



St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

2017

Wednesday, November 22
Assembly—Yr 6
Books in Homes

Thursday, November 23
WDHS 2018 Yr 7 Orientation
PP & Yr 5 excursion
School AGM, 7pm

Thursday, November 30
Year 6 attending Mass
School Concert, 6:30pm

Friday, December 1
Kindy Orientation, 9am
2018 Class Orientation
Footsteps Dance Incursion,
PP—Yr 6
Newsletter—Yr 1
MCC 2018 Yr 7 Orientation

Monday, December 4
Advent Liturgy, Yr 2, 8:45am

Tuesday, December 5
Yr 6 Adventure World
K—Yr 5 End Of Year Fun Day

Wednesday, December 6
Reports go home

Thursday, December 7
Graduation Mass, 6pm

Friday, December 8
End of Year Mass, Yr 4, 9am
Yr 6 Graduation Lunch

2018

Term 1 31/01/18—13/04/18

Term 2 01/05/18—29/06/18

Term 3 17/07/18—21/09/18

Term 4 09/10/18—07/12/18

Monday, January 29
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, January 30
Pupil Free Day
Uniform Shop, 9am—12 noon

Wednesday, January 31
First Day of school

17th November 2017

Mission Statement

To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

Newsletter No: 17

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,

*"Dear God, I want to take a minute not to ask anything from you, but to simply say thank you for all
that I have. Amen"*

Farewell: After 35 years involvement with the St Joseph's School community as a parent and staff member, Mrs Lucy Birch has announced her retirement effective at the end of this year. Words cannot express the significant contribution Lucy has made to this community and I know that she will be sorely missed by everyone. We will publicly acknowledge and thank Lucy at this year's Christmas Concert.

Assistant Principal Position: Mr Peter LeRoy (School Board Chair) has provided a letter (attached with today's newsletter) informing all families of the newly appointed Assistant Principal. The position will be effective from the 1st January 2018.

AGM: Everyone is invited to attend the AGM on Thursday 23rd November at 7pm. I hope that parents will also consider nominating for any Board positions that become available. If you haven't already done so, please complete the Nomination Form attached to today's newsletter and return it to the Office by Monday 20th November. All positions on the P&F Executive must be made vacant each year as per section 9a of the P&F constitution: "The term of office of Executive and Committee Members will be one year, after which period they shall vacate their positions, but shall be eligible for re-election." I encourage all parents to consider nominating and/or re-nominating for a position on our P&F for 2018.

Thank You Morning Tea: St Joseph's School is very lucky and blessed to have such wonderful parents/grandparents and community members who volunteer their time to support our school. On Monday, the staff were able to acknowledge these volunteers, by putting on a thank you morning tea. We greatly appreciated all those people who were able to attend.

Remembrance Day: I was touched by the positive feedback I received from many community members this week concerning the respectful way our students conducted themselves at last week's Remembrance Day service. The ceremony, which was led by several of our Year 6 students along with students from WDHS, was a very moving tribute to those servicemen and woman who have fought for our country.

Christmas Concert: This year's Christmas Concert is fast approaching with all the students from K-Yr. 6 performing a song associated with the Nativity story. The concert will be held on Thursday 30th November at 6.30pm. From 5:30pm, families are invited to enjoy a BYO picnic together before the concert commences. After the concert, the Year 6 families who will be leaving our school community as well as Lucy Birch (retiring) and Lisa Gallin (new position) will be acknowledged.

Orientation Day: On Friday 1st December, the school will have an orientation day for all grades within the school. 2018 Kindergarten Orientation will commence at 9:30am in the Kindergarten classroom.

MJR Award: Congratulations to Ms Karen Ruben who was our recent MJR Award recipient. Karen was a very deserving winner of the award. Her certificate read: "Karen never says "no" and is always happy to help. She is reliable and contributes to so many things around our school! Karen has a very caring and friendly nature and greets people with a smile. Karen, you really do make Jesus real each and every day. Congratulations!"

Talent Quest: Congratulations to everyone who participated in this year's Talent Quest. Once again, it was fantastic to see the excitement on the faces of the participating students and the audience. There was a great variety of acts that showcased many different talents! Who would have thought a chook could count! Thank you to Miss Rimmer, Mrs Hodgson and Mrs Ward for organising this year's event.



Semester 2 Reports: Semester 2 reports will be sent home to all families on Wednesday 6th December. Thank you to all the class teachers for the time and effort they have put into writing and grading each student's report.

School Fees: Have you finalised your 2017 account? Please inform Heather or me as soon as possible, as we too need to finalise our commitments to businesses.

2018: If your child is not returning to St Joseph's School in 2018, could you please inform the Office in writing as soon as possible. It is a government requirement that you advise St Joseph's of the new school your child will be attending.

Travis Bienkowski - Principal

Thriving In Faith

SCHOOL NEWS

MJR Award Winner – Ms Karen Ruben

How did you feel when your name was announced? **Privileged and very surprised.**

Who's your hero? **My mum because she has done a lot of things with her life.**

Why do you think you won the MJR award? **I think because I am always there helping.**

What do you think about the award? **I think it is a great incentive for people to help out and wonderful for the kids too.**

What is your favourite thing to do? **I love to spend time with my boy around the farm and go fishing.**

What is something you'll do with Joseph the Bear, while he is with you? **He has already been to a P & F meeting and I plan to take him fishing.**

Last words? **I am really honoured that people thought to put my name forward.**

WAAPA Summer School 2017/2018

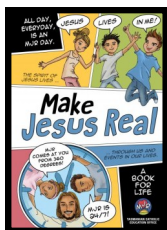
This summer The Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) is again offering an exciting school holiday program for students in years 4 to 12. The Summer School includes classes in dance, drama, acting, screen performance, music theatre and of course, how to perform Shakespeare. For information about the fantastic courses on offer please visit WAAPA Summer School or contact Gabrielle Metcalf at g.metcalf@ecu.edu.au or 9370 6775.



BEST Playground Resilience Tip

Joining in—It's not always easy to get into games. The usual question, "Can I play?" often gets a "No" response. Think of fun ways to get into games and write some down to try like, "That looks like fun. Room for me?"

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Making Jesus Real

- Never tell a lie to yourself—be honest with yourself each day of your life. If you are honest with yourself, only then can you be honest with others.
- A day is wasted if you don't reflect on it. You only need 60 seconds to reflect each day.

Did you know.....

- An alumni student, Jordan Tremayne, moved away from Waroona and kindly donated his large drum kit to the school. After much deliberation, the school decided to 'pay it forward' due to lack of room for the setting up of the kit. Father Tony's nephew, Jonah Chiera, who teaches music in Waroona is the new proud owner of the kit. We would like to thank Jordan for his kind donation, knowing that it will benefit local children and for allowing the school to make sure the kit is being used.

Parish Mass Times

SATURDAY: 6.00 pm **SUNDAY:** 8.30am **WEEKDAYS:** Wednesday & Friday 9am Waroona
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: 3rd & 4th Sundays, 8.00am Waroona

Parish Priest: Fr Jagan Johnson HGN, Phone 9733 1225

Altar Servers

November 19th : Nicholas D, Morgan D, Taylah P
November 26th : Sophie & Mackenzie P, Mikaylee M
December 3rd : Marl A, Lily & Indi D

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

Please see the church for details



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

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THE SHIRE OF WAROONA

INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

WHITE RIBBON DAY

PLEDGE

FRIDAY

24 NOVEMBER 2017

WAROONA OVAL

PLEDGE STARTING AT 6.15PM followed by

An evening of Live Entertainment & Food & Drinks Available

Free Bouncy Castle & Face Painting for kids



Our Waroona local dirt kart racers Blake and Jai Curtis of the Curtis Motorsport team have wrapped up the 2017 season in style with last weekend's State Titles held at the Busselton Kart Club. They had their cousins Peyton and Dylan there helping out in the pits and cheering them on the track. Blake managed a great drive through heavy traffic to put himself off 3rd for the 10 lap final in a field of 20 drivers under 14 years of age. After a Stella move on the front row karts, he put himself on the pointy end to manage a career best State plate WA2— topping off a great season with other results:

Ken & Ces Memorial 3rd Place

2017 Northern Territory State plate NT3 in Alice Springs

2017 Australian Title 4th Place in York Peninsula South Australia.

2017 Western Australia State plate WA2

Jai is in the rookie class and really knows where the go pedal is with him leading the group all weekend at every race. Although this is only an exhibition class and no points are awarded, the kids know exactly where they sit. Jai has won 19 of his last 22 races in this group and is really looking forward to joining his older brother in the junior class late next year.

Jason gained his first state plate in his KT Twin class, 2017 Western Australia State plate WA3.

Now some long awaited time off to prepare for next years State and National title to be held in Wagin WA late September.

Thanks to our sponsors

-Curtis electrical

-Factory tuned

-John Kirkpatrick

-Benson dirt karts



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

A copy of the school uniform policy can be found on the school website at : www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, November 21: Karen Ruben, Jeanette Stampone, Louise McDonald

Friday, November 24 : Peter LeRoy, Jason & Leesa Henderson

Tuesday, November 28 : Janice DeRosa, Trish Rossell, Teagan Scally

Friday, December 1 : Peter & Megan LeRoy, Patrick T Twells

Pre-Primary Newsletter

This term the Pre Primaries chose their own learning areas for **Investigation** time. They have had plenty of fun exploring and discovering like real scientists in our Science Corner and caring for animals like real vets in our Veterinary Clinic.



In the **Science Corner** we have made 'rain clouds' using water, shaving cream and food colouring, and watched the state of objects change when we made water bead stress balls. We have also learned about dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs by uncovering baby dinosaur bones like palaeontologists. The PPs have even made up their very own science experiments, making predictions about what will happen along with their reasons why. They have used critical thinking during these spontaneous experiences to explore cause and effect, and have found out some pretty interesting things... such as mixing a cup of tea with bi-carb and vinegar will make it fizzy like a soft

drink, but it definitely doesn't smell as tasty!



The PPs have loved role playing in the **Vet Corner**. There have been a few emergencies on our hands but our PP vet surgeons, assistants and even the admin staff have all remained cool, calm and collected. We are yet to have any casualties, thank goodness! We can definitely see who the animal lovers are!



We have also enjoyed getting creative and a little bit messy during **Art activities**!



Lastly, the PPs have learned so much in **Maths and English**! They have been playing hands on games where the children use the counting on strategy to help them add their score up during bowling and quoits games, they have practised telling the time through What's the Time Mr Wolf and Interactive Whiteboard games, they have even been writing recounts and practising their digraphs and sight

words through snap and hide and seek games. We have had a very busy term; I hope you have enjoyed reading a bit about what we have been getting up to! ☺

