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From the Principal

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

Welcome back to Term 2, this one is sure to fly by as quickly as the previous term. Tighten your seat belts and enjoy the ride.

Term 1 concluded with a Mass and a school farewell to the former principal Mr Faulkner. I know he appreciated the opportunity to say goodbye to the students and school community. Thank you to the Year 5 class and Mrs Hodgson for their efforts towards preparing and leading the Mass.

Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to all participants within last term’s swimming carnival, everyone did their best and the sportsmanship was exemplary. Congratulations to Mrs Lisa Gallin for coordinating the swimming carnival, a job well done.

Staffing: I welcome Mrs Heather Brown and Mrs Loretta Polinelli to our staff. Mrs Brown is our new part-time Administration Assistant, she will be helping Mrs Della Franca in the school office. Mrs Polinelli is our new Italian teacher, she will be teaching Italian on Thursday and Friday to students from Pre-Primary to Year 6/7.

Term Planner Change: Please note the assembly days have changed to Wednesdays this term. This is to allow the classes an opportunity to attend the Parish Mass on Friday mornings.

ANZAC Day: Some students and members of staff attended the Waroona community ANZAC Day service during the holidays on April 25th, they represented our school with pride and dignity. Mrs Gallin and her Year 3/4 class lead a school ANZAC Day Liturgy first day back this term, it was a reflective and moving experience. We were fortunate to have Warrant Officer Iseppi and Counsellor Germain join us for the Liturgy.

Mothers’ Day: Mrs Mulholland, Mrs Ward, Miss Baggetta and the Year 1 Class hosted the Mothers’ Day Liturgy today. It was a lovely celebration reminding us to honour all the women who nurture and love us. Happy Mothers’ Day to all mothers, grandmothers and those who take on these roles, have a lovely Mothers’ Day.

NAPLAN: Next week our Year 3, 5 and 7 students will be sitting the national literacy and numeracy tests. Parents of students in years 3, 5 and 7, please ensure your child attends school and appointments are made for after lunch. It is important to remember these are one form of assessment, our teachers use a variety of assessments to establish student levels. As always, I encourage students to keep perspective, remember to read questions carefully, check work and persevere through difficulties.

Making Jesus Real (MJR): We are fortunate to have secured a visit from the very dynamic Mr Peter Mitchell next Monday, 13th May. He will be at our school presenting MJR to our Year 6/7 class, staff as well as staff from other Catholic Schools. He will present a short parent information session at 2pm on this day in the school library, I urge parents to attend as they are able. MJR helps us to ‘live’ daily our Gospel Values, it helps to remind us to recognise Jesus within every person we meet. Wouldn’t the world be a better place if we all could do this simple thing?

I look forward to another wonderful term with you all. God Bless,

Karmela Messineo - Principal
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Swimming Carnival**
On Friday, April 12th Year 4-7 students attended the interhouse swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day, with many shows of sportmanship and friendship. Claude was the victorious team on 412 points, Leah was runnerup on 353 and Elizabeth in third position on 303 points. A very big thank you to the parent helpers on the day. It made the day run very smoothly and efficiently! From Mrs Gallin

**Year 4**
Champion Girls - Emily Rowland and Charlie Brown
Champion Boy - Jye Martelli
Runner-Up Boy - Brayden Napoli

**Year 5**
Champion Girl - Maddi Racco
Runner-Up Girl - Breanna Henderson
Champion Boy - Brock Rae
Runner-Up Boys - Mark Ward & Joel Coghlan

**Year 6**
Champion Girl - Taylor Martelli
Runner-Up Girl - Riley-Jane Napoli
Champion Boy - Jarrod Mitchell
Runner-Up Boys - Fedele Franco & Zac Elliott

**Year 7**
Champion Girl - Maddy Jardine
Runner-Up Girl - Brontie Ward
Champion Boy - Jeremy Caratti
Runner-Up Boy - Harri Hull

**Winter Uniform Changeover**
Winter Uniform will need to be worn by Week 3 of Term 2, allowing a changeover period of two weeks.

**Book Club**
Book Club forms have gone out this week. Orders to be returned to the office, with correct money, by Thursday 23rd May.

**Did you know?...**
- Baylee W (Y1) can tie her own laces. She can even do a double knot but needs more practise.
- Brock R (Y5) made a brief appearance on ‘Gardening Australia’ demonstrating an excellent pasta eating technique.
- Caitlyn B (Y6/7) said the best thing about Term 1 were the new rules.
- Riley-Jane N (Y6/7) said the best thing about Term 1 was her teacher, that Miss Vidulich has helped her to learn so much. I’m glad to hear this Miss Vidulich.
- James O (Y1) and Tom N (Y1) said the best thing about Year 1 is project time. They also enjoy writing.
- Lacey B (Y1) is a great nurse and Charlize S (Y1) is a great patient. Lacey did a great job of looking after and being a good friend to Charlize. Charlize really appreciated Lacey’s help, care and concern.
- Waroona must be a good place to live, all the students have arrived back at school for Term 2 looking healthy and taller.
- The school bell is so loud. Staff have learnt not to stand too close to the bell on the Library wall, well most staff have...
- Mrs Kenny met the newest member of her family, her grandson, over the holidays. She had to go all the way to Ireland to do so.
- Warrant Officer Iseppi has many medals, one of them is the Order Of Australia.

**Parish News**
Weekly Gospel Reflection and Discussion commenced on Friday May 3rd 1 – 2:15pm at the Presbytery. All are most welcome.

**A Meeting with Father Tony Chiera**
16 May 2013 at 5.30-7.00pm in school library.

The meeting is for the Parish Pastoral Council members and any parishioners interested in learning the roles of PPC / parish activities.

The session will address:
1. What is the role and function of the council in the life of the Parish?
2. How does the Council go about planning for the growth of its Parish Community?
3. Practical issues e.g. communication with rest of parish, utilising the gifts of the people, relationship with finance committee meetings, etc
4. Paricular issues pertaining to Waroona / Yarloop?

**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. The first Children’s Liturgy will be with Mrs Lisa Gallin on May 12th, at 8.30am.

**Cuppa After Mass**
Please join the Parish Family for a cuppa in the Josephite Centre after Mass on May 12th. A plate of food will be welcomed.

**First Holy Communion Dates**
Commitment, Sunday May 19th St Patrick’s Church 8.50am
Parent and Candidate Meeting, Thursday June 6th School Library 6:00pm
First Holy Communion, Sunday June 23rd St Patrick’s Church 10:00am followed by celebratory cake.

**7 to 9 Year Old Soccer Players wanted!**
Waroona Soccer Club still require five 7-9 year old boys or girls.
Training is on Tuesdays at the Waroona district school oval at 4.30 pm.
Games are played Saturday mornings in Mandurah.
Please contact Andrew Paton on 97331682 for further details or turn up to training.

**CHECK THIS OUT!!**
Through the State Library’s website, you can access a huge number of online stories. Go to the above website then click on “Tumblebooks” (it’s in the first paragraph. If you access it through this page, there is no cost!}

**Tea Towels and Anniversary Booklets**
Available for sale from the school office.
Please contact Mrs Della Franca