



St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

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, February 12
Book club orders due back
School Nurse Visit
Sam Williams—Story Dogs

Tuesday, February 13
Board Meeting, 5pm
P & F Meeting, 7pm

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday Mass, 9am
MJR Award
Project Compassion Starts

Thursday, February 15
Parent Information Night

Friday, February 16
Yr 4 Attending Mass
Yr 6 visiting Pam Corker

Sunday, February 18
Family Mass—Yr 1

Monday, February 19
Pupil Free Day

Thursday, February 22
Sacramental Enrolment
Meeting, 6pm

Friday, February 23
Newsletter—Do Crew
News Assembly—Yr 4

Sunday, February 25
Staff Commissioning Mass,
8:30am

Monday, February 26
School Nurse Visit
Kindy Speech screens begin
PP On Entry Testing

Thursday, March 1
Book Swap

Friday, March 2
Assembly—Yr 5

Monday, March 5
Labour Day Holiday

Tuesday, March 6
Swimming Lessons for Yrs 3—6
begin

9th February 2018

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 wisdom and might, we praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them and their teachers and staff.

*Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for
understanding; and peace and zeal to their hearts. Amen".*

Welcome to the new school year! I hope 2018 has started well for all families and that it continues to bring many blessings. Together with our amazing staff team, I look forward to another rich and fruitful year for St Joseph's. It was fantastic to see our new Kindergarten children commence their first day of "big school" last week. They already seem to have taken to their new environment and all the various activities with confidence and enthusiasm. A very warm welcome to all the new families who have joined the St Joseph's community this year – Madeline Whitbread (Yr. 5), Max Whitbread (Yr. 3), Grace Whitbread (Kindy), Megan Goodwill (Yr. 4), Ethan Goodwill (Kindy), Dante Pinzone (PP), Shelby Tawhai (Yr. 6), Tahlia Hamuera (Yr. 6) and Jean O'Donnell (Yr. 1). I hope your time here at St Joseph's is a long and happy one, that you experience a partnership that enables you to offer your support of, involvement in, and enthusiasm for your children's learning and faith development.

A big St Joseph's welcome to Miss Tori Johnson who has commenced the year as the new Year 6 teacher, Miss Bethaney Tucker who has commenced the year as the new Year 4 teacher and to Mrs Belinda Curtis who has commenced the year as an Educational Assistant. If you see any of these new staff members around the school, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcomed. Welcome back to Mrs Karen Gear who has returned after taking Medical Leave in Term 4.

Parent Information Night: The Parent Information Night for Kindy-Year 6 parents will be held next Thursday 15th February. Session times will be as follows:

5.30 – 6.00pm All Classes (Kindy - Yr. 6 classroom)

6.00 – 6.30pm All Parents (Library)

6.30 – 7.00pm All Classes (Kindy - Yr. 6 classroom)

At the meetings the teachers will outline their class policies, procedures and expectations. Whilst teachers may be able to answer questions of a general nature, the meetings are not intended to be for discussion of individual children. If you would like to speak with the class teacher about your child's specific needs, please arrange to meet with them at another time.

Year of Youth – Family Masses: The Australian Catholic Bishops invite the Church in Australia to engage in a 'Year of Youth' in 2018. Marking the 10th Anniversary of WYD 2008 Sydney, the Year of Youth invites the Church to nurture the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of young people. To coincide with the 'Year of Youth', St Patrick's Parish invites each class to participate in a Family Mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month, and welcomes us to join the Parish in morning tea afterwards. Every class throughout the year will have an opportunity to attend a scheduled Family Mass. The Year 1 class will attend Mass on Sunday 18th February at 8:30am.

Ash Wednesday Mass: Next Wednesday 14th February at 9am, the whole school community will celebrate Mass for Ash Wednesday. This Mass marks the commencement of the Lenten Season, a time to focus our attention on three key areas in our life: prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

Sacramental Enrolment Meeting: On Thursday 22nd February, those parents whose child will be receiving a Sacrament this year will need to attend the Sacramental Enrolment Meeting commencing at 6pm in the Library. This meeting will provide you with key dates and information for your child's Sacrament this year.

MJR Award: The first MJR Award of the year will be announced on Wednesday 14th February after the Ash Wednesday Mass. Nomination forms 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.



SCHOOL NEWS

P&F/School Board Meeting: The first meeting for both of these committees will be held on Tuesday 13 February. The P&F meeting, which commences at 7.00pm, will be held in the school Library. All members of our community are welcome to attend this P&F meeting and all subsequent meetings for the year.

The School Board is an elected group of parents who will commence their meeting at 5.00pm in the Staffroom.

Homework: The School's Homework Policy was recently updated in order to offer a consistent approach across PP – Year 6. We have decided to offer an incentive for students to complete their homework each night; however, it will also involve the cooperation of parents. We ask that you read the following information carefully:

- Twice per term, students who have completed all homework will be rewarded with a certificate at morning briefing and an icy pole at lunch time.
- The class with the biggest percentage of students who earned certificates will also win a class reward.
- All homework must be completed to get a tick i.e. **Reading Log, Spelling, Maths Basic Facts and Diary signed by a parent.**
- All four aspects must be completed to achieve a tick.

PP – Yr. 3

- Homework will be checked daily by a staff member and will be recorded with a tick for completion or cross if not completed.
- Students who have five or more crosses next to their name due to not completing homework will not receive the reward.

Yr. 4 – Yr. 6

- Homework will be checked weekly by a staff member and will be recorded with a tick for completion or cross if not completed.
- Students who have two or more crosses next to their name due to not completing homework will not receive the reward.
- This will be discussed in more detail at the parent information evening.

2018 Sacramental Dates:

Holy Communion – Sunday 17th June 10:00am (Term 2)

First Reconciliation – Thursday 16th August 6:00pm (Term 3)

Confirmation – Saturday 13th October 6:00pm (Term 4)

Travis Bienkowski - Principal

Striving In Faith

STAFF PROFILE:

Name: [Tori Johnson](#) **Birthday:** [25 October 1995](#)

Role: [Year 6 Teacher](#) **Favourite colour:** [Blue](#)

Hobbies/Interests: [Being active, being outdoors and spending time with my friends and family.](#)

Favourite food: [Chocolate](#) **Pets:** [My puppy - Spud](#)

A Proud Moment: [Graduating from University.](#)

If I was a tree/animal/character, what would I be and why? [I would be a dog, loyal and always happy.](#)

3 words to describe myself: [Happy, friendly and enthusiastic.](#)

2 interesting facts about me: [My favourite sport is hockey and I love camping](#)



ATTENDANCE

To ensure the children's safety and for legal reasons, parents are asked to comply with the following:

- If your child is sick or will be away from school, please contact the school office by 9am of that day. Please ring the office on **97826500** or email admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au.
- If a child is to be absent for part of the day or arrives after the 8.35am bell, parents are required to sign them in at the Office.
- Children who leave the School grounds for appointments during the day also need to be signed out and back in at the Office.



YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

Introduction to Australian Year of Youth 2018;
www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TloGCRa7HI

Theme Song;
www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YRrEqpGSNQ

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

February 11th : No roster at time of print
February 18th :
February 25th :

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

February 10th : Peter Rosita
February 17th : Sutton Family
February 24th : Ange Ferraro, Carmel Look



Parenting Connection
Supporting WA parents

TUNING IN TO TEENS

FREE SIX WEEK COURSE

Would you like to learn more about:

- Understanding your teen's emotional world by reading their emotional needs
- Supporting your teen's ability to successfully manage emotions
- Enhancing your teen's self-esteem, help them manage healthy relationships, and increase their confidence
- Acknowledging your teen's need and ability to be autonomous
- Empowering your teen's ability to problem solve and make good decisions

Any and all parents and caregivers welcome

Where: Waroona Community Resource Centre, Waroona
When: Mondays 19 Feb, 26 Feb, 12 March, 19 March, 26 March, 9 April 2018
Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm
Cost: FREE. Please contact us to enrol
Phone: 6164 0519 or **Email:** 4families.mandurah@relationshipswa.org.au

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PARKING REMINDERS

Parking at school is first and foremost a safety issue above that of any convenience factors.

- All drivers are advised not to park in the driveway of the school car park, directly behind the Church, or across the back of car bays in the staff car park. Such parking practice is problematic and dangerous in terms of visibility and when large delivery vehicles need to come in.
- Please be vigilant when parking and departing from Hesse Street. Drivers are reminded not to park within 2m of the corner.
- Please note that there is a fire hydrant on Millar Street, in front of the school office, marked by a white 'H' on the road. You are reminded vehicles should not be parked within one metre of the hydrant.
- Drivers are encouraged to park in the car park at the Town Oval and walk across to the school.
- Parking adjacent to the school office is to be either side of the Senior Citizens door only. Parking in front of the door prevents them from opening the door outwards and therefore stops them from having access to the building.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, February 13 : Nessa Wildman, Rebecca Whitbread, Kelly Nottle
Friday, February 16 : NO CANTEEN
Tuesday, February 20: Karen Ruben, Jeanette Stampone, Craig Barr
Friday, February 23: NO CANTEEN

We hope that in Term 2 we will have plenty of volunteers to open the canteen back up on a Friday!!

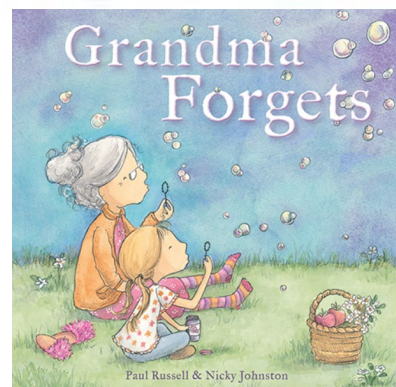
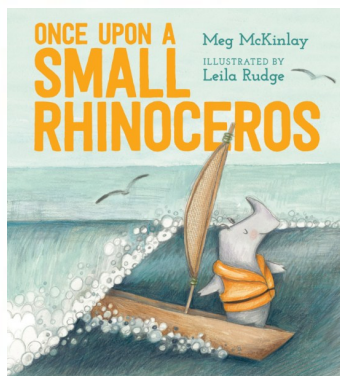
UNIFORM SHOP

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.

We are seeking a volunteer willing to spend a few hours on a Monday morning helping in the Uniform Shop. Contact the office if you are interested.



Library News

Our library has a new look and some changes - the touch screen computers and the bench have been removed to make more room for the book area.

The library will be used for book exchange, book swap, book fairs, lessons, meetings, staff PD and small group work. In the library, Mrs Hodgson will be teaching Digital Technology which includes cyber safety, coding, and computer skills and applications. Mrs Young will teach Science in the library. Liturgical singing is held on Monday afternoons. We feel very lucky to have a large, well-equipped space for the children's lessons. Students can use the library on Tuesday and Thursday lunch times.

There is a small collection of parenting books which are available from the library.

Mrs Gear works in the library on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays so the library will be sparkling. Keep a look-out for her Easter display.

