



Wednesday 21 February 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four...and some pretty warm weather! To keep your children safe, please note the school will keep students inside during break times and limit their outside play. Mr Henry will modify Physical Education lessons and/or will not take the students outside in extreme weather. You can help us by ensuring your child has a full water bottle and ice bricks in their lunch boxes please.

Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who participated in the St Joseph's Faction Swimming Carnival last Friday at the Murray Aquatic and Recreation Centre. All our students showed a wonderfully positive school spirit and tried their very best. Thank you to Mr Henry, who worked incredibly hard to ensure the carnival ran as smoothly as it did. Also, thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted on the day. These events simply would not run without the support from our parent body. I have outlined results from the carnival below.

First Place-Peel Faction	Second Place-Murray Faction	Third Place-MacKillop Faction
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Gold (Year 3 Girl)-Zoe Pash	Silver (Year 3 Girl)-Willow Pope	Bronze (Year 3 Girl)-Crystal Matthews
Gold (Year 4 Girl)-Shayah Pippin	Silver (Year 4 Girl)-Isla Johns	Bronze (Year 4 Girl)-Annabelle Earle and Charlee Hagley
Gold (Year 5 Girl)-Stephanie Fahl	Silver (Year 5 Girl)-Allira Hudson	Bronze (Year 5 Girl)-Emma Rhodes-McMillan
Gold (Year 6 Girl)-Emily Mileham	Silver (Year 6 Girl)-Charlotte Johnston	Bronze (Year 6 Girl)-Mia Bishop

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Gold (Year 3 Boy)-Harrison Greenham	Silver (Year 3 Boy)-Jayce Douch	Bronze (Year 3 Boy)-Chase Johnston
Gold (Year 4 Boy)-Henry Blythe	Silver (Year 4 Boy)-William Judd	Bronze (Year 4 Boy)-Brax Hague-Tyson
Gold (Year 5 Boy)-Eric Allen	Silver (Year 5 Boy)-Kobi Trainor	Bronze (Year 5 Boy)-Jett Hague-Tyson
Gold (Year 6 Boy)-Isaac Pierson	Silver (Year 6 Boy)-Saxon Coad	Bronze (Year 6 Boy)-Oliver Iseppi

Remaining Sporting Commitments for 2024

Date	Time	Event	Where	Who
Term 2 Week 4 Thursday 9 May	9:30 am start	Interschool Swimming Carnival	Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre	Selected students from Years 4, 5 and 6
Term 2 Week 9 Wednesday 12 June	9:00 am start	Faction Cross Country Carnival	St Joseph's CPS	PP to Year 6
Term 3 Week 2 Wednesday 24 July	12:00 pm start	Interschool Cross Country Carnival	Meadow Springs Sports Facility	Selected students from Years 4, 5 and 6
Term 3 Week 7 Wednesday 28 August	9:30 am start	Faction Jumps and Throws Carnival	St Joseph's CPS	Years 1-5
Please note, Year 6 students will be completing their jumps and throws during their PE lesson earlier in the week.				
Term 3 Week 7 Thursday 29 August	9:15 am start	Faction Athletics Carnival	Sir Ross McLarty Oval	PP to Year 6

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Kindergarten students are welcome to join us for their 'Kindy' race.

Term 3 Week 9 Friday 13 September	9:15 am start	Interschool Athletics Carnival	TBA	Selected students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
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School Commissioning and Sacramental Enrolment Mass

Thank you to all who joined us last Sunday at St Augustine's for the school commissioning and sacramental enrolment Mass. Thank you, staff, members of the School Advisory Council, the Parents and Friends group and students who will be making their Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation sacraments this year. It was a wonderful celebration for our school and it was lovely to see community members coming along to support us.

Year 6 Ministry Speeches

Please join us Friday 23 February in the Assembly Hall for the Year 6 Ministry speeches at 11:20am. The students have been preparing their speeches to join either the Environmental, Executive, Pastoral or Sport Ministries. Our Year 6 leaders play a pivotal role in setting an example for the rest of the school. Being part of the Year 6 leadership group provides students with the opportunity to organise and carry out school activities and service projects and to work with teachers to foster a positive learning environment. Our Year 6 leaders promote the voice of the student body and help create a practical agenda for change that other students can identify with.

Please note, presentation of badges for Ministry members and Year 4 and 5 Student Councillors will be on Monday, 26 February at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pre-primary On-entry Testing

As communicated to you all in my first newsletter, our students will be participating in system mandated testing. For the next fortnight, our Pre-primary students will be completing the On-entry Assessment Program. This assessment is an assessment for learning. It will give you information about your child's early

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literacy and numeracy skills and will help the school plan and deliver targeted learning programs that address the needs of your child. Please see Mrs Gundry, Mrs O'Dwyer or myself if you have any questions.

Parent Information Evening

I would whole-heartedly like to thank each and every one of you who made it to the Parent Information Evening. I was thrilled with the number of parents and caregivers who came along. For those who were unable to make it, Information Booklets from the night will be available on SEQTA Engage...look under the 'Documents' tab. My presentation will also be available for you to view.

Merit and Worker of the Month Assembly

Please join us for a Merit Award and Worker of the Month assembly, Friday 1 March at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall.

Labour Day Long Weekend

A reminder Monday, 4 March is a holiday, recognising Labour Day. We look forward to seeing the students returning to school Tuesday 5 March.

Radical Readers Award Assembly

Please join us for a Radical Reader Award assembly, Tuesday 5 March at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. These awards will be presented to students by their classroom teachers from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Sculptures by the Sea

Our Year Six students will be attending Cottesloe Beach, Wednesday 6 March for the annual Sculptures by the Sea event. Each year, WA Tourism invites an artist from one of its 11 international markets to show an exclusive artwork at the event. Alcoa of Australia kindly cover the cost of bussing our students to and from the event.

Immunisation Requirements

A reminder to our Kindergarten and Pre-primary families about your child's routine vaccinations. Please visit [Starting or moving child care, kindergarten or school – immunisation requirements \(healthywa.wa.gov.au\)](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au) for more information.

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Parent and Caregiver Interviews

Here at St Joseph's we aim to communicate and share information with you about your child's learning, development and wellbeing. One of the processes we use to achieve this is through Parent-Teacher interviews. You will be receiving communication from your child's classroom teacher, inviting you to meet and respectfully engage in shared decision-making to support your child. Please note, the bulk of the interviews will be scheduled for Week 1, Term 2, **Monday 15 April**, a Pupil Free Day. Interviews will be of 15 minutes duration and we ask that parents and caregivers respect this time allocation. If you feel you need a longer time frame, please let your child's teacher know. As teachers will be conducting interviews throughout the day, please be aware that children will not be supervised, so we ask that care arrangements be made for your children or that they remain with you during the interviews. As always, if you have any queries, please come and see me.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your children are wearing their school uniforms correctly. Your commitment to maintaining the school's dress standards are very much appreciated...I understand the time and effort you invest in ensuring your children are prepared for school each morning and I am grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

Have a wonderful week.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal

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