



Tuesday 18 June 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

As we approach the end of another eventful term at St Joseph's, I would like to take some time to express my gratitude for the hard work and dedication shown by our entire school community.

I am incredibly proud of our students. I congratulate them for their commitment to learning and resilience in the face of challenge. I thank them for the way they treat each other, through encouragement, inclusivity and random acts of kindness. Our students truly embody the values of our school on a daily basis.

To our parents and caregivers, your support has been invaluable. Your involvement in your child's education plays a crucial role in their success. Thank you for your continued partnership and trust.

To our incredibly dedicated staff, I extend my deepest appreciation. Your unwavering commitment to providing high-quality education and fostering a nurturing environment for our students is the foundation of our school's success. I am grateful for everything you do.

### **Reports**

Pre-primary to Year Six parents and caregivers, you will be receiving your child's report via SEQTA Engage, Friday 21 June. This mid-year report will provide you with a 'snapshot' in time of how your child is progressing in relation to the end of year achievement standard for each learning area for your child's year level. The grade provided considers the curriculum which has been taught and assessed to the end of Semester One. For further information, please visit <https://parent.scsa.wa.edu.au/>

### **Farewell Mrs Partridge and Mrs Hajducki**

It is with sadness that we farewell the lovely Mrs Di Partridge and Mrs Bec Hajducki at the end of this term. These wonderful ladies have taught our Year 5 class and, reluctantly I might add, are handing over to Mrs Simpson for the remainder of the year. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank both Di and Bec for their dedicated and devoted service throughout the semester to our St Joseph's community.

### **PJ Day**

To ensure that our students' thoughts and ideas are heard and to foster a sense of community and collaboration, our Student Executive Ministry initiated a 'Student Ideas Box'. Here, our students have the opportunity to share respectful and constructive suggestions to Leadership regarding school improvement, whole school events/activities, sustainability initiatives, etc. A very popular suggestion for an end-of-term event, was a whole school pyjama day. So, to celebrate the conclusion of a fabulous term, students (and teachers!) may wear their pyjamas to school, WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE (the last day of Term Two). This is simply a fun way to recognise the end of term and no donation of any kind is required.

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### **Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School**

Last Friday saw the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School Band perform for our whole school. We were treated to medleys from 'Cars', 'How to Train Your Dragon' and 'Pirates from the Caribbean' as well as a disco montage! Mr C conducted the band, unfortunately very badly, but was saved by one of our students! Big thank you to Lynette Fahie, BCGS's Band Director for providing St Joseph's with the opportunity to be entertained by this amazingly talented group of students.

### **World Refugee Day**

World Refugee Day is an international day designed by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on 20 June and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

The school will join together in prayer on Thursday. I encourage you to pray the following prayer with your families on Thursday too.

'God of Compassion, no one is a stranger to you and all creation is wrapped in your love.

Enlighten in us your gift of kindness as we walk alongside refugees,

victims of war, young people who feel unloved and unfree,

all those separated from home and loved ones.

Gather all your people into one family,

where all may find a home in which to shape their life stories

into journeys of dignity, beauty and wisdom. Amen.'

### **Merit and Worker of the Month Awards**

Please join us Friday 21 June at 8:45am in the Hall for a Merit and Worker of the Month Award assembly.

### **St Augustine's Parish Quiz Night**

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I'd like to invite you to the St Augustine's Quiz Night, Saturday 22 June at 5:00pm in the Parish Centre. Tables are of six or eight, please bring your own drinks and nibbles, although tea and coffee is provided as well as soup for \$2:00 a cup. The registration form is in the foyer of the church. It would be wonderful to support the church by attending this event!



### **NAIDOC Week**

Even though NAIDOC Week is held across Australia in the first week of July each year, the school will celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples next week (Week 11). Individual classes will be engaging in activities and the whole school, with the help of Mrs Gundry, are creating a mural to mark the occasion.

### **Lion's Public Speaking Competition**

Wednesday 26 June, Brax Hague-Tyson from Year Four, Jenna Perkins from Year Five and Amelia Galloway from Year Six are representing St Joseph's at the Lions District Junior Public speaking competition. The topic for Year Four is 'Favourite Fairytale or Book Character' and for Years Five and Six, 'Who is the most influential person in your life?' We wish our students all the very best. Thank you to Mrs O'Dwyer for organising the day.

### **Canteen**

The canteen will be open for your convenience WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE and TUESDAY 16 JULY, the first day back for students in Term Three.

### **Pupil Free Days**

Please note, **THURSDAY 27 JUNE** and **FRIDAY 28 JUNE** are both Pupil Free Days.

**MONDAY 15 JULY** is also a Pupil Free Day.

We look forward to welcoming students back to Term Three, TUESDAY 16 JULY.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with your families. I look forward to seeing you and your children refreshed and ready for a wonderfully exciting Term Three!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal