



St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

2017

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 30/04/18—29/06/18
Term 3 16/07/18—21/09/18
Term 4 09/10/18— TBC

Monday, January 29

Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, January 30

Pupil Free Day

Uniform Shop open, 9am—12 noon. Cash/EFTPOS available

Wednesday, January 31

First Day of school for PP—Yr 6 students

Thursday, February 1

First Day of school for Kindy

Friday, February 2

Start of Year Mass, Yr 5, 9am

Friday, February 9

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P & F Family Fun Night—TBC

Tuesday, February 13

Board Meeting, 5pm

P & F Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am

Thursday, February 15

Parent Information Night



1st December 2017

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,

"God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen."

AGM: To all of you who were able to attend last Tuesday's AGM, I sincerely thank you for your attendance. The AGM is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge the support and engagement of everyone within the school community and reflect on the year that has been and the year ahead. Once again, I was enormously proud to be able to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of so many people this year as well as highlight the success that has been achieved at St Joseph's throughout 2017.

There were two School Board Members who stepped down from their role at the end of this year – Rochelle Jenkinson (Board Treasurer) and Naomi Edwards (Board Member & P&F Representative to the Board). On the school's behalf, I would like to sincerely thank them for their service to the community during their time on the Board. I would also like to welcome Karen Ruben as the new Board member for 2018. I look forward to working with them all for the good of our community next year.

P&F: All positions on the P&F were declared vacant, as is the practice each year. Melissa Fuller (Co-President), Brooke Hammond (Co-President), Belinda Curtis (Vice President), Jen Stokes (Treasurer) and Bec Lorimer (Secretary) have decided after several years of dedicated service, to step down from their executive roles. My sincere thanks to Melissa, Brooke, Belinda, Jen and Bec for all their hard work on the P&F. The P&F Executive positions for 2018 were not finalised at the recent AGM. I invite parents to please strongly consider becoming part of the Executive Team next year and continuing the wonderful work the P&F has been able to achieve over recent years. Class Representatives for Kindy – TBC & TBC, Pre-Primary – Hayley Scott & TBC, Year 1 – Stacey Gaston & Megan LeRoy, Year 2 – Tracey Clifford & TBC, Year 3 – Belinda Curtis & TBC, Year 4 – Leesa Hall & TBC, Year 5 – Harrena Platell & TBC, Year 6 – Trish Rossell & Janice De Rosa.

Semester 2 Reports: On Wednesday next week, parents will receive the Semester 2 report for their child. This Report will communicate the academic progress for the second part of the school year and I encourage you to celebrate achievements and especially the efforts gained. A reminder that these Reports are based on informal and formal assessments undertaken throughout Terms 3 and 4. Thank you to the teachers who have spent hours assessing – and then reporting on each student.

Christmas Concert: We were once again blessed with terrific weather and there was a fantastic community spirit at last night's Christmas Concert. The students were outstanding and sang beautifully to a very large audience. Thank you to Mrs Naomi Zappia and all the school staff for the work that went into preparing the students for the concert, and to Miss Sam Baggetta and her team for creating and painting the backdrops – a job well done! During the evening, the P&F also acknowledged and thanked the Year 6 families who are leaving the school 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: Kaid Baesjou, Elise Cicolari, Morgan Deleo, Nicholas Deleo, Kane Dwyer, Jacinta Green-Cross, Chelsea Henderson, Ethan Look, Taleisha Martelli, Jordan Pipe, Mitchell Snell and Christian Webb. We also farewelled several staff members for their contribution to the school: Mrs Curtis, Mrs Gallin, Mrs Webb and Mrs Birch.

Waterwise Presentation: Last Monday, Nicky Waite (South West Regional Manager of the Water Corporation) in collaboration with Tony Snelling and Brad Vitale, presented the school with a framed certificate in acknowledgement of St Joseph's being a Waterwise school for the past 10 years. This was a great honour for all those who have been part of this journey and assisting the school in looking after this precious resource.

Orientation Day: Today, all the students from PP-Year 5, had the opportunity to spend some time with their teacher for next year and experience a little of what life will be like in 2018. The 2018 Kindy parents and their children had their Orientation Day in the morning. The meeting was well-attended by parents and it looked as though the Kindy children had a lot of fun too.

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

End of Year Mass: Please join us for our final Whole School Mass on Friday 8th December commencing at 9am in the Church. The Year 4 class will lead our liturgical celebration.

Staffing for 2018 was announced at last week's AGM. Staffing is as follows:

Principal – Travis Bienkowski

Assistant Principal – Jenny Gorman

Administration – Heather Brown / Kathy Dwyer (Term 1) & Lyn Della Franca (Terms 2-4)

Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator – Jennifer Turner

3-Year Old Playgroup – Sam Baggetta / Silvana Vitale & Amy Rimmer

Kindy Class Teacher – Amy Rimmer

Kindy EA – Silvana Vitale / Michelle Ward (Tues & Thurs) & Bec Lorimer (Mon)

Pre-Primary Class Teacher – Brigitte Gaillard (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) / Jenny Gorman (Wed)

Pre-Primary EAs – Mia Catalano (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) / Karen Gear (Wed)

Year 1 Class Teacher – Maxine Mulholland

Year 2 Class Teacher – Melissa Fuller (Mon-Thurs) / Naomi Zappia (Fri)

Year 3 Class Teacher – Mary-Ann Landwehr

Year 4 Class Teacher – Bethaney Tucker

Year 5 Class Teacher – Kate Vidulich

Year 6 Class Teacher – Tori Johnson

Curriculum Support Coordinator – Nila Poasa

The Arts – Nila Poasa

Physical Education – Amy Rimmer (Years 1-4) / Travis Bienkowski (Years 5 & 6)

Digital Technologies, Extension & Support – Vicki Hodgson

Library, Science, Support & Chaplaincy – Jan Young

Do Crew – Sam Baggetta & Michelle Ward

Support EAs – Sam Baggetta, Karen Gear, Silvana Vitale & Michelle Ward

Groundsman – Leigh Hodgson

Please note: You will notice a big change next year with classrooms changing from their current locations. Year 6 will become Year 1, Year 5 will become Year 2, Year 4 will become Year 6, Year 3 will remain the same, Year 2 will become Year 4 and Year 1 will become Year 5.

2018 School Dates:

School resumes (PP-Yr. 6)	– Wednesday 31 st January
School resumes (Kindy)	– Thursday 1 st February
Pupil Free Day	– Monday 19 th February (TBC)
Public Holiday	– Monday 5 th March
Pupil Free Day	– Monday 19 th March
Good Friday	– Friday 30 th March
Easter Monday	– Monday 2 nd April
Easter Tuesday	– Tuesday 3 rd April
Term 1 concludes	– Friday 13 th April
Term 2 resumes	– Monday 30 th April
Public Holiday	– Monday 4 th June
Pupil Free Day	– Tuesday 5 th June
Term 2 concludes	– Friday 29 th June
Term 3 resumes	– Monday 16 th July
Pupil Free Day	– Monday 27 th August
Term 3 concludes	– Friday 21 st September
Pupil Free Day	– Monday 8 th October
Term 4 resumes	– Tuesday 9 th October
Term 4 concludes	– TBC (as per CEWA directive)

It is hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for the year. I'd like to thank the students for all their hard work, the staff for their dedication and commitment to a supportive learning environment and finally, to all our families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a very productive year at St Joseph's with much to give thanks for. 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 another exciting school year in 2018.

Travis Bienkowski - Principal

Living In Faith

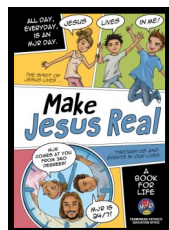
SCHOOL NEWS

Library : It's the time of year for when all library books make their way back to school. Thank you to Vicki Fitzpatrick for running the Scholastic Book Club and to everyone who covered books this year. Your work is appreciated by staff and students. Book Fair purchases resulted in \$500 commission for the school. I will use this to buy board games and some books that have been requested by students. Happy reading over the Christmas break. *Mrs Young*

BEST Playground Resilience Tip

Refusing to play—are common—and often cause anger and hurt. A play refusal is normal if teams are decided, have even numbers or play has started. Nasty refusals happen too. It's helpful your child to know the difference.

bestprograms4kids.com



Making Jesus Real

You are in charge of your attitude to life. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude.

DID YOU KNOW ;

- Who knew Perron, our nativity angel, could be so graceful!
- Mrs Poasa is super excited about starting the 2018 student choir.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down!
- During the Christmas of 1914 (World War 1), a truce was held between Germany and the UK. They decorated their shelters, exchanged gifts across no man's land and played a game of football between themselves.
- Failure is success if we learn from it.
- A large part of Sweden's population watches Donald Duck cartoons every Christmas Eve since 1960.
- From there to here, and here to there, funny things are everywhere.....
Dr Seuss
- The P & F presented 12 Mary Mackillop rose bushes to graduating families leaving the school. We wish these families success at high school and thank them for their wonderful years here with us. We will miss you!
- Children are one third of our population and all of our future!
- It is estimated that Bing Crosby's 'White Christmas', penned by Irving Berlin, is the best-selling single of all time, with over 100 million sales worldwide.



Waroona Karate

Traditional Shotokan Karate

Josephite Centre at

St Joseph's School, Waroona

Beginners class 5.30-6.30

Seniors class 6.30-7.30

Contact Gerry Freeman 0427331153

Or Anton Bombara 97331284

Ages 8 to 80 Welcome

1st lesson is free

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 Jayan Johnson HGN, Phone 9733 1225

Altar Servers

December 3rd : Marl A, Lily & Indi D
December 10th : Ryleigh & Thomas S, Angelyne J
December 17th : Nicholas D, Morgan D, Taylah P

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

Please see the church for details



The way we play together shapes the way we live together.

By embracing the True Sport Values, you and your school, team, club and community join a growing movement of Western Australians who believe that sport has the power to instill character in our kids, strengthen communities and increase opportunities for excellence.

It's time to get involved

We know that being a good sport can make a great difference whether it's on the field, in the pool, on the track—everywhere.

By joining True Sport, you'll be helping us share the positive value of sport with your teammates, your opponents and your family and start making a difference to our community.

Why get involved?

- To spark a conversation about why you come together to play, train and compete.
- To help create a shared language that all sport and recreation participants use and understand.
- To identify and interact with others who believe in similar values.

How to become a True Sport

Creating a fair, safe and open environment where good sport can grow stronger, brings out the best in people and communities. Standing up for the True Sport values is something to be proud of.

It's easy! Visit truesport.com.au and click Join Now. The website also has resources and tips to help you be a true sport and share the story of True Sport with everyone around you.

After joining, download the True Sport declaration certificate, sign it and hang it in a prominent place for everyone to see.

For more information: truesport@dsr.wa.gov.au or 9492 9700.



New Opportunities for Women

52771WA – Certificate I in New Opportunities for Women (NOW)



The NOW program will provide you with the information and skills you need to explore your future options regarding entering or re-entering the workforce, vocational training and further education with the aim to increase your confidence and raise your self-esteem.

You will learn

- Enhance your self-confidence
- Develop your employability skills
- Find new directions and set goals for the future
- Enhance your communication skills
- Develop your computer skills
- Improve your ability to deal with math's
- Equip you to apply for jobs and improve your interview responses

Additional Requirements

There is no formal entrance requirements specified for the Certificate I in New Opportunities for Women (NOW) however, learners need to have sufficient oral and written language and literacy skills to be able to cope with the requirements of the program.

Training Pathways

On completion of this course women will have a better understanding of what opportunities are available in the workforce, pursue a career or use the course as an introduction to further study.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, December 5 : Rochelle Jenkinson, Kelly Nottle, Craig Barr

Friday, December 8 : Peter LeRoy, Karen Ruben, Gareth Hawkins

I would personally like to thank all parents and grandparents who volunteered this year. We couldn't do it without you! A special mention to all the wonderful Dad's who volunteer.

Heather

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

Special Day : Tuesday 30th January
between 9am and 12 noon



Fun in Year 1

Christmas preparations are underway in Year one. India and Alyssa are busy writing and making gifts for their family and friends in Santa's Workshop.

Ruby, Holly, Luke, Nicholas and Gemma are making paper chains to decorate our room. Samuel is making gifts for his Mum's birthday. I'm sure she would have loved her submarine and kite!

Cruz is making a shield while Joshua, Sam and Malachy found foam in the construction box. After they had finished their amazing creations it looked liked it had snowed in our room. Cooper has built a special base to hide Connor's car which has a special backpiece to store things.

We love Investigations in Year One.

