



Wednesday 9 August 2023

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four. I would like to begin this newsletter by extending my heartfelt gratitude to all the staff, students and St Joseph's community members who made my first 'Primary Principal's Day' on Friday very special! We are truly blessed here at St Joseph's, as our staff and families work together to make our school a place of growth, encouragement and positivity for all. I am very grateful to be part of such a wonderful community and I thank you sincerely for all the support I have received this year.

Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival last Wednesday. Well done to Charlotte Greenham who finished second, Robbson Lundy who finished third and Khraige Ninnette who finished sixth in their respective races. A huge thank you to Mr Henry who organised our students and sorted spare towels! It was wonderful to hear that our students displayed such behaviours as good sportspersonship, respect for others, team spirit and a positive attitude. Behaviours such as these ensure the day is memorable for everyone.

Year Two Prayer Assembly

Please join us Friday 11 August at 8:45am for the Year Two Prayer Liturgy in the Assembly Hall and for morning tea afterwards.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

You are invited to join the parishioners from St Augustine's Parish and our Year Four, Five and Six students on Tuesday 15 August at 11:30am to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Assumption Day commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ died, her body was 'assumed' into heaven to be reunited with her soul.

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Year One and Two Bunnings Incursion

On Wednesday 16 August, our Year One and Two classes will be busy working with Bunnings representatives creating Father's Day gifts! I must admit, I am privileged to know what these beautiful gifts will be but will not spoil the surprise...my lips are sealed!

Pupil Free Day

Please note, Friday 18 August is a Pupil Free Day. The **canteen will be open Thursday 17 August** for your convenience.

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

I realise our Book Week Parade (theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire') is still several weeks away, however, I would like to pass on some information regarding the logistics of the day. Where we hold the parade will depend on the weather. If the weather cooperates, we will have the Book Week Parade outside and all students will gather at the same time (9am). Inclement weather will force us into the Assembly Hall. With the expected volume of audience members and the space required for the students to show off their costumes, we have decided to separate the parade into two. That is; Kindergarten, Pre-primary, Year One and Year Two students first (at 9:00am), then Years Three, Four, Five and Six after that. We will video each parade so the older students can see the younger students in their costumes and vice versa. Miss Durnin and Miss Williams have organised the theme for the staff...make sure you come along and see what we're dressing up as!

Once again, thank you parents and caregivers for your continued partnership and support, which strengthens the fabric of our school community. May God's grace continue to guide us as we work together to provide an exceptional holistic education and a nurturing environment for all our students.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal

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