



Thursday 5 September 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Eight.

God the Father, bless all fathers and father figures as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience. Pour your abundant blessings upon them. Amen.

Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy

It was heartwarming to see so many of our families join us for the Father's Day Breakfast and Liturgy last Friday. A special thank you to our dedicated staff, parents and P&F who were at school from 7:00am toasting just over 350 toasties! I must also thank Mrs Gundry and our amazing Pre-primary students who led the Father's Day Liturgy...such a beautiful way to celebrate our dads and other male role models.

Faction Athletics Carnival

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who made our 2024 Faction Athletics Carnival an outstanding success.

Thank you to Mr Henry and our dedicated staff who created a safe and enjoyable day for our students and families. Thank you to our students whose sportspersonship made us all very proud. Thank you to our supportive parents and wonderful P&F whose involvement reinforces our sense of community that makes St Joseph's so special.

I have outlined results from the Carnival below.

Champion (Year 1 Girl) Mia de Jong	Runner Up (Year 1 Girl) Catherine Poepjes	Third Place (Year 1 Girl) Lexi Leach
Champion (Year 1 Boy) Levi Eddy	Runner Up (Year 1 Boy) Noah Eddy	Third Place (Year 1 Boy) Cassius Weston
Champion (Year 2 Girl) Matilda Allen	Runner Up (Year 2 Girl) Lily Rhodes-McMillan	Third Place (Year 2 Girl) Milla Jones

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Champion (Year 2 Boy) William Birch	Runner Up (Year 2 Boy) Alby Johns	Third Place (Year 2 Boy) Reid Leach / Ryen Silverthorne
Champion (Year 3 Girl) Harper Lyall	Runner Up (Year 3 Girl) Marli Duke	Third Place (Year 3 Girl) Harper Robertson
Champion (Year 3 Boy) Harrison Greenham	Runner Up (Year 3 Boy) Fletcher Davidson	Third Place (Year 3 Boy) Nash Vuletic
Champion (Year 4 Girl) Shayah Pippin	Runner Up (Year 4 Girl) Charlee Hagley	Third Place (Year 4 Girl) Bridee McGifford
Champion (Year 4 Boy) Jaxon Summerfield	Runner Up (Year 4 Boy) Cole McLean	Third Place (Year 4 Boy) William Judd
Champion (Year 5 Girl) Milla Hughes	Runner Up (Year 5 Girl) Aaliyah Humphrey-Alexander Emma Rhodes-McMillan	Third Place (Year 5 Girl) Stephanie Fahl
Champion (Year 5 Boy) Ryder Scally	Runner Up (Year 5 Boy) River Lloyd	Third Place (Year 5 Boy) Beau Fretwell Blake Hagley Eric Allen
Champion (Year 6 Girl) Mia Bishop	Runner Up (Year 6 Girl) Charlotte Greenham	Third Place (Year 6 Girl) Isabella Judd
Champion (Year 6 Boy) Isaac Pierson	Runner Up (Year 6 Boy) Saxon Coad	Third Place (Year 6 Boy) Winston Felton

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First Place Faction: Peel (537 points)	Second Place Faction: MacKillop (528 points)	Third Place Faction: Murray (517 points)
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Prayer Assembly

Please join us tomorrow Friday 6 September at 8:45am in the Assembly Hall for the Year One Prayer Assembly. We would love for you to join us for morning tea afterwards.

Write A Book in a Day

Selected students from Years Five and Six will be writing a book in a day, Thursday 12 September. Our St Joseph's Team, under the guidance of the wonderful Mrs O'Dwyer, will write and design an entire book in just 12 hours and raise vital funds to support kids' cancer research. Not only does this challenge develop collaboration, creativity and time management skills, but gives our students the opportunity to make a difference to the lives of kids with cancer. I wish our team all the very best!

R U OK? Day

The theme for R U OK? Day on Thursday 12 September is 'Ask RUOK? Any Day'. This is our National Day of Action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and check in with family and friends on their well-being. Students will be participating in various classroom activities to encourage them to ask, 'R U OK?' Ask, Listen, Encourage Action and Check In.

Merit and Worker of the Month Award Assembly

You are invited to a Merit and Worker of the Month Award Assembly, Friday 13 September in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Selected Year Three, Four, Five and Six students will be participating in the Interschool Athletics Carnival on Friday 13 September. Please keep an eye out for further communication from Mr Henry.

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Radical Reader Awards & Maths Wizard Awards

Please join us Monday 16 September in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am as our Pre-primary, Year One and Year Two students receive their Radical Reader awards. We will also be presenting Maths Wizard Awards.

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.

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.

Game Changer Awards

I'm sure you remember our fantastic teams who performed so well at the Great Southern Hack-a-Thon a few weeks ago. Milla Anthony, Amelia Galloway and Charlotte Greenham have continued their journey by entering the 'Game Changer Awards'. Here, Milla, Amelia and Charlotte, working with a mentor, will be presenting a sustainability idea to a panel of judges with the hope of having it turn into a real-life business. Their amazing idea, 'Clothes for Change', involves collecting unwanted clothing items then on-selling them with the profits being donated to charity.

Prime Minister's Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Anthony Brader (Year Four) and Chelsea McCloskey (Year Six) who have advanced to

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the State Round of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee! I will certainly keep you all informed of their progress. Fantastic work Anthony and Chelsea!

Friend-o-Leaders (URStrong)

We have just introduced 'Friend-o-Leaders' here at St Joseph's. Through our URStrong program, older students are trained in a peer mentorship model, where they support our younger students with their friendships at recess and lunch. These 'Friend-o-Leaders' have a very clear handle on the URStrong core concepts, that is, the Four Friendship Facts, the Friend-o-Meter, putting out Friendship Fires and how to use Quick Comebacks when responding to Mean-on-Purpose behaviours. Other URStrong schools who've already launched mentorship models report that students feel comfortable in talking to other students about their friendship issues, which shows that peer mentoring has positive outcomes for everyone involved!

Pupil Free Day

Please note, Friday 20 September is a Pupil Free Day. The canteen will be operating Thursday 19 September for your convenience.

Summer Uniform Changeover

Please note, all students in Year 3-6 have a two-week changeover to summer uniform in Term 4. All students in Yr 3- 6 are to be in summer uniform by Monday 21 October 2024.

Term Four

Students return to school Tuesday 8 October to begin Term Four. Please note, the canteen will be open for your convenience on the Tuesday.

Once again, thank you to all our staff, students and families who show that, when we come together as a community, we can achieve greatness. Thank you everyone, for your invaluable contributions to our St Joseph's community. Your efforts truly make a difference.

God Bless

Ms Vanesa Gangell

Principal

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