



Wednesday 23 August 2023

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six. I would like to begin this fortnight's newsletter by noting the message from Sunday's Gospel...faith! The Canaanite woman in Matthew's Gospel showed great faith and reminds us of what identifies us as Christians most fundamentally...faith, love and hope.

Great Southern Hack-a-Thon results

On Saturday 12 August, St Joseph's CPS had two teams of Year Five students enter the 'Great Southern Hack-a-Thon' at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. What is a hack-a-thon I hear you ask? Well, the definition of this hack-a-thon was 'to elegantly solve problems in a creative way'. Our teams were given four problems which were grounded in Sustainability Development Goals. Congratulations to the members of our teams; Milla Anthony/Amelia Galloway/Charlotte Greenham and Winston Felton/Oliver Iseppi/Isabella Judd/Isaac Pierson. Our teams worked incredibly well together and ended up as First and Second Place winners! Thank you to those parents who took the time out of their weekends to take their children to this event. We look forward to participating again next year.

Book Week - 'Read, Grow, Inspire'

Thank you, parents and caregivers for your support of this year's Book Week Parade! It is something we all look forward to each and every year and 2023 certainly did not disappoint! I hope you have had a chance to check out our FaceBook post of the event. Special thanks to 'Bernard the Biker' who made a special appearance.

Author Visit

Author Norman Jorgensen visited our Year Four, Five and Six students today. Norman, a West Australian author, will be speaking to the students about his latest novel, 'The Smugglers' Curse', set in Broome, Fremantle, Albany and South-East Asia in the final years of the nineteenth century. I wonder how many of our budding writers will be inspired to write their own pirate adventure?

Merit Assembly

Please join us Friday, 25 August at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award assembly.

Saint Augustine's Feast Day Liturgy

You are invited to join us Monday, 28 August at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall to help commemorate the Feast Day of Saint Augustine, the saint after whom our parish is named. We pray to Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the church, to intercede for us to increase in virtue.

Parent Volunteer Session

If you would like to volunteer your time and help out in your child's classroom, we are holding a Parent

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Volunteer Session, Tuesday 29 August at 8:45am. Those attending are to sign in at the front office. Please note, you need only complete the session once.

All things ATHLETICS!

Please note the following events, dates and times as the St Joseph's Faction Carnival approaches.

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Attire
Jumps and Throws- Year Six	Wednesday 30 August	9:00am	School jump pits and oval	Sport uniform with coloured faction polo
Jumps and Throws- Years 1 to 5	Thursday 31 August	10:00am	School jump pits and oval	Sport uniform with coloured faction polo
Faction Athletics Carnival- PP to Year 6	Friday 1 September	9:15am	Sir Ross McClarty Oval	Sport uniform with coloured faction polo

Please note, there will be **no canteen available on the day of the Faction Sport Carnival**. However, for your convenience, the canteen will be **open Thursday, 31 August**.

Please ensure on the day of the Faction Carnival, your child brings their recess, lunch, water bottle, school hat, sunscreen and a change of clothes/towel if the weather is inclement. Please label everything.

Our Pre-primary students will be joining us for part of the day, as they will leave at the completion of their team games.

We will be setting up for the day from 7:00am onwards. If you can assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the Faction Carnival, if you wish to take your child from Sir Ross McClarty oval, please see your child's teacher and sign him/her out. If you are taking another child with you, this needs to be prearranged beforehand. Please notify the office **BEFORE** Friday with relevant details. Please do not be offended if we do not allow you to take another child without prearranged permission.

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Father's Day Liturgy

We welcome all dads and male role models to join us in celebrating Father's Day with a Liturgy in the Church, Thursday 31 August at 9:00am. Our beautiful Pre-primary class have prepared the Liturgy. I look forward to seeing you there then sharing morning tea with you afterwards in the Pre-primary classroom.

Thank you P&F

On behalf of staff, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank our wonderful P&F who generously donated funds to support our students' holistic learning. We have purchased new decodable home readers, a basketball hoop, an outdoor mud kitchen and a variety of construction sets. The contributions to our school community made by the P&F, whether through financial assistance or organising events that foster connection, is deeply appreciated.

Camp Road Carpark

A reminder please for all our families not to use the sliding black gate at the Kiss and Go carpark to enter the school. It is an automatic gate and not a safe entrance into the school for students.

Have a fabulous week everyone. I look forward to seeing you throughout the next two weeks at the varied events we have planned. Again, thank you for your support as we continue on our journey of collaboration, growth and wonderful shared moments.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal

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