



Tuesday 12 November 2024

Dear parents and caregivers

Welcome to Week Six. I would like to begin this week's newsletter by thanking our Year Four, Five and Six students who represented our school so commendably at the Remembrance Day Service at the Glebe Land on Monday. Our students respectfully commemorated all those who died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

Staffing Allocations for 2025

Please be aware that these allocations are subject to change prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2025.

Principal-Vanessa Gangell

Assistant Principal-Tracy O'Dwyer

Finance Officer-Bridget Bolt

Administration-Christine Douglas and Tammy Schelfhout

Canteen-Ros Treasure

School Wellbeing Officer-Jill Ward

Transforming Lives Engagement Officer-Terri-Anne Logan

General Education Assistants-Jane Preston, Tammy Schelfhout and Margrate Snow

Pre-Kindergarten-Michelle Van Reeken and Ginette Black

Kindergarten-Zoe Ramsay, Raani Abourizk and Ginette Black

Pre-primary-Rachael Leventhal, Kirsten Greenham and Raani Abourizk

Year One-Kristie Jones

Year Two-Katie Whiteman

Year Three-Yasmin Williams

Year Four-Tammy Moroney

Year Five-Rachel Waters

Year Six-Pete Cosgrove

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Physical Education and Health-Rob Henry

Science-Stephanie White

The Arts and Languages (Auslan)-Kate Martin

It is with sadness that we farewell Mel Bray, Justine Dodson, Amaya Durnin, Di Partridge, Toni Romeo and Katie Simpson. Deb Gundry is taking leave throughout 2025, however, will be returning to St Joseph's in 2026.

Numero

Congratulations to our Numero State Finalists, the 'Uptown Functions!' Well done to Zayde, Amelia, Isabella and Isaac who represented St Joseph's admirably at the State competition last Thursday. A heartfelt thank you to Craig Judd (Isabella and William's dad) who drove the students to Canningvale.

Merit Award Assembly

Please join us Friday 15 November for a Merit Award Assembly in the Hall at 8:45am.

Radical Reader Award Assembly

Our final Radical Reader Award Assembly for our Pre-primary, Year One and Two students will be held Monday 18 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Annual Community Meeting

You are warmly invited to the St Joseph's Annual Community Meeting (ACM), 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. 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!

Orientation Day

Thursday 21 November is the school's Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Orientation Day for those

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students starting Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten in 2025. These sessions help acquaint children with their new classmates and be in the classroom environment that they will be part of next year. The children get to meet their teachers and experience a brief but engaging session at school. Parents and caregivers will also have the opportunity to hear from Miss Van Reeken, the Pre-Kindergarten teacher for 2025 and Mrs Zoe Ramsay, the Kindergarten teacher for 2025, who will go through routines, procedures and expectations with you, to ensure a smooth start to the 2025 academic year. The Pre-Kindergarten session is from 9:00am to 10:00am and the Kindergarten session is from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Kindergarten classroom. Please ensure your child has a water bottle, a hat and is wearing sunscreen. Please sign in at the front office.

Transition Days

The rest of the school will participate in 'transition sessions', where students will get to meet their teachers for 2025 and learn about their new classroom environments. Please see the schedule below for your child/children's transition session. Please note, it is a typical school day.

Monday 18 November-Current Year One students

Monday 25 November-Current Pre-primary, Year Two, Three, Four and Five students

Wednesday 27 November-Current Kindergarten students.

Merit and Worker of the Month Award Assembly

Our final Merit and Worker of the Month Award Assembly will be held Friday 22 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Maths Wizard Award Assembly

Our final Maths Wizard Award Assembly will be held Monday 25 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am.

Year Six End of Year Assembly

The Graduating Class of 2024 will be presenting their final assembly, Wednesday 27 November in the Assembly Hall at 8:45am. All Year Six parents, caregivers and friends are warmly invited to attend.



Secondary School Orientation Days

Please note, Pinjarra Senior High School (PSHS) and Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) have their orientation days for our Year Six students Thursday 28 and Friday 29 November. All families should have received communication from either PSHS or MCC. If you haven't, please contact them as soon as possible.

As we navigate the final weeks of the year, I encourage all community members to stay focused and remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence. I know the end of the year can be a time when distractions set in, however, let's finish strong and take pride in everything we have accomplished! Let's continue to support and uplift one another, as together, we overcome challenges and celebrate our collective achievements.

God bless

Ms Vanessa Gangell

Principal