



Tuesday 20 August 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six. I'd like to begin this fortnight's newsletter by acknowledging the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary:

Almighty ever-living God,
who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary,
the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory,
grant we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above,
we may merit to be sharers of her glory. Amen.

Great Southern Hack-a-Thon results

Saturday 17 August, St Joseph's CPS had several teams of Year Four, Five and Six students enter the 'Great Southern Hack-a-Thon' at Mandurah Baptist College. Our teams were given problems to 'elegantly solve in a creative way' which were grounded in Sustainability. Congratulations to the members of our teams; Amelia Galloway and Charlotte Greenham, who won First Place in the Primary School section, Samantha Brader who won Second Place in the Primary School section and Oliver Iseppi, Isabella Judd and Isaac Pierson who won the Most Sustainable Idea category. St Joseph's also won prizes for being the most represented school at the Hack-a-Thon. Thank you to those parents who took the time out of their weekend to take their children to this event.

Book Week-'Reading Is Magic'

Thank you, parents and caregivers for your support of this year's Book Week Parade! It is something we all look forward to each and every year and 2024 certainly did not disappoint! I hope you have the chance to check out our FaceBook post of the event. Please note, the 'sleep spell' only works at school!

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 23 August at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for a Merit Award Assembly.

All things ATHLETICS!

Please note the following events, dates and times as the St Joseph's Faction Carnival approaches.

Event	Date	Time	Venue	Attire
Jumps and Throws- Yr Six	Monday 26 August	9:00am	School jump pits and oval	Sport uniform with coloured faction polo

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Jumps and Throws- Yrs 1 to 5	Wednesday 28 August	9:30am	School jump pits and oval	Sport uniform with coloured faction polo
Faction Athletics Carnival-PP to Yr 6	Thursday 29 August	9:00am	Sir Ross McClarty Oval	Sport uniform with coloured faction polo

Please ensure on the day of the Faction Carnival, your child brings their recess, lunch, water bottle, school hat, sunscreen and a change of clothes/towel if the weather is inclement. Please label everything.

Our Pre-primary students will be joining us for part of the day, then they will return to school after their team games (unless you are signing your Pre-primary child out).

We will be setting up for the day from 7:00am onwards. If you can assist, your help would be greatly appreciated.

At the conclusion of the Faction Carnival, if you wish to take your child from Sir Ross McLarty oval, please see your child's teacher and sign him/her out. If you are taking another child with you, this needs to be prearranged beforehand. Please notify the office **BEFORE** Thursday with relevant details. Please do not be offended when we do not allow you to take another child without prearranged permission.

Please note, our wonderful P&F are having a cake stall on the day. We would very much appreciate your support by baking home made goods to sell on the day. All ingredients are to be listed. Please drop your creations at the front office Wednesday 28 or bring them along on the day of the Carnival.

A coffee van will be available at the event.

Saint Augustine's Feast Day Liturgy

You are invited to join us Wednesday, 28 August at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall to help commemorate the Feast Day of Saint Augustine, the saint after whom our parish is named. We pray to Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the church, to intercede for us to increase in virtue.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

We would like to treat our dads and other male role models to a delicious light breakfast, 8:00am, Friday 30 August before the Father's Day Liturgy. Please ensure you have completed the form indicating what you and your family would like, as we will need to prepare the toasties the day before and do not want anyone to miss out! Then afterwards, please join us in the Church at 9:00am for the Father's Day Liturgy, led by our delightful Pre-primary students.

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Spelling Mastery

With recent reference in the media regarding NAPLAN results, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a whole school program that has already improved spelling results at St Joseph's.

Spelling Mastery is a six-level Direct Instruction series that teaches students spelling skills by blending three approaches: phonemic, whole word and the morphemic approach. This evidence-based program is designed to maximise the advantages of each approach.

The phonemic approach is used for letter-sound correspondences that are predictable. The whole-word approach focuses on memorisation for words that have irregular letter-sound relationships, i.e., feud, break. The morphemic approach is used for combining the roots, bases, prefixes and suffixes into words.

If you have any queries about this, or any other program the school is using, I invite you to speak with your child's classroom teacher.

Bookclub

Order forms were handed out today. Orders are due by Friday 30 August.

New bag racks and outdoor 'picnic' seating

Our amazing P&F have generously bought five outdoor picnic seating sets and six aluminium bag racks for your children. I am hoping some handy mums and dads will be able to give of their time to help put these together. Please contact the school on 9530 5500 if you can assist. Thanking you all in advance.



Have a fabulous week everyone. I look forward to seeing you at the varied events we have planned. Again, thank you for your support as we continue on our journey of growth and wonderful shared moments.

God Bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

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