14th March 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,

Commissioning Mass Sunday 16th March: The staff, School Board and P&F will be commissioned during this Sunday’s 8.30am Parish Mass. After the Mass the Parish community will host a morning tea from the school canteen and the classrooms will be open for a short while. The students and staff have taken pride in ensuring the classrooms are looking ‘fab’ for the open morning, please make the effort to join the school and parish community on the morning. In honour of our Parish’s feast day, everyone is invited to wear green.

Assembly: Congratulations to the Fabulous Year 6 Class and their teacher Miss Vidulich on a ‘fantabulous’ assembly this week. Mark was impressive as Miss V, Seth was delectable as Dame Edna and Remy was ‘splendiferous’ as Mrs Messineo, she had my speech and characteristics down pat. The whole class belt out the Australian National Anthem with gusto and clearly enjoyed their moment on centre stage. Class assemblies are an opportunity for our students to tap into their public speaking, creative and performance abilities; it also helps them to develop the skills to know how to address an audience confidently and within the correct context. It is always wonderful to see parents and friends at class assemblies, the students love having you there.

MJR Award: Our first MJR Award winner was announced this week, congratulations to Grace Hunt (Y4). She was nominated by members of our school community for being a kind, compassionate and gentle person who never says or does a bad thing against anyone. Joseph the Bear is currently enjoying being fostered by Grace, she is doing a great job of looking after him and ensuring he gets lots of cuddles. There is a write up on Grace Hunt (Y4) as our first MJR Award winner within this newsletter. The next MJR Award winner will be announced on Friday 11th April.

Confirmation: Our Year 6 Confirmation Candidates were commissioned during last Sunday’s Parish Mass and last night they attended a Confirmation meeting with their parents, in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 6th April at 10am. Bishop Holohan will be visiting the Candidates next Thursday. Please keep the Candidates, their families, sponsors and coordinating teachers in your prayers.

P&F Meeting: 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. The 5pm time for the P&F Meeting is only for March 18, it will revert back to 7pm for consequent meetings.

Swimming carnival: Today’s swimming carnival was a great success, congratulations to all the participating students in years 4 to 6 and to Mrs Langan for successfully organising the event. The competitors did their best and were proud of their achievements, they were encouraging of their peers and there was a great atmosphere of support and celebration throughout the event. Congratulations to the winning faction, Leah.

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.

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

School Uniforms
In light of the recent letter sent home to parents outlining the changes regarding the selling of second hand uniforms by the uniform shop, the following is a Facebook group for the peel region where you can buy and sell uniforms. “School Uniform Buy & Sell Mandurah” Please note the school sandshoes/sneakers are “predominately white” and the school shoes are black school shoes. The philosophy behind uniform in Catholic schools includes the aim to minimise materialism and the financial competition created by “keeping up with the fashion”. There has been an influx of students not wearing correct school shoes due to blisters. Correct school shoes are a uniform and safety requirement, therefore use of band-aids is encouraged over inappropriate footwear. Your support with this would be appreciated.

MJR Award Winner - Grace Hunt Yr 4
How did you feel when your name was announced? Very excited and surprised because usually I’m a bit shy so I didn’t think I’d get it.
Who’s your hero? My best friend, Shannon because she’s always there for me.
Why do you think you won the MJR award? I think because I don’t pick fights with anyone.
What do you think about the award? It’s awesome, the certificate is nice and Joseph is cute.
What is your favourite thing to do? I love reading and playing Pokemon games.
What is something you’ll do with Joseph the Bear, while he is with you? I’m going to ask mum and dad to take us to fun places so Joseph can see them and have a good time while he is with me.
Last words. I was very surprised to see my whole family there when I got the award, I was delighted. The MJR Award is plain fantastic! I am going to enjoy this.

Did you know?....
- On “Crazy Hair and Sock Day” we raised $124.40 for the Children’s Leukaemia & Cancer Research Foundation
- Our school had no phone or internet service on Monday because a fibre optic cable was severed, affecting most Catholic Schools in the South West. Mrs Messineo was on the phone at the time and continued talking for a minute before realising the line was down.
- The staff had an asthma training session last Monday after school. Mrs Langan won the first prize for answering a question correctly.
- Most cars parked on Hesse Street had reversed into position last Monday afternoon, making it so much safer for cars and pedestrians. Thank you for considering the safety of our students.
- The Year 6 class know what chivalry means and can identify chivalrous people.
- Mrs Ward always greets everyone she passes in a bright and bubbly manner. Mrs Ward makes Jesus real at our school.
- Douglas S (PP) climbed onto the tallest tyre in the PP playground and said, "I'm the tallest kid at school."
- Did you know that 'Mama Maria' (aka Mrs Vitale) makes a guest visit to pre primary every Wednesday for cooking? If you are around pop in to see her in her wonderful outfit.
- Mark W (Y6) displayed exceptional chivalrous behaviour during the school swimming carnival, as noted by parents and staff.
- The gardening committee busy bee did an awesome job with the Pre-Primary garden. Fantabulous work, crew!
GARDEN GROUPS
Have you seen the three new garden beds in Pre-Primary? On the very hot Saturday morning of the long weekend, Vicki Fitzpatrick and Lloyd, Robert Deleo, Dannielle Zappia and daughter Jazmine, Megan LeRoy and sons Charlie and Sam, Mrs Kenny and I removed the plants, assembled the beds and replanted the very healthy loquat and mandarin trees. Jazmine collected oregano and fennel seeds for later planting. Thank you everyone, for the excellent work you did. The students will start planting next week so call in to see how the gardens look. Contact Mrs Young if you would like to be involved in the next busy bee.

Mrs Jan Young
School Gardens Co-ordinator

Pam Corker House
FETE

Saturday 22nd March 2014

Everyone is welcome!!!

A Family fun filled day with loads of entertainment such as:
- 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 97331355, hope to see you on this special day and thank you for supporting our not for profit Organisation!!!

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

“Parentingideas Club is a new online parenting centre founded by Michael Grose. You can now get expert advice at every stage of your child’s development. Become a member at Parentingideasclub.com.au today and get ready for more confident parenting and happier, more successful kids.”

Movie Under The Stars
Friday 21st March, Waroona Cricket Grounds,
Gates open 6pm, Movie start 7:30pm
Presented by the Waroona Youth Advisory Council
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
16th March : Ryan H, Kaiden H, Brock R
23rd March : Fedele F, Nikolas F, Caprice F
30th March : Maddy H, Ella D, Ryleigh S, Tina H

St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster
21st March : Elena Brown, Lucy Pisconeri
28th March : Helen Fitzpatrick, Sharon Hannah
4th April : Any volunteers available??

St Patrick’s Day
Be truly Irish and celebrate on Sunday 16th!!!!!

Start with Mass (in St Patrick’s Church at 8.30am).
During the Mass the Staff of St Joseph’s School, the P & F and School Board members will be commissioned.

Also, Children’s Liturgy in the Library will be celebrated.
Following Mass, the classrooms will be open and morning tea will be served from the school canteen.

Everyone is invited to dress in something green – really dress up in green.
St Patricks, Lepechauns and River Dancers are welcome too. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed gentleman, lady, high school student and primary student.

Please join fellow parishioners and visitors in celebrating our Patron Saint’s Day.

Golf – we all know the Irish are excellent golfers.
Having rested after an action packed morning, there’s more!!

Come to the Golf Club for a 3pm tee off for a 9 hole Irish Day.

The golf will be an amibrose event, so you will have a partner (or two) to help out.
Bring your clubs, borrow some or share with others.
Green fees will apply (cheap)
Prizes too!!!! Not necessarily just for the best golfers.
After the game – Drinks (BYO) and nibbles at the golf club.
You are welcome to bring some nibbles too.
All welcome – from beginners……
(St Patrick will bring you beginners luck – to be sure, to be sure…

A selection of used balls and tees will be available.

Carlton Drafthouse Pinjarra Cup
Sunday, 30th March 2014
Restaurant & Marquee Packages available
Live Music, Free Children’s Entertainment
Contact 9531 1956 for details

Bus leaving from
Drakesbrook Hotel (Tavern)
at 10:30am, $15 per person

Must be booked prior to the day, contact Marlene
0400 878 002

Mandurah Catholic College
Enrolments
Year 7, 2015
These enrolments are almost finalised. Year 6 students intending to attend MCC in Year 7, 2015 need to have been enrolled. Orientation for these students will be on Friday 5th December 2014.

Year 7, 2016
This enrolment process has commenced. MCC are currently interviewing and enrolling students. Students intending to attend MCC should send in their enrolment forms ASAP. Enrolments for 2016 should almost be complete by November 2014.
QR CODE TOUR WAROONA LAUNCH

You are invited to attend and experience Waroona’s first QR Code Project.

Please join us for the launch, as we take a short tour of the Waroona Townsite which will be followed by an afternoon tea.

Don’t forget to download a QR Reader (free from the App Store) on your smartphone for the interactive tour!

Date; Friday 11th April 2014
Time; 2.00pm
Location; St. Josephs School, Waroona
RSVP; To Community Development on (08) 9733 7800 or by emailing cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au by Friday 4th April 2014
The Year 2s participated in reading, mathematical and Science activities. We grew climbing beans, observed their growth, then used tape measures and rulers to measure their height. We then collected data and worked out the tallest and shortest climbing plants in the class. We also made 3D castles of the Giant and wrote Wanted posters to catch him. It was lots of FUN!!!