WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YEAR 5?

This term we have been learning about the history of Australia. We have looked at the life of convicts, which we have found very interesting! We completed a diary entry of what we think their life would have been like.

In maths, we have been looking at different angles. We have been naming, measuring and drawing all different types.

Last week, we attended a farming incursion. We learnt all about farmers and what they do on a farm. In the play, we got to see how farming is changing as technology changes. We then met Farmer Nigel and his farm animals. We were able to hold some of the animals and watched Farmer Nigel do tricks with the dogs. We were amazed at how well trained the animals were!

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30th August 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,

Cybersafety Presentation: I strongly encourage all parents to attend the cybersafety session next Monday, 2nd September at 6pm in the school library. We live in a time of great technological advances and our children have access to things we are unaware of and therefore can’t anticipate. Are you, as a parent, fully aware of the dangers your child may encounter in cyber-space, or how danger can find your child through information given innocently? The statistics are frightening and we need to become more aware ourselves, so that we may better undertake the task of keeping our children safe, in all contexts. During the day students from Year 4 to 7 will be involved in cybersafety sessions, so it will be very much a topic of conversation. It would be beneficial if parents are speaking the ‘same language’ with regards to this topic. Please ring the office on 97826500 if you will be attending this presentation. All interested community members are welcome to attend.

Confirmation: Our Confirmation candidates will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Holohan on Saturday 7th Sept. at 5pm in the Josephite Centre. This is the final sacrament of initiation. Upon reciting their own Baptismal promises and being sealed with the Holy Spirit our Candidates will become full members of the Catholic Church Community. Please keep the Confirmation candidates, their families and their teachers in your prayers. My thanks to Fr Jay, Margaret Bevan as the Parish coordinator, Mrs Lisa Gallin and Ms Kate Vidulich for all their efforts towards ensuring our students are well prepared.

Respect: I have been speaking with new families about the importance of addressing people using names, looking at people as we speak and listen to them, as well as the importance of wearing the school uniform correctly. All this comes down to one word, ‘respect’. When we have respect for ourselves and others, we take greater care to make more informed choices especially when those choices impact upon others. Respect should not be given to some people and withheld from others. Everyone deserves respect, our human dignity demands that of us. I have been pleased to witness this growing understanding within our school community and I encourage all to recognise the face of Jesus within every person we encounter.

Reflection by Peter Mitchell (Mitch) - MJR:

See Greatness – Goodness In Others: There is so much goodness in people. Positive people see it but negative people pick out the human weaknesses that we all have. There are so many people with wonderful qualities that we can imitate. Positive people see goodness, negative people become jealous and insecure. Ask yourself; What are some good qualities in my family or friends? Am I a person who looks for the bad in people and draws attention to it?

God Bless,
Karmela Messineo - Principal

Dates to Remember
Monday, 2nd September
Cybersafety Day, Parent Session, 6pm

Wednesday, 4th September
Money Chain, Athletics Carnival, 10am

Saturday, 7th September
Confirmation, 5pm

Tuesday, 10th September
School Photos

Tuesday, 17th September
Board Meeting, 5pm
P & F Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, 18th September
Interschool Athletics Carnival

Sunday, 22nd September
Cybersafety Day, 9am
First Reconciliation, Parent & Candidate Meeting, 6pm

Thursday, 26th September
First Reconciliation, 10am

St Mary Of The Cross St Mary MacKillop

“Let us, one and all, try to remember why God called us here.”

St Mary Of The Cross St Mary MacKillop

2013 Confirmation Candidates
Caitlyn Black
Jeremy Caratti
Xavier Delo
Zachary Elliot
Zachary Faulkner
Fedele Franco
Owen Grantham
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SCHOOL NEWS

Cybersafety Session: On Monday, September 2nd, the Cybersmart Outreach Internet Safety Awareness Presentation will be visiting our school to run information sessions for students, staff and parents. The parent session will be at 6pm in the school library. Other community members are welcome to attend (eg. Parents from other schools, grandparents, etc), so please extend this invitation to others. Please call Mrs Della on 9782 6500 to let her know that you will be there.

Duty Of Care: Parents please be mindful that your children are not playing on the playground equipment before and after school, particularly during meeting times. Staff are unable to supervise your children outside of the school hours, therefore the playgrounds are out of bounds and children need to be with their parent/guardians.

Allergy Aware: At present we have students with nut allergies. Please be aware not to send any nut products to our school such as peanut butter, Nutella and many other products that contain nuts, as these can trigger severe allergic reactions.

Three Year Old Program 2014: If you have a child who will be turning three between 1st July 2013 and 30th June 2014 and you’re interested in a Three Year Old Program in 2014, please register your interest by contacting the school office and completing an enrolment form. The closing day is Monday 16th September. After this date, numbers will determine whether a Three Year Old Kindy program will operate at St Joseph’s School in 2014.

Options Program
We are looking for a volunteer to run a one hour football skills session with a group of 6-8 boys as part of our Options program. It will be from 12-1pm on Monday, September 16th. Please see Mrs Gallin, or call the office if you are available.

La Salle College 60th Anniversary Memorials
If you are a past student or parent of La Salle (De La Salle) College and would like to be part of a short film, commemorating the life of the College for their upcoming 60th Anniversary in 2014, please contact Ms Danielle Calleja on dca@lasalle.wa.edu.au for more information.

Mary MacKillop
If you are interested in ordering a Mary MacKillop statue, they are for sale at $30. Order forms are available to our school such as peanut butter, Nutella and many other products that contain nuts, as these can trigger severe allergic reactions.

Community Cultural Day
The staff and students would like to send a HUGE Thank You to Mrs Loretta Polinelli for organising our attendance at the cultural day yesterday. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed being entertained and involved.

Did you know?....
• The school featured in this week’s ‘Harvey Reporter’ that came out on Tuesday. Check us out!
• Around 60 people attended the family reading night and enjoyed many book-related activities and even got to take a free book home!
• Farmer Nigel from the Agricultural Society farming incursion last week told Mrs Ward that St Joseph’s Waroona was the best school he had ever been to because the staff were so lovely and the children were delightful.
• All of the Kindy kids can now write their names independently!
• Brayden N (Y4) has been working hard to learn some tricky words.
• The canteen makes ‘sensational’ salads. Mrs Messineo thinks they’re amongst the best she’s tasted.
• One of the electricians who fixed the bore was in Mrs Messineo’s Year 7 class, not so long ago.
• Lots of parents and grandparents came to the Learning Journey. There were lots of very proud smiles all round.
• Mrs Hodgson popped in to say hello. She looked very relaxed.
• Mrs Birch was impressed with all the classes. They made sure their classes were neat and tidy while she was away.
• It’s Week 6 already! Time really does fly when you’re having fun.
• Fr Wayne Bendotti celebrated the Feast Of The Assumption with us last Thursday. He came up to say Mass in Fr Jay’s absence. Fr Wayne said our school was the most colourful congregation he has ever said Mass to. We were all dressed in our ‘Book Week’ regalia!