



Wednesday 30 October 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Four and two important days in the church calendar...All Saints' Day (1 November) and All Souls' Day (2 November). On All Saints' Day we remember the saints and martyrs throughout Christian history and All Souls' Day is a time to commemorate those who have passed and ask for God's mercy for them. We pray, 'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.'

Annual Community Meeting-Save the date!

The St Joseph's Annual Community Meeting (ACM) is scheduled for Wednesday 20 November at 6:00pm in the Assembly Hall.

I will be reporting to our community about the school's overall performance and key events from 2024 and will be sharing our vision for 2025. At this meeting, I will also be informing parents and caregivers about staffing allocations for 2025. Please note, these allocations may be subject to change. Mr David Galloway, School Advisory Council Chair and Mrs Mani Oliver, P&F President, will also be addressing parents and caregivers. Please show your support and come along.

A very important part of the ACM is recruiting parents and caregivers for roles on the School Advisory Council. If you feel you have something to offer, come along to the ACM and let us know! Please refer to the communication sent out by the school via SEQTA on Monday. These groups are an integral part of St Joseph's and add such richness and positivity to our school community.

Commemoration of the Pinjarra Memorial Site

On Monday our Year Six students, along with Mr Cosgrove and myself, visited the Pinjarra Memorial site to pay our respects to all those who perished on that fateful day in 1834. Thank you to Mr Cosgrove who prepared the lovely service.

Rosary

I invite you to join the school in praying the Rosary, Thursday 31 October, at 8:45am in the Church. The Rosary

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inspires us to meditate on the mysteries of the lives of Jesus and Mary. I would like to thank Mrs Simpson and the Year Five class who are leading us in this beautiful prayer.

Year Five Prayer Liturgy

Please join us for the Year Five Prayer Assembly, Friday 1 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am. If you are able, we would love you to join us for morning tea afterwards.

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training

Mrs O'Dwyer, Mr Cosgrove and I will be renewing our YMHFA training next week. This specialised training equips us with the knowledge and skills to recognise and respond to young people who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis. Please be assured that we take the mental health of your children very seriously and that we are here to support them in any way we can.

Pinjarra Senior High School (PSHS) Welcome Activity Day

Those Year Six students who are attending PSHS in 2025 will be participating an orientation day, Wednesday 6 November. Parents of children attending this day are to provide St Joseph's with an absent note.

Numero

Congratulations to our two Year Six Numero teams (Zayde, Winston, Amelia, Oliver, Isabella, Alex, Chelsea, Isaac and Royce) who represented St Joseph's at an interschool competition last week. Our students battled it out with seven other schools, and one of our teams, 'The Uptown Functions', came first!

Merit Award Assembly

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

Radical Reader Award Assembly

Our final Radical Reader Award Assembly for our Years Three, Four, Five and Six students will be held Monday 11 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.



Remembrance Day Service

Students from Years Four, Five and Six will be joining the Pinjarra community at 10:45am, Monday 11 November at the Pinjarra War Memorial (The Glebe Land) to commemorate all who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. You are invited to join us.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Up and coming dates

Term Four is notoriously busy, so I have added important dates for you to be aware of as the year draws to a close.

Wednesday 20 November-Annual Community Meeting (ACM)

Thursday 21 November- Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation

Monday 25 November-Transition Day for current Pre Primary, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 students

Wednesday 27 November-Transition Day for current Kindy students

Wednesday 27 November-Year Six Graduation Assembly

Thursday 28 November-Pinjarra Senior High School Orientation Day (Day One)

Friday 29 November-Mandurah Catholic College Orientation Day

Friday 29 November-Pinjarra Senior High School Orientation Day (Day Two)

Monday 2 December-Children's University Graduation

Monday 2 December to Thursday 5 December-Advent Liturgies

Tuesday 3 December-End of Year Concert

Wednesday 4 December-Year Six Slide Show, Graduation Mass and Lunch

Thursday 5 December-Year Six Graduating class 'Fun Day' at MARC

Thursday 5 December-Pizza Day

Friday 6 December-Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 6 December-Last Day of the 2024 academic year

Friday 6 December-2024 student academic reports released via SETQA Engage



2025 Dates

To help you plan ahead!

Term 1-Wed 5 Feb to Fri 11 April

Term 2-Tues 29 April to Friday 4 July

Term 3-Tues 22 July to Fri 26 September

Term 4-Monday 13 Oct to Fri 12 Dec

Pupil Free Days 2025

Term 1

Monday 3 February

Tuesday 4 February

Thursday 3 April (Whole school parent interviews)

Term 2

Monday 28 April

Tuesday 3 June

Term 3

Monday 21 July

Thursday 28 August

Friday 29 August

Mr Henry has booked several dates for 2025.

Faction Swimming Carnival-Friday 28 February

Interschool Swimming Carnival-Wednesday 2 April

Swimming Lessons-Monday 26 May to Friday 6 June.

Have a wonderful week everyone and I very much look forward to seeing you all at the various school events over the next fortnight.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell – Principal

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