communication between parents/carers and classroom teachers. If you are having any problems with using Seesaw, please liaise with your child's classroom teacher.

Mrs Emma Pollard

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

COIN TRAIL

A great big thank you to all those who contributed to our coin trail yesterday. The trail was to raise money for those who are suffering due to the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. Our coin trail measured 33.90 metres and raised \$470.70.

The money raised will be sent to those in need through Caritas. Thanks again for your generosity.



COVID-19 School Operating Guidelines

COVID-19 Student Positive Result

- Students remain at home until symptoms resolve.
- Register RAT results via WA Health
- Wear a mask if required to leave the home and when accessing public transport (including school transport).
- Avoid large gatherings and crowded, indoor locations. COVID-19 positive persons cannot visit public hospitals and other high risk settings for 7 days.

Close Contacts

A close contact is defined as a person from within the same household or a person who has had household-like contact with a COVID-19 positive person, during that person's infectious period.

- Isolation of close contacts is no longer mandated but close contacts are encouraged to test daily for 5 days and only attend school following a negative RAT result.
- Close contacts may choose to wear a mask.
- Close contacts should register their status as a close contact via the CEWA COVID-19 Self Reporting Portal on the St John's School Website.
- Close contact persons should not attend public hospitals and other high risk settings for 7 days.

Masks

Staff, students and visitors to a school may choose to wear a mask.

Staff, students and visitors are expected to adhere to any mask wearing requirements of third-party organisations/workplaces.

Attendance

Consistent with the direction from the Minister of Education, schools are open for learning and students must attend in accordance with the Education Act.

Ventilation

Schools are required to maintain strong ventilation practices, meaning the use of natural and mechanical modes of air flow through classrooms and indoor spaces.

Cleaning

Schools should ensure that cleaning providers utilise detergent and disinfectant agents for high contact surfaces. Consistent and thorough schedules should be maintained throughout the school.



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Rangeway, Geraldton

Kindergarten to Year 6

8th February 2023

St John's School will be looking to field hockey teams in the Saturday morning competitions once again. It is likely that we will combine with Walkaway Primary School as we did last season. Details are as follows:

COST: \$100 (\$70 for half field)

EQUIPMENT: Shin pads, mouthguard, hockey stick (school will provide a stick, but it is better if each player has his/her own)

TRAINING: Will be organised at a later date

VENUE FOR GAMES: Hockey Stadium and grass fields in Eighth Street

TIME FOR GAMES: Saturday Mornings - 1 hour between 8.30am and 12.30pm

SEASON: 2nd Term and first half of 3rd Term (Half Field only 2nd Term)

If your child is interested in playing, could you please fill in the form below and return it to Mr Matthews by Wednesday 15th February?

Please remember that teams are nominated according to these notes, and it is important that children are definite about playing and are reliable each week.

I give _____ permission to play hockey for St John's in 2023.

Saturday Morning Grade Hockey (Yr 3-6 plus possibly experienced Yr 2s)

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Saturday Morning Half Field Hockey (PP-Yr 2) Games always at 11.30am

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I am interested in coaching a team

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Parent's Signature: _____

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Hockey

If your child/children are interested in playing Hockey for St John's School next term, please complete this form and send it back to the Office. You are welcome to collect the form from Tracey in the Office if you are unable to print this form.

Patrick Matthews.

Looking After Mum's Program (LAMP)

Perinatal mental health services for new and expectant mum's

Our women's health nurse offers support to new and expectant mum's who are diagnosed with, or at risk of developing mental health issues during pregnancy and in the first post-partum year.

Nurse consults offer:

- Screening
- Support
- Advocacy
- Referral
- Provision of perinatal health and wellbeing information
- Liaison with other health professionals
- General advice on health matters

Home visit appointments are available and women living rurally in the Midwest region can access the service via phone consultation.

Referrals can be made by self-referring or through a health professional.

Book an appointment today:

Call us on 08 9964 2742

Located at 25 Chapman Road, Geraldton





BMX

**Racing is Back
For the 2023**

Season



What you need to Know

About the bike

Any is able to be raced as long as it either has 20inch or 24inch wheels. For mini wheelers 12inch balance bike with no cranks.

BMX bike only run rear brakes so if you have front brakes on your bike they will need to be removed. As well as any bells and reflectors removed (these can break during racing and present an injury Hazard).

What to Wear

Helmet: Full-face if racing sprockets and above open face is acceptable for mini wheelers. As long as it is Australian Compliant This is about the only thing you will need to purchase straight away

Clothing: Long Pants and long sleeve shirt that is loose fitting and designed not to rip

Gloves: Any gloves that cover your fingers.

How To Register



Scan the QR Code Above And sign up for your 1 month free Trial.

Racing Times

Racing is every Friday during school term excluding long weekends.

First and last Fridays of term are fun nights (no points scoring)

Registration is from 6.00-6.45pm gate drops at 7.15pm

Race finish times are dependant on riders numbers usually racing has concluded by 9.00pm

Woorree Park BMX club has full canteen facilities for dinner drinks and snacks.

Address: Woorree Park BMX Corner of Dayana Drive and Rowan Road, Woorree W.A 6530

Email: Woorree-bmx@live.com.au

Facebook: Geraldton/Woorree Park Bmx Club

About BMX

BMX is one of Australia's fastest growing sports. It has even been an Olympic sport since 2012.

BMX racing consist of intense skilful racing on a specially designed tracks. With up to 8 riders on track at the same time all trying to get the top spot.

There are a wide range of racing categories so whatever your experience you will be racing against riders of similar ability.



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