28th February 2014

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/Guardians, Friends and Students of St Joseph’s School,

Welcome: A warm welcome to Rylan Donovan, who started in Year 1 this week, and to his mum Hayley.

Best Work Assembly: Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 showed their best efforts to date during last Wednesday’s Best Work assembly. The work presented was wonderful and the learning that has occurred throughout our school was celebrated. I was pleased to witness the pride students displayed in their efforts and encourage every student to always aim for their personal best.

P&F: Thank you to Mr Joe Gutta (Matilda’s dad, PP) for taking on the role of Secretary for our P&F. Please be advised, all parents and friends are very welcome to attend the next P&F meeting on Tuesday March 18th at 5pm to hear a presentation by Mr Michael Smith, the Principal Schools Advisor, about the role of the P&F in a school community. I hope to see as many parents and friends as possible there.

Parking: I urge all families to take heed regarding recent notification of parking no-no’s around our school. I am very grateful to the people who have taken the cautions to heart and have improved their parking practice. I encourage all to do so, for the sake of our precious students; your children.

MJR Award: Nomination forms are located in the school office and in each classroom. Please nominate people within our school community who demonstrate outstanding qualities; they make Jesus real in our community. The 1st MJR Award will presented during Morning Briefing on Monday 10th March. The recent bushfire in Waroona brought forward many MJR moments. Sincere thanks to all who worked hard, especially the valiant volunteers, to ensure the people and property of Waroona were safe.

Ash Wednesday: Next Wednesday our school will observe Ash Wednesday with a Mass led by Miss Rimmer’s Year 3 Class. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. It is a time when people who are sorry for their wrongdoings are marked with the sign of the cross, from blessed ashes, on their forehead. This reminds people of their mortality and sorrow for sins, as well as the desire and will to make changes in their lives and seek forgiveness. Ash Wednesday is traditionally a time of fasting and prayer. Lent is a time to think about life and death. As well as reflect on the choices we make and the directions we take. Lent is an opportunity to extend goodwill to all people, as a means to get closer to God. Instead of focussing on ‘giving something up’ this Lent, try to think about how you can make this world better by looking to Jesus as the perfect model. Smile at all people, be slow to anger, hold a door open, make the bed, wash the dishes, tidy up after yourself, say thank you often and with intent.

Thank you from Most Reverend Bishop Fisher, Bishop of Parramatta: “Dear Staff and Students, I write to thank you personally for your much needed contribution to the Diocesan Bushfire Appeal. Your contribution, has gone some way in assisting the many people whose lives were turned upside down by the devastating bushfires. Around 40 parish and school families, including 6 staff members, lost their homes or suffered significant damage to their property. Your generosity is a true testament to Christian solidarity. I pray you have a most blessed year ahead of you.” 14 February 2014.

God Bless
Karmela Messineo - Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

Late Arrivals
Children should be in their classrooms by 8.30 each morning so they are ready to commence when the bell rings at 8.35. Please make an extra effort to have children at school on time, as it can be quite disruptive to the learning activities in the classroom when children arrive late. A reminder also to ensure that late arrivals and early departures go to the office to receive the appropriate slip. This must be signed by a parent or guardian therefore please accompany your child to the office.

Sport
As the weather is warm, students are reminded to bring their hats and water bottles to all sports lessons. It is also advisable to apply sun screen in the morning before they come to school. Children are permitted to bring their own sun screen and apply it themselves before sports lessons. Mrs Langan

School Fees
The school fees have been sent home. Please be advised the School Fee Policy is within the Parent Handbook on the school website.

Allergy Aware School
Please be aware we are an “Allergy Aware School”. Please do not send any products containing nuts or nut products in your child’s recess, lunch or snacks. We would like to ensure the safety of all students in our care.

Healthy Schools Project
We will be continuing to implement our Healthy Schools Project this year. Starting in week 2 we will be having our ‘Fruity Friday’ every second week. The aim of ‘Fruity Friday’ is to create an increased awareness of healthy eating and nutrition among the students by providing a platter of fresh fruit and vegetables to each class. If any parents or family members have fresh produce that they would like to donate we would be very grateful. Many thanks, Mrs Langan

Harvey Mobile Dental Therapy Centre
Children who have left primary school are still eligible for free treatment through the Dental Health Service up to the age of 17 or the completion of Year 11. The Harvey mobile van will be situated in Waroona during Term 2. Please contact them direct on; harveymobile@dental.health.wa.gov.au or 0417 291 951 between 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

School Noticeboards
The school receives many emails from a variety of organisations requesting their information to go into the school newsletter. We try and fit as much as we can in however sometimes it is not possible. The glass cabinet at the base of the verandah stairs, adjacent to the office, has some of our many requests that haven’t made it into the newsletter. Please make sure that you have a quick look once a fortnight to see if there may be something of interest to you or your family.

Our Visit to Alcoa
On Tuesday, the 25th of February, the Year One and Year Five class went to Alcoa to find out how to make a worm farm. First we went to the worm farm. We saw all the rubbish and we learnt how it has to be composted before it is fed to the worms. We saw thousands of worms. They were under hessian because they don’t like the light. We used popsticks to dig for tiger worms and red worms. They were dark red and wobbly. They wiggled and squirmed. Worms like to eat apple, pear, banana skins and paper. Their favourite food is watermelon. Next we went to the Discovery Centre. We dressed up like Alcoa workers. We wore helmets, goggles and a fluorescent vest. We went mining for chocolate chips in a chocolate chip cookie. We had to use toothpicks for implements. The best part was eating the biscuit at the end. It was fun visiting Alcoa and we learnt lots of new things. We can’t wait to begin recycling rubbish at school in our new worm farm. - By Year One

A BIG thank you to Alcoa for enabling our Year 1 and Year 5 students to visit the Willowdale site to learn about sustainability through worm farm practices and about mining. The worm farm knowledge will be very useful for our school gardening practice

Did you know?....
- Former students of our school, Russell Shore and Cory Morris, played in a Dockers Inter-club match.
- Several of our former students were recognised for their fantastic efforts at MCC recently.
- Mrs Hodgson is loving her role as the Year 4 teacher, so is Mrs Gallin.
- Jai H (Y3) played a game of snap with Mrs Messineo, it was a tough match and the result was a draw.
- Thomas S (Y2) always has a sunny smile on his face.
- The Year 1s can correctly sort words into words ending in ‘an’ and words ending in ‘ad’.
- Paddy D (Y1) and Brayden N (Y5) were playing tag with Jai H (Y3) last Friday. Lots of laughter abounded.
- Congratulations to Nicholas (Y2) and James (K) Fuller on their Baptism last weekend. Sons of Wayne and Melissa Fuller. Welcome to the Catholic Family.
- Blake C (Y 3) is a very kind and generous person, he donated eggs to the Waroona Lions Club when they ran out during the Australia Day breakfast. The Waroona Lion’s Club offered to pay but Blake said , “It was on the house.” Top stuff Blake!!
WAROONA SOCCER CLUB
Registration days for the coming season are
Friday, 14th March and Friday, 21st March
3:30pm—5:00pm
Waroona District High School Oval
Contact: Bec Grant 0423 379 083

Mandurah Island Challenge

Run, walk, bike ride, splash, dash or paddle your way to health in the Alcoa Mandurah Island Challenge. It’s family fun for everyone in the seventh annual Challenge, to be held on 30 March. Events include 6.5km fun run/walk; 2.5km schools fun run/walk; 6.5km bike ride; 6.5km fun run/walk; 4km and 1km paddling events and a water-based obstacle event at the Just-4-Fun Aqua Park, using the floating water obstacles.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Please note the school sandshoes/sneakers are predominately white. Uniforms in Catholic schools aim to minimise materialism and the financial competition created by keeping up with the fashion.

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Congratulations to Nicholas (Y2) and James (K) Fuller on their Baptism last weekend. Sons of Wayne and Melissa Fuller. Welcome to the Catholic Family.

BICYCLE TRAINING

Waroona Community Resource Centre and Waroona Youth Centre are pleased to announce
Free Cycle Training for Children aged 7-12 years
Week 1 - Tuesday 4th March - Bike Maintenance Session
Week 2 - Tuesday 11 March - Bike Skills Session
Week 3 - Tuesday 18 March - Bike Skills Session
Week 4 - Tuesday 25th March - Bike Skills Session
Week 5 - Tuesday 1 April - Bike Skills Session

All sessions 4.00 to 5.30pm
Held at Waroona Youth Centre Grounds, Pamill Street, Waroona

You must bring your own bicycle and helmet to participate!!

Pam Corker House Fete

Saturday 22nd March 2014

Everyone is welcome!!!

A Family fun filled day with loads of entertainment such as:
- The animal farm
- Face painting and tattoos
- Sausage sizzle
- Cake competition
- Italian singing
- White elephant stall
- Cake stall
- Craft stall
- Car wash

All donations for the stall are greatly appreciated please see Nerida at Pam Corker for more details on 97331 355. hope to see you on this special day and thank you for supporting our not for profit Organisation!!!

Pam Corker House
Eastcott St Waroona
97331355
**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**

2nd March : Angelina D, William D, Remy D
9th March : Jared M, Maddie H, Danny S
16th March : Ryan H, Kaiden H, Brock R

**St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster**

28th February : No one listed
7th March : Lena Anzellino & Family
14th March : Jennifer Deleo & Sandra Viereck

**School Gardens Busy Bee**

There is a busy bee on this **Saturday morning 1st March** at 8.30 am to prepare the Pre-Primary garden for the students to use. Bring a wheelbarrow/bucket and fork/spade, a hat and a water bottle. If you are able to start earlier, I will be at school before 8.00 am. Thank you to the parents who have put their names on the notices at school. The green-house and Kindy gardens also need to be prepared if there is time on what will be a very hot morning.

School Gardens Co-Ordinator,
Mrs Jan Young

**Autism Awareness: Making a Difference**

APRIL 2 IS WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY
Join the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research & Rotary Club of Scarborough for a World Autism Awareness Day Morning Tea

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Come and have morning tea and listen to short talks by leading scientists, clinicians and people with autism.

Coffee and tea will be provided, please bring a plate to share.

**WAROONA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

We are looking for NEW and OLD footy players to join up for the 2014 season. Yr 4s to Yr 12s. (Teams will depend on numbers).

Registration forms available from the front office or contact Belinda Parry 0400 102 459.

**Movie Under The Stars**

Friday 21st March, Waroona Cricket Grounds

Gates open 6pm,
Movie start 7:30pm
Presented by the Waroona Youth Advisory Council
Year 5

Hello everyone! It’s been a very busy start to 2014 in Year 5. Already, we’ve had the Fremantle Dockers come to visit, completed two weeks of swimming lessons and been on our first class excursion. We’ve also been working hard in class. We created interesting narratives for Ms Kavanagh to read and have been using our iPads to research and create exciting booklets. We were very proud to win the first “Cleanest Classroom” award for 2014 and are looking forward to an amazing year ahead. Here are some photos showing what we’ve been up to.

On Tuesday 25th February, we visited the Alcoa Discovery Centre. We learned about buffer zones and completed a chocolate chip mining activity.

We also visited the Alcoa Worm Farm & mine site. We are hoping to set up our own worm farm at St. Joe’s and our class will be responsible for looking after it.