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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

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

This week I completed my first principal review. Data is drawn from staff, students, Parish Priest as well as School Board and P&F Executive members. The review panel is comprised of a peer principal and someone from the CEO, they interview all the data sources over three days and present a report to the principal being reviewed. This report is also forwarded to the Executive Director. The reviewers made a point of sharing their delight to be in our school. They each said the students were friendly and commented on the outstanding behaviour. They were amazed by the deep commitment and excellence demonstrated by all our staff. Additionally, they were impressed with the community spirit very much in evidence amongst our families.

My review has helped me to reflect on my time at St Joseph's. There is much to be thankful for. Our school has moved from split classes to straight classes, academic rigour across the curriculum has improved, due in no small part to the staff seeking and embracing opportunities that have helped to build their own skills and knowledge. Initially, student behaviour was not always respectful towards all school community members however now, all students are mindful of others and seek to behave and interact in a respectful manner. Staff morale has increased dramatically and many a staff member is heard to say they love coming to work. With positive student behaviour and staff morale, the potential for powerful teaching and learning at St Joseph's is limitless. It is my expectation that every student and staff member aspires towards personal excellence because of intrinsic motivation. That is, we do it because we believe it is the right thing and not because we are compelled by threats or rewards. Each one of us must take responsibility for our own actions and words. Resiliency is demonstrated when, with each day, we continue to aspire and learn from our mistakes, always moving forward.

We have a Family Maths Night on Thursday 28th May. During this event staff will make available some maths games that help to build proficiency across the four operations. Attending families will receive a sample pack of the games demonstrated, so they can support the school by helping to build their child's mental maths proficiencies at home. In the past, similar events have been poorly attended however attending families have always gained much. As the eternal optimist, I trust all families will endeavour to attend and participate in this worthwhile event.

I have returned from a week's camp with the Year 6 students and Miss Vidulich in Albany. Again this year I was impressed by the maturity, respectful and dignified behaviour all students exhibited at all times. This was most evident when we visited the ANZAC Centre. The students were exemplary in their behaviour as they wandered the building absorbed by the exhibits for over an hour and a half. A number of members of the public sought out Miss Vidulich and myself, to compliment us on our students' behaviour. This camp has a dual foci, being MJR and student leadership; all students are encouraged to be their best, see the best in others and to be brave enough to step out of their comfort zones. Sincere thanks to Mr Anzellino (Isiah Y6) and Mr Wilson (Keegan Y6), both gentleman were wonderful helpers and a great support to both Miss Vidulich and myself.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, May 19

Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting, 6pm Board Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, May 20 Homework Club

Thursday, May 21Special Canteen Day
Yr 1 & Yr 2 excursion

Friday, May 22

Pentecost Liturgy, Yr 6, 9am

Sunday, May 24 Confirmation Commitment Mass, 8:30am

Monday, May 25 MJR Award

Wednesday, May 27

Yr 3 Assembly (Date Changed)
Crazy Hair and Socks Day
Homework Club

Thursday, May 28

Yr 4 & Yr 5 excursion Family Fun Maths Night, 6pm

Friday, May 29 Yr 5 attending Mass

Monday, June 1 WA Day Public Holiday

Tuesday, June 2
Pupil Free Day

Wednesday, June 3 Homework Club

Thursday, June 4Biggest Morning Tea
Book Swap

Tuesday, June 9 P & F Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, June 10
Yr 2 Assembly (Date Changed)

Thursday, June 11Yr 6 Confirmation Retreat
Dreamcatcher Club



"Never is God nearer to us than when danger threatens."

> St Mary Of The Cross St Mary MacKillop

Last week I sneakily inserted a newsletter test, sadly only four families responded as per the newsletter test. I am willing to acknowledge that perhaps the tight timeframe for response didn't allow families the opportunity to respond to my newsletter test. The newsletter is a source of important school information, I respectfully ask all families to read the school newsletter each week as a way of staying informed of the school goings-on. The newsletter is emailed out each fortnight and put up on the school webpage at the same time.

Our school is required to count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability and provide this data for The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability. If you have questions about this and how it may involve you child, please contact me. You may also visit www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

I will be conducting interviews for Kindy 2016 early in June. Please ensure an enrolment application form has been completed and handed to the school office if you have a child due to start Kindy in 2016. Eligible children would be born 01/07/2011— 30/06/2012. Please note families with students already in the school will still need to enrol children for 4 Year Old Kindy. If you are aware of other families who may be interested, please ask them to complete an enrolment form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

God Bless Karmela Messineo - Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Ariving In Faith

<u>WA DAY POSTER COMPETITION</u> All students in K-6 are invited to enter our WA Day Poster Competition. Your poster should be about WA and might detail a famous West Australian, our native flora and fauna, landmarks, early settlement, or you might have another idea. The judging will be based on creativity, effort and how well you showcase an aspect of Western Australia. Entries must be A3 size, or smaller, and handed into the office, with your name and class on the back, by Friday, May 22nd. All entries will be displayed in the school for WA Week.

<u>FAMILY MATHS NIGHT</u> Please mark our Family Maths Night into your calendars. It will be held on Thursday, May 28th at 6pm. Come along and enjoy a range of mathematical activities that are not only fun for the whole family, but also educational! You will come away with lots of ideas about how to support your child's maths learning at home. There will be door prizes and competitions to enter!

<u>HOST FAMILIES WANTED</u> French students eager to experience the Australian way of life will be visiting Western Australia form July 20 to August 18, 2015. French Linguistic Association, Prolingua, is looking for families in the area who are interested in opening their home for a French student, aged 16 or 17. For more information, email Martine aupairoz@iinet.net.au Phone 93857472.

<u>CHICKENPOX (Varicella)</u> We advise community members at risk, pregnant women and immune system affected people, that we have had a recent case of Chickenpox in our school community.

<u>TYRE ANIMALS</u> We are looking for someone to convert our pile of donated tyres into amazing tyre animals to brighten our school grounds. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Did you know......

- There are lots of frogs singing at night time now in Waroona. Do you have any in your garden?
- We deposited \$77.65 to the Caritas Nepal Appeal from our recent donations.
- Children are one third of our population and all of our future.
- Previous student Jane Bavaro, competed in the MCC Cross Country 3km run and came 5th out of 140 girls. What a huge effort Jane!
- Mrs Gallin was commissioned as a Special Minister during our recent Feast Day mass.
- Mr Anzellino (Isiah Y6) and Mr Wilson (Keegan Y6) were outstanding camp helpers and didn't complain once about having to put up with Miss V and Mrs Messineo for a week!
- Miss Rimmer wore a cardigan that looked like Batman's cape.
- Tom N (Y3) was heard saying, "The NAPLAN was fun."
- Have you noticed our display boards outside the canteen and above the fountain? Keep an eye on them as different things will be displayed over the coming weeks.

Attendance

To ensure the children's safety and for legal reasons, parents are asked to comply with the following:

- If your child is sick or will be away from school, please contact the school office by **9am of that day**. Please ring the office on **97826500** or email <u>admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au</u>.
- If a child is to be absent for part of the day or arrives after the 8.35am bell, parents are required to sign them in at the Office.
- Children who leave the School grounds for appointments during the day also need to be signed out and in at the Office.

Parish News

Sunday Mass, 8:30 am

Altar Servers

31st May: Angelina & William D 7th June: Remy & Morgan D

14th June: Ella & Nicholas D, Danny S

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

29th May: No one on roster

5th June : Simone Fiorenza & Simone Magno

12th June: Kerry Shore & Family



CONGRATULATIONS



Miggy (Y1) and his family all became Australian Citizens last week.
Congratulations.





CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, May 19: Vanessa Wildman, Gloria Snell,
Petrina Oremek

Friday, May 22: Megan LeRoy, Janice DeRosa, Chelsie Reynolds

Tuesday, May 26: Angie Stickney, Cath Stampone, Jen Stokes

Friday, May 29: Nat Birch, Dannielle Zappia

Please note the new menu range and the price change to cheesies.



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 second hand uniforms also.

Eftpos facilities are available



Fire Recognition



The Shire of Waroona in conjunction with ALCOA and Bendigo Bank, would like to extend an open invite to the local community to attend a 'Waroona Fire Thank You' Sundowner for those who were affected by the January fires to have the opportunity to thank all those volunteers who assisted the community during this time.

When: 15th of May 2015

6.00pm-8.30pm

Where: Drakesbrook Memorial Hall

Waroona Showgrounds

RSVP: By 6th of May to Tori Davis at cdo@waroona.wa.gov.au
or call (08) 9733 7800.

This is an RSVP event only

Light refreshments will be provided

*Kids will be catered for but no supervision is provided







Community Workshop

Bouncing Back

Building resilience in children

Resilient kids are optimistic and do better at school. They are resourceful and persist when faced with challenges.

This two session workshop will help parents identify their children's strengths in order to build their sense of well-being and optimism.

Based on 'The Resilience Doughnut' by Lyn Worsley

For parents/carers of children aged 0-12 years

Dates: Thursdays 18th & 25th June 2015

'enue: Waroona Recreation Centre

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Time: 12pm - 2:30pm

Cost: FREE

Facilitator: Kellie Wilson

Refreshments & handouts provided



To book a place please email: workshops@clanwa.com.au th Metro: 9477 0400 Peel/Rockingham: 9581 5595



DENTAL CLINIC NEWS FROM THE

HARVEY DENTAL MOBILE

The Dental Health Services Dental Van will be at WDHS during Term 2. Appointments will be sent out to enrolled children. Enrolment forms will be issued to new students. Please note that a parent/guardian is required to attend your child's Recall or first check-up appointment. This is due to the need to confirm and update your child's medical history and consent for treatment, as required by Health Policy. Follow up appointments will be posted home or with your child. If you have changed address or need to update your details please inform the Dental Clinic. Any missed appointments will result in a notification that no further appointments can be made until you contact the Mobile Dental Therapy Centre on 0417 291 951. If you prefer your child receive their dental care from a private dental practitioner, then you should advise us by phone. Similarly, if you are unable to attend and you want your child to be treated at the Dental van, please contact Natalie or Sandra.

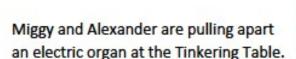
Having Fun in Year One with

Investigations!

We would like to thank the P&F for your generous donation towards resourcing Walker Learning in our Junior Primary classrooms. We have purchased cash registers for each classroom, as well as consumables like water beads, kinetic sand and sensory boxes. The children have been very excited about learning through Investigations using these resources.



Dana is buying a pet lamb from Matilda in the pet shop.







Mathew and Jonny are building a racetrack with wood and nails. Peta is investigating how to tell the time with digital and analogue clocks.





Willow is observing the crocodile which has just hatched out of its egg.

Vee-jay, Charlie and Matthew are making giant robots with the connectors.





Lara is using her senses to investigate different smells and Milla looking at different colours and patterns in the kaleidoscope. Douglas and Cameron are looking after the animals in the pet shop.





Tyler and Milla are busy making things for Mother's Day on the Art/Craft table.

Here are some great patterns we made!

