



Wednesday 1 November 2023

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four and two important days in the church calendar...All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November). On All Saints' Day we remember the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history and All Souls' Day is a time to commemorate those who have passed away and ask for God's mercy for them. We pray, 'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.'

Commemoration of the Pinjarra Massacre Site

Last Friday, our Year Six students, along with Fr Mars, Mr Cosgrove and myself, visited the Pinjarra Massacre site to pay our respects to all those who perished on that fateful day in 1834. Thank you to Fr Mars for leading us in prayer and to Mr Cosgrove who prepared the lovely service.

Year Two Parent iPad meeting.

Parents and caregivers of current Year Two students were invited to attend an information session yesterday, Tuesday 31 October. Mrs Miller, the school's Digital Technologies Specialist Teacher, explained how the iPad program works and everything parents need to know to support their child next year with their iPad.

Year Five Prayer Liturgy

Please join us for the Year Five Prayer Assembly, Friday 3 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am. If you are able, we would love you to join us for morning tea afterwards.

Pinjarra Community Kitchen thank you

The volunteers from the Community Kitchen are providing our Year Six students with a sausage sizzle to say thank you for all the help they have provided throughout the year on Tuesday 7 November. As I mentioned in my previous newsletter, I am so very proud of our students who have demonstrated contemporary Christ-centred leadership and have actively lived the Gospel.

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Pinjarra Senior High School (PSHS) Welcome Activity Day

Those Year Six students who are attending PSHS in 2024 will be participating an orientation day, Wednesday 8 November. Please keep an eye out for communication from Mr Cosgrove for further details.

St Joseph's Annual Community Meeting (ACM)

Please join us for the school's Annual Community Meeting (ACM), Thursday 9 November at 6:00pm in the Assembly Hall. I will be reporting to our community about the school's overall performance and key events from 2023 and will be sharing our vision for 2024. At this meeting, I will also be informing parents and caregivers about staffing allocations for 2024. Please note, these allocations may be subject to change. Mr David Galloway, School Advisory Council Chair and Mrs Bec Trigwell, P&F President, will also be addressing parents and caregivers. Please show your support and come along.

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us for a Merit Award Assembly, Friday 10 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Remembrance Day Service

For those who are able, the school invites students and their families to join the Pinjarra RSL Sub-Branch for their Remembrance Day Service, Saturday, 11 November at the Pinjarra War Memorial (cnr Murray and Henry Streets) from 10:45am. Students may wear their school uniforms if they wish.

St Augustine's Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On behalf of Fr Mars, I warmly invite you to attend the Parish AGM, Sunday 12 November, straight after the 10:00am Mass. Come along and listen to the various Parish reports.

P&F thank you to you!

The P&F would like to thank all the students who attended the disco and for being so well behaved. It was great to see that everyone had a fun night! The DJ, who has been playing music for the St Joey's discos for over ten years, said this group was the best group to date! A huge thank you to Miss Black and Mrs Ramsay who took time out of their Friday evening to come and support the P&F Disco. Also, a massive thank you to the wonderful parent helpers...because without them, events like this would not be possible. We look forward to a calendar full of fun events next year. 2.

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2023 P&F Executive Team.

I would like to echo the P&F's sentiments, as well as acknowledging all the hard work that went into organising the disco. These events simply do not happen on their own, so a heartfelt thank you to Bec and her team for such a fun, community building, positive friend-raising event.

Bushfire Planning and Management

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is situated within a high fire danger zone as determined by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). As a result, the School is required to have in place an up-to-date Bushfire Evacuation Plan. This Plan is in place and can be found on our website www.stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au, under Our School/Policies.

Inclusion on this fire danger zone means that the School may be required to invoke pre-emptive closure on any day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Murray. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. What does this mean for our School?

When given advance warning by DFES that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, the School would close for that day. The intention of this closure is to ensure maximum safety and minimum risk for students and staff.

Parents will be advised of the closure, by SMS, on the day before the planned closure. Parents would be kept up to date on further developments, including the re-opening of the School by SMS.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the Bushfire Plan or possible planned School closures during the bushfire season.

Have a wonderful week everyone and I very much look forward to seeing you all at the ACM next Thursday.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal

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