



ASSUMPTION HAPPENINGS

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A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long.

Dear Parents, Children and Friends,

What a wonderful week it has been at Assumption! On Tuesday our Year Six students graduated with a beautiful mass attended by many families and friends. Today our community joined together for the final mass of the year; our Thanksgiving Mass where we celebrated and gave thanks for the wonderful year that was. Tomorrow, we finish the year with the Beach Carnival.

As the 2023 school year comes to a close, we are busily planning for 2024. Please note the **following important dates for your calendar**:

2024 Term Dates:

	First day for students	Final day for students	Pupil Free Days
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January	Thursday 28 March	
Term 2	Tuesday 16 April	Friday 28 June	Monday 15 April Friday 31 May
Term 3	Tuesday 16 July	Friday 20 September	Monday 15 July Thursday 29 August Friday 30 August
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October	Friday 6 December	Monday 7 October

Upcoming Events:

8 December: Years 1 - 6 Beach Carnival
8 December: Last Day for Students 2023
31 January: First Day for Students 2024
2 February: Opening Mass 9am
7 February: Coffee by the Garden 8:30am for Parents
8 February: Assembly 2:30pm
13 February: Parent Information Night
14 February: Ash Wednesday Mass 9am





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Uniform Reminders for 2023

Many of our families spend the holiday break preparing the new school year, purchasing shoes and uniforms for their students. We ask all of our families to read the [School Uniform Guidelines](#) to ensure our families purchase items that are in line with school policy.

Important items of note include:

- Predominantly white sneakers with the sport uniform (Black sneakers are not acceptable footwear)
- Black leather polished shoes with the formal school uniform (Black sneakers are not acceptable footwear)

Hair

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back
- Hair is to be tidy and away from the face
- Hair accessories must be in school colours
- Hairstyles are to be moderate and not extreme. **Only haircuts in number 2 or above are permitted.** (Number one haircuts or chiselled pattern hair styles are considered extreme. Unacceptable hairstyles include undercuts, dreadlocks, cut outs, mohawks, rats tails, mullets)
- No hair wraps and or bead/coloured braiding. (Unless culturally appropriate)

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted is:

- Wristwatch (Smartwatches are not to be used as per iPad code of conduct.)
- Earrings: Small sleepers or plain studs – one only in the lobe of each ear
- One chain with a religious symbol, to be worn under clothing
- Rings, bracelets, wristbands, loombands and the like are not permitted

School Fees for 2024

In November 2023, CEWA and the School Advisory Council endorsed the increase of the IT levy for children entering Year Four in 2024. This will increase from \$80 to \$200 to allow for the newly introduced iPad leasing program. The tuition fees and associated amenities and building levies remain unchanged for 2024. Please find the [Fee Schedule for 2024](#).

Thank you and acknowledgements

We say a final goodbye to our 2023 Year Six class this week. I have been delighted by the growing enthusiasm and the pride they have displayed in our school this year. We are all very proud of them and we wish them the best for their future.





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This year all our students have had countless experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and mature. Students, I would like to thank you for all of your hard work this year. Your teachers and I are very proud of all of your efforts. I would like to also thank your teachers and parents for helping you to be the best person you can be. Congratulations to each and every one of you for all your efforts and behaviour this year.

Thank you to all parent and grandparent volunteers who have given their time and talents to the school during 2023. Thanks must also be extended to the P&F and the School Advisory Council. Without your help we could not do what we do, and you are all an integral part of our program at school.

We have a talented and hardworking staff. I would like to thank and congratulate them on their efforts and dedication to the huge task of nurturing our children to reach their potential. You thoroughly deserve your break and I wish you all the best for a refreshing and relaxing holiday.

To those families who are leaving Assumption, I wish you all the best for the future. Finally, I would like to thank our school community for the enormous support you have shown me in my role as Principal this year. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with so many talented staff, students, and parents; and look forward to many years to come.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again when school begins on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

May God bless our school and those within it.

Miranda Swann

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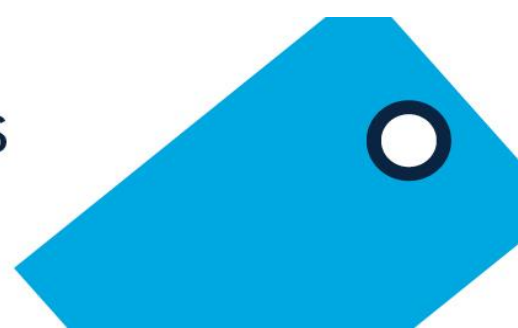
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Week 1	Events	
Good Morning Monday 29/1	Staff Professional Learning	<p>Mass Times Saturday 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am Sunday 9:30am Sunday 6:00pm</p> 
Thank You Tuesday 30/1	Staff Professional Learning	
Winking Wednesday 31/1	First Day for Students Term One Kindy Classes Half Day Canteen Open – Online Orders Only	
Thumbs Up Thursday 1/2	Canteen Open – Online Orders Only	
Friendship Friday 2/2	Canteen Open – Online Orders Only Opening Mass 9am	
<p>MJR & Virtue Focus – Greet, Treat, and Speak - This focus is about how we Greet people – how we say hello and welcome them. GTS is about how we Treat other people – when we are happy with them, but even when we might be angry with them. And GTS is about how we Speak to other people – remembering that what we say to people, and how we say it, can help them to have a good day or a bad day. GTS is linked to our Kindness Virtue. We think about Greeting people Kindly, Treating them Kindly and Speak to them Kindly. This was the Second Great Commandment of Jesus: Love your neighbour as yourself. This means that we should treat other people as we would want them to treat us: with Kindness, Care and Compassion. So, for the next two weeks, as we focus on GTS, think about how you would like other people to Greet you: how you would like other people to Treat you: and how you would like other people to Speak to you.</p>		
<p>Kindy 2024 & 2025 – If your child is born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020, they are eligible to attend Kindy in 2024. We have limited places left for Kindy 2024. If your child is born between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021, they are eligible to attend Kindy in 2025. Please apply online at our website: https://www.assumption.wa.edu.au or contact the office for more information.</p>		
<p>Pre Kindy 2024 - We are taking enrolments for Pre Kindy 2024. Please note your child must be a minimum of three years old to attend Pre Kindy, if you would like more information, please contact the school office, or apply online as above.</p>		
<p>Perm a Pleat – Please click on the following link to access Perm a Pleat School Holiday Hours.</p>		
<p>Medications at School – Please be advised that at the end of the school year, all medication (asthma, EPIPens and other medications) must be collected. If these medications are required in 2024, please call into the school office between 22 January to 31 January, with the medication and a completed Medication Request Form. For asthma or anaphylaxis medication, please also supply an up to date action plan.</p>		
<p>Parish News – The Peel Catholic Youth group is holding their Christmas Party, and everyone is invited. The event is being held 10 December from 3:30 – 5:30pm at 8 Stevenson Street, Mandurah. Please go to https://forms.gle/DqPSYQ5E2Pk6tE7F7 to RSVP.</p>		
<p>Peel Sibling Discount – A reminder to lodge your Peel Catholic Schools Sibling Discount Scheme form, if you have children attending at both Assumption and Mandurah Catholic College.</p>		
<p>Little Kwilena Playgroup – Little Kwilena Playgroup is an Aboriginal Families as First Educators (AFaFE) playgroup. We run during school term, providing fun activities for everyone – educational games, reading, painting, physical exercise and interactive play are among the many learning experiences on offer. The playgroups run on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am to 11:30am at Assumption Catholic Primary School.</p>		
<p>OSHClub  Assumption provides before and after school care for your children in a safe and caring environment. We are located on the school grounds in the demountable building. Upon arrival, please phone 0432337624 for staff to let you in. OSHClub hours are 7am – 9am and 2:30pm – 6pm. You can obtain more information from www.oshclub.com.au or call 1800 460 870 or 9261 3200.</p>		





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OUR LADY'S ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PARISH MANDURAH

Christmas Mass Times 2023

DAWN MASS (9 Days)

Masses at 5:00am from 16 to 24 December

20 December (Wednesday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

from 5.30pm to 7:00pm (after the 5:00pm Mass)

24 December (Sunday)

Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00am Dawn Mass

8:00am, 9:30am Morning Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:45pm Nativity Play

6:00pm Family Mass

8:00pm Mass

11:15pm Christmas Carols

12:00am Midnight Mass

25 December (Monday) CHRISTMAS DAY

8.00am Mass, 10.00am Mass

(No Evening Mass)

26-30 December (Tuesday to Saturday)

Normal Mass times

31 December (Sunday)

8.00am, 9:30am, 6:00pm Masses

NEW YEAR'S EVE

11:30pm Adoration

12:00am Midnight Mass

1 January NEW YEAR'S DAY (Monday)

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

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