

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL EUGOWRA

**“Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go and do that.”**

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TERM 2 - WEEK 9 - THURSDAY 3RD JULY 2025

## FAREWELL FR DONG

Sadly this week we say farewell to our Parish Priest Fr Dong. He will be travelling to Rome to study for a year or two, and then return to another parish.

Fr Dong arrived in Cowra in March 2023 to assist Fr Laurie who was not well. After the death of Fr Laurie, Fr Dong stepped up into the role as Parish priest for Cowra, Canowindra and Eugowra. Fr Dong took on a challenging role especially for Eugowra, as the Eugowra community had experienced the devastating flood in 2022 and was grieving the loss of Fr Laurie.

Fr Dong endeared himself to the school children as he would play soccer with them at lunch time before celebrating mass. The children always wanted to be on Fr Dong's team. We will miss Fr Dong's gentle ways, his lovely smile and his amazing singing voice.

Good luck in your studies Fr Dong, we will keep you in our prayers.

## NAIDOC DAY

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** we will be participating in Community NAIDOC Day hosted by Eugowra Community Children's Centre from **11:45pm - 3pm**. Sausage Sizzle and drinks provided for lunch so there is no need to pack lunch for this day only fruit and recess. There will be dance sessions with Dinawan's Group and Jo-Anne Wright, indigenous games and activities. Everyone is welcome. **Please note that Pick up will be from the Show Ground, Homework Club as normal.**

## END OF TERM ASSEMBLY

Our End of Term Assembly is being held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2:00 PM**. We warmly invite all parents, family members, and friends to join us for a wonderful afternoon celebrating our amazing children.



**MASS 9AM  
SATURDAY 28TH JUNE**

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# COMBINED SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY



Last Thursday, our students participated alongside peers from Eugowra Public School in this year's Cross Country event, which took place at the Eugowra Showground for students aged eight and older. Meanwhile, the younger students from both schools enjoyed a delightful afternoon filled with engaging games and activities at St. Joey's.

Congratulations to all the cross country participants! You should be immensely proud of your achievements. It was wonderful to witness so many exceptional young athletes giving their best. A special shoutout to our very own **Husky**, who claimed the title of Junior Boy Champion, along with impressive performances from our students at St. Joey's as shown below:

- **Overall Senior Boy Champion:** Aiden M (EPS)
  - 12/13 Year Boys, Third Place: **Zac Z (SJS)**
- **Overall Senior Girl Champion:** Amity M (EPS)
  - 12/13 Year Girls, Second Place: **Katelyn M (SJS)**
  - 12/13 Year Girls, Third Place: **Indianna P (SJS)**
- **Overall Junior Boy Champion:** **Husky J (SJS)**
  - 10 Year Boys, First Place: **Cruz W (EPS)**
- **Overall Junior Girl Champion:** Elsie N (EPS)
  - 10 Year Girls, First Place: **Indiana F (SJS)**
  - 9 Year Girls, Third Place: **Addison J (SJS)**
  - 8 Year Girls, Third Place: **Chloe C (SJS)**



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT



On Friday, our team attended a staff development religious retreat in Orange, led by Fr. Paul Devitt. The retreat focused on reflection and spiritual growth through workshops and discussions aimed at enhancing our faith and supporting students' spiritual well-being. It was a wonderful day.

## COMBINED SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Our Combined schools Athletics carnival has been **postponed until Term 3**. We will keep you posted once the new date is confirmed. Thank you.

## PRAYER



Just for today, help me, God,  
to remember that my life is a  
gift,  
that my health is a blessing,  
that this new day is filled  
with awesome potential,  
that I have the capacity to  
bring something wholly new  
and unique and good into  
this world.

Just for today, help me, God,  
to remember to be kind and  
patient to the  
people who love me, and to  
those who work with me too.

Teach me to see all the  
beauty that I so often ignore,  
and to listen to the silent  
longing of my own soul.  
Just for today, help me, God,  
to remember You.

Let this be a good day, God,  
full of joy and love.  
Amen



## BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday! May your day be filled with joy, laughter, and lots of love!

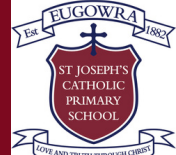
26th June -Mrs Ziser



# IMPORTANT



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



## IMPORTANT NOTES & REMINDERS:

### P&F PIE DRIVE



Order Forms for our P&F Pie Drive have been distributed, so please pass them along to your family and friends. Order forms have also been distributed to local Eugowra Businesses.

All proceeds will support the ongoing success of our fantastic Homework Club Initiative, which we aim to sustain each year through some of the contributions from the P&F.

Please return your completed forms by **Friday, 4th July**. Thank you for your generous support of our wonderful children!

If you have any questions about the Pie Drive or require additional order forms, please feel free to reach out to the school office. *Payments can be made by cash or Direct Deposit.*



## HOME READING



Keep up the great reading:

**50 nights:**  
**Indianna P**



"A book is a dream that you hold in your hand." – Neil Gaiman.

## HOME TRAVEL & HOMEWORK CLUB- SCAN THE QR CODE



Home travel and Homework Club

# SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

Friday 27th June	Sat 28th/Sun 29th June	Monday 30th June	Tuesday 1st July	Wednesday 2nd July	Thursday 3rd July	Friday 4th July
Sport  Lunch Orders	Mass 9am  		Sport - Martial Arts week 5 (Last week)	NAIDOC Day at ECCC 11:45am Pick up Showground	End Of Term Assembly 2pm	Sport  Lunch Orders  Last Day Of Term

## Community Notices:

### Community NAIDOC day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025  
11.45am to 3.00pm  
Eugowra Showground Pavilion  
Hosted by ECCC

Sausage Sizzle and Drinks supplied

Dance sessions with Dinawan's Group and Jo-Anne Wright, indigenous games and activities

All Welcome



WELL provides engaging and fun activities for school children using LEGO Spike Essential and LEGO Spike Prime robotics kits and Chromebook computers with Scratch Junior and Scratch coding.

Suitable for children both with or without experience using LEGO robotics.

**Junior Robotics (Yr 2 to 5)**  
9.30am – 11.30am \$40

Work in pairs using LEGO Spike Essential robotics to create and code robots in a range of fun scenarios.

**Robo Battle (Yr 5 to 10)**  
12.30pm – 3.00pm \$45

Work in pairs or on your own to design and build the best battling robot using LEGO Spike Prime robotics. Robots will take part in a round-robin competition. *Will your robot be the last one standing?*

Venue:  
Marramara Makerspace  
Parkes Library and Cultural Centre  
25 Bogan St Parkes 2870

Book online at:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/OCJWA>

[www.westernenrichment.com.au](http://www.westernenrichment.com.au)

## Bus Notes:



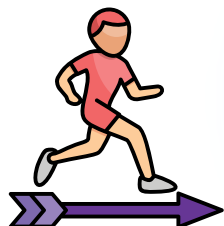
Pick up from Eugowra Show Ground on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Homework Club as normal

## Lunch Orders:



Lunch Orders as normal on Friday





# CROSS COUNTRY



PROUD OF YOU



DO YOUR BEST



# PLAYGROUND



friends



having fun

