



Tuesday 22 September 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

As we prepare to farewell Term Three, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly rewarding term. The achievements of our students, the dedication of our incredible staff and the continued support of our wonderful families have all played a vital role in creating a caring and thriving school community. Throughout the term, we have celebrated growth, embraced new learning opportunities and shared many memorable experiences together. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and for being such an important part of the St Joseph's community.

Interschool Carnival

Congratulations to our Year Three, Four, Five and Six students who represented St Joseph's at the Interschool Athletics Carnival at North Mandurah Primary School yesterday. We came first overall, were the Handicap Winners, first in the team games and more importantly, showed wonderful sportspersonship throughout the day. Well done to Brooklyn Weston (Champion Girl), Harrison Greenham (Runner Up), Matilda Allen (Runner Up), Max Forman (Runner Up) and Noah Eddy (Runner Up). A special shout-out to Ayla Craig, who was originally named as a reserve but stepped in when the opportunity arose and went on to win her race! Thank you to Mr Henry, Mr Cosgrove, Mrs Waters and Mr Craig Judd for generously giving their time and support to make the day both safe and enjoyable for our students.

Charlee Heads to the Nationals!

Congratulations to Charlee, who has qualified for the National Interschool Championships in Werribee, Victoria. Charlee and her pony, Finn, will make the four-day journey across Australia to compete against more than 300 students from every state and territory. Competing in the Primary Age Group, Charlee will take part in 70cm and 80cm Showjumping and 80cm Combined Training events. We wish Charlee and Finn a safe journey and every success at this outstanding national competition!

Open Night

A reminder about St Joseph's Open Night, Wednesday 23 September, 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Please mark this

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date in your family's calendar. Please note our IT providers, Catalytic, will be in attendance. If you have any queries/issues regarding your child's school iPad...functionality, apps, etc, please see them in the STREAM centre on the night.

St Joey's Got Talent-Grand Final!

The stage is set for the St Joey's Got Talent Grand Final! Join us in the Assembly Hall, Thursday 24 September, to celebrate the incredible talent, creativity and courage of our student performers. Families are warmly invited to attend and are asked to be seated by 1:30pm for a prompt start. We look forward to an afternoon of outstanding performances as our finalists compete for the title of St Joey's Got Talent Champion. Good luck to all our talented finalists!

Year One: Maisie Clune and Frankie Reeves

Year Two: Poppy Forman and Amelia Longmire

Year Three: Emma Loh, Lucy Martin and Matilda Turner

Year Four: Scarlett Doolan and Jordyn Green

Year Five: Lydia Dale and Alizha Jarrett

Year Six: Anthony Brader and Henry Blythe

Friendship Ninja and Merit Awards

Please join us Friday 25 September at 8:45am in the Hall for a Friendship Ninja and Merit Award Assembly.

Footy Colours Day and Bubble Fun-what a way to end Term Three!

On Footy Colours Day, Friday 25 September, students are invited to proudly wear the colours of their favourite football team as we join communities across Australia in raising awareness for children battling cancer. Footy Colours Day is a national initiative that highlights the challenges faced by young people diagnosed with cancer and encourages support for children and families on this journey.

This year, our participation is especially meaningful as we stand alongside our own Grace in Year One, who is bravely fighting leukaemia. While we are not fundraising, we are coming together to raise awareness, show our support, and remind Grace and her family that they are an important part of our St Joseph's



community. We encourage everyone to wear their footy colours with pride as we celebrate courage, resilience, and the power of community support.

We're also excited to announce that our Bubble Fun Event, organised by our amazing P&F, will take place on Friday, 25 September on the back oval! This promises to be a fantastic afternoon of laughter, bubbles and community spirit for our students.

Important information:

- Students are encouraged to wear their Footy Colours Day outfits, but please be aware that clothing may get wet and messy. A change of clothes is recommended.
- Students travelling home on the afternoon bus will need to bring a towel and a change of clothes, as bubbly clothing cannot be worn on the bus.
- The bubbles and foam used are non-toxic; however, students with sensitivities may wish to bring a mask.
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and wears closed-in shoes.
- Staff and parent helpers will be supervising throughout the event to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

To top off the fun, all students will receive a free icy pole!

Parent Helpers: Pre-Kindy and Kindy parents are warmly invited to assist and may bring along younger siblings. A separate area will be available for our Pre-Kindy and Kindy students; however, children must remain under parent supervision at all times.

Families who wish to take their child home after the event are welcome to do so, provided they sign out with their child's classroom teacher. Please note that, unless prior arrangements have been made, parents are unable to take other students home.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful P&F for organising this exciting event. We can't wait to celebrate together with plenty of bubbles, fun and smiles!

Term Four

We look forward to welcoming back students Tuesday 13 October for the start of Term Four. The canteen will be operating for your convenience.

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**School Uniform Changeover (Term Four)**

As we move into Term Four, please note, students in Years Three, Four Five and Six may wear their summer uniform from Tuesday 13 October. There will be a two-week changeover period if students wish to continue to wear their winter uniform. All Year Three, Four, Five and Six students must be in correct summer uniform by Week Three, Monday 26 October. Students in Pre-primary, Year One and Year Two continue to wear their sport uniform.

Grandparents' Day Liturgy (Term Four)

We warmly invite you to join us for our Grandparents' Day Liturgy, presented by our Kindergarten students, on Tuesday 20 October. We will gather as a school community at St Augustine's Church at 9:00am, followed by morning tea and a Slide Show in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you and honouring the important role grandparents play in our children's lives. Additional parking will be available on the school grounds. Please follow the directions of staff members when entering via the Camp Road carpark. We look forward to welcoming you.

Catholic School Parents Australia-National Parent Survey

Our school has been asked to circulate the information below regarding the Catholic School Parents Australia (CSPA) 2026 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning, that is being conducted by CSPA and the University of New England. Those interested in participating can click the link in the notice below for more information, and for contact details of the research team should you have any questions.

The CSPA 2026 Parent Survey on Student Wellbeing and Learning is interested in the perspectives of parents/carers of one or more children who attend a Catholic School in Australia. Parents/carers who would like to share their views on existing and emerging concerns and interests they may have in relation to their child/children's wellbeing and learning are invited to consider completing this anonymous, confidential, and completely voluntary online survey. More information about the study, how to have any questions answered and how to participate can be found by clicking the link below. Thanks for your interest!

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE-2026-3196-6429, Valid to 18/12/2026)

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Elections for the Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC)

As outlined in my communication on Monday, 14 September, elections for Catholic School Advisory Council (CSAC) members will be conducted via an electronic ballot. With three positions becoming available for 2027, each serving a three-year term, I would like to warmly invite parents and caregivers to consider becoming part of this important group of people within our school community.

The Catholic School Advisory Council provides a forum for parents and community members to contribute their skills, experience and expertise in support of the Principal and school leadership team. Through collaboration and a shared commitment to the school community, the Council helps inform strategic planning and supports the school's ongoing growth and future direction.

Working in partnership with the Principal and the Parents & Friends Group, the Council offers advice and guidance by:

- contributing a diverse range of knowledge, skills and perspectives; and
- supporting planning and decision-making for the school's current and future needs.

Through this collaborative approach, the Council helps ensure positive outcomes for all students and the broader Catholic school community. If you are passionate about Catholic education and would like to contribute to the future of St Joseph's, I encourage you to nominate.

To nominate, please email admin@stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au by FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER with a single submission of 100 words or fewer that includes:

- A brief biography about yourself.
- Why you would like to join the CSAC.
- The skills, experience and expertise you would bring to the role.

Please note that your submission will appear on the electronic ballot and will be shared with parents and caregivers to assist them in making an informed voting decision.

Please include "CSAC Nomination" in the subject line of your email.



I encourage all interested parents and caregivers to consider this rewarding opportunity to contribute to the continued growth and success of our wonderful school community.

Bushfire Response

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is situated within a high fire danger zone as determined by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES). As a result, the School is required to have in place an up-to-date Bushfire Evacuation Plan.

Inclusion on this fire danger zone means that the School may be required to invoke pre-emptive closure on any day for which a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR) has been declared for the Shire of Murray. A Catastrophic FDR means that if a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable, and fast moving. When given advance warning by DFES that a Catastrophic FDR has been forecast for a given day, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School would close for that day. The intention of this closure is to ensure maximum safety and minimum risk for students and staff.

Parents will be advised of the of closure, by SMS, on the day before the planned closure. Parents would be kept up to date on further developments, including the re-opening of the School by SMS.

Please contact the school on if you have any questions about the Bushfire Plan or possible planned School closures during the bushfire season.

I'd like to conclude by wishing all of our students, families and staff a safe, happy and restful holiday break. May this time provide opportunities to slow down, spend quality time with loved ones, and enjoy the simple moments that bring joy and renewal.

As we look ahead to Term Four, we do so with excitement and anticipation for all that is still to come. Thank you for your continued support, partnership and commitment to making St Joseph's such a welcoming and vibrant Catholic school community. I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed, re-energised and ready for a wonderful final term of the year.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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