27th March 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,

Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to the Years 3 to 6 students during the recent school swimming carnival. They all tried their best, with many exceeding personal expectations. They encouraged each other and celebrated everyone’s efforts. Many thanks to the parents and staff who helped throughout. Special thanks to Miss Hilton for coordinating a successful event.

Holy Week: Next week each class will lead the school community in a reflection based on a day within Holy Week. Holy Week commemorates Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his gift of the Eucharist, his suffering, death, and Resurrection. In the course of our busy week, we may make time for certain things that are important to us—a workout, shopping, or maybe even a catnap—so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church’s liturgical year for spiritual renewal. The word holy refers to anything that is set apart for God’s purposes. Holy Week is holy precisely because it is a time we focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practise in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus’ triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

Parent Teacher Meetings: I encourage parents who have not met with their child’s teacher to do so. The purpose of the meeting is to give parents a snapshot of their child’s learning journey.

Health News Attachment: Attached to the email is a Health News article, about the benefits of water, written by Sandra Viereck (Nicholas Y4). Thank you to Sandra for sharing her research with us. The article prompted me to consider my own personal water intake.

Term 1 End and Term 2 Start: Please note Term 1 concludes on Wednesday 1st April and Thursday 2nd of April is a Pupil Free Day. Term 2 start for students is Monday 20th April. Monday 27th April is the ANZAC Day public holiday and Tuesday 28th April is a Pupil Free Day.

ANZAC Commemoration: The Year 6 class will be representing our school at a special 100 years commemoration ANZAC service in Mandurah on Thursday 23rd April. Our school will host an ANZAC Day Liturgy at 11am on Friday 24th April. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for a wonderful start to 2015. Wishing all families the joy of the Resurrection this Easter and a ‘fantabulous’ holiday. Stay safe, I look forward to seeing you all ‘bright eyed and bushy tailed’ next term, Monday 20th April.

God Bless
Karmela Messineo - Principal
Striving In Faith
UNIFORM SHOP  We have sent home a new price list for parents to pre-order any winter uniform requirements. Unfortunately some prices have changed from last year. 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. There will be a two week change over to winter uniform next term. All Year 1 to Year 6 students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 4th May, start of Week 3.

SCHOOL FEES  School Fee Statements have been sent home to parents via the eldest child of the family. Thank you to the families who have paid in full or instalments. A reminder, first instalments were due 27th February 2015. Should you have any difficulties regarding payment of fees please contact the office for a confidential meeting with Mrs Messineo or Mrs Della to make alternative arrangements.

CARITAS, Project Compassion Boxes  Please bring back the Project Compassion boxes. They’re due now.

Holy Week  

Holy Week Reflections: All are invited to join students in reflecting upon the events of Holy Week. The reflections will take place in the school undercover area.  
Palm Sunday Prayer Service by Kindy and Y3, Monday 30th March 8:45am  
Holy Thursday Prayer Service by PP and Y4, Tuesday 31st March, 8:45am  
Good Friday Prayer Service by Y1 and Y5, Wednesday 1st April, 8:45am  
Resurrection Prayer Service Y2 and Y6, Wednesday, 1st April, 11am

MJR Award Winner – Ethan Moore (Yr 5)  
How did you feel when your name was announced?  Surprised, very surprised! I also was kind of happy because I tried hard to get Joseph last year but didn’t get him.

Who’s your hero?  Dad because he is really supportive and he understands everything I say.

Why do you think you won the MJR award?  I am not too sure really, maybe because I always say hello to people.

What do you think about the award?  I think it is pretty good and it makes people realise that when they win Joseph they are special and makes them feel good about themselves.

What is your favourite thing to do?  Eat, I love eating, especially pizza!

What is something you’ll do with Joseph the Bear, while he is with you?  On the weekend, we are going to Adventure World so we might take him there.

Last words?  It is pretty cool to win him but a bit creepy that his head turns 360 degrees. I enjoy having Joseph in my house and the night I won him, he made Mum buy Pizza for dinner.

P & F NEWS  The P&F Minutes are now on the school website. Everyone is welcome to attend P&F meetings and contribute as able. The P & F are also having another Thermomix Raffle! Tickets are $20 each and only 200 are available. They will be on sale in the undercover area on the last day of term, Wednesday, 1st April at 3pm and at Savvy Hairdressers over the school holidays.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE  We now have a Facebook page! We will be posting news, events and information and this will complement our current methods of distributing information to families. It is also a great way to showcase school events, so please share it with your friends and family. Our Facebook page can be accessed via the link at the very bottom right of our school website. We ask that everyone who has access to the page remembers it is a public forum and any comments they leave should be respectful, appropriate and positive. Comments will be monitored closely and removed if necessary. If you would prefer that images and the first name of your child are not included on our Facebook posts, please email Mrs Brown (brown.heather@cathednet.wa.edu.au) before the end of the term. If you have already requested that your child's image is not used on the school website, newsletter, or in the newspaper, you do not need to cont.
**EASTER SERVICE TIMES**

Thursday 2nd April—Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7.00pm
Friday 3rd April—Stations of the Cross, 9.00am. Passion of the Lord, 3.00pm
Saturday 4th April—Easter Vigil, 7.00pm
Sunday 5th April—Easter Sunday Mass at 9.00am

**Altar Servers**

St Patrick’s Parish invites students and families to consider becoming Altar Servers. Please contact Fr Jay.

**Altar Servers**

29th March : Angelina & William D
2nd April : Remy & Morgan D
3rd April : Ella D, Nicholas D, Danny S
4th April : Maddie H, Sophie P, Mackenzie P
5th April : Angelina & William D

Mrs Belinda Curtis (Blake Y4 & Jai PP) will receive the sacraments of initiation during Easter Vigil Mass. Please keep Belinda and other catechumens in your prayers.

**St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster**

17th April : Lucy Anzellino & Jeannie Turner
24th April : Grace Maiolo & Family
1st May : Millie Bartle & Tracy Commissio

**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.

**Sculptures by the Sea—Sponsored by Alcoa**

Sculptures By The Sea, wow what a great day we had. Everyone started by piling on the bus chatting nervously about what we were all going to see. As soon as we reached Cottesloe Beach our eyes were amazed! There were sculptures of all different shapes and sizes, things that moved and things that made sounds. There where sculptures that let us become the art, sculptures that let us join the art and of course sculptures that were only for our eyes. Our class was lucky enough to participate in an art class taken by an artist who actually made one of the sculptures. Her name was Brit, and what she helped us create was incredible. We made our own sculptures! Our day at Sculptures By The Sea was incredible. We came back to school feeling inspired by creativity. Our whole class is so thankful to Alcoa for allowing us to have such a valuable and fun experience.

**Year 5 Class**

Devanah Italiano (Y5) recently attended a swimming competition in Exmouth where she won a medal and received a personal best (PB) in every stroke. Devanah was awarded a bronze medal for all her PBs. Devanah is a member of the Harvey Swimming Club. Congratulations Devanah!

**Professor Lyn Beazley Visited our School**

West Australian of the Year, Professor Lyn Beazley, is a fantastic role-model for all Australians. Last Friday we were lucky to have her visit our school and talk to us about herself and the projects she has been involved in. We learnt about the SKA (Square Kilometre Array) telescope project which will allow scientists to discover more than ever about our universe. Professor Beazley also played a part in finding ways to save babies born prematurely and her discoveries ended up saving the life of her own granddaughter. We also learnt about Australia’s first fossil the Go-Go fish, endangered animals and how scientists try to protect them and how important it is to look after the environment around us. Professor Beazley captivated us with her extensive knowledge and love of the world. What an awesome lady!

**Year 6 Class**

A HUGE thank you to the Waroona Soccer Club for the generous donation of $1200 towards sport resources. It is greatly appreciated.

Olivia Hawkins (Y5) has been invited by Equestrian WA to compete in two dressage tests at the 2015 EWA Interschool Equestrian Championships during the school holidays. We are very proud of you Olivia. Hope you have a wonderful time and Good Luck!
WANTED

If children have any pre-loved bulldozers/earthmoving toys, cars or tea sets, the Kindys and Pre Primaries would love to have them in their classrooms.

Year 1 are also looking for some small wood offcuts to build with.

If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the school office.
The P&F helped to enhance our classroom furniture through purchasing new seating for our students.

Thank you to our wonderful P&F for our new furniture. We love our Hokki Stools and Island Benches.
Swimming Carnival

On Friday 20th March students from Years 3 to 6 participated in the Faction Swimming Carnival. It was a fantastic day, with wonderful displays of sportsmanship, teamwork and friendship. Claude was the winning faction, with Leah following closely in second place and Elizabeth in third. A big congratulations to the children who took part. We are all very proud of you. Thank you to the wonderful staff and parent helpers. All your hard work made the day run very smoothly and efficiently. Miss Hilton

Year 4
Champion Girl – Mackenzie Pitter
Champion Boys – Mitchell Snell and Travis Pitter
Runner up Girl – Jazmyne Birch
Runner up Boy – Kaid Baesjou

Year 5
Champion Girl – Devanah Italiano
Champion Boy – Callum Napoli
Runner up Girl – Tia Baesjou
Runner up Boy – Ryder Fiorenza

Year 6
Champion Girl – Emily Rowland
Champion Boy – Jye Martelli
Runner up Girl – Shannon Hewitt
Runner up Boy – Brayden Napoli