



St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

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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,

New Families: A warm welcome to the Brown, Johnston, Parore, Stampone, Reynolds, Sutton, Sutherland, Tognolini, Kenning and Stickney families who have joined our school community. I trust you all feel welcome and will further enhance our school community. I hope your time at St Joseph's School is both fruitful and enjoyable.

Fire: Waroona was affected by a fire just before school started. Thankfully all people are safe and well. Unfortunately such an event can be traumatising for all involved, especially our children. Last week we had a school psychologist from the Catholic Education Office come to our school to meet with parents to address the issue of children's anxiety and stress. If other parents/guardians would like to access this service please contact me and I will arrange the school psychologist to visit our school again. Mrs Young is available as our school chaplaincy worker and students are able to meet with Mrs Young throughout the week to discuss any concerns they may have. There is a handout attached to this newsletter that parents/guardians may find of interest. It talks about how to help children make sense of disasters.

Please keep in your prayers all who are currently battling fires. We thank God for the dedication and hard work of all who worked to ensure Waroona was saved from the devastation of fire. This is a perfect example of how Jesus was made real in our community. So many people worked together, highlighting to the wider community what miracles can be wrought when people stand together and support each other.

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.

Commissioning Mass: The staff, members of the P&F and School Board will be commissioned during the 8.15am Mass this Sunday, 15th February. This is an important part of our roles as members of St Joseph's School Community and the St Patrick's Parish Community; it helps to remind us that we all work together for the good of our students and all community members. All families are invited and encouraged to be a part of this. There will be morning tea in the Josephite Centre after Mass, where we can all meet and catch-up with each other. All attending families are invited to bring a small plate towards the morning tea. This can be dropped off in the Josephite Centre before Mass. Fr Wayne Bendotti will be leading the Mass and he is looking forward to meeting school community members at the Mass and afterwards at the morning tea. I encourage all families to attend.

Swimming: Students from PP to Year 6 have just completed their first week of swimming lessons. I am impressed by the level of personal responsibility shown by our students.

Letter from the Director of Catholic Education WA: The Director of Catholic Education WA, Mr Tim McDonald, has written a letter to welcome new and returning parents and caregivers to the Catholic Education System for 2015. Please find it attached to this newsletter.

God Bless

Karmela Messineo - Principal

Striving In Faith

Dates to Remember

Sunday, 15th February

Commissioning Mass, 8:15am, for all Staff, School Board and P & F members. Morning Tea after Mass, Bring a plate to share

Monday, 16th February

Swimming lessons all this week
Dress in **RED** Day

Tuesday, 17th February

Board meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, 18th February

Ash Wednesday Mass Yr4, 11am, Y r4 to Yr6
Liturgy, 1:45pm, PP to Yr3

Friday, 20th February

Book Club orders due back

Monday, 23rd February

MJR Award

Thursday, 26th February

Art Club starts

Friday, 27th February

Yr 6 attending Mass, 9am

Monday, 2nd March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Wednesday, 4th March

Class News Assembly

Thursday, 5th March

Aussie Breakfast Canteen Day

Wednesday, 11th March

Yr 5 Sculptures By The Sea

Thursday, 2nd April

Pupil Free Day

Friday, 3rd April

Good Friday Public



"All depends on
prayer. Begin with
it and end with it."

St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop

SCHOOL NEWS

FIREFIGHTER RED DAY

This Monday, February 16th children are invited to come to school dressed in something red in exchange for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Waroona Volunteer Fire Service as a thank you for their recent and ongoing hard work in service of our town. *Mrs Gallin*



HUNGRY JOES CANTEEN

Hopefully every family has a copy of our new menu for Term 1. We have some very delicious specials on each day. New families are very welcome to come and see me in the office to run through the canteen or join our great volunteers to work a day in the canteen during this term. We have decided to change the special on Fridays—Italian Chicken Cutlet Sandwich, with the bread now NOT being toasted. If your child would like it toasted then please specify on the lunch bag. Also the fruit bag for this term will be some fresh juicy watermelon.

Please make sure you return your “Aussie Breakfast Day” order with the correct money (\$6) which was sent home this week. You can order EITHER a wholemeal muffin with bacon, egg and cheese, plus a hash brown OR a fresh fruit salad, yogurt and pikelets. Each meal comes with a drink.

What Is Lent?

Lent is a period of forty days which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. It is the Christian time of preparation for Easter ~ “The Feast” of the church year, where we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

It is recognised as a time of fasting, reflection, prayer and penance and is closely linked with Baptism (where we die to our old ways and rise to new life in Christ).

Sundays are not included in the days of Lent because every Sunday is a *Day of Resurrection*.

Why Forty Days?

In the early centuries, the period of preparing for Easter was a two day fast which began on the two days prior to Easter, but during the fourth century it was extended to forty days, for a number of reasons.

Firstly, *forty* is a biblical number, which signifies a time of testing, tribulation, endurance and temptation. In the Old Testament we hear of the Israelites wandering, lost in the wilderness for 40 years. In the New Testament Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. For him it was a time of searching, where he comes to know more deeply God’s presence in his life and his call to take up his public ministry. The mythical number of forty suggests a time to retreat from the stresses of life to re-establish our priorities and values.

Secondly Lent was extended to forty days so that the Catechumens (those who were preparing to become members of the Church) could prepare for their Baptism at Easter.

Thirdly it was stretched to forty days so that others in the community (known as Penitents) who had fallen into serious sin after Baptism could repent and prepare to renew their baptismal vows with the Catechumens at Easter. For all in the Church, at this period of *scrutinising* (looking more deeply at one’s life) was a time of renewal, conversion and growth, which has continued into the life of the Church today.

Why Do We Use Ashes On Ash Wednesday?

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony from ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed ‘the hair shirts’ they were to wear during the forty days of penance and sprinkled over them, ashes made from the palms of the previous year. They were then turned out of the Church and did not enter it again until Maundy (Holy) Thursday after having been seen to have earned reconciliation for their forty days of penance.

The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year. They are christened with holy water and are scented with exposure to incense. The ashes are a sign of our repentance but also remind us that God is full of love and yearns to forgive those who are repentant. During the distribution of ashes, we hear the words, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel,” a similar call to Jesus’ ... “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” (Mark 1:15)

Why Pray, Fast and Abstain?

The three traditional ‘pillars of Lenten observances’ are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Prayer draws us closer to God... The more we pray and spend time in God’s presence, the more we can be transformed into the people we are created to be.

Fasting is one of the most ancient practices linked to Lent ... The hunger pangs it creates reminds us of our hunger for God and of the suffering that others experience because of lack of food. Fasting reminds us and calls us to live up to our baptismal responsibility to show Christ’s love to the world and to work towards alleviating suffering.

Abstaining from meat traditionally links us to the poor, who could not afford meat. Its aim is to spiritually link us with those who lack the food we take for granted.

Almsgiving is our sign of care for those in need and also expresses our gratitude for all that God has given us.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. (CCL 97, 1251-52)

Sea To Scarp Summer Event

Alcohol Free Event

WAROONA YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL PRESENTS

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

Friday 20th February 2014

\$7.00

Children 3 and under Free

WAROONA CRICKET OVAL

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult



PADDINGTON

Gates open 6pm

Movie starts 7:30pm

Tickets available from:

Waroona Shire - 9733 7814

Waroona Visitor Centre - 9733 1506

At the gate - Cash sales only

Bring your own picnic chair or rug

Sausage sizzle, soft drinks, tea & coffee

chips & lollies

Sponsored & Supported by:

Waroona Cricket Club

Pinjarra Waroona YOUTHCARE

Curtis Electrical

Waroona/Pinjarra SES



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A Valentine's Day Dance Extravaganza



Sat February 14, 2015 - 7pm to 11:30pm

This really will be a fabulous night out so book now to feel like you are in the audience of Dancing with the Stars with floorshows of Ballroom, New Vogue, Latin & Formation. Dare to dance or just relax & enjoy the entertainment. Guest jazz singer, fabulous prizes to be won & lots of surprises in store! Delicious light supper included, cash bar. Tickets only \$40.

Waroona Recreation Centre, corner of Hill & Millar Streets, Waroona.
Tables of 8 & limited single tickets from Waroona Visitor Centre & Gallery
e-tickets & enquiries to Gail 0476 179 709 or email info@perthballroomdancing.com
Tickets close 7/2 for catering purposes. Sorry no door sales. Dress code smart casual.

Proudly presented by The West Australian Masters Formation Team & supported by Waroona Visitor Centre & Shire of Waroona

WAROONA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Registrations for the 2015 Season is now open.

You should have received an email with a link for online

registration. If you haven't STATE REGISTRATION DAY is 22 FEBRUARY 2015 at the Waroona Seniors Clubrooms 10am-12pm

Enquires: Belinda Parry 0400102459 belinda.parry1@bigpond.com

Murray District Rangers S.C.

(formerly Pinjararra United Soccer Club)



WELCOMES YOU!

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2015 SOCCER SEASON!

Murray District Rangers Soccer Club (formerly Pinjarra United Soccer Club) are looking for any one interested in playing soccer to come and join our ever growing club for the 2015 Soccer season.

If you are keen to play, or are just wanting more information, please contact either

Hannah: 0403 641 707

OR

Donna: 0427 476 614 For more details

We will be holding our open registration day on Sunday February 15 at South Yunderup oval, from 10am-12:00 and would love to welcome you all to join us

We look forward to hearing from you



MARY MACKILLOP
FOUNDATION

Announcing the 2015

" BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN "

Come and join the fun, meet old friends and make new ones ...

When: 8am Saturday 14 March 2015

Where: GARDEN VENUE - at the Mary MacKillop Centre
16 York Street, South Perth (St Joseph's Convent)

Bring: \$15 for brekkie, byo chairs, tables, blankets, umbrellas, sun screen, smiles!

RSVP: Before Friday 27th Feb to:

Laurie Mayne, 9271 5649, ljmayne@optusnet.com.au

John McCormack, 9383 2615, johnmccormack@westnet.com.au



- Free raffle on entry
- Chrysanthemums for Mother's Day and other pot-plants
- New location - the leafy gardens of St Joseph's Convent
- Same chefs, friendly people, warm weather
- Just smell the food and follow your nose and signs !!!



Mary MacKillop
Foundation
Supporting small life changing projects



Parish News

Ash Wednesday Mass, 11 am, Years 4 to 6
Ash Wednesday Liturgy, 1:45pm, Pre Primary to Year 3
Sunday, 1st March Mass, Father Jay will be back and new time of 8:30am

Altar Servers

15th February : Ella D, Nicholas D, Danny S
22nd February : Maddie H, Sophie P, Mackenzie P
1st March : Angelina & William Dimasi

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

20th February : No one listed on the roster?
27th February : Ange Ferraro & Carmel Look
6th March : Lena Anzellino & Family



Are you wondering whether or not to put up your hand to join the P&F Association/Parent Group? Wondering what the benefit to your child might be?

Significant research over the past 40 years shows clearly and consistently that if you are involved/engaged in your child's education, that the benefits will include:

- Improved school readiness
- Higher academic achievement
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater ability for your child to self-regulate their behaviour
- Better social skills
- Enhanced student wellbeing
- More consistent completion of homework
- Better transitions to high school and beyond
- More realistic planning for the future
- Better attitude towards school
- Better attendance
- Higher retention rates

Hopefully you will agree that even one of these outcomes is worthwhile attending a meeting for. Come along and help to build a positive, vibrant community at your school and watch your child reap the benefits!



Quambie Park Sat March 28th 8-2pm 30th year FETE

Come along for a family fun day and help Quambie Park turn 30 years with a bigger than ever Fundraising Fete. All the fundraised money goes towards enhancing the care and leisure needs of our residents that live here.

the days events will include:

The animal farm
Face painting and fake tattoo
Eco Di Italia signing
The famous cake stall
White elephant stall
Devonshire tea
Craft stall
Sausage sizzle

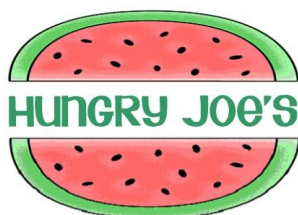
Fashion show and much, much more.

We are needing your help for donation for the above stalls so clean out your cupboards, get crafty and help make this fete the biggest ever.

Where: Pam Corker House front Lawn

For more information please contact Nerida at Pam Corker.

info: 97331355



CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, 17th February :	Jen Deleo, Peter LeRoy, Nat Birch
Friday, 20th February :	Simone Magno, Tash Pitter, Petrina Oremek
Tuesday, 24th February :	Belinda Curtis, Bec Fiorenza
Friday, 27th February :	Megan LeRoy, Bianca Wilson, Pat Henderson

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.

Eftpos facilities are available

WE ARE YEAR 4, 2015

I live on a farm and we breed cattle and sheep. I have two dogs. Mitchell

I am looking forward to learning lots of new things in Year 4 this year. Romana

I hope we get a lot of work done this year and learn lots of new things. Morgan

I can't wait to find out my swimming lesson results and I am looking forward to the new school year. Emily

I'm Elise and I am excited to be in Year 4 to learn lots of new things.

I am excited about being in Year 4. Chelsea

I am having a great time in Year 4. Ethan

I can't believe that I'm already in Year 4, the years have gone so quickly. Excited to learn joined writing. Jazmyne

My name is Taleisha. I have 2 older brothers. I like school and my favourite thing at school is to do Art.

My name is Mackenzie and I like to ride horses with my dad and sisters.

I am looking forward to learning how to do joined cursive writing this year. Travis

One of my favourite things to do outside of school is to play basketball. Kaide

I have six horses, two dogs and three kittens. I play with my dogs, feed the chooks and ride the horses. Jake

My mum works at PMH as a nurse. I like to go swimming. Itiana

I am excited to learn about my Chromebook and to find out lots of ways I can use it. Jordan

Hi I'm Renee. I am excited about being at my new school and meeting new friends and teachers.

Hi my name is Lily and I am excited about being back at school for a new school year.

In Year 4 I am looking forward to using cursive writing. Nicholas

Hi. I'm Blake. I drive a go-kart and my number is 21. I am looking forward to making new friends in Year 4. Blake

I hope we all have a good year. I'm looking forward to using my Chromebook. Kane