6th June 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, lifelong 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,

School Crest and School Motto: Our school crest and school motto were designed by Paul Birch when he was a student of our school in 1987. As much as it is a part of our school, do we all understand the significance of our school crest and motto and why they’re so special to all members of our school?

The description of the school crest can be found in the parent handbook, located on the school website. In the description we find the following information for each symbol;

- The candle symbolises Christ, he is the light and leader of the world.
- The Bible symbolises the Word of the Lord.
- The Lamb of God. (Latin Paschal Symbol).
- The Body and Blood of Christ.

Our school motto is “Striving in Faith”. The description of the motto reads, “The students of St Joseph’s School are striving to grow in their faith with Christ, the Lamb of God, as their leader, being nourished by the Word of God and the Sacraments”. Our school motto reminds us we are all called to strengthen and nourish our faith. Nourishment of faith comes through listening to the Word of God and through celebration of the Sacraments.

Like all schools, St Joseph’s is committed towards successfully delivering the curriculum to all students and seeks to promote personal excellence, nurturing the students to be independent lifelong learners and dedicated community members. The ‘extra’ thing about St Joseph’s is that we are a Catholic school. We have Jesus as our cornerstone. Jesus’ teachings and the values of his Gospel are the educational norms that permeate the school’s entire curriculum and life.

Christ is at the forefront of our interactions with each other. This is evident at our school, where all members are encouraged to recognise the presence of Jesus within each other, through our Making Jesus Real (MJR) emphasis.

3 Year Old Kindy: A 3 Year Old Kindy brochure and Expression of Interest letter have gone home this week. Please take the time to read the information and share it with families who have young children. Parents are encouraged to enrol their child, if born between 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, into the 2015 program by the end of August. Places are limited.

4 Year Old Kindy: Interviews will commence early next term. Parents are asked to complete an enrolment application form and drop it into the school office if you have a child due to start Kindy in 2015. Eligible children would be born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011. Families with students already in the school will still need to enrol children for 4 Year Old Kindy.

Respect for all: I encourage school community members to respect the dignity of all, especially our students. If parents are concerned about school related issues, they are encouraged to approach staff or leadership team for clarification. Assumptions are sometimes derived from incomplete or inaccurate information, using these assumptions to pass judgement upon our school community members goes against our MJR approach.

God Bless  Karmela Messineo - Principal

“Have patience with yourselves when you see that you have failed and patience with others when they seem to have done so.”
St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop
ITALIAN DAY

Thursday, June 12th is St Joseph’s Italian Day! Children are invited to come dressed up in Italian colours, or in Italian dress. Hungry Joe’s Canteen is organising a special Italian Menu for lunch too. Lunch packs will be available containing a slice of home-made pizza (Hawaiian or Supreme) and pasta (Carbonara or Bolognaise), as well as a drink. Please have your orders and payment in by Monday, June 9th to ensure your child doesn't miss out. There will be no recess sales that day as we are only opening the Canteen for lunch. Thank you to Mrs Magno, Mikaylee (Y2) and Ruby (K), for coordinating this yummy lunch.

BIGGEST MORNING TEA

We would like to sincerely thank the community of St. Joseph’s School for their wonderful support of the recently held Biggest Morning Tea. Through your generosity we were able to raise $340.60 which is fantastic. Mrs Vitale and Mrs Gear

REPORTS

Semester 1 reports will be going home at the end of this term for Pre Primary to Year 6. As with last year’s reports, we are grading against the Department of Education (DoE) Achievement Standards. However, the descriptions of each letter grade have changed slightly from last year. These descriptions will be a truer reflection of how your child is progressing against the expectations of the year level curriculum.

A - Excellent achievement of what is expected at the year level.
B - High achievement of what is expected at the year level.
C - Satisfactory achievement of what is expected at the year level.
D - Limited achievement of what is expected at the year level.
E - Very low achievement of what is expected at the year level.

Simply put, “C”, the middle of the scale, indicates a student is meeting the outcomes we expect them to attain at that level. Accompanying your child’s report will be a work sample book. This will contain examples of some of the work your child has completed this semester. Please note, these samples are not "best work", but rather serve to demonstrate the standard of your child’s work and assist you in understanding how they are progressing.

GARDEN REPORTS

Our garden has grown lots of weeds. The pea seedlings have disappeared. Maybe the snails have eaten them. The potato plants from last year are growing very quickly. Year 1

There are some suspicious agricultural occurrences happening in the greenhouse. One of our Roma tomato plants is much larger than the others and the capsicums are still feeding the slaters. Our one surviving paprika plant has 4 fruits growing on it and a number of flowers. The beetroot, sugar snap peas and garlic are all growing well. Year 6

Our silver beet and peas are growing tall and strong. We’re looking forward to cooking with them. The carrot seeds we planted a couple of weeks ago have sprouted and we hope to be able to transplant seedlings in a few more weeks. The lettuce is a big hit with the preprimaries, they love to graze on it at playtime. Pre Primary

Year 2

Today we checked our vegetable garden to see how well our vegies were growing. We were shocked to see we hardly had any weeds and no snails. We can’t wait until we can start harvesting! Year 3

Did you know?....

- Lawson B (Y 1) and Lacey B (Y 2) have a new baby brother. His name is Boston Reeve Brett. Congratulations to Preston and Marnie.
- The World Cup Soccer will start next week. A chart showing results will be on display near the office.
- Mrs Young is doing a fabulous job as our gardening coordinator.
- Miss V made a delicious soup for staff this week. She used chives from our vegie patch to garnish it.
- The Year 6 class won cleanest classroom award this week.
- The Year 3 class hosted a wonderful assembly about reuse, reduce and recycle. The costumes were amazing and the messages were inspirational.
- Mrs Gallin and Mrs Fuller are busy doing an initial plan for a nature playground in our school. This plan will be presented to the school community in the near future.
- Mrs Langan has done a great job of teaching the recorder to Years 5 and 6.
- From 8th of June onwards, Sunday Mass has now changed its time to start at 9am.
- There was only a 12% response rate to the ‘sneaky newsletter test’. Thank you to the families who responded.
PUPIL FREE DAYS
Please note the Pupil Free Days in Terms 2, 3 and 4 as some dates have been adjusted.

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

Term 4:
Monday 13th October

WA Day Poster Competition Winners
Pre Primary—Matilda Gutta
Year 1—Taylah Platell
Year 2—Charlize Schneider
Year 3—Emily Simpson
Year 4—Grace Hunt
Year 5—Maddie Hull
Year 6—Angelina Dimasi

Well done to all our winners!

SAVE THE DATE
Battle of the Sausage
night is coming up on the 25th of October. We are looking for anyone who would like to join the committee or help out on the day. Please contact Camille at Savvy Hairdressing on 97 331 895 or Lyn Della at the school office. It is a great event for the school and community, we look forward to hearing from you.

DESKS AND CHAIRS
The school has available for sale some old style desks and chairs. These are a great way to set up, for younger grades, a space to sit and do homework, instilling a good routine for future study habits.
Desks $10.00 and Chairs $5.00

PJ Day
Students and staff are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas on Thursday, July 3rd. Please bring in a gold coin donation to be donated to a mission school in Flores, Indonesia.

Supporting Youth Forum—Peel
Wednesday, 25th June,
9am—12.30pm,
Mandurah Aquatic and Recreation Centre

The Supporting Youth Forum aims to create a fun, inter-active experience for school support staff, high school students, school leavers and unemployed youth in the Peel Region, by providing them with the opportunity to come along and familiarise themselves with local youth services, career guidance, job skills and training opportunities available to them in the region.
Parish News
Sunday 8th of June—Mass time has changed to 9am

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
15th June : Fedele, Nikolas & Caprice F
22nd June : Maddy H, Ella D, Ryleigh S, Tina H
29th June : Angelina D, William D, Remy D

St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster
20th June : Anyone Available??
27th June : Anyone Available??
4th July : Enario & Glenda Gellado

P & F News
Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th June, 7pm
Agenda items welcome; please email P&F President, Mr Patrick Deleo,
p.deleo@ttweb.com.au

Parenting Workshops
Listen to Me
An introduction to communicating effectively with children

The basis of sound relationships with children is the ability to communicate effectively with them in an assertive and respectful way.

This introductory workshop will explore ways to listen to children when they have a problem and how to communicate when their behaviour is causing problems.

For age groups 3-15 years

When: Wednesday 25 June 2014
Where: Pinjarra Hospital
     McKay Street, PINJARRA
Time: 9:30am - 12:00noon
Facilitator: Maxine McEwin
Refreshments & Handouts Provided

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop will be open every Monday between 8:40am—9:40am. If you need to order something outside of the usual uniform day and hour, please fill in an order form (either collect one from the office or download from the school website) and leave it with full payment (correct money if paying by cash) in the office. The uniform shop volunteers will fill the order when they are in on the next Monday, sending the items home with your eldest child. “Buy & Sell Waroona School Uniforms” is a Facebook page set up for Waroona schools.

TRACKSUIT PANTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
Our First Communion

On Sunday, I had my First Holy Communion and I had my Uncle Peter, Aunty Donna, Uncle Richard and Aunty Correna there.

I went up for my reading and then I had the bread and wine. The wine tasted delicious.

When church was over, we went for the cutting of the cake then we went to Red Cliff Barn outdoor restaurant with Cooper, Ryley, Dakotah, Nash and Jett.

Ryder

On May 25th, some people in the class had their First Holy Communion. I was wearing a nice white shirt, nice black pants, a black tie, black shoes and socks and a watch.

When I arrived, all my friends were there. All the girls there looked like princesses.

Then, we went to the church and I wasn’t holding anything so I had to stand with Mum. I saw a wonderful sight. I saw my Dad.

It was time to have the body and blood of Jesus. I felt great for receiving Holy Communion and I still feel great.

Communion will help me become more like Jesus because he can help me when I call on him.

Josh

On Sunday, I got up feeling very excited. It was my first Holy Communion! After breakfast, Mum called me so she could do my hair. She got the curler and hair spray and curled the back. When mum finished doing my hair, we went to get dressed. Mum helped me put on my dress. Dad also helped me. He helped me put on my shoes.

When we were all ready, we got in the car and went to church. In church, I received Communion. It tasted different. The blessing must have changed it.

After church, I got changed and went to Red Cliff with Dakotah, Cooper and Ryder.

Ryley

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