



Tuesday 20 May 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four. I would like to begin my newsletter with a prayer for our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV. 'Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift of our new Holy father, Pope Leo XIV. May he be a faithful shepherd to your people, a voice of peace in our world and a sign of unity for the church. Bless him with wisdom, courage and compassion. May we, as your children, support him with our prayers and follow his example of love and service. Amen.'

Mother's Day Stall, Breakfast and Liturgy...thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful P&F for organising the Mother's Day Stall-your efforts brought so much joy to our students and helped them celebrate the special women in their lives. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for hosting the Mother's Day Breakfast, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our families. A special thank you to Mrs Jones and the Year One class for the beautiful and thoughtful Mother's Day Liturgy, which was a truly meaningful celebration of love, gratitude and family.

School Photos

A reminder, tomorrow, 21 May is School Photo Day at St Joseph's! 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 at 8:30am **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

Our Kindergarten students will be walking to the Murray Library tomorrow, 21 May and at 10:00am, 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.

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Merit Assembly

Please join us Friday 23 May at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award Assembly.

Swimming Lessons

Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 will be participating in swimming lessons at the Murray Aquatic and Leisure Centre from Monday, 26 May to Friday, 6 June. Please ensure you have completed and returned the Swimming Enrolment Form to the front office as soon as possible. For the duration of the program, students should wear their bathers underneath their sport uniform each day. They are to continue wearing their coloured faction polo on their regular sport day and their blue polo shirt on all other days. Each student will need to bring a towel, goggles and a change of underwear. Thongs or crocs may be worn for the walk to and from the pool only. To avoid any mix-ups, please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Henry.

Laudato Si' Week

Laudato Si' Week (next week) is an annual celebration in May that marks the anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'," which focuses on the care of creation and our common home. It's a time for reflection, action and advocacy, encouraging Catholics and others to listen to the "cry of the earth" and take steps towards a more sustainable and just world. Students will be participating in meaningful classroom activities to recognise and reflect on the significance of this important event.

Sorry Day Liturgy

Please join us Monday 26 May, at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for our Sorry Day Liturgy, prepared by the Year Two class. National Sorry Day is the day when we remember and acknowledge the hurt caused in the past by governments who removed First Nations children from their families and communities.

Merit Assembly

Please join us Friday 30 May at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award Assembly.

Western Australia Day Public Holiday and Pupil Free Day

Please note, Monday 2 June, is a public holiday in Western Australia. Formally known as Foundation Day,



Western Australia Day (WA Day) is celebrated on the first Monday in June each year to commemorate the founding of the Swan River colony in 1829. Tuesday 3 June is a Pupil Free Day at St Joseph's. We look forward to welcoming students back Wednesday 4 June.

Change of Cross-Country Date-Thursday 19 June

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the school has rescheduled our Cross-Country event to Thursday 19 June (instead of Wednesday 18 June). I apologise for any inconvenience.

Code of Conduct

As outlined in last fortnight's newsletter, I'll be sharing simple summaries of each of the 12 Code of Conduct statements to help us all better understand and uphold these shared expectations.

Statement 2-You give priority to students' safety and wellbeing in all of your behaviour and decision making.

At St Joseph's, we deeply value our partnership with families in creating a safe, supportive environment for every child. As parents and carers, you play a vital role in this shared responsibility. Here's how you can help:

- Always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of all students in your words, actions, and decisions.
- Communicate respectfully with staff and others to support a positive learning environment.
- Encourage your child to treat others with kindness, respect, and care.
- Support appropriate and respectful interactions between adults and students—focused solely on learning and student wellbeing.
- Respect the privacy of all students and families, and only share information that helps support a child's learning or safety.
- Let the Principal or school staff know if you have any concerns that may impact a student's safety or wellbeing.
- Help maintain a calm and supportive school atmosphere by avoiding disruptions to learning.
- Avoid offering gifts or favours that could be seen as trying to influence school decisions.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in making St Joseph's a vibrant, nurturing and faith-filled community. Together, we are helping our students grow in confidence, character and knowledge.

Wishing all our families a safe and joyful week ahead!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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