### 6th December 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,

**Advent** - Congratulations to the Year 2/3 Class and Mrs Ripley for leading the Advent Liturgy earlier this week. As we enter the new Liturgical season of Advent, it is totally up to us as to how much spiritually we wish to get out of this festive season. Advent promises new life in Christ. Christ’s coming gives us a living picture of God; through Christ we get to know God. Advent fosters in us the attitude of expectation, throughout our life, to a life in fullness with God. Jesus told us, “I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10. Each Advent we renew our expectation and each Christmas we celebrate Christ’s coming and God’s redemption.

**Christmas Concert**—Our recent Christmas Concert was a lovely gathering of community, where we were entertained by our talented and enthusiastic students. The joy and sense of fun beaming out of each student was difficult to miss and very contagious. It was an opportunity to gather as community and all celebrate the closing of a school year, where every student was a star. Congratulations to our ‘fantabulous’ students and well done to all staff, especially Mrs Langan and Mrs Gallin.

**Those leaving our school community** – To everyone who is leaving our school, whether you be a graduating student or family, a student or family moving to another school, or a staff member; may God’s Blessing be with you in all your endeavours. Always remember you are welcome at St. Joseph’s because you will always be a member of the St Joseph’s School Community. Congratulations to our Graduating Year 6 and Year 7 students. They will celebrate their graduation from primary school next Thursday with a Graduation Mass at 6pm, followed by a graduation ceremony. Miss Vidulich has done a fabulous job in preparing her Yr 6/7 Adventure World Excursion.

**Sincere thanks** - Thank you to the dear students of St Joseph’s, for all that you bring to our school community. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and share in your learning adventure. Thank you to the amazing staff of St Joseph’s School, for their dedication, professionalism and generosity to our school community. Thank you to Father Jay, his guidance of, and commitment towards, St. Joseph’s School is a wonderful blessing and I am very grateful, as are the staff and students. Thank you to the Board, P&F, parents and volunteers. Your gifts of time and support are always very much appreciated. This school is the product of many dedicated people, most of them parents and friends who graciously volunteer their time and effort. It is impossible to list all the volunteers, for there are many. Some volunteers are seen by many whilst others volunteer behind the scenes. All are equally valued and appreciated.

**Changes** - 2013 saw many changes at St Joseph’s school. Change is never an easy thing to deal with. A lot of faith and trust is required when dealing with change. I sincerely thank students, staff, Board, P&F, Parents and all community members for their faith and trust throughout the year. We are a very special community here at St. Joseph’s and I treasure every moment within it.

**Season’s Greeting** - To everyone who is returning in the New Year, may the Christmas season bring you and your loved ones joy. May the holidays bring you precious moments and a well-earned rest. I look forward to seeing you all bright eyed and bushy tailed, in the New Year. The first day for students in 2014 will be Monday 3rd February.

God Bless,

Karmela Messineo—Principal

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### Dates to Remember

**2013**

- **Sunday, 8th December**
  - Children’s Liturgy, 8:30am

- **Monday, 9th December**
  - Advent Week 2 Liturgy led by Year 2/3, 8:35am

- **Tuesday, 10th December**
  - Yr 6/7 Adventure World Excursion

- **Wednesday, 11th December**
  - Mass led by Yr 1, 9am

- **Thursday, 12th December**
  - Graduation Mass, 6pm

- **Friday, 13th December**
  - Last Day Of Term

- **Thursday, 30th January**
  - Pupil Free Day

**2014**

- **Friday, 31st January 2014**
  - Pupil Free Day AND Uniform shop open from 9am to 12 noon

- **Monday 3rd February**
  - Students’ First Day

- **Friday, 7th February**
  - Mass, led by Yr 6

- **Tuesday, 11th February**
  - Parent Information Night, 6pm

- **Monday, 10th February**
  - Swimming Lessons start, PP—Yr 6, finishing Friday 21st February

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**“Be generous and then God will love and bless you.”**

*St Mary Of The Cross*

*St Mary MacKillop*
SCHOOL NEWS

School Fees: All school fees should now be finalised unless you have an arrangement with the school. Please note the school will actively pursue any unpaid fees.

Booklist 2014: The Library Book Bag and the Homework Bag were incorrectly priced on the booklist sheets that have already been sent home. They are available for purchase from the Uniform shop for $10.00.

Interschool Basketball Competition: Last week Riley-Jane N (Y6), Bronte W (Y7), Maddy J (Y7) and Holly S (Y7), with Mrs Langan, joined the Waroona DHS Year 6/7 interschool girls basketball team to compete against St Joseph’s (Pinjarra), Carcoola and Mandurah in the annual Interschool Basketball Competition. The team was victorious! Congratulations to the team, the students, staff and volunteer helpers at Waroona DHS. Mr Charlesworth, the Principal of Waroona DHS, was very grateful to our school and these girls for joining his school team. It’s wonderful that we were able to help build upon the terrific Waroona Community Spirit.

Secondhand Uniforms: If you are bringing uniforms in for resale, please note that all clothes must be washed and ironed with NO rips or stains.

Christmas Hampers: Thank you to the school community for their contributions towards the food hampers for the local St Vincent de Paul group. The last donations can be sent in next week. There will be at least 90 families, in this region, who will greatly appreciate your generosity.

Farewell Graduating Families: Farewell to the families who leave our school community with the graduation of their Year 6/7 children this year. Mr Pat Deleo, the P&F President, thanked the leaving families for their contribution toward the school over the years and wished all graduating students every success. The P&F presented the leaving families with a yellow rosebush. The graduating families for 2013 are; Bembridge, Black, Dunne, Faulkner, Grantham, Henwood and Mitchell.

Funding Update From the Director of Catholic Education in WA:
Dear Parents
Over the past week you would have seen many media reports about the Abbott Government’s withdrawal from the previously agreed funding model known as the Better Schools Plan.
I am very pleased to advise you that on December 2, the Prime Minister reversed his stance on this issue and has now given a commitment to deliver funding certainty for Catholic schools over the next four years.
This announcement delivers certainty for our system both in terms of the total amount of Federal funds available and the manner in which it is delivered. It will ensure that all of our schools are able to plan appropriately over the short to medium term to support the current and future needs of students and staff.
I commend the Federal Government for their commitment to improving educational outcomes for all students across the country.
Yours sincerely
Dr Tim McDonald
Director Catholic Education in WA

Did you know?....
• The link to our PFFWA 2013 update is http://pff.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/ and this is the link to our conference poster, http://pff.wa.edu.au/news-and-events/annual-conference/
• The students had fun at their Christmas Concert. They loved singing for their family and friends.
• Several people have commented on how much they enjoyed the community atmosphere of the Christmas Concert. One person is already organising themselves to bring a picnic, for next year.
• The white elephant stall was a wonderful success. Thank you to Mrs Sharon Brown for coordinating this and thank you to her merry band of helpers.
• Angelina D (Y5) and Remy D (Y5) will be singing carols at Pam Corker House and at the Carols By Candlelight this weekend.
• Mrs Ripley had a kangaroo that took a liking to her backyard.
• Mrs Fuller and Miss Catalano welcomed 21 Kindy families to their 2014 orientation session.
• The Year 6/7 class were heard singing the ‘Knock Knock’ song, with great gusto, from our Christmas Concert during art this week.
• Mrs Langan and Mrs Vitale have been organising fabulously delicious fruit platters for our students on a Friday.
• Mrs Mulholland loves hearing her students read.
• Mrs Ward always is bright and bubbly, even on a dull day.
• Miss Baggetta has been anxiously checking the weekend weather report.
• Mrs Landwehr owns prize winning chickens.
• Mrs Gallin is super organised and is excited about travelling back to Europe.
• Miss Rimmer has now moved into her new house and we are all invited to her place for a party!
• Miss Vidulich has an addiction to chocolate coated strawberry licorice.
• Mrs Gear is shocked at how tall the year 6/7 students are getting!
• Mrs Kenny is wearing gorgeous scarves lately.
• Mrs Young gets very excited when she sees students lined up at the library during lunchtime.
• Mrs Della Franca and Mrs Brown are wonderful front office people. They always greet everyone with a warm smile.
• Mrs Birch does a fabulous job at our school. She makes sure things sparkle.
• Bob is a ‘jack of all trades’. He gives everything a go and does a great job of making sure things work properly.
Parish News
Weekly Gospel reflection and discussion on Fridays is cancelled until further notice.

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
8th December : Owen G, Brock R, Brayden N
15th December : Harri H, Maddie H, Anya S
22nd December : Xavier D, Ella D, Jared M

St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster
13th December : Kerry Shore and Family
20th December : Monina & Mariz Aguila, Karen Odorisio
27th December : Margaret Bevan

AUSTRALIA DAY 2014

SUNDAY JANUARY 26th
7.30-11am
DRAKESBROOK PLACE & MEMORIAL HALL

7.30 - 9am Lions Club Breakfast
$7 Full Breakfast, Children & Continental $4
9.15 am Street Parade
9.30 Australia Day Address & Awards Ceremony

Live Music
Face painting, balloon making
Animal farm & pony rides

Carols By Candlelight

Sunday December 8th
7 P.M.
Centennial Park

Enjoy Christmas Carols
With Bunbury City Band and local performers.
BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR, RUG & PICNIC
IF WEATHER INCLEMENT
WAROONA MEMORIAL HALL

New Keep Watch website
A stand-alone Keep Watch website was launched earlier this year. The website is a way to provide information about the program and toddler drowning prevention to the community. Visit the website to read real stories from parents, view and order resources and contact the Keep Watch program. You can find it at http://www.keepwatchwa.com.au/

Don’t forget about our Facebook page also! The page is growing in popularity but needs your support to reach more parents. If you have a relevant community/organisation Facebook page it would be appreciated if you could share the Keep Watch page with your followers. You can find it at https://www.facebook.com/KeepWatch
Aboriginal Cultural Incursion;  
The students listened to and watched our Noongar presenter, Troy Bennell, who visited our school recently to educate and entertain us with stories of his culture of the South-West. He explained how didgeridoo wood is hollowed out by termites and how he decorates his didgeridoo with images of his experiences.

Library: Remember that all library books have to be returned before the school year ends. I would like to thank the parents and staff for your invaluable help processing dozens of books this year. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a wonderful way for students to spend some of the long holiday break. Information about the challenge is available at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au. Happy reading over the holidays, Mrs Young - Librarian

Bianca Panetta Academy of Dance: After many long hours of practice and rehearsal, the following students performed in their annual concert, Fantasy. Congratulations to everyone!


Christmas Concert: Here is a taste of the Christmas concert photos taken on the night. Even though it was almost winter conditions, all students enjoyed showing us their talents and entertaining us. Check out the school website over the holidays to see more photos from the night.
I will miss talking in class. Caitlyn
I will miss munchies and all of my amazing friends and teachers.
Madeleine
I will miss my friends and knowing everyone in the school. Montana
I will miss this class together. Anya
I will miss being in a small school and knowing everyone. Harri
I will miss my friends. Holly
I am going to miss Brontie and Holly as they are going to a different school, and I am going to miss my teachers. :( Teleah
I will miss all my friends and how everyone knows each other’s names. Liam H
I am going to miss all of my friends and having a fun and crazy teacher. Brontie
I will miss all the happy and kind people of St Josephs. Liana
I will miss being in a small school where you know everyone and you can find your way around. Ray
I will miss my friends and being able to find my way around. Xavier
I will miss the little kids, especially the 2/3s and 3/4s and the teachers. I will miss Miss V the most. Bayley
What I will miss about this school is my bestest teacher ever, Miss V. Chontay
I will miss all of my friends and I will miss the beautiful teachers. Bree
When I leave St Josephs I will really miss the fantastic teachers I have had during my years and all of my amazing friends. Paige
I will miss all the teachers and my friends and most of all I will miss the best teacher of all, Miss V. Zac E
I will miss my brother and sister and all of the teachers. The best class would have to be 6/7. Fedele
I will miss all my friends, my teacher and all of my wonderful class-mates. Jarrod
I’m going to miss knowing everyone in the school. Taylor
I’m going to miss our small school and all of my younger friends. Riley
I am going to miss Miss V and our buddies. I’m going to miss everyone in the school. Sienna
I am going to miss the teachers, my friends and all the fun times I’ve had at this school. Lachlan
I am going to miss all of my friends and past teachers. I will miss being one of the oldest students in the school and all of my little friends in the younger classes. Zac F
I will definitely miss a lot of things including; my classmates, buddies, concerts, assemblies, my old, past teachers and most of all I’m going to miss my best teacher ever, Miss Vidulich. Liam F
I will miss all my friends, being the oldest people in the school, all my past teachers and the best teacher, Miss V. Owen
I will miss my best teacher in the whole world, her name is Miss V and my buddy and most of all my friends. Josh.
Next year I am going to miss my school mates and being at this little school. I am going to miss Miss V and all the other teachers. Jeremy
I am going to miss Miss V and also all my friends that are in lower grades. I am going to miss all the staff and the school. Zaine

Year 6/7, 2013