

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EUGOWRA

“Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of faith is to see what you believe.”

TERM 1 - WEEK 5 - THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025

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BURRENDONG IN A BACKPACK



On Tuesday, the students had a fantastic day with the staff from Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre during our "Burrendong in a Backpack Day." They organised a full day of engaging activities, which included balancing exercises, memory games, block-building challenges, science games involving balls, LEGO puzzle-solving, water balloon fights, space attack games using pool noodles and blindfolds, various trust-building team games, and so much more. Thank you to the BSRC team for bringing Burrendong in a Backpack to St. Joey's – everyone had an unforgettable time!



ST JOSEPH'S DAY

On **Wednesday 19th March** Yeoval will be hosting St Joseph's Day with the students from other small St Joseph's Schools — Molong, Manildra and St Columba's Yeoval. Students are to bring fruito, recess and water bottles. **Children can purchase lunch on the day which includes a sausage sandwich, a popper and an ice block for \$5.00, please send money with your child. Your child is welcome to bring their own packed lunch if they would prefer.** Consent has been sent via the Compass Parent Portal. Children will be travelling by bus departing St Joseph's at 8.50am sharp. Estimated arrival home is 3:30pm-3:45pm and pick up from the school is required as there will be no buses. Homework Club will as run as normal.

2025 SCHOOL FEES



2025 Fee statements were sent out last week. School fees will also be visible in the Compass Parent Portal.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, or would like to discuss a payment plan options, please so not hesitate to speak to Cathy or Kirsty in the office as soon as possible.

Please be aware that installment 1 is due on 14th March.

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**MASS 9:00AM
SAT 8TH MARCH**

If your child wishes to serve on the Alter on a Saturday morning please let the school know.

NAPLAN

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

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, March 5th at 2 PM, the entire school gathered for a Liturgy of the Word in observance of Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. This season is recognised by all Christians as a time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and prepare for Easter. Lent consists of 40 days dedicated to contemplating Jesus' temptations in the desert, incorporating practices such as additional prayers, fasting, and acts of charity. Ash Wednesday features various traditions among Catholic families, and it serves as the starting point for Lent activities.

BUS TICKETS



For children who take the bus, new bus identification tickets have been sent home with your child. Please make sure these tickets are securely attached to your child's bag.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Information Session. Your engagement is invaluable, and we hope the session helped clarify our school's programs. If you have questions or need more information, feel free to reach out. Your involvement is essential for fostering a supportive learning environment for our students.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING DUBBO



The Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo is held on **Tuesday 11th of March**. Our PP5 relay team Indianna P, Zac, Sam, and Indi F, have advanced to this next round of swimming and will be competing. Additionally, Taleesha has qualified to swim in the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle events, while Zac has secured his spot in the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly. We are immensely proud of their achievements and wish them the best of luck!

ST PATRICK'S DAY



On Monday 17th March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Children can come to school dressed in green - anything green - green hats, wigs, clothes, socks, shoes.... The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland.

SWIMMING FOR SPORT



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



Gracious God, today begins a period of inner reflection and examination. The days stretch before me and invite me inward to that silent, holy space that holds your Spirit. This special time beckons me to see my life through Christ's eyes and the truth and reality of your love incarnate. Give me the grace to enter the space of these days with anticipation of our meeting. And, when I open my soul to your presence, let your loving kindness flow over me and seep into the pockets of my heart. I ask this for the sake of your love.



AWARDS



Congratulations to this weeks award recipients:

Isabelle C: Great effort and application to her learning.

Eli: Great participation in discussion.

William: A positive approach to school.

Dusty: Great listening and contribution to class discussions

Katelyn: For helping Mrs Epp weed.

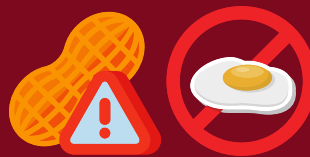
Indi p: Beating goals in Reading Magic.

Year 6 Awards:

Indi F: For helping a kindergarten student.

Katelyn: For helping everyone yesterday.

IMPORTANT



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



IMPORTANT NOTES:

LUNCH BOX UTENSILS: Please remember to pack a fork or spoon with your child's lunch and fruit.

GUITAR LESSONS: If your child is interested in Guitar lessons this term please reach out to **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: A reminder to use Compass for child absences and check for any upcoming events. 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 please see the office if you would like a copy.

HOME READING



TIPS: While reading with your child, it's essential to encourage them to ask questions about the story to confirm their understanding. Invite your child to retell the story, emphasising the sequence of events and including as many details as they can.

BIRTHDAYS



Wishing you a day filled with love, laughter, and all your favorite things!

15th March - Alexis



SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Friday 7th March	Sat/Sun 8th/9th March	Monday 10th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March
Swimming for Sport 2pm-3pm Lunch Orders	MASS Sat 9.00am		Diocesan Swimming Dubbo Swimming for Sport 2pm-3pm			Swimming for Sport 2pm-3pm Lunch Orders

Community Notices:



Bus Notes:

Pick up/buses from school as normal this week.

Lunch Orders:



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

Eugowra Junior Sports Soccer

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



WEDNESDAY NETBALL COMPETITION
COME AND JOIN OUR AUTUMN COMPETITIONS!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
MARCH 5TH - JUNE 4TH 2025
(EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

- JUNIOR COMP - 5:00PM 8-15 YEARS GIRLS AND BOYS
- WOMENS COMP - 6:30PM 15 YEARS+
- MIXED ADULTS COMP (PLEASE CONTACT FNA IF INTERESTED)
- \$400 TEAM REGO FOR ADULTS, \$20 PER PLAYER FOR JUNIORS
- SPONSORS FOR TEAMS WELCOMED!!

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Blue Healers
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17 MARCH	PARKES 10AM - 2PM
18 MARCH	FORBES 10AM - 2PM
24 MARCH	EUGOWRA 10AM - 2PM
25 MARCH	MOLONG 10AM - 2PM

NOTE: VENUES WILL BE CONFIRMED BASED ON NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

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Burrendong in a Backpack

