



Tuesday 28 April 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term Two! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing break and that our students have returned feeling energised and ready for another busy and exciting term of learning, laughter and growth. It has been wonderful to see smiling faces back at school and to feel the positive buzz around the classrooms and playground. I trust your children have settled in well and are already enjoying all that this new term has to offer.

### **Swimming Lessons**

Our swimming lessons have been running extremely well over the past week and will continue until Friday, 1 May. Students have been listening carefully, showing great determination and trying their absolute best in the pool — which has been fantastic to see. We consistently receive very positive feedback from the swimming instructors about the outstanding behaviour of our St Joseph's students, which makes us incredibly proud.

A big thank you to Mr Henry for his excellent organisation and for ensuring our students have this valuable opportunity to develop their swimming skills and water safety confidence.

### **ANZAC Liturgy**

Thank you to our Year Four students and the lovely Miss Moroney for leading us in such a respectful and moving ANZAC Liturgy last Friday. Anzac Day is a time to recognise the more than 1.5 million service men and women who have served our country in conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations. The students commemorated this beautifully, also remembering the over 103,000 Australians who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

We were also proud to have staff and students join members of the Pinjarra RSL to march in the ANZAC Day parade and lay a wreath at the Pinjarra War Memorial. The students assembled in Town Centre Park near the swinging bridge before marching to the memorial. Thank you to the students, staff and parents who represented St Joseph's so reverently — your presence was greatly appreciated.

### **Deaf Awareness Week**

On Wednesday, 6 May, our school will acknowledge Deaf Awareness Week, which aims to raise awareness about the Deaf community and its rich culture, language and experiences. Students will take part in a variety of learning activities in their classrooms throughout the day.

*Faith & Trust*



## Parent Sport Shoe Survey Update

Communication about a sport shoe survey was sent out last week. Unfortunately, the QR code link to the survey is not working. We are endeavouring to have the link fixed.

Let us know if you would like a paper copy of the survey sent home with your child.

If you send a request by SMS, please attach your name to the message so we know which family to send the survey to.

## Mother's Day Celebrations

In partnership with our amazing P&F, we are looking forward to celebrating our mothers and other special female role models and making them feel extra loved! We have three events planned:

### Mother's Day Stall

Students from Kindergarten to Year Six will visit the P&F Mother's Day Stall in the Assembly Hall with their classroom teachers on Wednesday, 6 May. (*Pre-Kindergarten students will attend on Thursday, 7 May.*)

Gifts are **\$5.00 each**. Purchasing is optional and students may choose to buy a gift for their mum or female role model if they wish.

### Breakfast & Liturgy

We warmly invite mothers and female role models to enjoy a delicious (loaf slice) breakfast before our Mother's Day Liturgy.

Please complete the catering note sent home last week — orders close Friday, 1 May.

- **Breakfast:** 8:00am in the Assembly Hall, Friday, 8 May
- **Liturgy:** 8:45am in the Church, led by our delightful Year One students

We wish all our beautiful mums a very special day — you are deeply loved and appreciated!

## RAC Road Safety Incursion

The wonderful Mr Henry has also organised an RAC Road Safety Incursion for our students, running on 7–8 May. These sessions provide valuable and practical skills that help keep our students safe now and into the future.



## Rosary – May

You are warmly invited to join us in praying the Rosary every Thursday throughout May at 8:45am in the Church. The Rosary offers us a peaceful opportunity to reflect on the lives of Jesus and Mary. Thank you to Mr Cosgrove and the Year Six class for leading us each week.

## School Photos

Wednesday, 13 May is School Photo Day at St Joseph's. **Photo packs will be sent home shortly.**

- **Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten:** coloured polo shirts  
*(Pre-Kindergarten students may attend in the morning if they wish to have photos taken.)*
- **Pre-Primary, Year One & Two:** correct sports uniform (blue polo)
- **Years Three to Six:** full winter uniform, including jumpers and long pants for boys

<https://www.stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-Uniform-and-Dress-Standards.pdf>

## Uniform Changeover

A reminder that Years Three to Six are to return in full winter uniform from Week Three (Monday, 4 May). Please refer to the uniform link above to ensure all items meet school standards.

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## Stay Healthy This Flu Season

As winter approaches, we encourage families to consider annual flu vaccinations to help protect your child and our wider school community. Vaccinations are available through your local GP or pharmacy. Let's work together to keep everyone healthy, happy and learning!

## Equestrian Australia Interschools 2026 – Outstanding Performances

Congratulations to the students who competed at the Equestrian Australia Interschools 2026, showcasing skill, commitment and excellent sportsmanship across multiple disciplines and competition days.



Charlee Hagley delivered an outstanding series of results, earning multiple podium finishes, including:

- 1st place – 70cm Showjumping (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)
- 1st place – Combined Training (Dressage & Showjumping)
- 1st place – 60cm Showjumping
- 3rd place – 80cm Showjumping
- Overall Primary Champion – 70cm Showjumping
- 3rd Overall – 80cm Showjumping
- Fastest Jump Off Time – Primary Championship

Maisie Reeves also achieved excellent results, demonstrating consistency and versatility across events:

- 1st place – Dressage (Combined Training)
- 1st place – 45cm Showjumping
- Participant Primary Overall Champion – 45cm Showjumping
- Overall Reserve Champion – Participant Primary Show Horse

Well done to both students on their impressive achievements at this year's Equestrian Australia Interschools competition.



Enjoy the week ahead — we're looking forward to another wonderful term together.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Tracy O'Dwyer  
*Acting Principal*