St Joseph’s School

1st May 2015

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,

Welcome to Term 2! It was wonderful to see everyone’s happy smiles upon returning to school after the school holidays.

Professional development day (PD): Last term staff attended a PD day based on brain development. The session was enlightening and helped staff to understand why some children behave in certain ways, thus affecting their learning. This week staff attended a PD day focussed on spelling and mental maths data analysis.

ANZAC Day: The Year 6 class represented our school at last week’s celebration of the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day at the Mandurah Memorial. Some students and members of staff attended the Waroona community ANZAC Day service last Saturday, representing our school with pride and dignity. Mrs Gallin and the Year 6 class led a school based ANZAC Day last Friday. Each student and staff member were presented with a commemorative penny of Simpson and his donkey, as a gift from the school in remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Extra-Curricular: This term we’ve started another series of after school extra-curricular activities, this time Homework Club. I will be leading this extra-curricular activity and Mrs Gallin will step in when I am away from school. Class teachers also pop in during the session to help students with homework.

St Joseph The Worker Feast Day: As a school we celebrated our feast day today. St Joseph was the primary teacher in Jesus’s life, his forgiving heart and loving nature evident is evident in Scripture. St Joseph reminds us to live a good and holy life, whilst this may not always be seen by others it is always seen by God. Mrs Landwehr and her Year 2 class started the day with a lovely Mass. Mrs Gallin, Mrs Fuller and the Year 6 students organised tabloid sport activities for the whole school where everyone had a fabulous time. The Year 6 students demonstrated excellent leadership and organisational skills, ensuring every student was always included. The P&F hosted a free beef roll lunch for all students as a remembrance of the 100th Anniversary of ANZAC Day.

Sacramental Preparation: This week parents of students preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation attended a Parish meeting where Fr Tony Chiera spoke. Please keep these students, their families and the people preparing them for the sacraments in your prayers. Disappointingly, of the 29 students registered for sacramental preparation only 14 were represented by their parents/guardians at this meeting. I remind all families whilst sacramental preparation is undertaken within class religious education lessons, the expectation by both parish and school is that families will attend the associated information evenings. Fr Jay will contact with the families who did not attend, informing them of a catch up meeting. I trust all who were not in attendance at the recent meeting will attend the make-up meeting.

Year 6 Camp: Miss Vidulich and her Year 6 class will be away on camp in Albany next week, Mr Anzellino, Mr Wilson and I will be joining them. Please keep us all in your prayers and think sunshine and warmth.

Principal Review: Principals are reviewed in their third and eighth years of service in a school by a peer principal and a CEO staff member. My review falls this year and I will be reviewed in Week 4. Thank you to Mrs Gallin for her coordination of the review and to all school community members who have contributed to the review as data sources.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

***On Wednesday, May 6th, Yr 4 Assembly***

Homework Club

Monday, May 4
Year 6 camp begins
Bookclub orders due back

Wednesday, May 6
Yr 4 Assembly
Homework Club

Friday, May 8
Mothers’ Day Liturgy, Yr 1, 9am
Mothers’ Day Morning Tea, 10am—12 noon
P & F Thermomix Raffle drawn
Year 6 camp concludes

Sunday, May 10
Mothers’ Day

Tuesday, May 12
NAPLAN
P & F Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, May 13
NAPLAN
Homework Club

Thursday, May 14
NAPLAN

Friday, May 15
Yr 6 attending Mass

Tuesday, May 19
Confirmation Parent & Candidate Meeting, 6pm
Board Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, May 20
Homework Club

Thursday, May 21
Special Canteen Day

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
Crazy Hair and Socks Day
Homework Club

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“May St Joseph shower many special graces upon each and every one of you.”

St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop

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**Mothers’ Day**: Mrs Mulholland and the Year 1 class will host the Mothers’ Day Liturgy next Friday morning. The P&F will host a Mothers’ Day Morning Tea in the Josephine Centre, 10am-noon. Families are reminded they are expected to provide a plate of food as per the letter sent out and as attached to this newsletter. My sincere thanks to the P&F for hosting this event. If you haven’t purchased your ticket yet, please do so from the school office. Happy Mothers’ Day to all who take on the role of mother.

**NAPLAN**: During Week 4 our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting the national literacy and numeracy tests. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 please ensure your child attends school and appointments are made for after lunch. It is important to remember these are but one form of assessment, our teachers use a variety of assessments to establish student levels. As always, I encourage students to keep perspective, remember to read questions carefully, check work and persevere through difficulties.

**Nepal**: The recent devastating earthquake in Nepal has affected tens of thousands of people. Emergency assistance is urgently needed throughout the affected communities. I ask each family to help towards aiding those affected by bringing in a donation next Tuesday. All money collected will be sent to Caritas who will use the donated funds to help with the provision of water, shelter and food to prevent further loss of life due to exposure or disease. Please give generously, as you’re able.

**School Climate Survey**: Some of you have been invited to participate in a School Climate 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 by 8 May, 2015, 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.

**God Bless**

**Karmela Messineo** - Principal

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**UNIFORM** By week 3, all students must be wearing their winter uniforms. Girls are able to wear either blue socks or navy tights. We also have a range of discontinued girls winter tights (thin range) available for only $2 each. These can be purchased from the school office with cash only and there will be no refunds on these items. See Mrs Brown or Mrs Della for any uniform enquiries.

**CAANTEEN** On Tuesday, we had our first homemade sausage roll day. They were very yummy and a huge success. We have decided to reduce the price to $3 for 1 sausage roll (measuring 12cms) and $1.50 for ½ a sausage roll (measuring 6cms). You may order any multiples of these sizes. We also have available BBQ and tomato sauces sachets for an additional 20 cents. Please note this change on your term menu.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to Olivia Hawkins. She represented St Joseph’s at the Equestrian Interschools on her pony ‘Judaroo Bridget Jones’. The competition ran over 4 days with over 230 riders competing. Olivia competed in three events and her placings were as follows; Dressage Prep B (11th out of 18 riders), Dressage Prelim 1.2 (16th out of 30 riders) and Show Hunter (9th out of 10 riders).

**WA DAY POSTER COMPETITION** 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.

**FAMILY MATHS NIGHT** 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!

**Did you know…….**

- Last term, the P & F Easter raffle was another huge success. A HUGE thank you to Leanne Martelli, Lisa Rowland, Simone Magno, Jen Stokes and Nat Birch for their help in organising this. 1st Prize was won by Matthew Pitter, 2nd Prize went to Anya Stringer and 3rd prize to Summer Miller. Congratulations.
- Mrs Belinda Taylor (Mackenzie Y3 and Matthew Y1) is a farrier. Mrs Messineo will award a token to each family who can correctly tell her what a farrier does next Monday morning before school.
- The Year 6 students were excellent ambassadors of our school during last week’s “100 Years of ANZAC – Combined Schools Commemoration” at the Mandurah War Memorial.
- Mr Della is looking for the small size Moucona Jars for her fundraising, if anyone has any please bring into the school office.
- The ANZAC service in Waroona had a good turnout of students from our school. Year 6 students Emily R, Jeremy P and Jye M represented St Joseph’s in the wreath laying ceremony. Congratulations to Caprice F for her moving reading and to Mrs Jacinta Dwyer (India K) for her beautiful singing of the Australian and New Zealand national anthems.
- Ryleigh S and Shannon H, both Year 6, represented the Waroona Girl Guides at the ANZAC service attending to the raising of the national flags. Great job girls.
- Jordan T (Y5) was awarded the trophy for Waroona Redbacks 2014/2015 Best Team Player Under 13 Boys Kings. Well done!
- Mrs Gallin went to Queensland last week to become a trainer for ‘Story Dogs’. Make sure you ask her about this.
- Brayden N (Y6) broke his arm, falling off a large round hay bale.
- The new homemade chocolate muffins in the canteen contain a hidden ingredient!
Sunday Mass, 8:30 am
Father Jay is a Dockers supporter, of course!

**Altar Servers**
- 10th May: Remy & Morgan D
- 17th May: Ella D, Nicholas D, Danny S
- 24th May: Maddie H, Sophie P, Mackenzie P

**St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster**
- 8th May: No one on roster
- 15th May: Ray & Jo Ann Vergone
- 22nd May: Rebecca Fiorenza & Family

**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**

**THANK YOU**
*Thank you to Mr Damien Fiorenza (Devanah Y5 and Demi PP) for fixing our PP play equipment during the holiday. You did an awesome job.
*Thank you to Mr Rob Pitter (Sophie Y5, Mackenzie Y4 and Ruby K) for helping to fix a broken pipe at school after Sunday’s Mass. You’re a lifesaver.
*Thank you to the mums who came in over the school holidays and made our yummy sausage rolls for this term. Simone Magno (Mikaylee Y2, Ruby PP), Nat Birch (Jazmyne Y4, Lachlan Y3, Lucas 3YO), Lisa Rowland (Emily Y6, Mitchell Y2) and Harrena Platell (Taylah Y2, Zachary PP). You are amazing.

**MJR Award Winner — Shannon Hewitt (Yr 6)**
How did you feel when your name was announced? Surprised and happy.
Who’s your hero? Both my Mum and my Dad because they are kind.
Why do you think you won the MJR award? Because I am kind and think about the environment.
What do you think about the award? It’s a very good thing as it teaches people to make Jesus real.
What is your favourite thing to do? Going on camp with Joseph.
What is something you’ll do with Joseph the Bear, while he is with you? Probably go to lots of places in Albany with me and get lots of photos of him.

**Mothers’ Day Morning Tea**
It would be appreciated if people could help set up for the morning tea on Friday, 8th May, at 7:30am to 9am in the Josephite Centre.
Thank You.
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.
This term I’m excited about maths, english, learning new things and still having a wonderful teacher. I can’t wait to have sport again and have some more clinics. I am also excited to do homework and news as well as making new friends.

Shania

In term two, in our class so far we have done a lot of hard. We also have NAPLAN this term. In NAPLAN there’s maths spelling writing and all other hard things. There’s only a couple of classes that do it here in ST Joseph’s and there’s a lot of other schools that do it and we are one of them.

William

This term I am looking forward to getting my work done and doing math because it is really fun. I would like to learn how to type faster and quicker. I would really like to hang out with my friends.

Molly

WRITING STORIES

TEAM WORK

THINKING
This term I am looking forward to learning so much more than last term and having Miss Figueredo and having all my friends around. I can't wait to get back into work. I can't believe it is term two already, it is going so fast. My goal is trying to get better at things.

Dakotah

This term I am looking forward to English because we are doing narratives and persuasive texts and in maths decimals and angles. But I am definitely not looking forward NAPLAN!!!!!! This term I am looking forward to maths. So far I have been enjoying learning from the mistakes, then when we correct them as a class and I always learn a thing or two. I have also been looking forward to these comprehension reading cards, they are lots of fun and they really get me thinking about my reading. When we use them I really enjoy it.

Ryley

I am looking forward to learning about Picasso this term. I think it will be a very enjoyable process and I am sure to have fun making the art itself. I am also looking forward to learning more about Japan, as it is a very civilised place and lots of the people there are kind. The last thing I am looking forward to is being with my friends and my awesome teacher!

By Grace (of course!)

This term I'm looking forward to spelling and all the new spelling words and math concepts. I have loved sport and our soccer clinic it was awesome. This term I love how we have been doing lots of homework and news.

Olivia