



Tuesday 6 May 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

I trust your children have settled in well to Term Two! I would like to begin this fortnight's newsletter with a prayer of remembrance for Pope Francis.

'Thank you, Holy Father, for your life of compassion, humility and unwavering faith. You led with love and kindness and served with grace. May God welcome you into eternal peace and may your legacy continue to inspire hearts around the world. Rest in peace. Amen.'

Thank you to Mrs O who prepared a beautifully reflective prayer service for Pope Francis last week for us.

## **Deaf Awareness Week**

Tomorrow, Wednesday 7 May, the school will be acknowledging Deaf Awareness Week, which is dedicated to raising awareness about the Deaf community and its unique culture, language and experiences. Students will be engaging with activities in their classes and are invited to wear the colour BLUE on the day, which mirrors the 'blue ribbon' ceremony established by Dr Paddy Ladd, commemorating the Deaf community. If your child is wearing blue, please ensure he/she is dressed appropriately for school. Thongs and crocs are not acceptable footwear.

## **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!

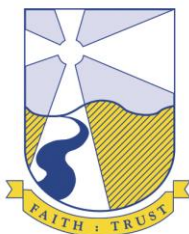
We have three events planned to help celebrate Mother's Day.

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, Wednesday 7 May, (Pre-Kindergarten students Thursday 8 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, 9 May, where our staff will serve you a special breakfast! Then, join us in the Church at 8:45am for the Mother's Day Liturgy, led by our delightful Year One students.

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## **Rosary**

I invite you to join the school 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 Assembly**

Please join us Friday 16 May at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award Assembly.

## **Bishop George visit and Year Six Confirmation Retreat Day**

Newly elected Bishop George Kolodziej SDS will be visiting our Year Six students during their Confirmation Retreat Day, Friday 16 May. Parents, please keep an eye out for communication from Mr Cosgrove regarding the day.

## **Confirmation Mass**

Please keep our Year Six students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place at St Augustine's Parish, Sunday 18 May at 10:00am, celebrated by Bishop George Kolodziej SDS and Fr Robert Romano. All are most welcome.

## **School Photos**

Wednesday, 21 May is School Photo Day at St Joseph's! Students should receive their photo packs shortly. Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are to wear their coloured polo shirts for their photos. Please note, Pre-Kindergarten students **may** come along in the morning **if** they would like their photo taken. Pre-Primary, Year One and Year Two students are to wear their correct sport uniform, with their **blue** polo shirt. Students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six are to wear their correct **full winter uniform**. This includes school jumpers and long pants for boys. Please use the following link to ensure your child is in the correct winter uniform. <https://www.stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-Uniform-and-Dress-Standards.pdf>

## **National Simultaneous Storytime**

National Simultaneous Storytime is an Australia-wide group reading and literacy event, where school-age children gather together to read the same chosen picture book at the same time. Our Kindergarten students will be walking to the Pinjarra Civic Centre, Wednesday 21 May and, at 10:30am will engage with this year's picture book, 'The Truck Cat', written by Deborah Frenkel and illustrated by Danny Snell. Parents are welcome to attend.



## Uniform changeover

I look forward to seeing all our Year Three, Four, Five and Six students returning Week Three (Monday 12 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/2025/03/2025-Uniform-and-Dress-Standards.pdf>

## Wood Raffle

Yes! It's that time of the year...the St Joseph's Wood Raffle! Our wonderful P&F are selling raffle books for \$50 each (individual tickets are \$5 each). If you can help with one of the P&F's biggest fundraisers, please pop into the office or email the school if you'd like a book sent home with your child. Please note, we kindly asked that all monies, books (sold or unsold), are returned to school by Friday 27 June.

## Change of date

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the school has rescheduled our Grandparent's Day Liturgy and Devonshire morning tea to Tuesday 21 October. I apologise for any inconvenience.

## Safe Entry to School

We've recently had several near-misses involving parents and students entering the school through the George Street gate. To keep everyone safe, we strongly encourage all families to use the pelican crossing at the traffic lights near the church when crossing George Street. Thank you for helping us prioritise the safety of our school community.

## Code of Conduct

As I am sure you are aware, the **Code of Conduct** outlines the minimum standards of behaviour expected of all members of our school community-staff, parents and students-here at St Joseph's. Over the coming months, I'll be sharing simple summaries of each of the 12 conduct statements, along with practical examples, to help us all better understand and uphold these shared expectations. Together, we can ensure our school remains a safe and welcoming place for every child.

### Statement 1-You act safely and competently.

- Support Safety First: Encourage your child to follow school rules that keep everyone safe.
- Trust in Staff Expertise: Our staff work within their professional roles and always act in the best interests of all students.
- Communicate Openly: Keep us informed about anything that may affect your child's wellbeing-early communication helps us provide the right support.

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- Work in Partnership: We value strong partnerships between home and school. Your involvement helps us support your child's learning and safety.
- Respect School Standards: Please support the policies and expectations we follow to ensure a safe, connected and respectful environment for all.
- Stay Informed and Engaged: Be involved in your child's education and help them feel secure, supported and confident at school.

## **Catholic School parent WA**

Catholic School Parents WA are delighted to present Dr Justin Coulson-founder of [happyfamilies.com.au](http://happyfamilies.com.au) and co-host and parenting expert on Channel 9's 'Parental Guidance'.

Justin will be presenting two separate sessions and the details are as follows:

Date: 29 May 2025

Times: 10.30am to 12 noon-Anxiety: Helping your Child Navigate a World of Worry

7.00pm to 8.30pm: Parental Guidance

Venue: Ursula Frayne Catholic College, 15 Duncan Street, Victoria Park.

The booking links are included below:

<https://events.humanitix.com/justin-coulson-parent-session-10-30am>

<https://events.humanitix.com/justin-coulson-parent-session-7pm>

## **Stay Healthy This Flu Season!**

Annual flu vaccinations are a simple and effective way to help protect your child and others in our school community from getting sick. We encourage all families to consider booking a flu shot through your local GP or pharmacy. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy and learning this winter!

Enjoy the week!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal