2nd December 2016

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,

"A little child, a shining star
A stable crude, a door ajar.
Yet in that place, so bare, forlorn
The hope of all the world was born."

As we enter the Second Week of Advent, our thoughts should be turning more and more to the coming of Christ at Christmas. As we move onto the second candle on the Advent wreath, our sense of expectation increases, as does our recognition of the fact that we are not prepared, not only for the first coming of Christ that we will celebrate in a few weeks, but for His Second Coming at the end of time.

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the year. It has been a very productive year at St Joseph’s with much to give thanks for. Firstly, I’d like to thank our children. They are why we are all here! On many occasions throughout the year I have received messages of appreciation from parishioners, visitors and the wider public on the friendliness and welcome of our students. Well-done to these very special young people.

I would like to thank the staff of St Joseph’s who have worked tirelessly this year in providing the children with a challenging and quality education. Teachers work well beyond the six hours of face-to-face with the students. Many of the teachers are at school until late in the evening, on weekends and during holidays preparing for their classes. We also have a group of dedicated Learning Support staff who assist many of our children and teachers every day and a supportive office staff who keep the school running throughout the year. Thank you to all the staff for your contribution this year.

A special thanks to Fr. Jay for his support throughout the year. He has been involved regularly during the year with visits to the school and leading our Masses and liturgies. Finally, thank you to all the families of St Joseph’s for your support. We have a wonderful community of parents who work together for the benefit of the whole school.

We welcomed Christian Webb (Year 5) and his family Vanessa, Paul & Rohan who commenced this week at our school. We hope you enjoy your time at St Joseph’s. We also farewelled Ethan (Year 1) and Rhys (Kindy) Pitts yesterday as the family has had to move to Bunbury. We wish them all the best at their new school.

Christmas Concert: We were blessed with terrific weather and there was a fantastic community spirit at last night’s Christmas Concert. The students sang beautifully while the staff tried their best in singing Jingle Bell Rock. Thank you to Mrs Yvonne Langan and all the school staff for the work that went into preparing the students and completing the decorations – a job well done! During the evening, the P&F also acknowledged and thanked the families in Year 6 who are moving on this year for the contribution they have made to the St Joseph’s Community. You’re always welcome back and we wish you the very best as you commence your journey with your new high school communities: Ben Cicolari, William Dimasi, Tina Henderson, Grace Hunt, Callum Napoli, Molly Racco, Jordan Tremayne and Shania White.

Thank you also to the P&F for organising the sausage sizzle for our families on the night.

Orientation Day: Today, all the students had the opportunity to spend time in next year’s classroom and experience a little of what life will be like. The 2017 Kindy parents and their children had their Orientation Day in the morning. The meeting was well-attended by the parents and it looked as though next year’s Kindy children had a lot of fun too.

End of Year Mass: Please join us for our final Whole School Mass on Friday 9th December commencing at 9am in the Church. The Pre Primary class will lead our liturgical celebration.
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SCHOOL NEWS

Graduation: Year 6 will celebrate their last year at St Joseph’s with a special Mass on Thursday evening. We are all very proud of our Year 6’s achievements and we look forward to all that the future may bring.

2017 School Dates:
- School resumes (PP-Yr. 6) – Wednesday 1st February
- School resumes (Kindy) – Thursday 2nd February
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 3rd March (Date to be confirmed)
- Public Holiday – Monday 6th March
- Term 1 concludes – Friday 7th April
- Term 2 resumes – Wednesday 26th April
- Public Holiday – Monday 5th June
- Term 2 concludes – Friday 30th June
- Term 3 resumes – Tuesday 18th July
- Pupil Free Day – Monday 28th August
- Term 3 concludes – Friday 22nd September
- Term 4 resumes – Tuesday 10th October
- Term 4 concludes – Friday 8th December

I would like to wish ALL the school community, parents, children, staff, Fr. Jay and our parish every blessing for the coming festive season as well as hoping you have a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to being with you again in 2017 when we begin another special year.

Travis Bienkowski - Principal

Did you know.......

- Mrs Gallin has turned into a very good soap maker.
- Old MacDonald’s Farm visited the 3 Year Old Program this week.
- Sam Nottle (PP) has been singing “Police marry Dad” instead of “Feliz Navidad” in the lead up to the Christmas concert.
- William D (Yr 6) is going to represent Western Australia in Basketball in Melbourne next January! Congratulations William and good luck!
- Abby K (Yr 3) has a new baby brother, Nate Ash. Congratulations!
- Congratulations to Ryley F (Yr 6) who recently received First Class Honours in Classical Pianoforte Grade Three in her piano exams. Also to Grace S (Yr 1) who received Honours in Pianoforte Introductory. Well done girls.
- Well done to Jen Stokes for working and preparing all day Thursday, getting everything ready for the P & F Sausage sizzle for the Christmas concert. You are amazing!!
- We now know that our staff and students respond very well to an evacuation! The local emergency services also arrived in very quick time to support us.
- Next term we have a special Dad’s Day on Fridays in the canteen so that they can cook on the new BBQ. Thank you to the Dads who have put their names down on the roster.
Parish News

- St Patrick’s Roster for Sunday Eucharist. New roster is being drawn up to commence Sunday 1st January 2017. Please encourage your child to take up the ministry of altar serving. Any queries please contact Sharon Hannah, 9733 2590 or Kerry Shore, 9733 1037
- St Patrick’s End of Year Christmas Celebrations – 4th December. Family Mass 5.00pm. BBQ dinner: 6.00pm Please bring a salad to share and BYO drinks. Ice cream provided afterwards. Karaoke, dancing and fun. See you there!

Altar Servers

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St Patrick’s Church Cleaning Roster

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"Registrations for the Diocesan Summer Camp 2017 are now OPEN! Our theme is “We Are One” with our focus being on Community, Church and Christ. We have an awesome line up of speakers, games, activities and music for you over 4 days for the Summer Camp 2017! Camp is from the 6th-9th of January at the Catholic Youth Camp in Busselton! Open to ages 13-19, get your registration and payments in before Nov 25th for the Early Bird price of $55! $65 for any registrations and payments received after this date! 16th of December is the final deadline and there are limited places so don’t miss out! Contact us for details and forms at dioyouth@bunburycatholic.org.au or 97210508/0425622788. You can find us on Facebook as well at www.facebook.com/BunburyYouthMinistryOffice. Our Diocesan Summer Camp is always a lot of fun as well as meaningful for young people who attend! We hope to see you there!"

Congratulations

Two of our students were rewarded with all of their hard work this year at the Bianca Panetta Academy of Dance End of Year Performance. Congratulations to Charlice Schneider (Yr 4) for receiving:
- Most Improved Elementary Tap
- Most Promising Elementary Ballet
- Most Outstanding Performer of the Night
And to Ryley Ferraro (Yr 6) for receiving:
- Most Promising Elementary Jazz Dancer

The Uniform Shop will be open over the school holidays for any family who wish to purchase uniforms before students return.
It will be open Monday, 30th January, between 9am and 12 noon. Payments of cash and EFTPOS will be available. If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Brown in the office.

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

Staff Profile:

Name:  Mia Catalano
Role:  Education Assistant (Pre-Primary & Kindy)
Birthday:  30th July 1989
Favourite Colour:  Hot Pink
Hobbies/Interests:  Holidays in Bali, shopping, boating, playing sport and spending time with family and friends
Favourite Food:  My Nonna’s spaghetti and meatballs
A Proud Moment:  Completing my Certificate III in Teacher Assistant and seeing the Kindy class graduate.
Pets:  Dogs—Sadie, MJ and Badger
If I was a tree/animal/character, what would I be and why?  Minnie Mouse because she is cute and sweet.
3 words to describe myself:  Easy going, happy, quiet
2 interesting facts about me:  - I’ve lost count how many times I have been to Bali.
                                        - I dislike seafood.
Our Final Year

2016