



Tuesday 29 July 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break surrounded by family and friends. As we begin a new term, I trust this newsletter finds you refreshed, recharged and ready for the exciting learning opportunities that lie ahead. Let's make Term Three a positive, productive and inspiring one for our whole school community!

Welcome baby Hudson!

We are delighted to share the joyful news that Mr Rob Henry and his partner Michelle welcomed their beautiful baby boy, Hudson Albert Henry, into the world last Thursday. On behalf of the entire St Joseph's community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the Henry family as they begin this wonderful new chapter.

Scholastics Book Fair!

Our friends at Scholastics have packed this year's fair with a huge selection of books to capture your child's imagination and get them excited about reading! Students will be able to purchase books and other items until Thursday, 7 August. Opening times are Wednesday 30 July, 8:15am to 8:45am, Thursday 31 July, 8:15am to 8:45am, Monday 4 August 2:45pm to 3:15pm, Tuesday 5 August 8:15am to 8:45am and 2:45pm to 3:15pm, Wednesday 6 August 8:15am to 8:45am and Thursday 7 August 8:15am to 8:45am.

Parent Volunteer Session

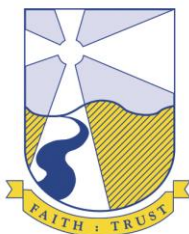
We warmly invite parents and caregivers who wish to volunteer in classrooms to attend our upcoming Parent Volunteer Session, held in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am tomorrow, Wednesday 30 July. Completion of this session is a requirement for all classroom volunteers. However, if you have previously attended a session, there is no need to repeat it.

Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 30 July, selected students from Years Four, Five and Six will be competing at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival at the Meadow Springs Sports Facility, from 12:00pm to 2:30pm. We are competing

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against Halls Head Primary, Glencoe Primary, Austin Cove, Dudley Park Primary, Greenfields Primary, Foundation Christian College, Frederick Irwin and Riverside Primary School. We extend our best wishes to all students representing St Joseph's in the upcoming competition. A special thank you to Mr Rob Henry for his thorough preparation and support in the lead-up to this event. Please be reminded that all students representing the school are expected to uphold our standards of uniform and personal presentation. If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Friendship Day!

We're excited to celebrate St Joseph's Friendship Day on Thursday, 31 July! Students will enjoy a variety of fun, friendship-themed activities throughout the day, all centred around this month's theme: Gratitude-appreciating and giving thanks for the special friends in our lives. To help make the day even more enjoyable, students are invited to wear free dress. Let's make it a day full of kindness, connection and gratitude!

Special Note for Pre-Primary to Year 3

Students in Pre-primary, Year 1, 2, and 3 are also invited to bring a small, soft toy on Wednesday, 30 July. These will be used during an engaging online friendship session facilitated by the URStrong team, supporting role-play and learning through fun.

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us Friday, 1 August in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am for a Merit Award assembly.

The Religious Education Assessment

The Religious Education Assessment, an on-line system-wide assessment in Religious Education for Year Three and Year Five students, is rapidly approaching. Students will sit the assessment Tuesday, 5 August. The test items consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended responses. If you have any queries about the assessment, please see your child's teacher.



Welly Wednesday!

It's back! Students are invited to wear their brightest, flashiest wellies to school Wednesday 6 August. Please note, this is not a compulsory event, so students wear wellies only if they have them. It might be an idea to pack spare clothes in your child's schoolbag...just in case!

St Mary MacKillop of the Cross Mass

Please join us Friday 8 August at 9:30am in the church to acknowledge Australia's first Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, with a Mass led by our Year Five class. She holds a very special place for us as, with Fr Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph, who in turn, founded our school. I would love to see you there to help us celebrate the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Selected students from Years Three, Four, Five and Six will be taking part in the Prime Minister's (online) Spelling Bee, Friday 8 August. Students are given 30 random words from their reading level word list to spell and only 25 seconds to spell each word! A winner from each class will be chosen, along with an overall school winner. A big thank you to Mrs O'Dwyer for organising our students so they can compete.

Book Week Parade

While Book Week is still a few weeks away, we know many families love to plan ahead-so here's a friendly reminder! This year's theme is "Book an Adventure!", celebrating the 80th anniversary of Book Week. It's a wonderful opportunity to inspire children to dive into new worlds, explore exciting stories and discover the magic of reading. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the date!

Code of Conduct

As outlined in previous newsletters, 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 Six-You treat personal information about members of the school community as private and confidential.

At St Joseph's, we take the privacy of our school community seriously. Here are a few key points to help

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you understand how personal information is handled:

- Respecting Privacy: We follow CEWA's Privacy Policy to ensure all personal information is used appropriately and respectfully.
- Confidentiality Matters: Staff are committed to keeping personal information private and only using it for the purposes outlined in the Privacy Policy.
- Sharing Information Safely: If someone outside the school requests access to personal information, we take steps to confirm their identity and ensure it's legally appropriate to share. We also let the person know their information has been shared-unless there's a legal reason not to.
- Student Safety Comes First: If there's ever a situation where privacy and student safety conflict, staff will seek guidance to make the best decision for the child's wellbeing.
- Keeping Records: Staff document important conversations and decisions that relate to student safety and wellbeing, ensuring transparency and accountability.

As we begin this new term, let's embrace an attitude of gratitude-the theme for July in our URStrong friendship program. When we take time to notice what we're thankful for, we become better at expressing appreciation for the people and moments that matter most-our families, friends, teachers and our wonderful St Joseph's community. Thank you for choosing to be part of our amazing St Joey's family. Your support and involvement make our school a truly special place.

Have a wonderful week.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal