



Wednesday 8 May 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four. I would like to begin my newsletter by acknowledging all our wonderfully dedicated teachers as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week! We take this week to honour those who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. We take the time to celebrate and acknowledge the outstanding contributions teachers make to our children individually and to society as a whole. I'm sure you will agree that we are truly blessed here at St Joseph's to have the most dedicated, kind and positive group of teachers you will find anywhere! Thank you to our amazing P&F who are providing our staff with a delicious 'thank you' morning tea and flowers. Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated!

Mother's Day Stall, Breakfast and Liturgy

As communicated in previous newsletters, the school, in partnership with our fabulous 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 were 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. Students were able to purchase a gift for their mum or female role model.

Breakfast and Liturgy. We would like to treat our mothers and other female role models to a delicious light breakfast, 8:00am, Friday 10 May before the Mother's Day Liturgy. Please ensure you have completed the form indicating what you and your family would like, as we have had to pre-order the muffins and do not want anyone to miss out! Then afterwards, please join us in the Church at 9:00am for the Mother's Day Liturgy, led by our delightful Year One students.

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. Students attending the Carnival have already received information regarding the day from Mr Henry. Good luck everyone!

Free Dress Day for Catholic Care

Catholic Care was established in 2003 and has provided funds for the purpose of helping those in need in the Bunbury Diocese. To do our part, St Joseph's is hosting a 'Free Dress Day', Monday 13 May. If you would like your child to participate, please donate a gold coin and the school will forward your donation onto the St Vincent De Paul Society, who will ensure food, clothing, furniture and fuel will be provided to those who need it most.

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Merit Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 17 May for a Merit Award Assembly at 8:45am in the Hall.

Build a Bike project

I would like to remind you of the parent letter that was sent out last week regarding the 'Build a Bike' project. As communicated previously, Year 12 students from St Joseph's College Albany, as part of their annual retreat day, work as a team and 'build a bike'. This year, the College would like to donate these bikes to students from our school. Students will be asked to write a sentence/paragraph/draw a picture (depending on their age) as to why they (or someone they know) would benefit from being gifted a brand-new bike. These requests will be given to the Year 12 student leaders from Albany who will then select students (various ages and genders) to receive a new bike. If you require further information, please refer to the previous parent letter or come and see me.

URStrong

I would like to invite you all to the online Language of Friendship parent-child workshop for URStrong schools, Thursday 23 May at 6:00pm to 7:15pm. Please check your SEQTA Engage App for information on this workshop. You will be able to use the zoom link and watch from home, however, if you prefer, please join us at school for the workshop in the STREAM centre (new build). I strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to find out about how you, as parents and caregivers, can support your child/ren in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships. Please note, the school will be covering the cost of your ticket. I sincerely hope you can attend, either in person or online.

I'd like to end this week's newsletter by stating, what I hope is the obvious. When schools and parents work closely together, children are more likely to be successful. Education is a partnership. I wholeheartedly thank you all for working with us to ensure the very best for your children because they deserve nothing less.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal