



Wednesday 22 May 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six. Sunday marks 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.

Build a Bike Initiative-St Joseph's Albany

Thank you to our students who wrote/drew their submissions for the 'Build a Bike' initiative. The finalists' submissions were presented to the Year 12 student leaders from Albany who selected students to be presented with a new bike. Congratulations to our lucky winners!

Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten/Pre-Primary

Finalists-Luca Davidson, Atipa Maruza, Aubree O'Brien, Skylah Pope, Grayson Russell and River Scally.
Winners- Aubree O'Brien and Grayson Russell.

Years One and Two

Finalists-Amberley Ieraci, Nathan Mulholland, Sebastian Pain, Catherine Poepjes, Emma Loh and Anabelle Turner.

Winners-Sebastian Pain and Anabelle Turner.

Years Three and Four

Finalists-Baylee Dodd, Sophie Lambert, Maia McCann, Nate Middleton, Brooklyn Weston and Oliver Woods.
Winners-Maia McCann and Oliver Woods.

Years Five and Six

Finalists-Mia Bishop, Zayde Cook, Amelia Galloway, Johnathan Humphrey-Alexander, Jenna Perkins and Kobi Trainor.

Winners- Mia Bishop and Johnathan Humphrey-Alexander.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our St Joseph's swimmers who represented our school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival last week. Here are the results...

Overall Shield:

1st Frederick Irwin
2nd St Joseph's CPS
3rd Riverside Primary School

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**Handicap Shield:**

- 1st Riverside Primary School
2nd St Joseph's CPS
3rd Frederick Irwin

Year 4 Boy Runner-Up: Henry Blythe
Year 5 Girl Runner-Up: Stephanie Fahl
Year 6 Girl Runner-Up: Charlotte Johnston

Special mention must go to Blake Hagley (Year Five) for volunteering to swim in Year Six races as well as Year Five races to earn our school valuable points, as well as Harrison Greenham (Year Three) for racing against Year Four students AND coming away with ribbons in each event!

Of course, a huge THANK YOU to Mr Henry and our wonderful parent volunteers for making the day so successful!

WA Student Assistance Payment

Please contact the school if you still require your child's WA student number.

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime is an Australia-wide group reading and literacy event, where school-age children gather together to read the same chosen picture book at the same time. Our Kindergarten students walked to the Murray Library today and engaged with this year's picture book, 'Bowerbird Blues', written and illustrated by Aura Parker. Thank you to those parents and family members who also attended.

Rosary

As mentioned in my previous newsletter, our school prays the Rosary every Thursday throughout the month of May, at 8:45am in the Church. This week, the Rosary is offered for Mary Help of Christians, whose feast day is celebrated 24 May. The tradition of this advocacy goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. Please join us if you are able.

URStrong 'Language of Friendship' parent-child workshop

A reminder about the online Language of Friendship parent-child workshop for URStrong schools, Thursday 23 May at 6:00pm to 7:15pm. You are able to use the zoom link and watch from home, however, if you prefer, please join us at school for the workshop in the STREAM centre (new build). I strongly encourage you to take this opportunity to find out about how you, as parents and caregivers, can support your child/ren in fostering healthy, feel-good friendships. Please note, the school will be covering the cost of your ticket. I sincerely hope you can attend, either in person or online with your child.

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Sorry Day

Please join us Friday 24 May, at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for our Sorry Day Liturgy, prepared by the Year Two class. National Sorry Day is the day when we remember and acknowledge the hurt caused in the past by governments who removed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families and communities.

Confirmation

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 26 May at 10:00am, celebrated by Fr Mars. All Year Six students will participate in a retreat day on the Friday prior.

Executive School Visit

I am pleased to inform you that Rev Mark Powell, Director of Religious Education at CEWA Ltd, will be visiting the school Wednesday, 29 May. These visits strengthen the relationship between schools and the Catholic Education Office and gives the Executive the opportunity to provide support and familiarise themselves with our unique context. Please make Rev Powell welcome if you bump into him!

School Photos

Wednesday, 29 May is School Photo Day at St Joseph's! Students should have received their photo packs by now. If not, please contact the front office immediately. Family order forms are available from the school office. Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are to wear their coloured polo shirts for their photos. Please note, Pre-Kindergarten students **may** come along in the morning **if** they would like their photo taken. Pre-Primary, Year One and Year Two students are to wear their correct sport uniform, with their **blue** polo shirt. Students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six are to wear their correct **full winter uniform**. This includes school jumpers and long pants for boys. Please use the following link to ensure your child is in the correct winter uniform. <https://www.stjoespinjarra.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Uniform-and-Dress-Standards-2022.pdf>

First Holy Communion Meeting

Parents of students making their First Holy Communion this year are asked to attend a parent information session, Wednesday 29 May at 5:00pm in the Year Four classroom. Students are also asked to attend.

Merit Assembly

Please join us Friday, 31 May, in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am for a Merit Award and Worker of the Month assembly.

Faction Cross Country Carnival (please note the change of date)

Friday 31 May is our annual Cross-Country event! Communication from Mr Henry regarding particulars of the day were sent out earlier this week.

The P&F are inviting you to bake for the Cross-Country cake stall to raise funds for our school. There will also be a prize for the most delicious home-made item! Please drop off your baked goods at the front office either



Thursday afternoon or Friday morning and they will be sold throughout the day. We ask that you list all ingredients. Thank you in anticipation of your support. The P&F will also be selling Wood Raffle tickets (see below).

Wood Raffle

Yes! It's that time of the year...the St Joseph's Wood Raffle! Our wonderful P&F have once again organised a stall at the Pinjarra Festival, held on the beautiful grounds of the Edenvale Heritage Precinct. Our stall is at the Murray Street entrance, near the Roger-May Museum. We will be selling tickets Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June, from 10:00am to 4:00pm for \$5 each. Please support the P&F and buy some tickets and/or help to sell tickets on the day. Contact Mani Oliver on 0451 519 195 for more information.

Western Australia Day Public Holiday

Please note, Monday 3 June, is a public holiday in Western Australia. Formally known as Foundation Day, Western Australia Day (WA Day) is celebrated on the first Monday in June each year to commemorate the founding of the Swan River colony in 1829. We look forward to welcoming students back Tuesday 4 June.

St Joseph's Parent Handbook

The school is in the process of creating a St Joseph's Parent Handbook, which will contain information about the general operation of our school. Its primary function is to outline how the school operates and what key routine functions, processes and practices are carried out during the course of the year. You will find consistency throughout the Handbook as it applies across our school from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six.

Crisis Management

Schools are obliged to plan for the safety of all individuals attending our site. Therefore, the school has a duty of care to ensure that all school related activities are conducted safely. In the emergency management context, the duty of care requires that pre-planning be undertaken for emergencies that might affect the school from time to time. As Principal, it is my responsibility for managing school related emergencies and critical incidents. The school has developed a Crisis Management Plan (CMP) which details how the school prepares for, responds to and recovers from emergency events. This plan outlines the responsibilities, drills and procedures that need to be used during emergency simulation activities. For example, depending on the context of the emergency, a decision will be made to deal with the matter internally, seek external assistance (fire, police, ambulance), evacuate the school, shelter-in-place or lockdown. The school regularly schedules training, drills and simulations to support the effectiveness of the CMP. Feel confident that the school is able to respond to an incident that affects the safety and/or wellbeing of your children.

Have a wonderful week. I look forward to connecting with you during the many events we have planned over the next fortnight! Please stay safe. COVID seems to be back and I urge everyone to continue to remain vigilant with safe hygiene practices.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell – Principal

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