22nd November

Mission Statement
To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

Vision Statement
St Joseph’s School, as an integral part of the Waroona Catholic Community, is inspired by Christ’s teachings. We endeavour to nurture all children to grow as confident, independent, life-long learners, enabling them to contribute to society with dignity, respect and a spirit of service.

From the Principal
Dear Parents, Friends, Students and Staff of St Joseph’s School,

AGM. Thank you to the parents and community members who attended our recent AGM. Congratulations to all school Board and P&F nominees. I am pleased to announce the following positions filled. School Board: Chair – Karen Racco, Secretary – Karen O’Dorisio, Treasurer – Kirsty Ferraro, Board Members – Sue Cicilari, Darren Birch and Michael Simpson, P&F Representative—Shanoah Pitter. P&F Executive: President – Pat Deleo, Vice President – Natalie Birch, Treasurer – Vanessa Wildman. The position of Secretary still needs to be filled. Please contact the office if you would like to take on this role. Class representatives: Kindy – Camille O’Dorisio and Belinda Curtis, PP – Brooke Hammond and Shanoah Pitter, Y1 – Vicki Fitzpatrick, Y2 – Trish Rossell, Y6 – Sandra Franco and Sandra Viereck. The other positions still need to be filled, please contact the office if you are able to take on the role of class representative. The P&F are a vital part of our school community. Through their generosity of time and effort, our school is able to access resources otherwise out of reach. Essentially everyone at our school is a ‘parent’ or ‘friend’ and the P&F represents us all. I encourage you all to help as you are able.

I sincerely thank Mrs Hodgson for all her efforts this year of transition. I am very grateful to them for their generosity of spirit.

Staffing 2014. Congratulations to Mrs Lisa Ripley on her appointment as a permanent teacher at St Joseph’s Pinjarra. I sincerely thank Mrs Ripley for her huge contribution to our school community. I wish her success and happiness in her new school. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Hodgson for all her efforts and dedication as Assistant Principal over the last 8 years, and particularly this year. After careful consideration and consultation I have decided to make our school single stream for 2014. This helped to bring a sense of stability to those appointed for it.

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My sincere thanks to Steve Hannah - outgoing Board Chair, Petrina Oremek - outgoing P&F Secretary and Simone Magno, - outgoing P&F Vice President. All three had stepped down from their 2012 executive positions but kindly took on executive roles for a further year. The staffing will as be follows;
Administration – Mrs Lyn Della Franca and Mrs Heather Brown
Assistant Principal – Mrs Lisa Gallin
3 Year Old Class Teacher – Mrs Melissa Fuller
Kindy Class Teacher – Mrs Melissa Fuller
PP Class Teacher – Mrs Deirdre Kenny
Year 1 Class Teacher – Mrs Maxine Mulholland
Year 2 Class Teacher – Mrs Mary Ann Landwehr
Year 3 Class Teacher – Miss Amy Rimmer
Year 4 Class Teachers – Mrs Vicki Hodgson and Mrs Lisa Gallin
Year 5 Class Teacher – Miss Marcella Kavanagh
Year 6 Class Teacher – Ms Kate Vidulich
Library – Mrs Jan Young
Phys Ed and Music – Mrs Yvonne Langan
Art – Mrs Melissa Fuller
Kindy EA – Miss Mia Catalano
PP EA – Mrs Silvana Vitale
Support – Mrs Gallin and Mrs Langan
Support EAs – Miss Sam Baggetta, Mrs Karen Gear and Mrs Michelle Ward
Cleaner – Mrs Lucy Birch
Groundsman – Mr Bob Waide
God Bless,
Karmela Messineo—Principal

Dates to Remember
Monday, 25th November
Singing Concert, 1:15pm
Tuesday, 26th November
Yr 1 & 2/3 Excursion
Wednesday, 27th November
PP Assembly
Thursday, 28th November
Aboriginal Culture
Incursion
Friday, 29th November
Yr 3 & 4 attending Mass, 9am
Sunday, 1st December
Youth Mass
Monday, 2nd December
Advent Week 1 Liturgy led by Yr 2/3, 8:35am
Tuesday, 3rd December
P & F Jumble Sale, 1:10pm
School Concert, 6pm
Thursday, 5th December
2014 Orientation Session, 9:30—10:30
Sunday, 8th December
Children’s Liturgy, 8:30am
Wednesday, 11th December
Mass led by Yr 1, 9am
Friday, 31st January 2014
Uniform shop open between 9am to 12 noon

“Judge not, leaving this most painful duty to those appointed for it.”
St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Late Arrivals:** Children should be in their classrooms by 8.30 each morning so they are ready to commence when the bell rings at 8.35. Please make an extra effort to have children at school on time, as it can be quite disruptive to the learning activities in the classroom when children arrive late. A reminder also to ensure that late arrivals and early departures go to the office to receive the appropriate slip. This must be signed by a parent or guardian therefore please accompany your child to the office.

**Lions Club Christmas Raffle Tickets:** Families have now received a book of ten tickets to sell at $1.00 each. Please return tickets (sold or unsold) with correct money by 1 December 2013. It is a Monster Christmas Raffle and proceeds from all tickets sold comes directly back to our school so all children will benefit. Thank you for your continued support.

**Sport:**
As the weather is heating up students are reminded to bring their hats and water bottles to all sports lessons. It is also advisable to apply sun screen in the morning before they come to school. Children are permitted to bring their own sun screen and apply it themselves before sports lessons. *Mrs Langan*

**Youth Mass:**
Just a reminder that the second Youth Mass will be held on Sunday, 1st December, at 5:30pm followed by the Parish Christmas Dinner. Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

**MCC:**
A reminder to all students attending MCC next year that Orientation day for Year 7 (2014) is on Thursday, 5th December, and Year 8 (2014) is on Friday, 6th December.

**Italian:**
Congratulations to Mrs Loretta Polinelli for successfully applying for a School Languages Initiatives Grant for our school. Mrs Polinelli has enhanced our school curriculum by delivering the study of Italian language and culture from Pre-Primary to Year 7. Thank you Mrs Polinelli, you’re a star!

**School Christmas Concert:**
We look forward to joining families and friends for our School Christmas Concert on Tuesday 3rd December at 6pm. Please refer to note dated 15th November. Please remember to bring a seat or cushion.

**Health Expo:**
On the 20th November the Year 6/7 Class travelled to the Murray Leisure Centre. We participated in the Health Expo organised by Pinjarra Senior High School. There were many different stalls teaching us about; alcohol, drugs, nutrition, acne, smoking, food safety, spinal care, optometrists - just to name a few. Many of us found Meningococcal Disease very interesting. We visited the Drug and Alcohol Stall and while there we got to experience how it felt to be drunk. (No alcohol involved). Afterwards, we had morning tea at Cantwell Park in Pinjarra. We enjoyed the day and would love to go back next year. *Written by Madeleine Jardine and Montana Look*

**Prayers:**
Our thoughts and prayers to all who have been affected by Typhoon Haiyan. As a school community, we have sent a donation of $200 to Caritas Australia towards relief for victims of the Typhoon. Please keep Fr Wayne Bendotti in your prayers, he was injured in a recent burglary at his home. Our students have written ‘get well’ messages to him, hopefully these will help to brighten his day.

**Did you know?....**
- The current Arts room will become the Year 4 classroom.
- Josh M (Y7), Lily L (Y4) and Cormack L (Y1) are wonderful carers. They kindly looked after a PP student who was ill on the morning school bus and ensured she was ok upon arrival at school.
- Adam C (Y5) has lovely manners. Great to hear him greeting adults as they pass by.
- Sci-tech came to visit our school. The Kindy class really enjoyed the percussion instruments.
- The AGM attendees enjoyed delicious treats cooked by Mrs Deleo.
- Liam H (Y7) was setting up the boundaries for a BlueEarth game on Thursday at noon.
- The Y3/4 class enjoyed the Aladdin production at Assumption CPS.
- Mrs Hodgson looked very refreshed and rested at the AGM, unlike the rest of the staff who are looking haggard. We wonder what the secret is?
- We received a beautiful letter from a grandparent in our school complementing our students on the “wonderful behaviour, respect and enthusiasm with which the students” involved themselves in the recent ‘Kid Safe Day’ and Remembrance Day Service.
- We received a lovely email from a local bus company complementing our PP to Y3 students on their excellent bus behaviour during swimming lessons.
- Brock R (Y5) always looks sharp after recess and lunch because he ensures his shirt is tucked in.
- The Sci-tech people commented on our ‘beautiful’ students and school.
- Yarloop Kindy visited our school, attending the Sci-tech presentation. They displayed lovely manners as they walked through.
- Caitlyn B (Y7) recently offered Mrs Deleo help to carry a stack of dishes. What a thoughtful thing to do.
- There have been some beautiful “Get Well” cards made by some classes for Fr Wayne. He will definitely be smiling after reading all of his good wishes!
**Parish News**

Weekly Gospel reflection and discussion on Fridays is cancelled until further notice.

**Parish Family Mass**

Children from Kindy to Year 5 are invited to join in the Children’s Liturgy in the school library each second Sunday of the month. The children will start the Mass in the Church with their parents and then go to the library for their lesson, returning for the Offertory Procession.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

The school uniform shop will be opened on **Friday, 31st January 2014** for any parent who wishes to buy anything for the new school year.

Opening hours will be between 9am and 12 noon.

**White Elephant Stall**

The P&F are holding a White Elephant Stall on **Tuesday, 3rd December**.

We are looking for toys, books, ornaments and other bits and pieces that children might be interested in buying. No clothes, or linen please.

**Christmas Food Appeal**

Please support our local Parish and send in non-perishable food items. Over 90 local families will require food assistance during this Christmas season. The items you donate will go a long way towards helping the needy within our community, please give generously. Food items can be sent to the classrooms. From there the items will be collected on a weekly basis. The food drive is from now until **Friday 6th December**. Please remember these local families at this special time of year.

**PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES AFTER TYPHOON HAIYAN**

God of compassion and mercy, we turn to you, we seek your help in our distress.

May we always seek to be a light for others bringing hope in place of despair.

Pour out, we pray, your consoling love upon our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. Bring comfort to those who mourn, shelter and sustenance to all those in need.

Heavenly Father, you are always with us, may we never forget your enduring love which lights our path even in the darkest times.

Amen

[Image source: Caritas. Prayer from CAFOD. Photo credit: Carole Reckinger/Caritas Luxembourg]
Healthy Eating Incursion

If your children have asked you to clean out the fridge and pantry and throw away all of the "dead foods", here's why! On Tuesday, Helen Frost came to speak to our PP-7 children. She told us all about foods that are good for us (live foods) and foods that are highly processed and not so good for us (dead foods). She was a very exciting presenter and talked about lots of interesting things like fats, sugars, fibre, poo and wee. The students loved it! She challenged our students to eat wholemeal bread, 2 fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day and to keep "dead" foods like chips, soft drinks, ice creams and lollies to just once a week. She told us that we would learn better, run faster and feel healthier if we did!

Reading Takes You Places!

The Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge is open to all children from birth to Year 10 and runs from the 2nd December, 2013 to 31st January, 2014. All entrants have the chance to win an overseas holiday for a family of four and there is also the option to fundraise for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA to help people living in WA with MS.

To find out more about the challenge, visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au

Mrs Young will discuss this great competition during library.

Engrossing yourself in a fantastic story really can take you far away!
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Annual Speech & Awards Night

Last night, some of our current and previous students were recognised at the MCC Awards night. We would like to congratulate the following people for their awards:

- Year 8 Materials Design Technology—Michael Moody
- Year 12 Psychology 3A/B—Deanne Maiolo
- Year 12 Physical Education Studies 1C/D—Joshua Commisso
- Year 12 Sports Leadership Award—Joshua Commisso
- Year 8 2014 Bella Perry Music Scholarship—Liam Hannah

Don’t forget the school Christmas Concert on Tuesday 3rd December!

Carols By Candlelight

Sunday December 8th
7 P.M.
Centennial Park

Enjoy Christmas Carols

With Bunbury City Band and local performers.

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, RUG & PICNIC
IF WEATHER INCLEMENT
WARDONA MEMORIAL HALL
Our teacher was Justine. The people in our swimming group were Tina, Cooper and Ben.

In swimming we learnt how to do breast stroke. We had to come up and breathe, then go under the water and then come up again.

We had to do a full lap of freestyle. It was a lot of fun.

Our teacher was Bec. The people in our swimming group were Jazmyne, Mitchell, Mackenzie, Blake and Trace.

We learnt how to do breast stroke in time. We all did a lap of freestyle and Jazmyne had to do a 50m lap.

We learnt how to do a dive from the knees. We also learnt how to do a safety sequence and we had to do it for three minutes.

We learnt how to do skulling to the flags and also how to do dolphin kick.

Our teacher was Emma. The people in our swimming group were Chelsea, Lily, Romana, Ethan, Jake and Jakob.

We learnt lots of things in our swimming lessons. We learnt survival back stroke and we learnt breathe and blow. We also learnt back floating.

On the last day, we had a noodle race. We also played Ship to Shore.

My favourite part was playing the games. We can’t wait until next year. We all had lots of fun!

Our teacher was Emma. The people in our swimming group were Molly, Callum and Olivia.

We learnt lots of new skills during our swimming lessons. Some of the things we learnt were how to do a duck diving, how to do feet first diving to get to the bottom of the pool and we learnt how to search the walls of the pool with our hands.

We really enjoyed our swimming lessons!