

Wednesday 13 August 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four. I would like to begin this fortnight's newsletter with a prayer in the spirit of 'The Assumption of Mary' Feast Day, August 15, where we celebrate Mary's bodily assumption into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

**'Heavenly Father, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, and through her, you gave us the gift of salvation. As we celebrate the Assumption, may we follow her example of faith, humility and obedience. Grant us the grace to seek your will in all things and to look forward to the day when we too will share in the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.'**

**Thank you!**

A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your patience and understanding during our recent plumbing issues. We're pleased to share that everything has now been resolved, and we look forward to welcoming our students back to school tomorrow!

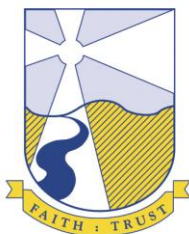
### **Interschool Cross Country Carnival news**

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Interschool Cross Country Carnival. Well done to Harrison Greenham who finished first, Stephanie Fahl who finished fifth, Charlee Hagley who finished ninth, William Judd who finished ninth, Zoe Pash who finished tenth, Harper Lyall who finished eleventh and Blake Hagley who finished eleventh in their respective races. A huge thank you to Miss Moroney and Mrs Waters who organised our students and to our fabulous parents who supported us on the day. It was wonderful to hear that our students displayed such behaviours as good sportspersonship, respect for others, team spirit and a positive attitude. Behaviours such as these ensure the day is memorable for everyone.

### **Visiting Author**

On Thursday 14 August, West Australian author and illustrator Peter Cheong will be visiting our Year Five and Six students. He'll be sharing insights into his writing and illustration process, including how he brings stories to life through words and art, where he finds inspiration and what it's like to create books from start to finish. Peter is the illustrator of *I'm a Hero Too*, *Nothing Alike* and the *Pow Pow Pig* and *Freddie Spector*

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series. Peter's debut book as an author/illustrator, *Every Night at Midnight*, was voted CBCA Shadow Judging Winner for Picture Book of the Year in 2024. He has since released his second author/illustrated book, *Where We Can Hear the Giants Sing*. Peter is currently working on his debut graphic novel series, *April Ordinary*, *Thief Extraordinary*, the first of which will be out in 2027.

## Assumption of Mary Mass

You are invited to join the parishioners from St Augustine's Parish and our Year Four, Five and Six students on Friday 15 August at 9:30am to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Assumption Day commemorates the belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ died, her body was 'assumed' into heaven to be reunited with her soul.

## All things Athletics!

Week Five is all things Athletics here at St Joseph's!

Date	Event	Year Level(s)	Location	Time	Attire
Monday 18 August	Jumps and Throws	Year Six	School Oval	11:20am to 1:20pm	Sports Uniform (Faction Polo)
Wednesday 20 August	Jumps and Throws	Year One to Five	School Oval	8:45am onwards	Sports Uniform (Faction Polo)
Friday 22 August	Faction Athletics Carnival	Pre-primary to Year Six	Sir Ross McLarty Oval	9:00am onwards	Sports Uniform (Faction Polo)

We're looking forward to a fantastic week, filled with fun, community spirit and great sportspersonship! Parent help is needed on both days, so if you're available, we'd love your support to make the events run smoothly. It's always a great day to cheer on our students and celebrate their efforts! Please contact the school office on 9530 5500 if you can help. Further details will be provided by Mr Henry closer to the date.

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## **Book Week**

The 2025 Book Week Parade is almost here!

We're so excited for the Book Week Parade, Tuesday 19 August and we can't wait to see our students dressed as their favourite book characters! This year's theme, "Book an Adventure!", invites readers to explore new worlds and embark on exciting literary journeys through the power of stories. This year also marks a special milestone-the 80th anniversary of Children's Book Week! What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the magic of books and the joy of reading.

We also have a fabulous dress-up theme for the staff... so make sure you come along to the Assembly Hall at 9:00am and see what we're dressing up as-it's going to be a lot of fun!

## **Pupil Free Days-Week Six**

Please note that Thursday 28 August and Friday 29 August are Pupil Free Days. These days are set aside for important staff professional development, which helps our team to continue growing and learning so we can better support your children in their education and well-being. Thank you for your understanding and support!

## **P&F Quiz Night**

Our amazing P&F are seeking raffle prize donations from local businesses for their Quiz Night on 30 August. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Tara Cabassi on 0414 851 563. All donors will be acknowledged on the night. Thank you for your support!

## **Absentee Reminder**

If your child will be away from school, please let us know as soon as possible using the online absentee form on our school website. This is our preferred method and helps us keep accurate records and ensure your child's safety. Thank you for your support!

## **Book Fair**

We hope everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair discovered a story that sparked their imagination! A heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Fair-your generous purchases have enabled our school to add \$1,498.50 worth of new books to our library collection. Your support makes a lasting difference in our

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students' reading journeys. A very special thank you to Ms Tammy Schelfhout for her incredible effort in organising the Scholastic Book Fair. Her dedication and enthusiasm played a huge role in making the event such a wonderful success.

## **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 Seven-You give and seek the best, honest, and most accurate information about the education and care of students.

At St Joseph's, we're committed to making the best decisions for your child's learning, safety, and wellbeing. Here's how we do that:

- We give and seek advice that's accurate and based on trusted, up-to-date information.
- When there are choices to be made, we clearly explain the pros and cons so that everyone involved can help make the best decision for your child.
- We're open and honest about our role in supporting your child's education and wellbeing.
- If a situation needs expert advice, we don't hesitate to reach out to the right people to get the best support.
- We always aim to get information directly from the source-whether that's from you as parents, our staff, or official school policies-so we're not relying on rumours or assumptions.

Together, we can ensure every child feels safe, supported, and ready to thrive.

As we head into another exciting fortnight, we're looking forward to seeing everyone at our Book Week Parade and Athletics Carnival. These events are wonderful opportunities to come together, celebrate our students and strengthen our school community. Thank you for your continued support-we can't wait to share these special moments with you!

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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