



Tuesday 26 May 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six. I trust you and your families are looking forward to the 'extra' long weekend... Western Australia day on Monday (1 June) and the Pupil Free Day on Tuesday (2 June). Last Sunday marked the event of Pentecost, the beginning of the Church. During this time, Christ is with us in Spirit, defending, guiding and leading us to the fullness of truth. We, as Church, proclaim Christ's message and witness the presence of the Spirit by manifesting the Spirit's gifts, especially the gift of love.

### **Sorry Day Liturgy**

Thank you to Mrs Gundry and our lovely Year Two class who prepared today's Sorry Day Liturgy. National Sorry Day is the day when we remember and acknowledge the hurt caused in the past by governments who removed First Nations children from their families and communities.

### **National Simultaneous Storytime**

Our Kindergarten students will be walking to the Murray Library tomorrow, 27 May and 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. The story promotes resilience, determination and teamwork. Parents are welcome to attend. Kindy students will depart from the school at approx. 9:45am.

### **Rosary**

You are warmly invited to join us at St Augustine's Parish on Thursday, 28 May for the Rosary, led by our Year Six class, with a special focus on *Our Lady Help of Christians*, Patron of Australia.

### **Merit Assembly**

Please join us Friday 29 May at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award Assembly.

### **Author Visit**

As part of our school Strive Team winning the State and National *Write a Book in a Day* competition last

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year, we are thrilled to welcome celebrated Australian author Kristy Nita-Brown to our school on Friday, 29 May, where she will work with students and share insights into the writing process and the journey of becoming a published author.

### **School Canteen Open**

The school canteen will be operating Wednesday 3 June (after the long weekend and Pupil Free Day) for your convenience.

Flavoured waters will soon be replaced with Chill-J raspberry, Chill-J lemonade and Chill-J orange/passionfruit drinks. These are 100% natural, slightly carbonated sparkling fruit juice drinks which are free from artificial flavours, colors and preservatives. No added sugar. The new drinks will be the same price as the flavoured waters.

### **Merit Assembly**

Please join us Friday 5 June at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award Assembly.

### **The Combined Peel Rotary and Mandurah Lion's Public Speaking Competition**

Each year, selected students from Years Three, Four, Five and Six proudly represent St Joseph's in the Lions/Rotary Public Speaking Competition. This competition aims to foster excellence in public speaking, build confidence and self-esteem and provide students with the opportunity to present their ideas before an audience. I am pleased to announce this year's participants: Brax Hague-Tyson (Year 6), Arlo Bell (Year 5), Reid Leach (Year 4) and Snow Budd (Year 3). The Year Three and Four competition will be held on Tuesday, 9 June at St Marcellin Catholic College, and the Year Five and Six competition on Thursday, 18 June at Mandurah Baptist College. We wish all our students every success as they represent our school with pride!

### **First Holy Communion Meeting**

Parents of students preparing for their First Holy Communion this year are warmly invited to attend a Parent Information Session on Wednesday, 10 June at 5:00pm in the Year Four classroom. As this session forms an



important part of the preparation process, students are also required to attend. Your presence and support will help ensure a meaningful and enriching experience for all. A reminder also that the First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 28 June at 10:00am at St Augustine's Parish.

### **No school hats for June and July**

As mentioned at assembly, students will not be required to wear their hats during the months of June and July, when the UV Index is typically below three. Of course, if you would like your child to continue to wear his/her hat, then they may do so.

### **P&F News!**

On behalf of our wonderful St Joseph's P&F, I am delighted to highlight two fantastic fundraising events coming up!

First, our much-loved annual St Joe's Wood Raffle is back! Keep warm this winter while supporting our students by purchasing tickets for your chance to win a trailer load of wood. Tickets are just \$2 each, with the raffle being drawn on Friday, 26 June. Be sure to purchase your tickets using the link below and get involved in this great community initiative!

<https://rafflelink.com.au/stjoeswoodraffle2026>

Secondly, the St Joseph's Catholic Primary School P&F warmly invite you to attend the ULTIMATE Community Quiz and Bingo Night-a fun-filled fundraising event hosted by Bamboozled Quiz Masters! The theme for the evening is *Op Shop Ball*, so come dressed in your finest thrifted attire, with prizes awarded for both the best-dressed individual and best-dressed table.

Tickets are \$25 per person and include a bingo board and entry into the door prize raffle (maximum of ten people per table). A bar will be available on the night, serving beer, wine, cider and frozen cocktails (please note this is not a BYO event). Pre-order delicious beef or pork gravy rolls for just \$5, with additional snacks available to purchase at the bar and you are also welcome to bring your own food. Join us at the Pinjarra Civic Centre (1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra) on Saturday, 29 August from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. All proceeds



will support St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. We encourage you to gather your friends, book a table, and enjoy a fantastic night out! Purchase your tickets using the link below.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMEKH>

### **Exciting News...our School Cross-Country Event is just around the corner**

As you may know, our much-anticipated Cross Country event is fast approaching...Thursday 12 June! Cross Country will commence at 8:45am, beginning with the Year Six students. We plan to present medals to the first, second and third place winners immediately after each year level race. However, this will depend on the weather. If we need to move through the event more quickly, medals will instead be awarded at the end of the day in the Assembly Hall. Thank you for your understanding-we appreciate your support in helping make the event run smoothly!

At our recent P&F meeting, we discussed the fantastic food options that will be available for purchase on the day. The P&F kindly requests donations of baked goods, following our nut-friendly guidelines, which will be sold for \$2 to help support our fundraising efforts. In addition, cans of soft drink (for parents only) will be \$2 each. To ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone, please be aware that dogs are not permitted at the Cross-Country event, even if they are on a leash or being restrained by owners. Thank you for your support-we look forward to a fantastic day!

A friendly reminder to families to regularly check our Parent Handbook, as we continue to update it throughout the year. Recent updates include additional information on food allergies and end-of-year SEQTA Engage parent app procedures. Thank you for your ongoing support in staying informed and engaging with our school processes.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. Your contributions play an important role in creating a positive and enriching environment where all our students can learn, grow, and thrive. We look forward to sharing many more wonderful moments with you in the weeks ahead.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

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