24th May 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, Students and Staff of St Joseph’s School,

Congratulations to Mrs Birch: Mrs Birch was awarded a large certificate from the Catholic Education Office of WA acknowledging 30 years of dedicated service within Catholic education. We are lucky and extremely grateful to have Mrs Birch as a member of our school community, we sincerely thank her for all her efforts.

Congratulations: To the Year 2/3 Class, Mrs Ripley, Miss Baggetta and Mrs Ward for their efforts towards the opening term mass last week. Congratulations to the students who made their commitment towards the sacrament of Eucharist last Sunday, they will celebrate their 1st Holy Communion on June 23rd, please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Parking: Parking is an issue for many schools and while the general conduct of parents and carers here at St Joseph’s School when collecting children is one that creates few issues, the exception to this is when people choose to park in the entrance or across the bays of the staff car park. When parked here vision and access is restricted for those people whose vehicles have to reverse out of the designated bays and there is no longer clear sight of any pedestrians in this area. Please remember that parking at school is first and foremost a safety issue above that of any convenience factors. Please note the there is a fire hydrant on Millar Street, in front of the school office, marked by a white H on the road. You are reminded vehicles should not be parked within one metre of the hydrant.

School Board and P&F: The recent School Board and P&F meetings were well attended, productive and rewarding. I encourage parents to think about joining the School Board and P&F when nominations are sought later in the year. Both groups work towards ensuring our school is providing the best it can for our students.

Conflict Reduction and Resolution: It is important our students know staff and parents are there to help them settle disputes. Parents please remind your children when they are unhappy with actions or words by others they need to let the other person know they don’t like what is being said or done, giving them a chance to correct their behaviour. Sometimes people may not even realise they are making someone unhappy and deserve the chance to change things. If the behaviour continues they need to inform their class teacher, so their teacher can assist with mediation. Parents please encourage your children to speak to their class teacher. This isn’t ‘dobbing,’ which is when someone deliberately tries to get another in trouble for little to no reason. When we give someone a chance to correct their behaviour and they choose not to, we have to do something about it.

Reflection by Charles Swindell: “The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on my life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice very day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes.”

God Bless,
Karmela Messineo - Principal

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“Do all you can to work on in unity.”
St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop
**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Winter Uniform Changeover**
Uniform changed over to winter uniform this week. Thank you to all for the effort in ensuring that the students are attending school in correct uniform. Please remind your children not to pull on their school ties and it is impolite to pull anyone else's school tie.

**Boys:** Long sleeve shirt with long grey trousers, blue socks, school tie and school wool jumper.

**Girls:** Long sleeve shirt with blue skirt, school tie, school wool jumper and either navy tights or blue socks.

Please encourage your children to keep their shirts tucked in and to polish their own shoes.

**MCC Enrolments**
Students in Year 5 that intend going to Mandurah Catholic College in Year 7 and have not yet enrolled, need to do so as soon as possible.

**Book Swap**
All children are invited to participate in our school book swap on Tuesday, 28th May. Ask Mum or Dad if you can bring in books from home (in good condition) and swap them for books other children bring in.

**Greetings**
As an MJR school we try to greet everyone we meet. We greet not only our friends and the people we know but everyone we encounter.

Mondays are Manners Monday
Tuesdays are Thanking Tuesday
Wednesdays are Winking Wednesday
Thursdays are Thumbs Up Thursday
Fridays are High Five Friday

**Pyjama Day**
Do you have trouble getting your children to get into their uniforms in the mornings? Do they want to stay in their warm and cozy PJs all day? Well, good news! On Thursday, June 13th they can! We are having a Pyjama Day at school. Children are invited to stay in their PJs and bring a gold coin donation. Proceeds will be going to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

**Biggest Morning Tea**
Next Wednesday, 29th May, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Biggest Morning Tea at recess. Cakes, biscuits and other goodies will be available for purchase for between 20 cents and $1. All proceeds go to the Cancer Council.

**Kindy Enrolments 2014**
Please complete an enrolment application form and drop it into the school office if you have a child due to start Kindy in 2014. Eligible children would be born 01/07/2009.

**Did you know?**
- We have 60 solar panels on our roof.
- It is just 4 weeks until some of the Year 4 students celebrate their First Communion.
- Mrs Fuller has a part-time job as a super-hero. She is a professional at rescuing people stuck in the play equipment.
- Romana S (Y2) is a courageous person, she didn’t let her injury hold her back. Her black eye has now become rather colourful.
- Fr Jay was overheard telling the staff he was involved in a sporting competition between priests. Miss V called it the Priests’ Olympics. Turns out he’s not so good at tennis but is fantastic at soccer.

**Parish News**

**Weekly Gospel reflection and discussion on Fridays between 1 – 2:15pm at the Presbytery.**
All are most welcome.

**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.

**Altar Servers**

19th May: Maddy Jardine, Taylor Martelli, Jye Martelli, Angela Stampone
26th May: Montana Look, Remy Deleo, Emily Rowland
2nd June: Liam Hannah, Ryan Hannah, Kaiden Hannah

**St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster**

18th May: Tamara Buttle and family
25th May: Gail Black & Melissa Black
1st June: Carol Hull and Family

**A PARENT’S GUIDE TO DIGITAL SAFETY**

In this age of technology it is important that parents become aware of the pitfalls and dangers of the internet for their children. The link below is to a site created by a Catholic School Assistant Principal in WA and provides parents with information on a range of subjects to do with digital safety. Peter has included many useful articles and insights into the way that parents can keep their children safe online and what it is to be the parent of a digital citizen.


**Bouncing Back From Rejection**

Every child experiences rejection sometimes, even popular kids who always seem to be surrounded by a big group of friends. Ups and downs in friendship are a normal part of life, and learning how to make up when things go wrong is an important skill.

When rejection does occur, it can seem that the reasons are trivial or as fickle as a change in the weather. Likes and dislikes relating to games and activities, who has the latest toy or gadget, or who children are spending time with outside of school can all be factors.

Young children in particular are just beginning to learn about empathy and relating to others, so they may not notice that excluding another child from their game or friendship group can be very hurtful. Older children can blame themselves if they are left out of a game or not invited to a party. In the long-term, compromising a child’s sense of belonging can lead to low self-confidence and withdrawal from social contact.

They might not want to go to a friend’s house or play with other children in the neighbourhood. If you think your child is being left out and needs help:

- Talk with your child and listen to their concerns – help them express and name their feelings.
- Model and encourage helpful thinking patterns – instead of “no one wants to play with me”, encourage your child to say, “Sam doesn’t want to play with me today but yesterday we had fun together.”
- Refocus your child’s attention on the situation as the cause rather than blaming themself or others.
- Help them to practicise their social and friendship skills.
- Chat to your child’s teacher if you’re still concerned.

**What holds water but is full of holes?**

Ans: A sponge

www.tutpup.com

This is a great website where children can practise their maths and spelling, playing against other children from all over the world. It is a totally safe environment, with no interaction with anybody else.