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,

It is essential that all candidates and at least one parent attends this important Mass and commit to the Sacramental program. NAPLAN: Students in Year 3 and Year 5 have received their NAPLAN results today and I know there is much to celebrate. From the school’s perspective, the data that NAPLAN provides is invaluable. We are able to see the areas where our strengths lie as well as the areas where we need to focus our efforts more sharply. This data, along with many other data sets, will be used to inform planning for the future. However, it should be remembered that the performance of an individual student is a snapshot of a moment in time and many factors are at work on that particular day.

Athletics Carnival: Congratulations to all the students in Years 3-6 who completed their jumps and throws on Tuesday. Next Thursday, is the Faction Athletics Carnival which promises to be a fun day full of excitement. Thank you to Mrs Langan for the hard work she has put into preparing the students for the carnival.

Father’s Day: To all our fathers, I wish you an enjoyable day next Sunday for Father’s Day. I hope your children show you just how much they appreciate and love you. A reminder, that next Friday is the Father’s Day stall for Years PP-6. Please remember to provide your child with money if you would like them to purchase a gift for dad as each class will have an opportunity to visit the stall during the day. Thank you to the P&F for their time and effort they have put into organising this year’s Father’s Day stall.

School Uniform: Thank you to all our parents for the support and effort you have put into ensuring your child is coming to school in the correct uniform. Since the reminder in the newsletter and at Monday’s morning briefing, there has been a significant improvement in all the students remembering to wear their uniform with pride. Let us all keep up the great work!

Mrs Young on Long Service Leave: Mrs Young will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday 5 September to Friday 23 September. Mrs Hodgson will be covering Mrs Young’s work days while she is on leave. I’d like to wish Mrs Young all the best on her well-deserved break.

MJR Award: The next MJR Award will be announced on Wednesday 7 August. It’s still not too late to nominate a worthy recipient. Nomination forms can be found at the front office and in each classroom.

Family Holidays: I would like to remind parents that it is a system requirement that the Principal be given written notification, in advance, of any intention to withdraw a student from school for the purpose of family holidays within the school term. I appreciate your understanding and support in this matter and thank those families who have already met this requirement.

God Bless

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OUR HERO ISLA
We are holding a "Hero Day" on Thursday 8th September in honour of our Kindy student, Isla Fitzgerald. Isla has battled Neuroblastoma twice in her life and is currently (and thankfully) classed as NED (no evidence of disease). She was first diagnosed as a 2-year-old with Stage 2 cancer and then again just before she turned 3 with Stage 4. We are very lucky to have Isla as part of our school community, considering the battles she has fought in her life so far! Isla and her family are currently enjoying a holiday in Victoria which is a result of the Make-a-Wish Foundation granting Isla’s wish to play in the snow. Our Hero Day will be raising money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation so that other children can be granted their wishes, just like Isla.
Please come dressed as your favourite hero and bring in a gold coin donation. You might like to dress as a superhero (eg. Superman, Wonder Woman), a hero in the community (eg. fire fighter, nurse), or as someone in your life that you see as a hero (eg. your mum or dad, football coach).

Staff Profile;
Name: Sophie Figueiredo  Role: Year 6 teacher
Birthday: 26th September  Favourite Colour: Yellow
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, hanging with family and friends, basically anything adventurous
Favourite Food: Roast Chicken  Pets: No but since I was 4 I have wanted a dog called Batman. I am still waiting
A Proud Moment: Getting this job
If I was a tree/animal/character, what would I be and why? Jen Hawkins for her clothes
3 words to describe myself: Loud, excitable, organised
2 interesting facts about me:
- I hate watermelon and cucumber
- I have lived in Brazil and Switzerland

Did you know.......
- Nadia Tognolini (Tom Yr 4) donates a carton of farm fresh eggs to the school canteen every week for us to use in our cooking. We appreciate your generosity and they are so yummy!!
- If any parents have taken home any tea towels from the canteen to wash over the last few months, could you please return them as our supplies are starting to dwindle. Thanks.
- Family photo order forms are still available from the school office. Come in and see Mrs Della next week.
- Cherish your children for what they are, not for what you’d like them to be.
- The P & F are looking for volunteers to cook sausages at Bunnings in Mandurah, on Saturday, October 15th. This will be a great fundraiser for our school, if we can get enough volunteers. Please go to the link below and choose a 2 hour time slot! http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d48afa92dabfc1-bunnings?1471921932431
- Congratulations to the following students who recently made their Holy Communion; Lacey Brett, Jett DeRosa, Brooklyn Fiorenza, Nicholas Fuller, Mikaylee Magno, Payton Martelli, Braidy Rossell and Thomas Scott.
Parish News—75th Year Celebrations St Patrick’s Church Waroona

It was a great celebrations with about 120 odd people attending. Sisters of St Joseph’s of the Sacred Heart order who commenced our school in 1943 were represented by Sister Pauline Dundon and Sister Kathleen Dawe (60 years anniversary this year). Both ladies who attended the school and parish spoke after mass and shared their special memories. The photo taken is of Sister Kathleen Dawe and Mr Des Hardiman (representing Father Russell Hardiman) cutting the celebration cake. It was wonderful having Des (Hardiman) here to share and hear of many happy times parishioners spent which Father Russell in our parish. It was a great day for everyone and the parish.

Altar Servers

- August 28th: Nicholas D, Jordan T
- September 4th: Sophie & Mackenzie P, Elise C
- September 11th: Ryleigh & Thomas S

St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster

- September 2nd: Lena Deleo, Lidia Templeman Twells
- September 9th: Jen Deleo, Sandra Viereck
- September 16th: ?????

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.

Eftpos facilities are available

A copy of the school uniform policy can be found at:
Book Week:  Wow! What a fantastic display of Australiana we had on parade on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Mrs Young for organising the dress up day and to the students, teachers and parents for the hard work they have put into dressing up for the occasion – a great success!
Jumps & Throws

Last Tuesday we held the first part of our school carnival. The years 3-6 competed in long jump, turbo javelin and triple jump (years 5 & 6). Well done to all the boys and girls. You did an awesome job. Many thanks to the parents and relatives who turned up on the day to help and support. We look forward to seeing you for the second instalment of our carnival next Thursday 1st September at 9.00am.

Mrs Langan