



Monday 8 December 2025

As I write this final newsletter for 2025, I want to thank each of you for your trust and support. This third year as Principal has been a privilege, shaped by your commitment to our mission and the spirit of collaboration that defines St Joseph's. Together, we've turned challenges into opportunities and celebrated many milestones. As we look to 2026, I'm excited for what lies ahead. The strong foundation we've built gives me confidence that our best years are still to come.

Year Six Final Assembly

Mr C and our graduating Year Six students delivered an unforgettable assembly last Tuesday! The highly anticipated *Who's the Baby* segment, along with the hilarious *Who's the Parent* twist, had everyone in stitches. A huge thank you to Mr C and our Year Sixes for their creativity and energy, and to all the parents, families, and friends who joined us to celebrate and support our students. It was a wonderful way to mark the end of their primary school journey!

Children's University Graduation

Last Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 students celebrated their Children's University Graduation at UWA. This program recognises learning beyond the classroom through experiences with museums, theatres, clubs and sporting groups—building confidence and aspirations. Congratulations to all graduates and a special thank you to Mrs O for leading this program at St Joseph's.

Christmas Door Competition

Our 2025 Christmas Door Competition brought so much festive cheer to the school. The creativity and effort from every class were truly amazing! Congratulations to Year Five for taking out the top spot with their incredible design! A big thank you to all classes and their teachers for spreading joy and making our school sparkle this Christmas season.

Advent Celebrations

Please join us in the Assembly Hall, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45am for our Advent Liturgies. Advent is a Latin word meaning 'coming'. We recognise the four Sundays in Advent as a way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

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End of Year Concert

I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow night, Tuesday 9 December as we celebrate the culmination of another wonderfully successful year here at St Joseph's. It is a lovely opportunity for us to gather as a community, united by faith, values and the commitment to the well-being and education of our students. Please join us from 4:15 pm for a complimentary sausage sizzle before the concert begins at 5:15 pm. Refreshments will also be available for purchase: cans of cool drink for \$2, water for \$1, juice for \$1 and flavoured milk for \$1. Thank you to our wonderful P&F for organising the sausage sizzle and drinks—your efforts help make this event extra special! A big thank you to Kim's Bakery for generously donating all the bread rolls for our sausage sizzle—your support means so much to our school community! Parking will be available on the back oval. Please follow the Traffic Marshall for directions. As in previous years, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Pre-primary students are to be collected by parents/caregivers from the designated pick-up area after their item. Once the concert is finished, students from Years One to Six will be asked to congregate near their classroom teacher. Please collect your child/children then.

Year Six Graduation slideshow, Mass and lunch

Parents and caregivers of our Year Six students are invited to join us in the Assembly Hall, Wednesday 10 December at 9:30am for a slideshow 'The Year That Was', before gathering at St Augustine's Parish at 10:00am for the Graduation Mass. We will then be heading off to Pinjarra Paceway for lunch. Students are asked to dress appropriately, in smart casual attire.

Year Six 'Fun Day' at Murray Leisure Centre

As a special send-off for our graduating Year Six students, Thursday 11 December will see them enjoying a well-deserved day of fun at the Murray Leisure Centre. It's a wonderful way to celebrate their achievements and create lasting memories before they begin their high school journey. Separate communication has been sent to Year Six families with all the details for the day.

Pizza Lunch

Our Pre-Kindergarten to Year Five students will be celebrating a productive year with a delicious pizza lunch on Thursday, 11 December (Kindergarten on Wednesday, 10 December). We hope the students enjoy this well-deserved treat! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing P&F for their generosity in providing pizzas for PK-Year 5

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and Subway for our Year Six students. Your ongoing support and commitment to creating special moments for our children is truly appreciated and makes a big difference in our school community.

Spreading Christmas Cheer to Bedingfeld Lodge

Our Year Three students were so touched by the recent visit from Bedingfeld Lodge residents that they came up with a beautiful idea—bringing even more Christmas cheer by creating handmade cards and personally delivering them. We are so proud of their kindness, empathy and initiative. This is a wonderful example of student voice in action and the caring spirit that defines our school community. We'll be making this happen on Thursday, 11 December, and we know it will bring joy to both our students and the residents.

2025 Thanksgiving Mass

Please join us on Friday, 12 December at 8:45 am in the Assembly Hall for our final Liturgy of the academic year—our Thanksgiving Liturgy. This special celebration is a time to pause, reflect, and give thanks for the many blessings we have shared throughout 2025. Together, let us come in faith and gratitude as we farewell this year and look forward with hope and excitement to the opportunities that await in 2026.

Canteen Notice

Please note that the last day for canteen service this year will be Monday 8 December and the canteen will not operate on Friday 12 December. Canteen service will resume on Monday 2 February 2026, which is the first day back for students. Thank you for your understanding!

Student Reports

Student academic reports (Pre-primary to Year Six) will be available via SEQTA Engage, Friday 12 December, barring any technical issues. Any change to this timeline will be communicated to you via an SMS message.

Student iPad set up

Parents and caregivers of current Year 2 students are invited to bring their child's iPad to school from Tuesday 27 January for setup for the 2026 academic year. Please ensure all necessary passwords are available for our IT team, as iPads cannot be configured without them.

St Augustine's Parish Christmas Masses

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with us at St Augustine's Parish:

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-Christmas Eve: Carols at 6:30 pm, followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. Students are warmly invited to join in the spirit of the season by dressing as angels, shepherds, Mary, Joseph or other Nativity characters.

-Christmas Day: Mass at 10:00 am.

We look forward to sharing this special time of worship and community with you and your families.

Final Day for students

Kindergarten-Wednesday 10 December

Pre-Kindergarten-Thursday 11 December

Pre-primary to Year 6-Friday 12 December

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 and 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-PFD and Friday 3 July-PFD

Term 3-Monday 20 July-PFD

Term 4-Monday 12 October-PFD

In closing, thank you for making my third year as Principal so rewarding. To our staff, your dedication and passion inspire me daily. To our students, your curiosity and kindness remind us why we do what we do. And to parents and caregivers, your trust and support make all the difference. I look forward to all we will achieve together in 2026. Wishing you and your families peace and joy this Christmas season.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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