



Tuesday 23 July 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome back to Term Three. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable break with family and friends, and this newsletter finds you filled with renewed energy and ready for another exciting term!

St Joseph's Library

Our Library has finally made its way back to where it should be...with new carpet and freshly painted walls. A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff who stayed after school and moved shelves, books and resources so students can use the library space from this week. Thank you!

Lion's Public Speaking Competition

Last term saw Brax Hague-Tyson from Year Four, Jenna Perkins from Year Five and Amelia Galloway from Year Six represent St Joseph's CPS at the Lions District Junior Public speaking competition in Waroona. Our students presented themselves admirably, with Brax winning his year level section. Congratulations to Brax, Jenna and Amelia who were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Berry Street Education Model (BSEM)

At the start of the term, St Joseph's staff gathered with four other CEWA schools for professional development regarding the BSEM. This trauma-informed education approach provides us with the knowledge and skills to support our students' self-regulation, relationships and wellbeing with the aim of increasing student engagement. This whole school program will help us to create an environment where every child is ready to learn and thrive.

Interschool Cross Country

Wednesday 24 July, selected students from Years Four, Five and Six will be competing at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival at the Meadow Springs Sports Facility, from 12:00pm to 2:30pm. We are competing against Halls Head Primary, Glencoe Primary, Austin Cove, Dudley Park Primary, Greenfields Primary, Foundation Christian College, Frederick Irwin and Riverside Primary School. I wish all our competitors the best of luck and thank Mr Henry in advance for what I am sure, will be a fantastic day.

Merit Award and Worker of the Month Assembly

Please join us Friday 26 July, in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am for a Merit Award and Worker of the Month assembly.

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**Grandparents' Day Liturgy**

Please join us Tuesday 30 July for the Grandparents' Day Liturgy, presented by our Kindergarten students. We will gather as a community at St Augustine's Church at 9:00am, then in the Assembly Hall for morning tea afterwards. I very much look forward to seeing you there.

Welly Wednesday

It's back! Students are invited to wear their brightest, flashiest wellies to school Wednesday 31 July. Please note, this is not a compulsory event, so students wear wellies only if they have them. It might be an idea to pack spare clothes in your child's schoolbag...just in case!

Mandurah Catholic College (MCC)-Frozen Jnr

We are very excited about a visit from the cast of 'Frozen Jnr', from MCC, who will be popping into St Joseph's Wednesday 31 July, to give us a 'sneak peek' of their upcoming performance. Please note, MCC will be presenting Frozen Jnr at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Friday 23 August and Saturday 24 August at 7:00pm. Tickets are available if you would like to support this event.

Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) Taster Day

Our Year Four students, along with students from other Peel schools, will be welcomed by staff and students from MCC on Thursday 1 August to get a 'taste' of what secondary schooling is all about! Students will get to experience a variety of secondary curricular offerings, including media, science, dance, drama, food, design, visual arts and physical education. Thank you to MCC in advance for inviting our students.

The Religious Education Assessment

The Religious Education Assessment, an on-line system-wide assessment in Religious Education for Year Three and Year Five students, is rapidly approaching. Students will sit the assessment Thursday 1 August. The test items consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended responses. If you have any queries about the assessment, please see your child's teacher.

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 2 August, in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am for a Merit Award assembly.



URStrong Whole-School Day of Friendship

The team at URStrong are excited to present an online 'Day of Friendship' with our students, Tuesday 6 August. Research shows that relationships are the heart of wellbeing and learning. When we work together to get friendships right, our students flourish! On the day, our Kindergarten to Year Four students will need to bring a **small**, soft toy to help with role-plays during the session-their favourite 'fuzzy friend' from home! The URStrong theme for August is RESPECT...honouring and accepting your friends for who they are-their thoughts, feelings and opinions-even if you're different and even if you disagree. Let's remember Friendship Fact #3: Trust and Respect are the two most important qualities of a friendship!

Book Week Parade

Book Week isn't until Tuesday 20 August (Week 6), however, I know many of you like to be organised, so I thought I'd pop in a reminder! The theme for Book Week this year is 'Reading is Magic.' We'll be celebrating reading stories and their amazing power to transport minds!

Pre Primary Garden Beds

Towards the end of Term Two, St Joseph's were lucky enough to be the recipients of a Woolworths/ Landcare grant. This year we applied to have our old vegetable garden beds resurrected. Over the holidays they were relocated to the driveway behind the Kindy classroom and new soil and reticulation was put in. A planning session was held at the end of Term Two between the Pre-primaries and their buddy class... Year Four, to determine what sort of fruit and vegetables would be planted in the beds.

Over the holidays the lovely Year Four's planted lots of seeds and grew them into seedlings and last Friday the Pre-primaries helped plant these into our new garden beds. The children are very excited about being able to harvest some of the produce over the next two terms. Some of the vegetables that were planted included beans, snow peas and beetroot.



Bookclub

All orders are to be placed online. NO CASH ORDERS will be taken through the office. Orders are due Friday 26 July.

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Uniforms

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the students (with parent support of course!) who consistently adhere to the school's uniform policy. Your commitment to wearing the correct school uniform contributes to a positive and unified school environment. To congratulate students and thank them for looking so smart, we will be having various celebratory acknowledgements throughout the term. This is just a small way to say 'thank you' for upholding our school standards.

As we begin this new term, let us embrace an 'attitude of gratitude'. When we focus on what makes us feel grateful, we get better at expressing appreciation for the people and things that matter most in our lives, like our families, friends, teachers and our wonderful St Joseph's community. Thank you to you all for choosing to be part of our awesome St Joey's family!

Have a wonderful week.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal