



Tuesday 8 April 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to the end of a very busy Term One! As this will be my last newsletter before Easter, I'd like to bring your attention to the Holy Week services here at St Augustine's Parish.

Sunday 13 April-Palm Sunday, 10:00am

Thursday 17 April-Holy Thursday, 7:00pm

Friday 18 April-Good Friday, 2:30pm Stations of the Cross followed at
3pm for Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 19 April-Easter Vigil, 7:00pm

Sunday 20 April, Easter Sunday, 10:00am.

I would also like to take this opportunity on behalf of our community to welcome our new parish priest, Fr Robert Romano. Fr Robert was ordained in the Philippines in 2000 and has served in the parishes of Albany, Bridgetown, Waroona, Manjimup, Collie and most recently, Leschenault. We look forward to his presence at school Liturgies, Masses and community events. I am certain Fr Robert's pastoral care will be an invaluable gift to our students, staff, and families as we continue to grow in faith together.

Interschool swimming results (reported by Mr Rob Henry)

On Wednesday, 2 April 2025 Saint Joseph's CPS attended the yearly interschool swimming carnival held at the Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre. The school competition cohort is as follows: Saint Joseph's CPS, South Halls Head PS, Pinjarra PS and Riverside PS.

Our students showed fantastic passion, determination and resilience in all events throughout the day, with our cheering being a wonderful highlight. We had strong individual success at the carnival, with 4 out of 8 champions being from St Joseph's and one runner-up medal as well.

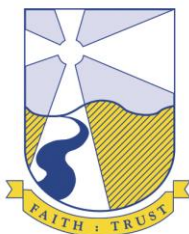
Year 4 Girl Runner-Up: **Willow Pope**, Year 4 Girl Champion: **Zoe Pash**,

Year 5 Boy Champion: **Henry Blythe**

Year 6 Girl Champion: **Stephanie Fahl** and Year 6 Boy Champion: **Eric Allen**.

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A special shout out to Stephanie Fahl for being the only student from all schools to win all her major individual events.

Two shields are given out each year at the carnival. The first is the 'handicap shield' which determines that, if all schools had the same number of students, who would be the best performing school. I am happy to announce that Saint Joseph's finished in 1st place with the shield being presented at last Friday's assembly. The 'overall shield' is presented to the school with the most points earned throughout the day. It was an amazing achievement for our school to finish in 2nd place. For our size, we definitely do pack some power at these carnivals and, with students stepping up to fill empty events, we were able to earn enough points to beat Pinjarra PS and Riverside PS who are much larger schools than us. A fantastic job to all students who participated...and a big thank you to the wonderful parents who were able to attend to support their children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Henry, Miss Moroney and Mr Cosgrove who organised our squad for the day and, as Mr Henry has already mentioned, our wonderful parent body who are always there to help us at these events.

AUSLAN Day

Wear a rainbow Wednesday 9 April to acknowledge AUSLAN Day! This now annual event celebrates the publication of the AUSLAN dictionary and highlights the importance of teaching AUSLAN. It is now estimated that over 16 000 people in Australia use AUSLAN!

Canteen

As Friday 11 April is a Pupil Free Day, the canteen will be open for your convenience, Thursday 10 April.

Easter Liturgy

Please join us Thursday 10 April at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the school's Easter Liturgy.

Annual Easter Egg Raffle

You are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Raffle, Thursday 10 April at 2:00pm in the Assembly Hall. There's still time to bring in your donations of Easter eggs, Easter baskets and Easter gifts AND to buy



some last-minute tickets! The funds we raise are donated to Caritas Australia. We will also be announcing the winners of the P&F Easter colouring in competition!

Parent and Caregiver Interviews

A reminder that Friday 11 April, a Pupil Free Day which has been allocated for Parent and Caregiver Interviews. Interviews will be 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. Thank you.

Uniform Changeover

Students in Year 3 -Year 6 have two weeks to change over to their winter uniform for Term Two. Please ensure your child is in correct winter uniform by Monday, 12 May 2025 (Week 3).

Signing In

After speaking with other school Principals and completing a Risk Assessment, the school has come to a decision regarding parents and caregivers signing in for assemblies.

Parents and caregivers will no longer be required to sign in at the front office for school assemblies, Liturgies, special celebrations (including Mother's/Father's/Grandparent's Day), Carnivals (including Athletics/Cross Country/Jumps and Throws), Book Week etc.

Please note, however, if you are volunteering as a parent/caregiver helper in a classroom or in the canteen, then you will be required to sign in. This covers the requirements for our Registration Audit for 'parent/caregiver' helpers.



Term Two

Please note, Monday 28 April is a Pupil Free Day where staff will be attending the final day of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) professional development. The canteen will be open on Tuesday 29 April (first day back for students) for your convenience.

Please note the following dates for Term Two.

Wednesday 30 April-ANZAC Day Liturgy, 2:00pm at school

Friday 2 May-Stations of Glory, 8:45am in the Assembly Hall

Wednesday 7 May and Thursday 8 May-Mother's Day Stall (all day) in the Library

Friday 9 May-Mother's Day breakfast and Liturgy, 8:00am in the Assembly Hall

Sunday 18 May-Sacrament of Confirmation Mass, 10:00am at St Augustine's Church

Wednesday 21 May-School Photo Day

Monday 26 May to Friday 6 June-Swimming Lessons

Wednesday 18 June-St Joseph's Cross Country Carnival

Sunday 29 June-First Holy Communion Mass, 10:00am at St Augustine's Church

Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July-NAIDOC Week.

Enjoy the remainder of the term. I wish you all the blessings that Easter brings and I very much look forward to seeing you all in Term Two.

Enjoy the Easter break with your families and friends.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal