



Tuesday 4 June 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Eight. I would like to begin this week's newsletter by acknowledging the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the feast of Corpus Christi. We are invited to consider the sustaining love of God. In Sunday's Gospel reading, Mark reflects, that the movement to the Mount of Olives and Jesus' closing words at the conclusion of the Gospel, signifies the beginning of the reality of his sacrifice and new covenant. May these powerful images loom large in our Eucharist today, in our hearts, souls and lives.

**Cross-Country Carnival**

Thank you for your understanding when we moved the medal presentations to this week, rather than on the day. We were concerned that all students may not have completed their races if we took the time to present medals on Friday. A huge thank you to the wonderful Mr Henry whose thorough organisation and attention to detail resulted in a fantastic carnival. Thank you to all families who baked for the cake stall as well! Congratulations to all our students who participated. Results are as follows.

	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Pre-primary	Billi Beckett and Forrest Craig	Eden McLarty and Jaxson Weston	Willow Lorenzi and Ethan Allen
Year 1	Charli Burley and Cassius Weston	James Trigwell and Lexi Leach	Catherine Poepjes and Tommy Reeves
Year 2	Matilda Allen and Mason Burley	Hugh McLarty and London Fretwell	Aleena Bajwa and William Birch
Year 3	Marli Duke and Harrison Greenham	Nash Vuletic and Zoe Pash	Willow Pope and Fletcher Davidson



Year 4	Shayah Pippin and Harley Rhodes-McMillan	Alec Oliver and Charlee Hagley	Baylee Dodd and Jaxon Summerfield
Year 5	Milla Hughes and Ryder Scally	Kobi Trainor and Stephanie Fahl	Aaliyah Humphrey-Alexander and Blake Hagley
Year 6	Charlotte Greenham and Saxon Coad	Isabella Judd and Isaac Pierson	Mia Bishop and Oliver Iseppi

Peel Points =389	MacKillop Points = 345	Murray Points =302
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Cake Baking Competition!		
Best Looking	Best Tasting	Quickest to sell
Angela Battye	Tara Cabassi	Pat Gable

**P&F Wood Raffle**

Congratulations to our fabulous P&F who raised approximately \$4 575 for our school through the Wood Raffle fundraiser! This amazing result was achieved even though the Pinjarra Festival was cancelled. Our dedicated P&F sold tickets at the Pinjarra Junction shopping centre over the days leading up to the draw. Thank you to our families who sold tickets also. A special thank you must go to three of our school families who generously donated the wood for the raffle...the Iseppi Family, the Clune Family and the Pellew/McLarty Family. Thank you for your very kind donation!

- First prize winner (3 tonnes of wood): Lesley McGrath
- Second prize winner (1.5 tonnes of wood): Sue Mills
- Third prize winner (1 tonne of wood): Ken and Mary Roberts



Congratulations to Jax Silverthorne who won the 'guess how many lollies in the jar' and the hamper winners.

Napoleon hamper: Trina Greenham  
Skin care hamper: Kerry Sadler  
General hamper: Arthur and Olive Morell

Funds raised from these additional events came to \$590. So, overall, our P&F fund raised an incredible \$5 165 for our school!

### **URStrong online parent/child workshop**

Thank you to the 13 families who joined staff in the STREAM centre on the 23 May and the other 8 families who participated online for the URStrong parent/child workshop.

Our presenter, Dana Kerford, founder of URStrong, talked to us about important friendship facts, the friend-o-cycle, the friend-o-meter and what to do if someone is 'mean-on-purpose' and how to put out a 'friendship fire'. I strongly recommend that you take advantage of the FREE parent membership

<https://urstrong.com/parents/>

to access hundreds of resources, including an eight session video series. I believe that empowering our students with these skills will create a culture of kindness at St Joseph's and that together, we can support your children to have healthy, feel-good friendships!

### **No school hats for June and July**

As mentioned at assembly on Friday, students will not be required to wear their hats during the months of June and July, when the UV Index is typically below three. Of course, if you would like your child to continue to wear his/her hat, then they may do so.

### **St Joseph's Parent Handbook**

Please find the newly created St Joseph's Parent Handbook, which will contain information about the general operation of our school, in the 'school documents' section of SEQTA Engage. 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. If you have any queries about the handbook, please see Mrs O'Dwyer or myself.

### **Science Incursion**

Our fabulous science teacher Ms White has organised West Oz Wildlife to bring some of their Australian animal friends along to visit our students Tuesday and Wednesday, 4 and 5 June. The session is designed to raise awareness around our unique Australian environment and conservation to protect endangered species. As



outlined in Ms White's communication to you, if your child does not wish to get close to the animals, that is fine, they will still be able to be involved in the presentation.

### **Cross-Country Medal Presentations**

Please join us Wednesday, 5 June at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall where Mr Henry and I will present the Cross-Country medals to our first, second and third place winners as well as the Cross-Country Carnival shield to the winning faction.

### **Pre-primary Prayer Assembly**

Please join us for the Pre-primary Prayer Assembly, Friday 7 June in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am. If you are able, we would love you to join us for morning tea afterwards.

### **Radical Reader Awards**

You are invited to join us Monday 10 June at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the Pre-primary, Year 1 and Year 2 Radical Reader Awards.

### **Year Three Educational Tour, Alcoa Pinjarra**

Alcoa has invited our Year Three students to engage in an Educational Tour of the Huntly Mine and Pinjarra Refinery Tuesday, 11 June. Miss Williams has already sent communication to parents and caregivers. I look forward to hearing about the tour when students return!

### **First Holy Communion**

Please keep our Year Four students and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, which will take place at St Augustine's Parish, Sunday 16 June at 10:00am, celebrated by Fr Mars. All Year Four students will participate in a retreat day, facilitated by Shendelle Mullane from Catholic Mission, Thursday, 13 June. Parents and caregivers of students making their First Holy Communion, please keep an eye out for communication from Miss Moroney.

### **National Tree Planting Day**

Our Year Four class will, as we do each year, attend the 'Schools Tree Planting Day', Friday 14 June at Pinjarra Reserve R33446, bordering Kirkham Street, Pinjarra. Please keep an eye out for communication from Miss Moroney regarding particulars of the day.

### **Maths Wizard Award Assembly**

Please join us Monday 17 June at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the presentation of the Maths Wizard Awards.

### **Bottle Tops for our Artwork**

Keep sending in clean plastic bottle tops for the school collaborative art piece depicting the Rainbow Serpent.



**Save the date...St Augustine's Parish Quiz Night!**

Saturday, June 22 at 5:00pm in the Parish Centre.

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I'd like to invite you to the St Augustine's Quiz Night. 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!

In closing, I would like to take the opportunity to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation to all the St Joseph's P&F Executive and General committee for the unwavering support and dedication you have shown to our school community. Your involvement, whether through volunteering your time, skills or contributing resources, has made an impact on the lives of our students and the overall spirit of our school. It is through your collaborative efforts that we can provide the very best environment where each St Joseph's community member can flourish. Thank you.

Have a wonderful week!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal