



Wednesday 5 November 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four and two important days in the church calendar were observed last weekend...All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November). On All Saints' Day we remember the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history and All Souls' Day is a time to commemorate those who have passed and ask for God's mercy for them. We pray, 'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.'

### **Annual Community Meeting-Save the date!**

The St Joseph's Annual Community Meeting (ACM) is scheduled for Wednesday 12 November at 5:30pm in the STREAM centre. I will be reporting to our community about the school's overall performance and key events from 2025 and will be sharing our vision for 2026. Mr Owen McLarty, School Advisory Council Chair and Mrs Tara Cabassi, P&F President, will also be addressing parents and caregivers. Please show your support and come along. A very important part of the ACM is recruiting parents and caregivers for roles on the School Advisory Council and the P&F. If you feel you have something to offer, come along to the ACM and let us know! These groups are an integral part of St Joseph's and add such richness and positivity to our school community.

### **Year Five Prayer Liturgy**

Please join us for the Year Five Prayer Liturgy on Friday, 7 November at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you.

### **Remembrance Day Service**

Students from Years Four, Five and Six will be joining the Pinjarra community at 10:45am, Tuesday 11 November at the Pinjarra War Memorial (The Glebe Land) to commemorate all who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. You are invited to join us.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

### **Merit Award Assembly**

Please join us for a Merit Award Assembly, Friday 14 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

### **Parish Annual General Meeting**

All are warmly invited to attend the Parish AGM on Sunday, 16 November, held after the 10am Mass at St Augustine's Church. It's a great opportunity to stay informed and connected with our parish community.

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### **Bedingfeld Lodge Visit**

We're delighted to welcome residents from Bedingfeld Lodge to our school on Tuesday 18 November for a joyful Christmas sing-along presented by our Kindergarten to Year 6 students. Following the performance, our guests will enjoy a morning tea hosted by the school. This special event is part of our ongoing commitment to community outreach and Christian service learning, helping students build meaningful connections and share kindness with others.

### **Staffing for 2026**

Staffing allocations for 2026 are outlined below. Please note, these allocations may be subject to change based on workforce needs.

Principal - Vanessa Gangell

Assistant Principal - Tracy O'Dwyer

Finance Officer - Bridget Bolt

Administration - Christine Douglas and Tammy Schelfhout

Speech Therapist - Jordan (Jordy) Robinson

Canteen - Ros Treasure

Wellbeing Officer - Jill Ward

General Education Assistants - Mel Bray, Jane Preston, Tammy Schelfhout and Margrate Snow

Pre-Kindergarten - Baileigh Allen and Ginette Black

Kindergarten - Baileigh Allen, Ginette Black and Tammy Stevens

Pre-primary - Rachael Leventhal and Kirsten Greenham

Year One - Kristie Jones

Year Two - Deb Gundry

Year Three - Yasmin Williams

Year Four - Tammy Moroney

Year Five - Rachel Waters

Year Six - Pete Cosgrove

Support - TBA

Physical Education and Health - Rob Henry

Science - Stephanie White

Languages (Auslan) - Kate Martin

The Arts - Zoe Ramsay

We're delighted to welcome back Deb Gundry and Zoe Ramsay and we send our warmest thanks and best wishes to Raani Abourizk, Di Partridge and Katie Whiteman as they move on from St Joseph's.

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### **Up and coming dates**

Term Four is notoriously busy, so I have added important dates for you to be aware of as the year draws to a close.

Wednesday 12 November-Annual Community Meeting (ACM)  
Wednesday 19 November-Pinjarra Senior High School Activity Day  
Thursday 27 November- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation  
Monday 1 December-Transition Day for Kindergarten to Year 5 students  
Tuesday 2 December-Year Six Graduation Assembly  
Thursday 4 December-Pinjarra Senior High School Orientation Day (Day One)  
Thursday 4 December-Children's University Graduation  
Friday 5 December-Mandurah Catholic College Orientation Day  
Friday 5 December-Pinjarra Senior High School Orientation Day (Day Two)  
Monday 8 December to Thursday 11 December-Advent Liturgies  
Tuesday 9 December-End of Year Concert  
Wednesday 10 December-Year Six Graduation Mass and Lunch  
Thursday 11 December-Year Six Graduating class 'Fun Day' at MARC  
Thursday 11 December-Pizza Day  
Friday 12 December-Thanksgiving Mass  
Friday 12 December-Last Day of the 2025 academic year  
Friday 12 December-2025 student academic reports released via SETQA Engage

### **2026 Dates-To help you plan ahead!**

Term 1-Monday 2 Feb to Wednesday 1 April (9 week term)  
Term 2-Monday 20 April to Thursday 2 July (11 week term)  
Term 3-Tuesday 21 July to Friday 25 September (10 week term)  
Term 4-Tuesday 13 Oct to Friday 11 Dec (9 week term)

### **Pupil Free Days (PFD) 2026**

#### Term 1

Monday 2 March (Labour Day) Public Holiday  
Thursday 2 April-PFD (Whole school parent interviews)

#### Term 2

Monday 27 April (ANZAC Day) Public Holiday  
Monday 1 June (WA Day) Public Holiday  
Tuesday 2 June-Pupil Free Day  
Friday 3 July-Pupil Free Day

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Term 3

Monday 20 July-Pupil Free Day

Term 4

Monday 12 October-Pupil Free Day

Mr Henry has booked several dates for 2026. Please note, these dates may be subject to change:

- Faction Swimming Carnival-Friday 27 February
- Interschool Swimming Carnival-Thursday 26 March
- Swimming Lessons-Tuesday 21 April to Friday 24 April and Tuesday 28 April to Friday 1 May
- Faction Cross Country Carnival-Friday 12 June
- Interschool Cross Country Carnival-Wednesday 29 July (Please note, Year 3 students may be included for 2026-TBC)
- Year 6 Jumps and Throws-Monday 17 August
- Year 1 to 5 Jumps and Throws-Wednesday 19 August
- Faction Athletics Carnival-Friday 21 August
- Interschool Athletics Carnival-Wednesday 16 September (back up day Friday 18 September)

**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 Ten-You maintain and build on the community's trust and confidence in Catholic schools and the Church.

At St Joseph's, we believe that trust is the foundation of a strong and respectful school community. This Conduct Statement reminds us that every staff member plays a role in maintaining and building public confidence in our school and the wider Catholic community. This means:

- Acting in ways that reflect positively on our school and its values.
- Understanding that personal actions, even outside of school, can affect how the community views us.
- Communicating respectfully and responsibly, especially in public or online spaces.
- Always putting the safety and wellbeing of students first-above reputation or appearances.

We are committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment where families feel confident in the care and education their children receive.

Have a wonderful week everyone and I very much look forward to seeing you all at the various school events over the next fortnight.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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