



Wednesday 20 September 2023

Dear parents and caregivers

As we farewell another exciting term at St Joseph's, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the wonderful journey we are taking together. The past few months have been filled with growth, learning and memorable moments that have strengthened our bond as a Catholic school community. Our students have shown exceptional dedication throughout the term and I applaud their achievements. I thank our committed and devoted staff who educate and support our students, socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically and academically; their efforts are to be commended. Thank you, parents and caregivers, as your support and engagement, enriches our school's environment and fosters a sense of togetherness.

Interschool Carnival

Congratulations to those Year Three, Four, Five and Six students who represented St Joseph's at the Interschool Athletics Carnival at Glencoe Primary last Friday. We were the best performing school for our size and more importantly, showed wonderful sportspersonship throughout the day. Well done to Saxon Coad, Charlotte Greenham and Shayah Pippin who placed. Thank you to Mr Henry and our parent helpers/supporters who made the day a safe and enjoyable one for our students.

Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Awards

As mentioned in my previous communication, St Joseph's has entered the 'Catholic Identity' category with our weekly Pinjarra Community Kitchen program, 'Soup-er Community Kitchen', where our Year Six students assist with the set-up, set-down, cleaning of tables and chairs and serving soup and bread to those in need. A reminder to use the link <https://awards.cewa.edu.au/nomination/soup-ercommunity-kitchen/> to vote for our nomination. Just add your name, email and click on the 'vote' tab and help our students get the recognition they deserve.

Open Night

Thank you to all our families and friends who attended our School Open Night. Your presence made the event a tremendous success and I hope you found the night both informative and enjoyable. Our Open Night would not have been possible without the hard work of our staff and I am truly grateful for their efforts.

Thank you, P&F!

Our wonderful P&F body have secured a \$1 000 donation from the Pinjarra Lions Club. These funds will go towards supporting our Year 5 and 6 families in 2024 to help them with the increasing cost of school camp. This is a fantastic example of how community support can enhance holistic educational experiences for our students.

Canteen

Please note, the canteen will be **open Thursday 21 September** for your convenience as Friday 22 September is a Pupil Free Day.

Also, for the start of Term Four, the canteen will be **open Tuesday 10 October** for your convenience as Monday 9 October is a Pupil Free Day.

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**Year Three Prayer Liturgy**

Please join us in the Assembly Hall, Friday 13 October for the Year Three Class Prayer Liturgy at 8:45am. We would love you to join us for morning tea afterwards if you are able.

Combined Peel Schools Photo Shoot

The CEWA Marketing Team has organised a combined Peel Schools photo opportunity which is part of a campaign to promote Catholic schools in the Peel region. Selected students from St Joseph's will gather at Mandurah Catholic College, Tuesday 17 October to be part of the combined schools photoshoot. I look forward to sharing the images with the school community when they become available.

Rosary

Every Thursday morning throughout October, our Year Five students will be leading the school to pray the Rosary. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary and is a devotion in honour of the Virgin Mary. You are invited to join us every Thursday, starting Thursday 12 October, at 8:45am at St Augustine's Church.

Year Four Prayer Liturgy

Please join us in the Assembly Hall, Friday 20 October for the Year Four Class Prayer Liturgy at 8:45am. We would love you to join us for morning tea afterwards if you are able.

P&F Disco

The P&F St Joseph's School Disco will be held on Friday 20 October at the Pinjarra Lesser Hall (next to the Murray Library).

Our Pre-Kindy to Year Two students' disco is from 5:00pm-6:30pm and Years Three, Four, Five and Six from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Please note, older/younger students are not permitted to join siblings at their discos for safety reasons. The P&F is requesting a \$2 donation to cover costs. Snacks and drinks will be available for students to purchase.

Pupil Free Days

Please note, Friday 22 September (Term Three) is a Pupil Free Day.
Monday 9 October (Term Four) is a Pupil Free Day.

I would like to conclude by wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Take the time to strengthen bonds with family and friends, engage in activities that bring you joy, relaxation and happiness and that nurture your well-being. As we look forward to the start of Term Four, we are eager to continue our journey of learning and growing together. Thank you again for being an essential part of our Catholic school family. We are excited about the future and the opportunities it holds for all of us. I look forward to seeing you and your children refreshed and ready for a wonderfully exciting Term Four!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell
Principal

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