



Tuesday 17 September 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the truly remarkable term we are about to farewell. The dedication and achievements of the students, the commitment of our amazing staff and the support from our wonderful parents and caregivers who contribute to creating a nurturing and thriving school community. This term has been an incredible journey full of growth, development and memorable moments.

### **Interschool Carnival**

Congratulations to our Year Three, Four, Five and Six students who represented St Joseph's at the Interschool Athletics Carnival at North Mandurah Primary School last Friday. We came first overall, first in the team games and more importantly, showed wonderful sportspersonship throughout the day. Well done to Mia Bishop, Milla Hughes, Issac Pierson, Shayah Pippin and Ryder Scally who placed. Thank you to Mr Henry, Mr Cosgrove, Mrs Simpson and our parent helpers/supporters who made the day a safe and enjoyable one for our students.

### **Farewell Miss Durnin and Mrs Simpson**

It is with sadness that I announce that Miss Durnin and Mrs Simpson will be leaving St Joseph's at the end of the year. Miss Durnin, who has been part of our St Joseph's staff since 2019, has accepted a teaching position at Star of the Sea in Rockingham and Mrs Simpson, who has been teaching our Year Fives this semester, has accepted a teaching position at St Joseph's in Waroona. We wish both lovely ladies all the very best for their future endeavours.

### **Open Night**

A reminder about St Joseph's Open Night, Wednesday 18 September, 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Please mark this date in your family's calendar. Please note our IT providers, Catalytic, will be in attendance. If you have any queries/issues regarding your child's school iPad...functionality, apps, etc, please see James in the STREAM centre on the night.

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### **Deaf Awareness Day**

As Deaf Awareness Week falls during the school holidays, we have decided to acknowledge this important event while students are still at school, Thursday 19 September. Deaf Awareness Day is exactly that...raising awareness about the deaf community, promoting a better understanding of deafness, deaf culture and the experiences of deaf people. I encourage students to wear dark blue on Thursday 19 September, as dark blue was chosen by the World Federation of the Deaf and Deaf associations around the world to represent Deafhood. Students will be engaging in a variety of classroom activities for raising deaf awareness throughout the week.

### **Quality Catholic Education (QCE) Awards**

St Joseph's has entered the 2024 QCE Awards in the 'Education' category with our 'Children's University' program. In collaboration with the University of Western Australia, students engage in exciting learning opportunities which have the potential to increase educational achievement and rewards them for taking responsibility for their own learning. Students pursue excellence by participating in a range of online learning, visiting a variety of learning destinations, attending community events and completing community service. Please use the link <https://awards.cewa.edu.au/nomination/childrens-university/> to vote for our nomination. Just add your name, email and click on the 'vote' tab and help our students get the recognition they deserve.

### **Rosary (Term Four)**

Every Thursday morning throughout October, our Year Five students will be leading the school to pray the Rosary. The Rosary inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary and is a devotion in honour of the Virgin Mary. You are invited to join us every Thursday, starting Thursday 10 October, at 8:45am at St Augustine's Church.

### **Year Three Prayer Liturgy (Term Four)**

Please join us in the Assembly Hall, Friday 11 October for the Year Three Class Prayer Liturgy at 8:45am. We would love you to join us for morning tea afterwards if you are able.

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### **School Uniform Changeover (Term Four)**

As we move into Term Four, please note, students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six may wear their summer uniform from Tuesday 8 October. There will be a two-week changeover period if students wish to continue to wear their winter uniform. All Year Three, Four, Five and Six students must be in correct summer uniform by Week Three, Monday 21 October. Students in Pre-primary, Year One and Year Two continue to wear their sport uniform.

### **Pupil Free Day (End of Term Three)**

Friday 20 September is a Pupil Free Day. The canteen will be operating Thursday 19 September for your convenience. Please note, there will be a slightly modified menu as we will be unable to provide salad sandwiches/wraps.

### **Term Four**

Students return to school Tuesday 8 October to begin Term Four. Monday 7 October is a Pupil Free Day. Please note, the canteen will be open for your convenience on Tuesday 8 October.

I would like to conclude by wishing you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. Take the time to strengthen bonds with family and friends, engage in activities that bring you joy, relaxation and that nurture your well-being. As we look forward to the start of Term Four, we are eager to continue our journey of learning and growing together. Thank you again for being an essential part of our Catholic school family. I look forward to seeing you and your children refreshed and ready for a wonderfully exciting Term Four!

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal

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