St Joseph's School



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Mission Statement

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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

12th February 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends and Students of St Joseph's School, Father,

We thank you for a chance to begin the 2016 school year. Bless all the staff, students and families in our community. We pray that your spirit guides us in all our endeavours.

Welcome back to the 2016 school year! I would like to welcome those families with children beginning school for the first time, those new to our school and those who are returning. I hope you all enjoy your time here at St Joseph's. I welcome back to our wonderful staff, after spending time on maternity leave, Mrs Yvonne Langan (Music & P.E.).

I am extremely excited and honoured about serving as the new Principal at St Joseph's School and feel privileged to be joining a school focussed on faith, family, education and community.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff in readying their classrooms and learning areas for the arrival of all children on their first day. Our staff work collaboratively to nurture the very best from each and every child; to help each child find the success they deserve and to make enthusiasm for learning an everyday reality as there is so much to learn and find out. These first two weeks of school are very important in developing relationships within and among class members and for teachers to get to know their class; what is unique and special about each child, what are their learning styles and how do they best learn, what are their strengths and what areas do they need to be supported in through small group focussed teaching strategies and differentiated learning programs.

We can be so thankful that everyone affected by the recent fires are safe and well in our community. Such an event can be traumatising for all involved, especially our children. The school provided the opportunity for parents to speak and listen to a school psychologist last week. If you feel you need further assistance in dealing with signs of stress and anxiety with your child as a result of recent events, please don't hesitate in contacting me so I can make arrangements for the school psychologist to contact you.

Holy Year of Mercy: Pope Francis has called an extraordinary Jubilee of the Holy Year of Mercy. Throughout 2016, we are called to be 'Merciful like the Father.' It is in mercy that we find proof of how much God loves us. Day in and day out, we are touched by the mercy of a loving God and it is through that love and mercy, we are able to be compassionate to others. The Year of Mercy logo depicts Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Throughout this year, classes will be looking at various acts of mercy which complements the school's MJR approach.

<u>Parent Information Night:</u> Thank you to all those parents who were able to make last night's Parent Information Meeting. The success of our students depends upon good and regular communication between home and school. Last evening would have provided an excellent opportunity for parents to hear about classroom procedures, programs, homework and general class expectations.



"Rest assured that I shall not forget any of you."

> St Mary Of The Cross St Mary MacKillop

Dates to Remember

2016 Term Dates

 Term 1
 1/2/16 to 7/4/16

 Term 2
 27/4/16 to 1/7/16

 Term 3
 19/7/16 to 23/9/16

 Term 4
 11/10/16 to 9/12/16

Monday, February 15th Swimming Lessons

Tuesday, February 16th Swimming Lessons School Board Meeting, 5pm P & F Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, February 17th Swimming Lessons

Thursday, February 18th Swimming Lessons

Friday, February 19th Swimming Lessons Book Club orders due P & F Family Fun Night

Sunday, February 21st Commissioning Mass, 8.30am

Tuesday, February 23rd Sacramental Enrolment Meeting, 6pm

Wednesday, February 24th Class News Assembly

Thursday, February 25th Book Swap

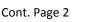
Friday, February 26th Year 6 attending Mass Newsletter

Monday, February 29th MJR Award

Thursday, March 3rd Special Canteen Day Please Note Date Change

Monday, March 7th LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday, March 11th Year 5 attending Mass Newsletter



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<u>Commissioning Mass</u>: The staff, members of the School Board and P&F will be commissioned during the 8:30am Mass on Sunday 21st February. This is an important part of our roles as members of St Joseph's School Community and the Parish Community. It helps to remind us that we work together for the good of our students and all the community members.

<u>Ash Wednesday:</u> Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of Lent, a season in the life of the Church which is a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. It is a time to reflect on our lives, our relationships with God and with each other. It is an opportunity to put God's values back where they belong and, in so doing, find the peace that only God can bring. Thank you to Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Young and the Year 4 students for preparing the Mass.

The three main themes of Lent are prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

MJR Award: The nomination forms are ready and waiting for nominations. They are located in the school office and in each classroom. Please nominate people within our school community who demonstrate outstanding qualities and who make Jesus real in our community.

P&F Meeting: The first P&F meeting of the year will be held on <u>*Tuesday 16*th February commencing at 7:00pm in the Library</u>. Everyone is most welcome to come and be part of our great community spirit. See you there!

Family Fun Night: The Family Fun Night is being held on *Friday 19th February* commencing with a sausage sizzle at 5:00pm followed by some family fun from 5:45pm. I look forward to seeing many families enjoying this community get together for the beginning of our school year.

<u>Letter from the Director of Catholic Education WA</u>: The Director of Catholic Education WA, Dr Tim McDonald, has written a letter to welcome new and returning parents and caregivers to the Catholic Education System for 2016 as well as highlighting the importance 2016 has within our Church as the 'Holy Year of Mercy.' This letter can be found as an attachment to the newsletter email or on the school website.

Thank you for your support, warm welcome and please do not hesitate to come in to say hello and/or to discuss any concerns.

God Bless

Travis Bienkowski

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Sports Days for 2016</u> The following shows which coloured sports polo to wear on which day of the week;

	Faction Coloured Polo	<u>Gold Polo</u>
Year 1	Thursday	Monday
Year 2	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday	Friday
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday	Friday

Date Changes Change to Athletics Carnival dates - Jumps and throws will now be on Tuesday, 23rd August and the carnival will be on Thursday, 1st September. Please adjust the dates in your diaries and calendars.

Did you know.....

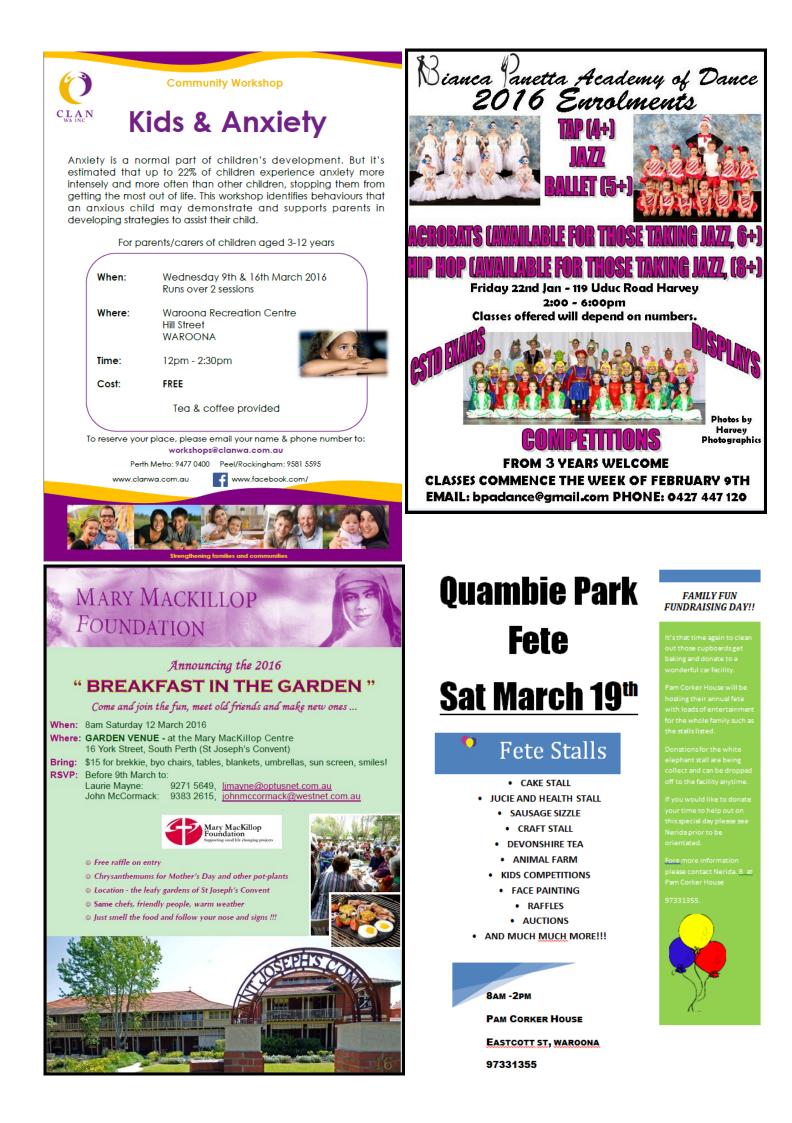
- A HUGE Thank you to Bianca W (Huntah Y1), Shanoah P (Travis Y5, Matthew Y1) and Jen Stokes (Luke PP) who have come in and cooked for the canteen. Love your work ladies!!
- Miss Catalano dislikes seafood and Miss Baggetta has a phobia of eyeballs!
- Our newsletter has limited space so throughout the year, information is advertised in the glass cabinet on the outside of the school office, just at the base of the verandah steps. Make sure you regularly have a look.
- When placing an order for canteen (Tuesdays and Fridays), please complete your child's first and last name and the year they are in.

Parish News

Sacramental Programme 2016 – Parent Information & Enrolment Meeting, Tuesday, February 23rd, 6:00pm St Joseph's School Library

for parents of children seeking to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. *This meeting is part of preparation for receiving the sacraments. It is important you attend with your child to be enrolled to receive the sacraments.*

<u>Altar Servers</u>	St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster	
February 14th : Remy & Morgan D February 21st : Nicholas D & Jordan T February 28th : Sophie & Mackenzie P, Elise C	February 19th : Sutton FamilyFebruary 26th : Ange Ferraro & Carmel LookMarch 4th : Lena Deleo & Lidia T Twells	
Harvey Hawks Junior Soccer Club On-line enrolments at <u>www.myfootballclub</u> from 15th February. Ages from 5 up to 16 yrs old for boys and 17yrs old for girls. Information evenings at Harvey Rec Centre 5 - 7pm Mon 15th Feb & Tues 23rd Feb Enquiries to Leigh Vaughan 0410220813 or <u>harveyhawkssoccer@gmail.com.au</u> or visit us on Facebook. Kidsport funding available to Centrelink cardholders.	Image: Contract of the second seco	
Jenny Regterschot, the school Piano Tutor, has a couple of times available for students wishing to learn Piano. Jenny is commencing lessons on 16 February. For further information, please contact Jenny direct on 0402 014 147.	AGM Waroona Junior Netball Waroona Rec Centre Tuesday, 23 rd February 2016 7.00pm Everyone welcome	
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CANTEEN ROSTERTuesday, February 16 :Lidia T Twells, Rebecca Fiorenza, Chelsie ReynoldsFriday, February 19 :Leesa Coghlan, Bianca Wilson, Emma Dawas	UNIFORM SHOP The uniform shop will be open every Monday between 8:40am—9:40am during school term. 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 second hand uniforms also.	
Emma Dawes Tuesday, February 23 : Vanessa Wildman, Gloria Snell, Kelly Nottle		
Friday, February 26 : Peter LeRoy, Katie Simpson	Eftpos facilities are available	
We are also looking for donations of watermelons	A copy of the school uniform policy can be found at; <u>http://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/app/webroot/js/</u> <u>tiny_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/</u> <u>Uniform_and_Grooming_Policy_2014.pdf</u>	





Pope Francis' Official Prayer For the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betraval, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of GodI" You are the visible face of the invisible Father. of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.