15 February 2013

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 and Students of St Joseph’s School,

Welcome to 2013, the new school year has started in fine fashion. As you would be aware, I was appointed principal late last year and was due to start at St Joseph’s in Term 2, however Mr Faulkner has taken leave and I was asked to begin my principalship earlier than expected. From the moment I stepped into the St Joseph’s Community I felt welcome and I’m looking forward to sharing the next phase of our school’s journey with you.

Welcome back to all returning students and families. Welcome to the Pre-Kindy, Kindy and families in other classes new to our school. I trust our returning families have made you feel welcome.

Welcome to Mrs Lisa Ripley who joins our school as the Year 2/3 Class teacher. Welcome to all returning staff.

Welcome to Father Jay, who is new to our Parish and School Community. Last Friday Father Jay led the first school mass for the year and it was a very moving experience, it set a wonderful tone and helped us to focus our thoughts. Father Jay will be visiting our school regularly, if you see him please introduce yourself to him.

Board and P&F AGMs
You would have received a nomination form last week. I hope you give serious consideration towards being a part of the Board or P&F. The AGMs will be on Tuesday 19th February starting at 6pm in the school undercover area. I encourage a parent from each family to attend.

Parent Information Night
The Parent information Night for PP through to Year 6/7 will be after the Board and P&F AGMs, starting at 7pm and concluding at 7.30pm. These meetings are an important part of our school culture, they serve to provide an opportunity for expectations to be clarified and goals set for the current year. They also help build relationship between the class teacher and parents, please make an effort to attend.

Commissioning Mass
The staff, members of the School Board and P&F will be commissioned during the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 24th February. This is an important part of our roles as members of St Joseph’s School Community and the Parish Community, it helps to remind us that we all work together for the good of our students and all community members.

St Joseph’s 70th Anniversary
It’s all systems go for the 70th Anniversary celebrations on March 17th. A note explaining the day’s events will be handed out next week. In the mean time, class coordinators will be contacting people for help towards stalls during the day, please be supportive and help as you’re able. The day promises to be a fantastic with many past and present St Joseph’s School Community members coming together to celebrate a wonderful milestone in our school.

Looking forward to a great year together.
God Bless
Karmela Messineo - Principal
School Bags
School bags have now arrived and can be purchased from the uniform shop. Please ensure your child has a school bag, as per our school uniform policy.

Ash Wednesday
Last week on Wednesday Years 2/3 to 6/7 observed Ash Wednesday with a Mass in the Church whilst Pre-Primary and Year 1 classes had a Liturgy after the Mass.

The observance of Ash Wednesday is the most popular weekday celebration in the Catholic Church’s liturgical year. During the celebration, children and adults process to the altar to receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. Ash Wednesday is also a day when people discover how many Catholics there are in their community. This can nurture in children a greater sense of religious community. And because receiving the ashes is a sign of humility and contrition, children will also see how many people recognise the need for repentance.

The Ash Wednesday Ritual:
Ash Wednesday is always the first Wednesday of the Lenten season and marks the beginning of Lent. It is a day of abstinence and prayer. The distribution of blessed ashes is typically done before the altar and, depending on the custom of the parish, people will hear the distributor say, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” or “Remember, man, you are dust and to dust you will return.” The atmosphere in the Church is quiet and the observance solemn. People reflect on how quickly human life can pass. All are reminded of the need for repentance.

Children and Preparing for Lent:
Ash Wednesday begins a wonderful season of reflection and preparation. Receiving the ashes as a member of the church community helps children recognise that they are an important part of the Catholic community and are united with the Church in its Lenten preparation.  

Term Planner
The Term Planner was sent home last week. Please check the upcoming dates on the newsletter as things may change from time to time.

Term Dates
Term 1
Starts Monday 4th February
Public holiday Monday 4th March
Good Friday holiday Friday 29th March
Easter Monday holiday Monday 1st April
Easter Tuesday holiday Tuesday 2nd April
Last day Term 1 Friday 19th April

Term 2
Pupil Free day Monday 6th May
Pupil Free day Tuesday 7th May
Students start Wednesday 8th May
Last day for students Thursday 4th July
Pupil Free day Friday 5th July

Term 3
Pupil Free day Monday 22nd July
Students start Tuesday 23rd July
Catholic Day Monday 19th August Note: Catholic schools are granted one extra day’s leave, in recognition of the commitment to Church activities.
Last day for students and staff Friday 27th September

Term 4
Pupil Free day Monday 14th October
Students start Tuesday 15th October
Last day for students Friday 13th December
### STAFF MEMBERS 2013

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**Principal**
- Mrs Lisa Gallin

**Assistant Principal**
- Mrs Vicki Hodgson

**Administration / Finance Officer**
- Mrs Lyn Della Franca

**Cleaner**
- Mrs Lucy Birch

**Maintenance/Garden**
- Mr Robert (Bob) Waide

### Altar Servers Roster
**St Patrick's Church Waroona 8.30am**
- 17 February Team 7  First Sunday of Lent  Montana Look, Remy Deleo, Emily Rowland
- 24 February Team 8  Second Sunday of Lent  Liam, Ryan and Kaiden Hannah
- 3 March Team 1  Third Sunday of Lent  Fedele, Nikolas and Caprice Franco

### Sacramental Programme 2013
- Parent Information and Enrolment Night Thursday March 7th at 6.00pm in the school library. For parents of children seeking the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion (Eucharist) or Confirmation. The Parent Information and Enrolment is part of preparation for receiving the sacraments. It is important you attend with your child to be enrolled to receive the sacraments.

- Fr Jayan Johnson
- Parish Priest
- Waroona Catholic Parish.

### The Cathedral Shop
- New opening hours for 2013 are:
  - Closed Monday
  - Tuesday to Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm
  - Closed Saturday
  - Sunday 9.00am – 12.00noon