



Tuesday 23 September 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

As we prepare to farewell Term Three, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has truly been a remarkable term. The dedication and achievements of our students, the unwavering commitment of our incredible staff and the ongoing support from our wonderful families have all contributed to a nurturing and thriving school community. This term has been filled with growth, learning and memorable moments-a testament to what we can achieve together. Thank you for being such an important part of our journey.

Interschool Carnival

Congratulations to our Year Three, Four, Five and Six students who represented St Joseph's at the Interschool Athletics Carnival at Glencoe Primary School yesterday. We came fourth overall. More importantly our students showed wonderful sportspersonship throughout the day. Well done to Milla Hughes who was placed. Thank you to Mr Henry, Mr Cosgrove, Mrs Greenham, Miss Williams and our parent helpers/supporters who made the day a safe and enjoyable one for our students.

Staffing Update

I'd like to share some staffing news with you as we prepare for Term Four. Mrs Kate Martin has accepted a part-time position at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, beginning in 2026. We're pleased to share that she will continue teaching AUSLAN at St Joseph's. Miss Katie Whiteman, our current Year Two teacher, will be teaching four days a week next term. On Fridays, Miss Baileigh Allen, our Kindergarten teacher, will be joining the Year Two class to team teach.

Congratulations Max!

We are thrilled to celebrate Max Forman from Year Three, who recently competed in the Combined Junior Lions Public Speaking Competition in the Year Three/Four category. Max was the *only* Year Three student in this combined division-and he absolutely impressed the judges with his outstanding speech, earning First

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Place! What an incredible achievement, Max! We are all so proud of your confidence, courage, and exceptional presentation skills. Well done!

Write a Book in a Day

Last Tuesday, a group of talented students-Eric Allen, Ruben de Jong, Steph Fahl, Jenna Perkins (Year Six), Anthony Brader, Brax Hague-Tyson, Isla Johns, and Mannat Pruthi (Year Five)-joined forces with the fabulous Mrs O to take on the challenge of writing a book in a single day! Their creative efforts will bring joy to children in hospital and you can help make an even bigger impact by supporting kids' cancer research. Simply visit <https://writeabookinaday.com/> click the blue 'Sponsor' button in the top right corner, search for 'St Joey's Strive' and make a donation. Let's rally behind our young authors and contribute to a cause that truly matters!

Open Night

A reminder about St Joseph's Open Night, Wednesday 24 September, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Please mark this date in your family's calendar. Please note our IT providers, Catalytic, will be in attendance. If you have any queries/issues regarding your child's school iPad...functionality, apps, etc, please see James in the STREAM centre on the night.

Friendship Ninja and Merit Awards

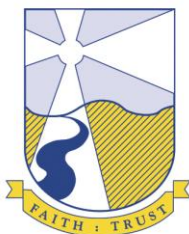
Please join us Friday 26 September at 8:45am in the Hall for a Friendship Ninja and Merit Award Assembly.

Colour Run-what a way to end Term Three!

We're excited to announce our Colour Run is happening on Friday, 26 September on the back oval! This fun event, organised by our amazing P&F, is a result of student voice-they asked for it, and we're thrilled to deliver!

What to know:

-Wear clothes that can get messy (not school uniform). A white T-shirt works best!



- Afternoon bus riders need a towel and change of clothes-coloured powered clothes aren't allowed on the bus.
- Powders are non-toxic, but masks are recommended for students with sensitivities.
- Bring a water bottle and wear closed-in shoes.
- Staff will supervise to ensure a safe and fun experience.

Students will finish the run through a sea of bubbles-a bubbly end to a fantastic day!

Parent Helpers: Pre-Kindy and Kindy parents are welcome to help and bring little ones. A separate PK/K track will be set up, but supervision is required.

Families may take children home after the event-please sign out with the classroom teacher. Unless arranged beforehand, parents cannot take other students home.

Thanks again to our wonderful P&F-we can't wait to celebrate with colour, fun and community spirit!

Term Four

We look forward to welcoming back students Monday 13 October for the start of Term Four.

School Uniform Changeover (Term Four)

As we move into Term Four, please note, students in Years Three, Four Five and Six may wear their summer uniform from Monday 13 October. There will be a two-week changeover period if students wish to continue to wear their winter uniform. All Year Three, Four, Five and Six students must be in correct summer uniform by Week Three, Monday 27 October. Students in Pre-primary, Year One and Year Two continue to wear their sport uniform.

Rosary (Term Four)

Every Thursday morning throughout October, our Year Five students will be leading the school to pray the Rosary. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary and is a devotion



in honour of the Virgin Mary. You are invited to join us every Thursday, starting Thursday 16 October, at 8:45am at St Augustine's Church.

Merit Award Assembly (Term Four)

Please join us in the Assembly Hall, Friday 17 October at 8:45am for a Merit Award Assembly.

Grandparents' Day Liturgy (Term Four)

We warmly invite you to join us for our Grandparents' Day Liturgy, presented by our Kindergarten students, on Tuesday 21 October. We will gather as a school community at St Augustine's Church at 9:00am, followed by morning tea and a Slide Show in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you and honouring the important role grandparents play in our children's lives.

Crazy Sock Day (Term Four)

Our feet know what happens in October...Crazy Sock Day!

Socktober is a journey towards and a celebration of World Mission Month. Through Socktober, our students are invited to learn about, pray, advocate for and financially support children and communities in need around the world. Students are invited to wear their craziest socks to school Wednesday 22 October (Pre-Kindergarten Thursday 23 October) and to bring a gold coin donation to support Catholic Mission.

I'd like to conclude by wishing you all a safe and restful holiday. I encourage you to take time to reconnect with loved ones, enjoy activities that bring joy and relaxation, and nurture your wellbeing. As we look ahead to Term Four, we're excited to continue our journey of learning and growth together. Thank you for being such an important part of our Catholic school community. I look forward to seeing you and your children refreshed and ready for a wonderful term ahead.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal