



Wednesday 26 July 2023

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to Term Three! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break with family and friends and this newsletter finds you filled with renewed energy and enthusiasm! As we begin Semester Two, I would like to express my gratitude to the St Joseph's school community for your continued support and, that collectively, we will continue to provide a safe, nurturing and enriched learning environment for our students.

Enrolment Interviews

Enrolment interviews for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten for 2024 have already begun and I have been meeting with many wonderful families who share our vision for and values of St Joseph's. I am delighted to inform you that the overwhelmingly positive word of mouth and recommendations from you, our current families, have resonated with others who are keen to experience what our school has to offer. You are our best ambassadors, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you.

Morning Drop Off

I have noticed that several students are being dropped off in the morning by parents at the bus gates on George Street as early as 7:50am. Please note, gates are not opened by staff until 8:10am. The school has organised the once 'early bus' to adjust their timetable so the earliest bus drop off is now scheduled for 8:10am. I kindly request that you refrain from dropping off your children before 8:10am. This is a critical safety measure to ensure the well-being, safety and security of all our students. I thank you in anticipation of your support.

The Religious Education Assessment

The Religious Education Assessment, an on-line system-wide assessment in Religious Education for Year Three and Year Five students, is rapidly approaching. This week, students will participate in a Practice Test, then sit the assessment in Week Three. The test items consist of multiple choice, short answers and extended responses. If you have any queries about the assessment, please see your child's teacher.

Grandparents' Day Liturgy

Please join us Monday 31 July for the Grandparents' Day Liturgy, presented by our Kindergarten students. We will gather at St Augustine's Church at 9:00am, then in the Assembly Hall for morning tea afterwards.

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Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 2 August, selected students from Years Four, Five and Six will be competing at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival at the Meadow Springs Sports Facility. We are competing against Halls Head Primary, Riverside Primary, Glencoe Primary, Austin Cove, North Mandurah Primary, Dudley Park Primary, Greenfields Primary and Assumption CPS. I wish all our competitors the best of luck and thank Mr Henry in advance for what I am sure, will be a fantastic day.

Dental Screening

Pre-primary to Year Six students who are registered with Pinjarra Dental Therapy Centre will be screened Wednesday 2 August at school. Please note, only students who have registered through Pinjarra Dental Therapy will be screened.

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Selected students from Years Three, Four, Five and Six will be taking part in the Prime Minister's (online) Spelling Bee, Monday 7 August. Students are given 30 random words from their reading level word list to spell and only 25 seconds to spell each word! A winner from each class will be chosen, along with an overall school winner. The past two years have seen St Joseph's students make the State Round of the competition. A big thank you to Mrs O'Dwyer for organising our students so they can compete.

Mandurah Catholic College Taster Day

Our Year Four students, along with students from other Peel schools, will be welcomed by staff and students from Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) on Thursday 10 August to get a 'taste' of what secondary schooling is all about! Students will get to experience a variety of secondary curricular offerings, including media, science, dance, drama, food, design, visual arts and physical education. Thank you to MCC in advance for inviting our students along.

Technology Conference

Our Year Five and Six students will be joining other Peel schools at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Friday 11 August for a Technology Conference, organised by Curtin University. The students will be engaged in live technology productions as well as having the opportunity to hear guest speakers from Microsoft, Alcoa and Curtin University. The aim of the conference is to highlight pathways to future careers for youth in the Peel region.

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Year Two Prayer Assembly

Please join us Friday 11 August at 8:45am for the Year Two Prayer Assembly.

Mandurah Catholic College Music Lessons

Mandurah Catholic College's guitar tutor, Alicia Risk, is available to students from St Joseph's who are interested in learning guitar. Interested students are invited to collect an application form from the front office.

Bookclub

Order forms are to go home this week. All orders are to be online. NO CASH ORDERS will be taken through the office. Orders are due by Wednesday, 2 August.

Later in the term...

Please note the following dates for later in the term.

Pupil Free Days - Friday 18 August and Friday 22 September

Book Week Parade - Tuesday 22 August, 9:00am

Disco - Friday 15 September (K-Yr 2, 5:00pm to 6:30pm) (Yr 3-Yr 6, 7:00pm to 8:30pm)

Open Night - Monday 18 September, 3:30pm to 6:00pm

Thank you for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. Together, let us continue to foster a sense of community, faith and excellence within St Joseph's CPS. We have a wonderful term ahead, filled with opportunities for growth and learning. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community and let's work hand in hand to ensure the success of every student.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell
Principal

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