



Wednesday 26 August 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six!

Faction Athletics Carnival

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who made our 2026 Faction Athletics Carnival an outstanding success. Thank you to Mr Henry and our dedicated staff who created a safe and enjoyable day for our students and families. Thank you to our students whose sportspersonship made us all very proud. Thank you to our supportive parents whose involvement reinforces our sense of community that makes St Joseph's so special. I have outlined results from the Carnival below.

Champion (Year 1 Girl) Frankie Reeves	Runner Up (Year 1 Girl) Hadley Smith	Third Place (Year 1 Girl) Ellie Turner
Champion (Year 1 Boy) Taj Jackson	Runner Up (Year 1 Boy) Alex Birch	Third Place (Year 1 Boy) Nixon Jones
Champion (Year 2 Girl) Amelia Eddy	Runner Up (Year 2 Girl) Eden McLarty	Third Place (Year 2 Girl) Willow Lorenzi and Evie Pash
Champion (Year 2 Boy) Arlo Westberg	Runner Up (Year 2 Boy) Forrest Craig	Third Place (Year 2 Boy) Alex Robinson
Champion (Year 3 Girl) Charli Burley	Runner Up (Year 3 Girl) Airly Coad	Third Place (Year 3 Girl) Matilda Turner
Champion (Year 3 Boy) Levi Eddy	Runner Up (Year 3 Boy) Noah Eddy	Third Place (Year 3 Boy) Cassius Weston

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Champion (Year 4 Girl) Matilda Allen	Runner Up (Year 4 Girl) Milla Jones	Third Place (Year 4 Girl) London Fretwell
Champion (Year 4 Boy) Max Forman	Runner Up (Year 4 Boy) William Birch	Third Place (Year 4 Boy) Noah Whitfield
Champion (Year 5 Girl) Brooklyn Weston	Runner Up (Year 5 Girl) Harper Robertson	Third Place (Year 5 Girl) Harper Lyall
Champion (Year 5 Boy) Fletcher Davidson and Harrison Greenham	Runner Up (Year 5 Boy) Finn Ferguson	Third Place (Year 5 Boy) Levi Trow
Champion (Year 6 Girl) Shayah Pippin	Runner Up (Year 6 Girl) Charlee Hagley	Third Place (Year 6 Girl) Bridee McGifford
Champion (Year 6 Boy) Cole McLean	Runner Up (Year 6 Boy) Jax Silverthorne	Third Place (Year 6 Boy) William Judd

1 st place-Murray (550 points)	2 nd place-MacKillop (536 points)	3 rd place-Peel (517 points)
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Saint Augustine's Feast Day Liturgy

You are invited to join us Friday, 28 August at 8:45am in the Hall to help commemorate the Feast Day of Saint Augustine, the saint after whom our parish is named. We pray to Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the church, to intercede for us to increase in virtue. Thank you to Mrs Waters and the Year Five class for preparing the Liturgy.

Author Visit

As part of our Book Week celebrations, we are excited to welcome children's author and illustrator Gabriel



Evans to St Joseph's on Friday 28 August. Gabriel is the creator of 13 humorous and heartfelt picture books and has been shortlisted for several prestigious literary awards. During his presentation, students from Years Two, Three and Four will hear about his journey as an author and illustrator, gain insights into the creative process and be inspired to explore their own love of reading and writing.

P&F Quiz Night

On behalf of our wonderful St Joseph's P&F, we are delighted to invite you to the Ultimate Community Quiz and Bingo Night-a fun-filled fundraising event hosted by Bamboozled Quiz Masters.

With an *Op Shop Ball* theme, guests are encouraged to come dressed in their finest thrifted attire, with prizes for both the best-dressed individual and table. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a bingo board and entry into the door prize raffle (tables of up to ten).

The event will be held at the Pinjarra Civic Centre (1915 Pinjarra Road, Pinjarra) on Saturday, 29 August from 6:00pm to 11:00pm. A bar will be available on the night, offering beer, wine, cider and frozen cocktails (please note this is not a BYO event). Guests can pre-order delicious beef or pork gravy rolls for \$5, with additional snacks available for purchase and you are also welcome to bring your own food. 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!

Radical Reader Awards

You are welcome to join us Monday 31 August at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for Radical Reader Awards for Pre-primary to Year Six students.

Education Assistant Appreciation Day

Wednesday, 2 September, we celebrate Education Assistant Appreciation Day-a special opportunity to recognise the incredible work our Education Assistants do every day to support our students, teachers and school community. Their care, dedication and commitment make a real difference in the lives of our children. Please join us in thanking them for all they do!



Father's Day Stall, Breakfast and Liturgy

The school, in partnership with our wonderful P&F, is excited to help our fathers and other special male role models feel extra appreciated this Father's Day! We have planned three special events to celebrate the important men in our students' lives.

Father's Day Stall: Students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will visit the P&F Father's Day Stall on the convent verandah with their classroom teachers on Wednesday 2 September. Pre-Kindergarten students will visit on Thursday 3 September. Students will have the opportunity to choose three gifts for \$5.00.

Participation is entirely optional, and students are welcome to purchase a gift for their father or another special male role model if they wish.

Father's Day Breakfast: Pre-orders for the light breakfast on Friday 4 September have now CLOSED. We look forward to sharing a delicious light breakfast with families from 8am on the day.

Father's Day Liturgy: Following breakfast, families are warmly invited to join us in the church at 9:00am for our Father's Day Liturgy, beautifully led by our Pre-Primary students. We look forward to celebrating the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, carers, and other important male role models who play such a special role in the lives of our students.

Recycled Art Competition 2026

Calling all young artists! It's time to get creative and transform recyclable materials into something amazing for our annual Recycled Art Competition. This year's theme, "The Ocean," invites students to showcase their imagination while highlighting the importance of caring for our environment. Students are encouraged to create an ocean-inspired artwork using recycled materials and families are welcome to assist with the project. Entries must be submitted by Friday, 18 September, with no late entries accepted. Winners will be announced at the final assembly of the term on Friday, 25 September, with one winner selected from Pre-Kindergarten to Pre-Primary, Year 1 to Year 3, and Year 4 to Year 6. We can't wait to see the incredible ocean-themed creations our students design from recycled materials. Let your imagination dive beneath the waves!

**Ms Gangell on leave**

I would like to let you know that I will be on leave from Wednesday 26 August and returning Wednesday 2 September. During this time, Mrs Tracy O'Dwyer will serve as Acting Principal. I am confident she will lead the school with her usual professionalism and care and I thank you in advance for the support and kindness you will extend to her.

Bishop George visit, Confirmation and Retreat Day

Please keep our Year Six students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place at St Augustine's Parish, Sunday 13 September at 10:00am, celebrated by Bishop George Kolodziej and Fr Robert. All Year Six students will participate in a retreat day, Friday 11 September and meet Bishop George Thursday 3 September. Parents and caregivers of students making their Confirmation, please keep an eye out for communication from Mr Cosgrove.

As we conclude another wonderful fortnight of learning and growth, we look forward with great excitement to welcoming Bishop George to St Joseph's. His visit will be a special opportunity for our students to deepen their faith and strengthen their connection to the wider Catholic community.

In the words of Bishop George: *"Share your home in Christ in your friendships, families, and communities."*

May we continue to live out this message each day through kindness, service, and a genuine commitment to one another. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. May God continue to bless our students, families, and staff as we learn, grow, and journey together in faith.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal