



Tuesday 18 November 2025

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six!

I'm thrilled to start this fortnight's newsletter by celebrating an extraordinary achievement from our 'Write a Book in a Day' team: Eric Allen, Ruben de Jong, Stephanie Fahl, Jenna Perkins (Year 6), Anthony Brader, Brax Hague-Tyson, Isla Johns and Mannat Pruthi (Year 5). If you haven't heard the exciting news yet-our students won both the State AND National Best Book (Primary) in the Write a Book in a Day competition! Out of 16,661 participants from 569 schools, this incredible project raised \$1.23 million for children's cancer research.

Our cow-themed story, *Rock 'n' Rescue*, impressed the judges who said:

"A first chapter consisting mostly of cow puns set the bar high and this narrative maintains the delight factor to the very end. Perfectly pitched for its intended audience, it balances laughs with a narrative thrust that keeps pages turning. A legen-dairy effort."

Congratulations to our talented authors and illustrators and a huge thank you to the wonderful Mrs O who coordinated the entire day. What an udderly amazing achievement for St Joseph's!

Pinjarra Senior High School (PSHS) Activity Day

An exciting Activity Day is scheduled for our Year Six students who will be attending PSHS in 2026. This event will take place on Wednesday, 19 November and is a fantastic opportunity for students to experience high school life and connect with future classmates. All families should have received communication directly from PSHS. If you have not yet received details, please contact the high school as soon as possible to ensure your child is prepared for the day. We require an absent note for those students attending.

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 21 November for a Merit Award Assembly in the Hall at 8:45am.

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**Austin Cove Baptist College (ACBC) Orientation Day**

We're excited to share that an Orientation Day for our Year Six students heading to ACBC in 2026 will be held on Friday, 21 November. This important day is designed to help students feel confident and prepared for their transition to high school. They'll have the chance to explore the campus, meet their future teachers and classmates and take part in activities that give them a taste of high school life. Families should have received full details directly from ACBC. If you haven't, please contact the school as soon as possible to ensure your child is ready for this exciting step. Please provide us with an absent note if your child is attending.

Radical Reader Award Assembly

Our final Radical Reader Award Assembly for our Pre-primary, Year One and Two students will be held Monday 24 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Stage 7 CDP Official Opening

We are excited to announce the official opening of our Stage 7 build on Tuesday, 25 November at 10:00am. Joining us for this special occasion will be representatives from the Government and Catholic Education Western Australia, along with our Advisory Council, P&F, staff and students. We warmly invite you to celebrate this milestone with us. Please RSVP by Friday, 21 November by calling the school on 9530 5500 to assist with seating and catering arrangements.

Orientation Day – Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten 2026

We are excited to welcome our newest learners and their families for Orientation Day on Thursday, 27 November. This special day is designed to help children starting Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten in 2026 feel comfortable in their new classroom and meet their teachers and classmates.

Children will enjoy a short, engaging session in their future learning space, while parents and caregivers will hear from Miss Allen, our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teacher for 2026. She will outline routines, procedures and expectations to ensure a smooth start to the new school year.



Session Times:

Pre-Kindergarten: 9:00am – 10:00am

Kindergarten: 11:30am – 12:30pm

(Both sessions will be held in the Kindergarten classroom.)

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle, wears a hat and has sunscreen applied before arriving. We can't wait to meet you and begin this exciting journey together!

Final Merit and Friendship Ninja Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 28 November for our final Merit Award and Friendship Ninja Award Assembly for 2025 in the Hall at 8:45am.

Maths Wizard Award Assembly

Our final Maths Wizard Award Assembly will be held Monday 1 December in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Transition Day

We are excited to announce Transition Day, Monday 1 December-a special opportunity for students to meet their teachers for 2026 and spend time in their new classrooms. These sessions are all about building confidence and excitement for the year ahead! Students will take part in fun, engaging activities designed to help them feel comfortable in their new learning environment and get to know their classmates and teachers. It's a wonderful way to ensure a smooth start to the new school year. We can't wait to see the smiles and enthusiasm as our students take this important step forward!

Year Six End of Year Assembly

The Graduating Class of 2025 will be presenting their final assembly, Tuesday 2 December in the Assembly Hall at 9am. This special event marks an important milestone for our Year Six students as they present their last assembly before graduation. All Year Six parents, caregivers and friends are warmly invited to share in this memorable occasion.

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Planning for 2026 – Student Enrolments

As we prepare for the 2026 school year, we kindly ask parents and caregivers to inform the school **in writing** if your child will not be returning to St Joseph's next year. This helps us plan effectively for class structures and staffing. Please email the school office as soon as possible if your circumstances have changed. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

As we enter the final weeks of the year, I encourage our entire community to stay focused and committed to excellence. The end of the year can bring distractions, but together, let's finish strong and take pride in all we have achieved. Let's continue to support and uplift one another as we overcome challenges and celebrate the successes that make our school community so special.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal