



Wednesday 24 April 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

I trust your children have settled in well to Term Two and are enjoying their swimming lessons!

Before I get any further into this newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Mrs Jones, Miss Williams and our wonderful Year Two and Three students and families for their patience while we complete the final part of the Stage 7 build. All students are now in their 'forever' classrooms and I very much appreciate the support everyone has shown throughout this very long process. It's now time to start enjoying our beautiful facilities!

Parents and Friends (P&F) Disco

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our incredible P&F who hosted a fabulous Birthday Party themed disco last Friday evening! The new venue was perfect; it was magically decorated and there was plenty of room for all our St Joeys movers and groovers! Thank you to Mani Oliver (P&F president) and her amazing team...Candice Turner, Lauren Davies, Anna Clune and Kaity Silverthorne. Special thanks must also go to Meredith Menzies, Michelle Pellew, Sian Rhodes-McMillan, Craig Judd, Naz McNamara, Christina Fahl, Morgan Robertson, Gemma Iseppi, Katie Galloway, Mel Harris, Shaz Massicotte, Betty Oliver, Niki Harris, Lexi Harris, Cooper Harris, Liana Harris, Sophie Galloway and Sophia Iseppi. Thank you to Mrs O'Dwyer, Miss Black, Mrs Poepjes, Mrs Bray and Miss Moroney from our staff who joined in the fun! Last but not least, thank you to Bridget Latter from Bobbi Bandz Balloons who donated the stunning balloon garland!

Peel Connect

I would like to draw your attention to a wonderful charity that our own equally wonderful Mrs Ros Treasure volunteers at...every week, twice a week. 'Peel Connect' is committed to building a better community by addressing the issues of homelessness and mental health, among other matters. Mrs Treasure is part of the 'Night Carers' outreach program, who provide assistance to those who are experiencing homelessness and are rough sleeping. On behalf of Mrs Treasure, I am respectfully asking you for donations of rugs and blankets for these people, who are having a difficult time, most often through no fault of their own. Donations can be left at the front office and will be delivered to those who desperately need them.

Congratulations Amaya-Rose!

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge one of our Year Six students, Amaya-Rose Silverthorne, who has been selected as part of the Junior WA State Development Callisthenics Team. Amaya-Rose will represent Western Australia at the State Callisthenics Competition held in Darwin in September. She will compete in

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such routines as free/aesthetic exercises, marching, rods, clubs and other musical performances. I am sure you will echo my congratulations and wish Amaya-Rose all the very best in Darwin!

Uniform changeover

I look forward to seeing all our Year Three, Four, Five and Six students returning in Week Four (Monday 6 May) in full winter uniform. Please use the following link to ensure your child is in the correct winter uniform. <https://www.stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-and-Dress-Standards-2022.pdf>

ANZAC Liturgy

You are invited to join us Wednesday 24 April at 2:00pm in front of the flagpole on the school oval to commemorate ANZAC Day. Our Year Four students with the help of Miss Moroney will lead the Liturgy. Anzac Day is a time to recognise the more than 1.5 million service men and women who have served our country in all conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations. It is also a time to remember the over 103 000 Australians who sacrificed their lives in our country's name.

On Thursday 25 April (public holiday), the President and members of the Pinjarra RSL Sub Branch have invited our students to be part of the ANZAC Day parade. We have been asked to march in the parade and lay a wreath at the Pinjarra War Memorial. At 10:30am, students will assemble in the Town Centre Park near the swinging bridge. The parade then steps off at 10:45am and arrives at the Pinjarra War Memorial at 11:00am. Students and their families are then invited for refreshments at the RSL. Thank you to those students who have already indicated that they will represent St Joseph's and I very much look forward to seeing you then.

Stations of Glory

Please join us Friday 26 April at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the Stations of Glory. The Stations of Glory help us to focus on the promises of Jesus to save us and be with us in our lives.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative that has been conducted nationally every three years since 2009, with more than 95% of Australian schools participating. It is a national progress measure of early childhood development and involves teachers of students in their first year of full-time school (Pre-primary) completing questions about each student relating to key areas of early childhood development. Please use this link <https://www.aedc.gov.au/parents> or come and see Mrs Gundry or myself if you have any queries.

Parent Confirmation Meeting and Retreat Day

Parents of students making their Confirmation this year are asked to attend a parent information session,

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Wednesday 1 May at 5:00pm in the Year Six classroom. Students are also asked to attend. All Year Six students will be participating in a Confirmation Retreat Day, Friday 24 May. Please keep an eye out for communication from Mr Cosgrove regarding particulars for the day. Keep our students in your prayers as they prepare for their sacrament of Confirmation, Sunday 26 May at 10:00am at St Augustine's Parish. It would be wonderful to see members of our St Joseph's community supporting them on their faith journey.

Rosary

I invite you to join our Year Four, Five and Six students in praying the Rosary, every Thursday throughout the month of May, at 8:45am in the Church. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. I would like to thank in advance Mr Cosgrove and the Year Six class who will lead us in praying the Rosary.

Merit Award and Worker of the Month Assembly

Please join us Friday 3 May for a Merit Award and Worker of the Month Assembly at 8:45am in the Hall.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Thursday 9 May is the day that selected students from Years Four, Five and Six will represent St Joseph's at the Interschool Swimming Carnival at Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Please keep an eye out for communication from Mr Henry regarding the event.

Mother's Day

As communicated in previous newsletters, the school, in partnership with our wonderful P&F, would like to make our mothers and other female role models feel extra loved on their special day!

We have three events planned to help celebrate Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Stall. Students from Kindergarten to Year Six will be taken by their classroom teachers to visit the P&F Mother's Day Stall in the Assembly Hall, Tuesday 7 May, (Pre-Kindergarten students Thursday 9 May) throughout the day. Gifts will be \$2.00 each. Please note, this is not compulsory and students are invited to purchase a gift for their mum or female role model only if they wish.

Breakfast and Liturgy. We would like to treat our mothers and other female role models to a delicious breakfast before the Mother's Day Liturgy. If you'd like to join us, then please gather in the Assembly Hall at 8:00am, Friday, 10 May, where our staff will serve you a special breakfast! Then, join us in the Church at 9:00am for the Mother's Day Liturgy, led by our delightful Year One students.

Please keep an eye out for communication regarding ordering for your family for the Mother's Day breakfast.

The P&F are inviting families to donate items for the Mother's Day Stall. Please ensure the items are suitable for mothers and other female role models and are in excellent condition, that is, no pre-loved items.



URStrong

As I am sure you are aware, one of the school's improvement goals this year is to implement the URStrong friendship program so that our students and community members are empowered with the skills, language and self-confidence to develop healthier relationships.

Something your child will be learning about in the coming weeks is positive self-talk, which enables them to imagine the best version of themselves. At home, you can help your child by developing their own mantra, one that works for them and gives them a boost when they think about it. So, with your child, come up with a mantra or power statement, create a big, colourful poster and hang it up in your child's bedroom so they're reminded to talk to themselves in a positive way and know their self-worth!

Enjoy the week!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal