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,

70th Anniversary Celebration Success

On the 17th of March our school very proudly celebrated 70 years of Catholic Education. A letter detailing our sincere thanks is included within this newsletter. Our community spirit was very much in evidence, throughout the time leading up to the event, during the day and after the event. The number of parents, family members and friends that stepped up to help in a myriad of ways and at various times was very much appreciated. It is because of the efforts of such people that events like our 70th can be enjoyed. Thank you, sincerely, to every person who helped, whether it was through coordination, manual labour, seen and unseen; all your efforts were ‘fantabulous’ and very much appreciated.

Quality Catholic Schooling Survey

Thank you to the families who were asked to complete the Quality Catholic Schools Survey conducted on behalf of the Catholic Education Office. I am pleased to say we had a very high response rate, this in turn will help to inform our decision making and help us refine our focus in terms of school improvement.

Holy Week

This week is Holy Week. Holy Week and Easter are important times in our Church year. It serves to help us review our lives to date, appreciating what we have and what we need to be better at; always hoping for a good outcome.

During Holy Week we remember Jesus’ life and work; we remember his last meal with his disciples; we remember his suffering and death on the Cross. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate that God raised Jesus from death to new life. Our Holy Week and Easter story is a sacred story for all who belong in the Christian community. This week the classes have been presenting a prayer reflection during each day of Holy Week.

St Patrick’s Church Waroona, Easter Timetable

Thursday 28th March 7pm Mass Of The Lord’s Supper.
Friday 29th March Friday Of The Passion Of The Lord, Praying the Way of the Cross 10am and Celebration of the Passion of the Lord 3pm.
Saturday 30th March 7pm The Easter Vigil.
Sunday 31st March 8.30am Easter Sunday

Sacramental Meeting

A parent of each Sacramental candidate is required to attend an information session with Fr Tony Chiera on Thursday April 4th. This is part of the preparation process. Please ensure you have sent in your rsvp. Please contact Fr Jay if you have questions.

Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday

Please be advised next Monday April 1st and Tuesday April 2nd are a holiday for staff and students. School will recommence on Wednesday April 3rd.

Easter Blessings to you and your families. Enjoy, please keep safe and God Bless,

Karmela Messineo - Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

P&F Easter Raffle

Drawn Holy Thursday, 28th March from 2pm. All proceeds will benefit our ‘fantabulous’ students. Thank you to all families for your generous donation towards this raffle.

Crazy Sock and Crazy Hair Day

Students and staff participated in a Crazy Hair and Crazy Sock Day on Monday March 18th. For the privilege of wearing crazy hair and crazy socks, participants were asked to bring a gold coin donation. We raised $170 towards Caritas, many thanks.

Assembly Date Change

A Specialist Teacher Assembly has been scheduled for Friday 5th April, during this assembly specialist class merit awards and class awards will be presented.

End Of Term Mass and Farewell to Mr Faulkner

The Year 5 Class will be hosting an end of term Mass on Friday 19th April at 9am. During this Mass we will farewell Mr Faulkner and thank him for the 8 years of dedicated service he gave to our school. Parents and community members are all welcome, if attending, please bring a small plate of morning tea to share after the Mass for the Parents and Mr Faulkner to enjoy a morning tea and catch up together.

Did you know?...

- Fr Jay loves cricket, he especially loved the recent tour of India results.
- The 70th Anniversary event was the ‘best ever’ event Mrs Messineo has attended at a school.
- Students at St Joseph’s School, Waroona, had beautiful writing—25 years ago.
- Mrs Gallin is looking forward to visiting Japan, during the mid-year holidays.
- Jared Martelli (5) won the Association Runner-up Fairest and Best trophy for basketball.
- The Year 6/7 Class attend the Mass of Holy Oils on Tuesday of Holy Week.
- Mrs Della Franca and Mrs Birch have each been working at our school for 30 years, they must’ve been babies when they started.
- The Year 5 Class represented our school at the Blessing Of The Roads Ceremony on Wednesday.
- The Year 6/7 students take their leadership responsibilities seriously.
- The national flag shouldn’t touch the ground, as a matter of respect.
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Mandurah Catholic College - ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

Mandurah Catholic College was established in 1992 and currently has 1365 students in Kindergarten to Year 12.

As part of its on-going commitment to academic excellence Mandurah Catholic College will offer an Academic Scholarship to students entering Year 7, Year 8 and Year 11 in 2014 based on the results of a scholarship test. Students who are already enrolled for Year 7, Year 8 or Year 11 in 2014 are also eligible to apply.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP TESTING DAY

Saturday, 13 April 2013
9.00 –10.30am

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY, 5 APRIL 2013

St Joseph’s School 70th Anniversary Thank you

Our 70th Anniversary was a wonderful celebratory event. Our trusty handy man and maintenance guru, Bob, estimated that we had around 900 visitors on the day.

The weather was perfect, which was miraculous considering the rain in the latter part of the previous week and the gusty wind that blew throughout the day before.

Each decade of the 70 years of our school was well represented and the grounds were a-buzz with re-acquaintances and the recollection of memories over the years.

The Sisters of St Joseph and former principals were delighted to be a part of the event. Mr Emery was most excited to recover what he had buried ‘with’ the time capsule 25 years ago. With hindsight he wishes he had purchased a more reputable label.

Time Capsule

If you would like to recover your item(s) from the time capsule buried 25 years ago, please contact Mrs Della in the school office. Items not recovered will be sorted, some will be re-buried in new time capsule and the rest will be archived.

Tea Towels and Anniversary Booklets

Available for sale from the school office.

Thank you for making our celebration an event to remember...

- The Organising Committee Members: Mrs Carol Hull, Mrs Sharon Hannah, Mrs Lyn Della Franca, Mrs Vicki Hodgson, Mrs Lisa Gallin and Mrs Karmela Messineo
- Fr Jay
- The Parish of Waroona
- Fr Tony Chiera
- All participants within the Mass
- The Waroona Shire
- Alcoa Australia
- Charles Hull Contracting
- Curtis Electrical
- Waroona Volunteer Fire Brigade
- The parents who helped plan, set up and manage stalls.
- The parents who provided manual labour and helped with set-up prior to event.
- The people who helped keep an eye on our school over the weekend leading up to the event
- The people who helped dismantle stalls, clean up, stack chairs and tables after the event
- Staff and students for their patience, support, participation and enthusiasm
- Bob, for all his work to ensure our school was ready for this event
- Lucy Birch, for all her hard work in ensuring our school looked pristine before, and after the event.
- Mrs Della Franca for her efforts with contacting various people about this event.
- St Joseph’s School, Pinjarra.
- All guests and visitors.
- Ivy Watson.
- Nola Turner.
- Mark Butler.
- Coral’s Charity Knitters.
- Marion Bailey.
- Waroona Community Centre.
- Everyone, regardless of their contribution; your support of, enthusiasm for and efforts towards the day made it the special day it was.

Many thanks to all.