

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EUGOWRA

## "A BAD TREE CANNOT BEAR GOOD FRUIT."

TERM 1 - WEEK 4 - THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2025

Jesus



### OPENING SCHOOL MASS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Opening School Mass. It was a wonderful evening to commemorate the beginning of the school year, to induct our school leaders, and to warmly welcome our new families into the Joey's community.

### PARENT SURVEY - Council of Catholic School Parents



Tell us about your experiences as a Catholic school parent and what you'd like to know more about. We value every parent's thoughts and opinions!

CCSP would like to know how involved/engaged you feel you are in your child's learning at a NSW/ACT Catholic school, how connected you feel in your child's school, and your thoughts on how schools could enhance family-school partnerships.

This data informs our parent learning program and provides us with valuable information about how our dioceses and schools are engaging with families.

Thank you so much for taking time out to give us your feedback.

Please click the link to go to the survey:

<https://ccsp.schoolzineplus.com/survey/71>

Regards,

Cath Garrett-Jones

Executive Director

### PUPIL FREE DAY - Monday 3 March



**Monday 3rd March** will be a Pupil Free day. The staff will be working with Blair from the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst on strategies for Student Positive Behaviours for Learning. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

### BOOK COVERING



**DON'T FORGET**

Year 5 and 6 exercise books will be sent home this Friday. Please cover them with contact/or book covering and return them on Tuesday. Thank you.

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**MASS**  
**22ND FEBRUARY**

**MASS 9:00AM**

# CIRQUE UM NAVIGATE @ HOMEWORK CLUB

On Tuesday, EPS and ECC joined us for an exciting performance by Cirque Um Navigate. We all enjoyed a captivating magic show together, and afterward, during homework club, the children participated in a workshop where they learned to juggle, balance with balls and sticks, and perform various tricks. There were plenty of great skills on display, along with lots of laughter. It was a delightful afternoon.

# NAPLAN

**NAPLAN** is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.. Children will be sitting NAPLAN between 12th -25th of March 2025. NAPLAN reflects key areas of literacy and numeracy foundational to long-life learning. It assesses skills in reading, writing, spelling , grammar and numeracy. NAPLAN is just one tool among many that the school uses to assess the children's learning.

# ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 5th March at 2pm the whole school will be attending a Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. This season, observed by all Christians, is a time to remember Jesus' sacrifice and prepare for Easter. Lent involves 40 days of reflection on Jesus' temptations in the desert, with practices like extra prayers, fasting, and giving. Ash Wednesday holds various traditions for Catholic families, and activities for Lent begin on this day.

# PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

We invite all parents to attend an information session on **Wednesday 5th March at 3.30pm**. We will explain class routines and homework expectations. Please let the office know if there are any other areas that you would like us to address.

# SOUTHERN REGION SWIMMING

Congratulations to our students Indianna P, Zac, Sam, Taleesha, and Indi F for competing in the Southern Region Swimming event in Orange on yesterday. We are incredibly proud of their efforts! Results will be shared on Facebook and included in next week's newsletter.

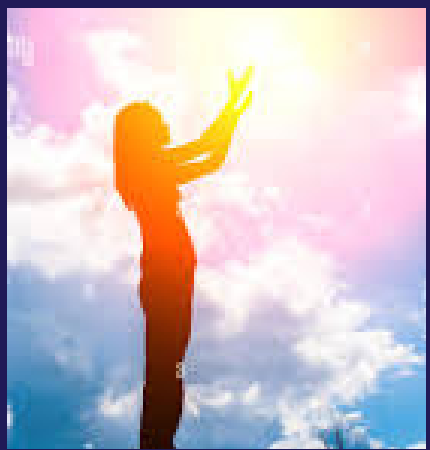


# SWIMMING FOR SPORT - CHANGES

No swimming Tuesday 4th March due to our Burrendong in a Backpack well-being day. Swimming will resume on Friday and continue on Tuesdays and Fridays until the pool closes. Please pack your child's swimming bag and remember to pick them up from the pool on those days.

# PRAYER

Bless our workouts and the games we play, and those with whom we exercise or compete. Give us strength, endurance, courage and agility as we compete or train. Keep us safe and healthy as we celebrate our physical and mental skills in sport.



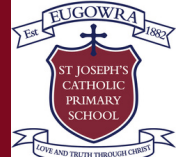
# ZONES OF REGULATION

As part of our Health and Personal Development Curriculum in 2025 we are implementing the Zones of Regulation Program in all classes. Information about the program is attached to this week's newsletter. You will also find information about the first two concepts that have been taught to each class. There are 10 concepts in total. Each concept note will explain what the focus of the concept is, why it is important and give you discussion ideas and activities for you to do at home with your child/ren. Each family will also receive a Zones poster to display at home. The pass of this program may differ for each class group. As classes progress through the concepts, you will find further concept information in your child's Homework folder.

# IMPORTANT



**ALLERGIES:** Lunches must be free of eggs and peanuts, including food packed for homework club. Thank you for your understanding.



## IMPORTANT NOTES:

**GUITAR LESSONS:** If your child is interested in Guitar lessons this term please contact **Nerida on 0429 048 603** - for children in year 4, 5 and 6.

**READING FOLDER:** Please check your child's bag or reading folder regularly. This is where important paperwork is placed, including the newsletter. Keeping up with these documents will ensure you stay informed about any updates or events.

**COMPASS:** Log in details have been sent to all new families. Please see the office if you are having any difficulties with Compass.

**PARENT HANDBOOK:** The Parent Handbook is being updated, and can usually be found on our website found on our website, [www.stjosephseugowra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjosephseugowra.catholic.edu.au) please see the office if you would like a copy.

**MONKEY BAR PANTS:** Please ensure that girls are wearing monkey bar pants under their school dress.

## HOME TRAVEL

Homework club is being well supported, which is lovely to see. Please remember to update the [Google Form](#) if your child's home travel arrangements change long term, or contact the school via phone for short term changes.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

OUR SCHOOL CALENDAR CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE OR BY CLICKING THIS LINK

Friday 28th February	Sat/Sun 1st/2nd March	Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March	Wednesday 5th March	Thursday 6th March	Friday 7th March
Swimming for Sport 2pm-3pm  Lunch Orders	MASS Sat 9.00am	PUPIL FREE DAY  CLOSED	Burrendong In A Backpack - Well-being Day NO Swimming	Ash Wednesday  Parent Information Session 3.30pm		Swimming for Sport 2pm-3pm  Lunch Orders

## Community Notices:

### Eugowra Junior Sports Soccer

If your child is interested in playing soccer this year, please contact Kath Fren or Katrina Noble.



Purchase tickets by visiting:  
WEBSITE:  
<https://www.123tix.com.au/events/46959/boots-bowties-ball...>

## Bus Notes:



Pick up/buses from school Tuesday 4th March. Pick up/buses Eugowra Memorial Pool on Friday 7th March.

## Lunch Orders:



Lunch Orders each Friday from the Fat Parcel. Contact the Office if you need another copy.



