



Tuesday 20 October 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to Term Four. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break with family and friends and are ready to embark on the last term of the 2026 school year!

Interschool Nationals 2026 Success!

A huge congratulations to Charlee Hagley and horse Finn, who recently competed at the Interschool Nationals 2026, featuring 389 riders from all over the country over four days of competition. Charlee achieved outstanding results in the primary-aged showjumping events, winning both the 70cm and 80cm classes, placing 3rd in another 70cm class, and finishing as the Overall Reserve Champion Primary-Aged Rider (70cm).

This incredible achievement came after an epic family journey of 8,000 kilometres and three weeks on the road, including camping and travelling across the country. We are incredibly proud of Charlee and Finn's dedication, perseverance and success on the national stage. Well done!

Grandparents' Day Liturgy

Thank you to all who joined us today for our Grandparents' Day Liturgy, beautifully presented by our Kindergarten students. We gathered as a school community at St Augustine's Church for a special celebration, followed by morning tea and a Slide Show in the Assembly Hall. It was a joyful occasion to honour the important role grandparents play in our children's lives and we are grateful for your presence and support. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Allen, Miss Black, Miss Stevens, Miss Abourizk and Mrs White for your wonderful organisation of this special event. Your efforts helped create a memorable and meaningful celebration for our school community and we are truly grateful.

Crazy Sock Day

Our feet know what happens in October...Crazy Sock Day!

Socktober is a journey towards and a celebration of World Mission Month. Through Socktober, our students are invited to learn about, pray, advocate for and financially support children and communities in need around the world. Students are invited to wear their craziest socks to school Wednesday 21 October (Pre-Kindergarten Thursday 22 October) and to bring a gold coin donation to support Catholic Mission.

Praying the Rosary Together This October

Throughout the month of October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, you are warmly invited to gather at St Augustine's

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Faith & Trust



Church each Thursday at 8:45am to pray the Rosary together. Led by our Year Five students, these special prayer gatherings provide an opportunity for students, staff, parents, and parishioners to come together in faith, reflecting on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary.

Year Six Excursion to Parliament House

On Thursday, 22 October, our Year 6 students will travel to Parliament House to learn about the democratic process and gain a deeper understanding of how decisions are made in Western Australia. We extend our sincere thanks to Mr David Bolt MLA, who has generously covered the cost of the bus for this excursion. Mr Bolt will also meet our students at Parliament House and kindly provide a guided tour. We greatly appreciate his support in making this valuable learning opportunity possible. Year Six families are encouraged to keep an eye out for further details from Mr Cosgrove.

Year Four Prayer Liturgy

Please join us for the Year Four Prayer Liturgy on Friday, 23 October at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you.

Pinjarra Massacre Memorial Site

On Wednesday, 28 October, our Year Six students will take part in a visit to the Pinjarra Massacre Memorial site. As part of their learning around local history and reconciliation, they will lead a respectful liturgy to honour those impacted by the events of the past. Students will also assist in tidying the area, showing care and responsibility for this important community space.

Teacher Appreciation Day!

On Thursday, 29 October, we will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day and recognise the extraordinary contributions of our dedicated St Joseph's staff. Every day, our teachers, education assistants, administration staff and support teams go above and beyond to nurture, inspire and care for our students. Their commitment, generosity and unwavering dedication help make St Joseph's such a special place to learn and grow.

A special thank you to our amazing P&F, who have organised some wonderful ways, on behalf of our entire school community, to show our appreciation for our incredible staff. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are sincerely appreciated, and we are grateful for the support you provide in helping us celebrate the people who make a difference in the lives of our students each and every day.



Year Three Prayer Liturgy

Please join us for the Year 3 Prayer Liturgy on Friday, 30 October at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. Our Year 3 students look forward to leading this special celebration of prayer and faith with our school community. We hope you can join us.

Recycling Incursion

On Tuesday, 3 November, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in an engaging Recycling Incursion presented by our friends from Cleanaway. This interactive session will help students develop a greater understanding of the importance of reducing waste, recycling correctly and caring for our environment. By learning about sustainable practices, students will be empowered to make positive choices that help protect our planet for future generations. We look forward to this valuable opportunity for students to discover how small actions can make a big difference. Our Pre-primary to Year Three classes will have their incursion Friday 27 November.

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@stjoespınjarra.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.

Pupil Free Days (PFD) and Public Holidays 2027

2027 Dates-To help you plan ahead!

Term 1 - Thursday 28 January to Thursday 8 April

Term 2 - Tuesday 27 April to Friday 25 June

THREE WEEK BREAK

Term 3 - Monday 19 July to Thursday 23 September

Term 4 - Tuesday 12 October to Friday 10 December

Pupil Free Days (PFD) 2027

Term 1

Monday 1 March (Labour Day) Public Holiday

Easter Break Friday 26 March (Good Friday), Monday 29 March (Easter Monday) and Tuesday March (Easter Tuesday)

Friday 9 April - PFD (Whole school parent interviews)

Term 2

Monday 26 April (ANZAC Day) Public Holiday

Monday 7 June (WA Day) Public Holiday



Term 3

Thursday 26 August - PFD

Friday 27 August - PFD

Friday 24 September - PFD

Term 4

Monday 11 October - PFD

As we begin Term Four, let us continue to work together and foster an environment that encourages spiritual growth, a commitment to service and academic achievement. Our dedicated staff are always ready to support and inspire your children as they continue their journey of discovery, learning and personal development.

Have a wonderful week.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal