



Wednesday 11 March 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

As we move into Week 6, our students are well and truly settled into their routines and engaging beautifully in their learning programs. Thank you to our families for your continued support and partnership-it makes such a difference to the calm and positive atmosphere across our school.

Faction Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students who participated in the St Joseph's Faction Swimming Carnival at the Murray Aquatic and Recreation Centre. All our students showed a wonderfully positive school spirit and tried their very best. Thank you to Mr Henry, who worked incredibly hard to ensure the carnival ran as smoothly as it did. Thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted on the day AND to our wonderful P&F who supplied icy poles for everyone! These events simply would not run without the support from our parent body. I have outlined results from the carnival below.

First Place-Murray Faction	Second Place- Peel Faction	Third Place- MacKillop Faction
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Gold (Yr 3 Girl)-Lucy Martin	Silver (Yr 3 Girl)-Catherine Poepjes	Bronze (Yr 3 Girl)-Charli Burley
Gold (Yr 4 Girl)-Matilda Allen	Silver (Yr 4 Girl)-Harlow Hague-Tyson	Bronze (Yr 4 Girl)-Lily Rhodes-McMillan
Gold (Yr 5 Girl)-Zoe Pash	Silver (Yr 5 Girl)-Willow Pope	Bronze (Yr 5 Girl)-Maise Reeves
Gold (Yr 6 Girl)-Shayah Pippin	Silver (Yr 6 Girl)-Charlee Hagley	Bronze (Yr 6 Girl)-Annabelle Earle and Bridee McGifford
Gold (Yr 3 Boy)-Samuel Clune	Silver (Yr 3 Boy)-Tommy Reeves	Bronze (Yr 3 Boy)-Levi Eddy
Gold (Yr 4 Boy)-Mason Burley	Silver (Yr 4 Boy)-Alby Johns	Bronze (Yr 4 Boy)-Nathan Mulholland

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Gold (Yr 5 Boy)-Finn Ferguson	Silver (Yr 5 Boy)-Harrison Greenham	Bronze (Yr 5 Boy)-Chase Johnston
Gold (Yr 6 Boy)-Henry Blythe	Silver (Yr 6 Boy)-Willam Judd	Bronze (Yr 6 Boy)-Brax Hague-Tyson

National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN test window starts today, Wednesday 11 March for our Year Three and Year Five students. Students' skills in reading, writing and maths are assessed over four tests: writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. Please keep our students, their families and teachers in your prayers over the coming weeks.

Camp

Our Year 6 camp is almost upon us! Mr Cosgrove, Mr Henry, Year 6 students and I will be making our way to Pinjarra Camp Fairbridge on Thursday 12 March and Friday 13 March. Activities include the big swing, orienteering, team building, flying fox, rock climbing and archery, as well as nighttime games, such as escape the night. We are all looking forward to the students being able to engage in learning outside the classroom environment and have the opportunity to develop resilience, be challenged in a safe way, deepen existing bonds of friendship and hopefully develop some new ones!

Maths Wizard Awards

Please join us Monday 16 March at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the Maths Wizard Awards.

Harmony Day-Wednesday 18 March

Harmony Day is part of Harmony Week, a national celebration of Australia's cultural diversity. It's a time to recognise inclusiveness, respect, and the sense of belonging shared by all Australians-from the Traditional Custodians of the land to families who have come from around the world. With the theme "Culture Connects Us All", Harmony Week encourages us to appreciate our differences and similarities, promote inclusiveness, and show respect for everyone in our community. Students will wear their normal school uniform on Harmony Day to help maintain calm, consistent routines for learning. Staff will wear orange and students will participate in a range of meaningful classroom activities throughout the week.

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St Joseph's Feast Day Liturgy

We will be celebrating our school's Feast Day with a Liturgy, Thursday 19 March, at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. St Joseph's role, of course, was to protect the Holy Family that was placed in his care. Our school is proudly named after him and we look forward to acknowledging his Feast Day. I hope you can join us.

Reconciliation Class Retreat

Please keep our students who are making their First Reconciliation on Friday, 20 March in your prayers. Students will be participating in a Retreat Day and Liturgy, while baptised students will be celebrating the First Rite of Reconciliation.

Rainbow Rave Disco-Friday 20 March

Get ready to shine, sparkle and glow-our P&F School Disco is lighting up the night with a Rainbow Rave theme! Join us on Friday 20 March at the Civic Centre for an evening bursting with colour, music and fun. This year, the P&F have asked if students in Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Pre-primary can arrive a little early at 5:15pm, so they can settle in and find their friendship groups. Students from Years 1 to 6 are invited to join the disco at 5:30pm. All students are asked to be picked up by a parent or caregiver at 7:30pm. Entry is just \$2 for all ages and snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. There'll be awesome prizes for the brightest outfits and most dazzling dancers- so come dressed in your most colourful, neon, glittery or rainbow-themed gear-and get ready to light up the dance floor! A huge thank you to our amazing P&F for organising this vibrant event-we can't wait to see our school community come together for a night of colour, fun and dancing!

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Thursday 26 March is the day selected students from Years 4, 5 and 6 will proudly represent St Joseph's at the Interschool Swimming Carnival at the Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre. Please keep an eye out for further communication from Mr Henry regarding event details and requirements. Parents and caregivers who are able to assist on the day are encouraged to contact the front office-your support is always greatly appreciated and helps ensure a successful carnival for our students.

CEWA Climate Survey

Catholic Education WA invites all school communities to take part in the CEWA Climate Survey, which helps schools understand how students, staff and families experience wellbeing, relationships and the overall school environment.



CEWA uses this feedback to support continuous improvement across its 160+ schools and learning environments. We encourage all families to participate when the survey link is shared-your voice helps shape our ongoing planning and strengthens our school community.

Parent and Caregiver Interviews

Here at St Joseph's we aim to communicate and share information with you about your child's learning, development and wellbeing. One of the processes we use to achieve this is through Parent-Teacher interviews. You will be receiving communication from your child's classroom teacher, inviting you to meet and respectfully engage in shared decision-making to support your child. Please note, the bulk of the interviews will be scheduled for Week 9, Term 1, Thursday 2 April, a Pupil Free Day. Interviews will be 15 minutes duration and we ask that parents and caregivers respect this time allocation. If you feel you need a longer time frame, please let your child's teacher know. As teachers will be conducting interviews throughout the day, please be aware that children will not be supervised, so we ask that care arrangements be made for your children or that they remain with you during the interviews. As always, if you have any queries, please come and see me.

Easter Egg Raffle

I am hoping you have already received communication regarding the annual Easter Egg Raffle. Please buy some tickets and bring in your donations of Easter eggs, Easter baskets and Easter gifts to support Caritas Australia. Extra tickets are available at the front office.

As a school community under the patronage of St Joseph, we are reminded of his Gospel values of faithfulness, gentleness and devoted service. May we strive to follow his example-supporting one another, acting with compassion, and trusting in God's loving guidance throughout the coming week.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal