



Tuesday 12 May 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Let us begin in prayer:

Loving God,

We thank You for the gift of our school community.

Bless our families, staff and students as we learn and grow together.

*May our words, actions and relationships be guided by Your love,
and may Mary, our Mother, watch over us always.*

Amen.

Welcome to Week Four — what a wonderful term we have had so far!

Mother's Day Stall, Breakfast and Liturgy – Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful P&F for organising the Mother's Day Stall. Your efforts brought so much joy to our students and helped them celebrate the special women in their lives. Thank you also to our dedicated staff for hosting the Mother's Day Breakfast and creating such a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our families.

A special thank you to Mrs Jones and the Year One class for the beautiful and thoughtful Mother's Day Liturgy, which was a truly meaningful celebration of love, gratitude and family.

School Photos

A reminder that School Photo Day at St Joseph's is **tomorrow, Tuesday 13 May**.

- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students are to wear their coloured polo shirts. Pre-Kindergarten students may attend in the morning (8:30am) if they would like their photo taken.
- Pre-Primary, Year One and Year Two students are to wear their correct sports uniform, including the blue polo shirt.
- Years Three, Four, Five and Six students are to wear their correct full winter uniform, including school jumpers and long pants for boys.

Please refer to the following link to ensure your child is wearing the correct winter uniform:

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



First Aid Incursion

Our Pre-Primary to Year Six students will be participating in a First Aid Incursion on 14 and 15 May, learning important life-saving skills. Thank you to Mr Henry for organising this valuable learning opportunity for our students.

Running Club

The wonderful Mr Henry is holding Running Club on Thursday mornings at 8:15am on the back oval this term, in preparation for the Cross-Country season. (Please note the day is subject to change — parents will be notified via SMS if needed.)

Our first session last week was met with great enthusiasm, and it was fantastic to see our students running together as a school community!

Rosary – May

You are warmly invited to join us in praying the Rosary every Thursday throughout May at 8:45am in the Church. This offers 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.

Merit Assembly

Please join us on Friday 15 and 22 May at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for our Merit Award Assembly.

Sorry Day Liturgy

Please join us on Tuesday 26 May at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for our Sorry Day Liturgy, prepared by the Year Two class. National Sorry Day is a time to remember and acknowledge the hurt caused by the removal of First Nations children from their families and communities, and to reflect on healing and reconciliation.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Our Kindergarten students will be walking to the Murray Library on 27 May to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime at 10:00am. Students will engage with this year's picture book, *Luna Roo: The Kangaroo Baller*, written by Adam Jackson and Adrian Lloyd, and illustrated by Jake Minton. Parents are most welcome to attend.

ACARA Item Trial – 28 May

Our school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in the 2026 Item Trial on Thursday 28 May. Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will take part in this trial,



which involves completing sample NAPLAN-style questions to help evaluate and improve future NAPLAN tests. Schools across Australia are carefully selected to ensure a wide range of student backgrounds and abilities are represented. Student results from the Item Trial are not reported to families or schools and do not form part of NAPLAN results. We appreciate our students' participation, as their involvement helps ensure NAPLAN assessments are fair, reliable and appropriate for all students.

As we move through the remainder of the term, may we continue to support one another with kindness and compassion. Together, as a faith-filled community, we can nurture curious minds, caring hearts and a strong sense of belonging for every child. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

Mrs Tracy O'Dwyer

Assistant Principal