Tuesday 3 November 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four and two important days in the church calendar…All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November). On All Saints' Day we remember the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history and All Souls' Day is a time to commemorate those who have passed and ask for God's mercy for them. We pray, 'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.'

Year Five Prayer Liturgy

Please join us for the Year Five Prayer Liturgy on Friday, 6 November at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall. We look forward to sharing this special moment with you.

P&F Outdoor Movie Night!

Join us on Friday 6 November for a fun-filled family evening at St Joseph's as our P&F presents *Toy Story 5* on the big screen! Doors open at 5:30pm, so bring a blanket or some chairs and settle in for a wonderful night under the stars with family and friends. Tickets are available now through CDFpay, including a fantastic $10 family ticket option. Food will be available for purchase, with sausage sizzles for $3.50, a $5 meal deal (sausage sizzle and a can of soft drink), as well as popcorn ($2) and donuts ($1). Please note that this is a strictly alcohol-free event and dogs are not permitted on school grounds. We look forward to seeing you there for a great night of community, fun and entertainment!

Remembrance Day Service

Students from Years Four, Five and Six will be joining the Pinjarra community at 10:45am, Wednesday 11 November at the Pinjarra War Memorial (The Glebe Land) to commemorate all who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. You are invited to join us.
We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us for a Merit Award Assembly, Friday 13 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

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Parish Annual General Meeting

All are warmly invited to attend the Parish AGM on Sunday, 15 November, held after the 10am Mass at St Augustine's Church. It's a great opportunity to stay informed and connected with our parish community.

Smart Watches at School

To support student learning, wellbeing and online safety, families are reminded that **smart watches should be placed on School Mode (or an equivalent setting that disables messaging, phone calls, notifications and internet access) while students are at school**. Smart watches have many of the same functions as mobile phones, including the ability to send and receive messages, make calls, access the internet, take photographs and record audio. These features can distract students from learning and may compromise the privacy and safety of others.

Students must not use smart watches to communicate with parents, access online content, take photographs or recordings, receive notifications or engage with apps during the school day. Where a device cannot be placed on School Mode, families will be asked to keep the device at home or arrange for it to be handed into the school office during school hours. Parents who need to contact their child during the day should do so through the school office on 9530 5500.

We appreciate the support of families in helping us maintain a safe, focused and distraction-free learning environment where all students can fully engage in their learning.

Staffing for 2027

Staffing allocations for 2027 are outlined below. Please note, these allocations may be subject to change based on workforce needs.

Principal - Vanessa Gangell

Assistant Principal - Tracy O'Dwyer

Finance Officer - Bridget Bolt

Administration - Christine Douglas and Tammy Schelfhout

Speech Therapist - Jordan (Jordy) Robinson

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Occupational Therapist - Katie Williams

Canteen - Ros Treasure

Wellbeing Officer - Jill Ward

General Education Assistants - Mel Bray, Jane Preston, Tammy Schelfhout, Margrate Snow and Tammy Stevens

Pre-Kindergarten - Baileigh Allen and Ginette Black

Kindergarten - Baileigh Allen, Ginette Black and Rebecca (Bec) van der Kwast

Pre-primary - Rachael Leventhal and Kirsten Greenham

Year One - Kristie Jones

Year Two - Deb Gundry

Year Three - Yasmin Williams

Year Four - Tammy Moroney

Year Five - Rachel Waters

Year Six - Pete Cosgrove

Support - Stephanie White

Physical Education and HASS - Rob Henry

Science - Stephanie White and Baileigh Allen

Languages (Auslan) and Health - Kate Martin

The Arts - Zoe Ramsay

We're delighted to welcome Katie Williams and Rebecca van der Kwast and send our warmest thanks and best wishes to Raani Abourizk as she moves on from St Joseph's.

Up and coming dates

Term Four is notoriously busy, so I have added important dates for you to be aware of as the year draws to a close.

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Wednesday 4 November - Pinjarra Senior High School Year Six Activity Day

Saturday 21 November - Family Mass at St Augustine's Parish

Thursday 26 November – Pre-Kindergarten 2027 and Kindergarten 2027 Orientation

Monday 30 November - Transition Session for Kindergarten to Year 5 students

Tuesday 1 December - Year Six Graduation Assembly

Tuesday 1 December - Children's University Graduation

Friday 4 December - Mandurah Catholic College Orientation Day (For Yr 6 students attending in 2027)

Monday 7 December to Thursday 10 December - Advent Liturgies

Tuesday 8 December - End of Year Concert

Wednesday 9 December - Year Six Graduation Mass and Lunch

Thursday 10 December - Year Three class visit Bedingfeld Lodge

Thursday 10 December - Year Six Graduating class 'Fun Day' at MARC

Thursday 10 December - Pizza Day

Friday 11 December - Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 11 December - Last Day of the 2026 academic year

Friday 11 December - 2026 student academic reports released via SETQA Engage

Mr Henry has booked several dates for 2027. Please note, these dates may be subject to change:

-Swimming Lessons (PP-6) - Wednesday 3 February to Friday 12 February

-Faction Swimming Carnival - Friday 26 February

-Interschool Swimming Carnival - Wednesday 31 March

-Faction Cross Country Carnival - Friday 11 June OR Friday 18 June (TBC)

-Interschool Cross Country Carnival -Wednesday 28 July

-Year 6 Jumps and Throws - Monday 16 August OR Monday 30 August (TBC)

-Year 1 to 5 Jumps and Throws - Wednesday 18 August OR Wednesday 1 September (TBC)

-Faction Athletics Carnival - Friday 20 August OR Friday 3 September (TBC)

-Interschool Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 15 September (TBC)

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Have a wonderful week everyone and I very much look forward to seeing you all at the various school events over the next fortnight.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell, Principal

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