St Joseph’s School
NEWSLETTER

28th 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,

Sacrament Parent Meeting: Fr Tony Chiera presented an informative session based on the theme of the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation last Thursday, for parents of children receiving these sacraments in our Parish this year. Parents were reminded these sacraments are very special events in the lives of the students, being more than just ceremony. They have a major place in our day to day lives. Fr Tony spoke about Reconciliation as helping us to restore unity in our lives, Eucharist is about belonging to a nourishing community and Confirmation highlights every community member as having gifts. Fr Tony challenged all present, reminding them they are all role models to the students with parents being the first and most important educators of their children.

P&F Meeting: Please note there will be a P&F News section in the newsletter, calling for agenda items for the next meeting. Community members are welcome to email agenda items to the P&F President Mr Patrick Deleo. There are some agenda items listed for the coming meeting, other items are welcome – please email them before Friday 4th April. Thank you to the P&F members who were able to attend the presentation by Michael Smith. The session helped towards providing clarity and direction.

SRC Insight Survey: Some of you have been invited to participate in a SRC Insight Survey conducted on behalf of the Catholic Education Office. This survey seeks to collect data related to the culture of our school. Such data is critical in planning for school improvement. If you were invited to participate, you would have received a survey sheet and are respectfully asked to complete it within the indicated time frame, the survey can be completed online. Please undertake this exercise with honesty and be assured all responses are totally confidential and will be carefully considered.

QR Codes Launch: Please keep April 11th, 2pm free. The Shire of Waroona will be launching Waroona’s first QR Code Project, in which our school has had major involvement. The launch will start in the Josephite Centre at 2pm before everyone will be invited to visit some local sites and then return for afternoon tea. Please RSVP to Community Development on (08) 9733 7800 or by emailing cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au by Friday 4th April. All welcome.

Our students out and about: Our Year 5 and 6 students were very fortunate to be invited to the Waroona District High by Mr Charlesworth and Mr Curulli to listen to world renowned speaker Simon Clegg speak about bullying. The students returned to school inspired and empowered. Simon Clegg provided them with strategies to counter bullies. Please read the students’ statements in this newsletter. Sincere thanks to Mr Charlesworth and Mr Curulli for generously extending this opportunity to our students.

The Year 5 class visited Sculptures By The Sea in Cottesloe and participated in an activity lead by one of the artists. Please read an account of this excursion in this newsletter. A big thank you to Alcoa for funding this excursion.

The Year 3 and 4 classes attended an excursion to the Harvey Ag. School and ‘HaVe’ Cheese Factory. A wonderful time was had by all and you can see photos on the school website.

Parent – Teacher Interviews: Parent – Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Monday 7th April. These meetings are to provide parents with a snapshot of their child’s learning, before reports are sent home at the end of Semester 1. Please ensure you have completed the form and returned it by Tuesday of next week. I’d like every parent to meet with their child/children’s class teachers.

God Bless  Karmella Messineo - Principal
SCHOOL NEWS

Confirmation
Please keep the Confirmation Candidates, their families, sponsors and coordinating teachers in your prayers, the Candidates will be confirmed next Sunday 6th April at 10am. Bishop Holohan visited the Candidates last week and was pleased with their preparation towards the sacrament. Sincere thanks to Miss Kate Vidulich and Mrs Lisa Gallin for their coordination and organisation of this sacrament.

Holy Week
Classes will be presenting a prayer reflection during each day of Holy Week at 9am in the undercover area. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. The prayer reflection schedule is as follows;
Mon, 7th April - Year 1 and Year 5 Palm Sunday, Tue, 8th April - PP and Year 4 Holy Thursday
Wednesday, 9th April - Year 2 and Year 6 Good Friday Thursday, 10th March - K & Year 3 Easter Sunday.

Matthew Gibney Visit
On Tuesday, 25th March, Year Six students from Matthew Gibney Primary School, in High Wycombe, popped in on their way to Busselton for camp. We were in groups and showed them around our school. We had recess together and they were very nice. We found out that kids in the city did lots of things the same, (have play stations, some sports etc) and some things different, (like dancing and soccer).  

By Lexie and Jane

Fruity Friday
Our ‘Fruity Friday’ programme has been running this term and is a great success. The children are enjoying sampling different fruit and vegetables every second Friday. If any parents or neighbours have fresh fruit or vegetables that they would like to donate please contact Mrs Vitale or I. Our next ‘Fruity Friday’ is on 4th April.  

Mrs Langan

Swimming Carnival
On Friday 14th April students from Years 4 to 6 participated in the interhouse swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day, with wonderful displays of sportsmanship, teamwork and friendship. Leah was the winning faction, with Claude following closely in second place and Elizabeth in third. A big congratulations to the children who took part – we are all very proud of you. Many thanks to the staff and parent helpers. Your hard work made the day run very smoothly and efficiently.  

Mrs Langan

Year 4
Champion Girl – Molly Racco
Champion Boy – Callum Napoli
Runner up Girl – Imogen Martelli
Runner up Boy – William Dimasi

Year 5
Champion Girl – Emily Rowland
Champion Boy – Jye Martelli
Runner up Girl – Charli Brown
Runner up Boy – Brayden Napoli

Year 6
Champion Girl – Maddi Racco
Champion Boy – Brock Rae
Runner up Girl – Breanna Henderson
Runner up Boy – Mark Ward

Did you know?....
• "Buy & Sell Waroona School uniforms " is a Facebook page set up for Waroona schools.
• We donated $143.35 to Aussie Helpers Ltd from our St Patricks Green Day. This money will go towards the Farmers In Drought Appeal and used to help out with the purchase of bales of hay, diesel, kids computers, kids healthcare and kids boarding school fees.
• Kellie Germain is a Miss Galaxy National Finalist and is hosting a Wildlife Disco on Saturday 29th March.
• There is a Family Support Service in Waroona. They’re running two school holiday events these coming holidays. Please see flyer in our newsletter.
• Brayden N (Y5) dropped off a large box full of MJR nominations from the Year 5 class on Wednesday afternoon.
• Mrs Young is our garden coordinator. She is doing a fabulous job.
• Mrs Tash Pitter has joined Mrs Simone Magno, Mrs Lisa Rowland and Mrs Leanne Martelli on the Uniform Shop Committee.
• Archie W (Y2) ate all his fruit on Monday. Top stuff Archie.
• Brock happily cleaned up the crumbs left after recess and lunch one day this week. Awesome Brock!
• Mrs Gallin has a new pet, a dog called Tigga. Her daughters adopted Tigga and Mrs Gallin is getting used to the idea of being a dog owner.
• Mrs Hodgson is very excited these days, she is awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild.
• Thank you. Through our money chain yesterday we raised $248.75 towards the Missions. This money will go a long way towards helping the students and families of Flores. Mr Steve Dowie, the principal of Dawesville Catholic Primary, will visit our school early next term to talk about how the money will be spent at Flores.
• The recent canteen survey had 41 responses. Each of those families earned a canteen voucher.

Caritas boxes from home are due back to the school by the end of term.
**Canteen News**

We have a Canteen Committee for our school canteen. The committee members are Caz Curtis, Karen Odorisio, Shanoah Pitter, Lisa Gallin and Karmela Messineo. A note was sent home this week seeking your responses to some questions regarding the canteen. Please return your responses as soon as possible. Stayed tuned for exciting changes to our school canteen.

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**WAROONA AUSKICK**

If your child is interested in the NAB Auskick programme, either register online at aflauskick.com.au or phone Natalie Birch on 0417903994. Starts Friday, 2nd May at 3:30pm on the Waroona Town Oval. Open to years Pre Primary to Year 3.

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**PUPIL FREE DAYS**

Please note the Pupil Free Days in Terms 2, 3 and 4 as some dates have been adjusted.

**Term 2:**
- Monday 28th April
- Monday 2nd June

**Term 3:**
- Monday 21st July
- Monday 18th August (Catholic Day for staff)
- Monday 1st September
- Tuesday 2nd September

**Term 4:**
- Monday 13th October

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**Parent iPad session**

**KEEP THE DATE FREE!**

PRA Imaging will be running a parent information session about iPads. The topics covered will be:
- managing the device (iPad)
- managing your home internet settings
- supporting your child’s IT use

Wednesday, May 14th, 6pm in the school Library. Please let the office know if you will be attending.

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**On Tuesday the 18th of March, the Year 5 class went on an excursion to “Seascapes by the Sea” at Cottesloe beach in Perth. We met an artist called Debbie and she took us along the beach to show us all the sculptures. Her sculpture was in the shape of a stained glass window and was made from bamboo. We then got to make our own sculptures from bamboo. It was so much fun!**

*By Emily and Danny*

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**On Thursday the 20th of March, the Year 5 class had a incursion about worm farming and how to make one. We learned about three different types of bins - recycling bins, worm food bins and landfill bins. We are going to make a worm farm for the school and our class will look after it for the year.**

*By Halle and Braydon*
Parish News—First Holy Communion - Significant Dates

May 4th - Commitment ceremony during Mass at 8.30am
May 6th - Retreat at St Joseph's Convent, South Perth.
May 8th - Parent and Candidate Meeting in St Joseph's Library at 6.00pm
May 25th - First Holy Communion Mass at 10.00am

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

30th March : Maddy H, Ella D, Ryleigh S, Tina H
6th April : Angelina & William D, Remy D
13th April : Jared M, Maddie H, Danny S

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

4th April : Any volunteers available??
11th April : Lina Derrick & Family
18th April : Lucy Anzellino & Jeannie Turner

The things our Year 5 and Year 6 students learnt from Simon Clegg:

• Today I learnt that if you don’t react, reply and worry, the bully would have nothing to say. I also learnt that if you feed the bully you are also being a bully. Nik
• Today I learnt if someone is teasing me I don’t need to get upset or angry. Ryan
• Today I learnt to not feed the bully and just walk away from the bully. Thank you. Hailey
• Today I learnt what to do if I get bullied and that I should stick up for my friends. Adam
• I learnt don’t feed the bully and do not react. Kaiden
• Thank you Mr Curulli for letting us participate in the extraordinary words of Simon Clegg and his journey. We will follow those words, now and in the future. Chelsey
• Today I learnt that resilience is like an elastic band effect and you can bounce back from the bully. Angela
• Today Simon taught me about bullying and I’m glad he did. Now he taught me all that I will be able to do to stand up to the bully and ignore them. Brea
• I learnt that everyone is important and you are who you are. I also learnt how to get around bullies. Thanks for inviting us. Remy
• Today I learnt that it doesn’t matter what you look like on the outside, it matters what you are on the inside. Now I can also take action to stop people bullying others and stand up for what is right. Angelina
• Today I learnt to never feed the bully. Thanks for the front row seats. Seth
• What I got out of today was, it’s OK if people tease you, and it’s about standing up for yourself. Never lose it. Brock
• I thought that your school was welcoming and respectful to us. Ella
• Today I learnt that if I get bullied not to talk back because the bully will get bored. Maddi
• To Mr Curulli, Thank You for inviting us to your school to see Simon. I learnt that people should just walk away when they are getting bullied. Mark

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P & F News

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th April, 7pm

Agenda Items:  Sausage Night decision  Funding decision
                Annual event calendar  Canteen redefined
                St Joseph’s Feast Day  iPad Parent Info Session

Other agenda items welcome; please email P&F President Mr Patrick Deleo, p.deleo@ttweb.com.au
Swimming Carnival