



St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

Term 4 09/10/18— 7/12/18

Sunday, December 2

Parish End Of Year Christmas Celebration, 5:30pm

Monday, December 3

Advent Liturgy, Yr 2, 8:45am

Tuesday, December 4

Yr 6 Adventure World

Wednesday, December 5

3YO Playgroup Christmas Party

School Reports go home

Thursday, December 6

Kindy Christmas Party
Yr 6 Graduation lunch, 12 pm
Graduation Mass, 6pm

Friday, December 7

End Of Year Mass, Yr 1, 9am
PP—Yr 6 Fun Day @ Murray Leisure Centre, Pinjarra

Last day of school for 2018

Sunday, December 16

Carols by Candlelight, 7pm,
Centennial Park, Waroona

2019

Term 1 04/02/19—12/04/19

Term 2 29/04/19—05/07/19

Term 3 22/07/19—27/09/19

Term 4 14/10/19—TBC

Thursday, January 31

Uniform shop open, 9am—
12 noon

Monday, February 4

**First day of school for
students for 2019**

Friday, February 8

Start of Year Mass, Yr 6, 9am
Newsletter—Digi Tech



30th November 2018

Mission Statement

To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

Newsletter No: 18

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,

*"May **love** come alive within your heart as Christmas time draws near.*

*May **hope** fill each room you decorate and bring **joy** to those you hold dear.*

*May **peace** be before you at every meal and **faith** ring through every song.*

*For Christ is alive, the light of the world; may He **bless** you all season long."*

AGM: To all of you who attended last Thursday'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 2018.

There were many key initiatives for 2019 outlined during the AGM however, two of most important were:

- The commencement of the school's Capital Development Project in which renovations will be made to the Administration and the development of an Early Childhood Hub. The existing Kindergarten will be transformed into a Specialist Centre (LOTE, Digi Tech, Science, The Arts etc.). As a result, arrangements will be made to accommodate various classes as the Pre-Primary and Year 6 classrooms will not be in use during the building process.
- St Joseph's will be one of 6 Catholic schools within the state to be a pilot school for a 3-year Affordable Schooling Project. This will mean school fees for every child will be capped at \$300 (Tuition) + \$90 (Building Levy) = \$390.00. CEWA will subsidise the difference in the remaining fees while still allowing St Joseph's to continue to improve the level of educational services offered to our children. The \$390.00 fee will include the cost of (K-6) student booklists, Amenities Levy, Literacy & Numeracy Levy and the Sacramental Levy (Years 3,4, & 6). CEWA have approved that the following costs can be added to the fee statement in 2019: P&F Levy (total amount TBC), \$150.00 iPad lease for years 3, 4 & 5 and the screening test conducted in Kindy.

On behalf of the school, I'd like to make special mention to Simone Fiorenza who steps down from the Board after 6 years. Thank you for your support and the contribution you have made to the school during your time on the School Board. I would also like to welcome Larry Lucano as the new Board member for 2019. I look forward next year to working with all Board members for the benefit of our community.

P&F: As per the P&F Constitution, all positions were declared vacant at Thursday's AGM. Simone Magno (President), Kelly Nottle (Vice President), Jen Stokes (Treasurer) and Natalie Williamson-Holley (Secretary) have stepped down from their executive roles. My sincere thanks to Simone, Kelly, Jen and Natalie for all their hard work on the P&F this year. The P&F Executive positions for 2019 have been finalised and I am pleased to announce the following people will form the 2019 Executive Team: Rachele Pisconeri (President), Bianca Wilson (Vice President), Harrena Platell (Treasurer) and Rebecca Whitbread (Secretary).

Farewell: To Miss Brigitte Gaillard who will be taking up a 2-year position at Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School in Ringer Soak from the beginning of 2019. Miss Gaillard, thank you for the outstanding contribution you have made to this community over the past 4 years. You have thrived as an educator in nurturing our Pre-Primary students and ensuring their first year in 'big school' has been an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

Thank you also to Mrs Naomi Zappia for teaching the Year 2 class each Friday during the year. The school has appreciated all the work you have done for the class this year.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to Mrs Belinda Curtis for her assistance in Year 5, Year 6 and with the Do-Crew students. Your contribution throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

Finally, to Fr Jay, who has completed his 6-year term of servicing the Waroona-Yarloop Parish and as a result, will be moving to the Narrogin Parish from the 3rd Sunday in January. Thank you Fr Jay for all the support, guidance and the wonderful contribution you have made to the school community over the past 6 years – you will be sorely missed.

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.

End of Year School Concert: What a wonderful community spirit there was at last night's End of Year Concert. The students were outstanding and sang beautifully to a very large audience. Thank you to Mrs Nila Poasa and all the school staff for the work that went into preparing the students for the concert and to Mrs Melissa Fuller & Miss Sam Baggetta and their wonderful team of helpers for creating all the t-shirts – a job well done! During the evening, the P&F also acknowledged and thanked the following Year 6 families who are leaving the school this year for the contribution they have made to the St Joseph's community: Jett De Rosa, Ethan Edwards, Brooklyn Fiorenza, Payton Martelli, Preston Reynolds and Braidy Rossell. We also acknowledged several staff members who will be leaving at the end of the year for their contribution to the school: Miss Gaillard, Fr Jay, Mrs Zappia and Mrs Curtis.

Orientation Day: Yesterday, all the students from Kindy-Year 5, had the opportunity to spend some time with their teacher/s for next year and experience a little of what life will be like in 2019. They engaged in various activities and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions too.

Graduation: Year 6 will celebrate their last year at St Joseph's with a special shared lunch with their parents on Thursday 6th December at 12pm, followed by their Graduation Mass commencing at 6pm. I am very proud of our Year 6's and I wish them all the very best for high school in 2019.

Advent Liturgy: Please join us for our Advent Liturgy on Monday 3rd December commencing at 8:45am followed by our final morning briefing of the year. The Year 2 class will lead our liturgy.

End of Year Mass: Please join us for our final Whole School Mass on Friday 7th December commencing at 9am in the Church. The Year 1 class will lead our liturgical celebration.

Staffing for 2019 was announced at last week's AGM. Staffing is as follows:

Principal – Travis Bienkowski

Assistant Principal – Jenny Gorman

Administration – Heather Brown / Kathy Dwyer

Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator – Jennifer Turner

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

Kindy Class Teacher – Amy Rimmer

Kindy EA – Silvana Vitale

Pre-Primary Class Teacher – Maxine Mulholland (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri) / Yvonne Langan (Thurs)

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

Year 1 Class Teacher – Melissa Fuller (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) / Mary-Ann Landwehr (Thurs)

Year 1 EA – Georgette Harley (Mon, Tues & Wed)

Year 2/3 Class Teachers – Nila Poasa/Mary-Ann Landwehr

Year 2/3 EA – Mia Catalano (Mon-Fri)

Year 4 Class Teacher – Bethaney Tucker

Year 5 Class Teacher – Kate Vidulich

Year 6 Class Teacher – Tori Johnson

Literacy Intervention – Mary-Ann Landwehr & Jenny Gorman

Year 2, 3 & 4 LOTE – Mary-Ann Landwehr

The Arts – Yvonne Langan

Physical Education – Yvonne Langan (Years 1-4) / Travis Bienkowski (Years 5 & 6)

Digital Technologies, Science, Extension & Maths Support – Vicki Hodgson

Library, Seasons for Growth & Support – Jan Young

School Chaplain – Cathie Creswell

Do Crew – Michelle Ward & Georgette Harley

OSH – Georgette Harley

Support EA – Michelle Ward

Groundsman – Leigh Hodgson

2019 School Dates:

- School resumes (K-Yr 6) – Monday 4th February
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 1st March
- Public Holiday – Monday 4th March
- Pupil Free Day – Monday 8th April
- Term 1 concludes – Friday 12th April
- Term 2 resumes – Monday 29th April
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 31st May
- Public Holiday – Monday 3rd June
- Term 2 concludes – Friday 5th July
- Term 3 resumes – Monday 22nd July
- Pupil Free Day – Friday 23rd August (TBC)
- Term 3 concludes – Friday 27th September
- Term 4 resumes – Monday 14th October
- Pupil Free Day – Monday 11th November
- 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 all have a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to another exciting school year in 2019.

Travis Bienkowski - Principal

Striving In Faith

Did you know.....

- Beau F in Kindy had the moves at the Christmas concert last night!
- No beauty shines brighter than that of a good heart.
- Its been lovely to have such eager prac students at the school in the busiest term having fun with the students.
- You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think.....Winnie The Pooh
- Today in the school canteen, we had a husband and wife team. Thank you "Team Lorimer."

**HERE'S THE IMPACT OF
READING 20
MINUTES PER DAY!**

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests

Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre

Holiday Activities
December 18/January 2019

FOR ALL ENQUERIES & BOOKINGS CALL THE WRAC 0897332389

Program of Events
Enrolment forms available at the Recreation Centre

Christmas Cookie Decorating Wed 19th Dec 9.30 -11am \$5 	Vacation Swimming Lessons START 2nd Jan Enroll online with department of education 	MINI GOLF \$5 Mon 7th Jan 3-6pm Tue 8th & Wed 9th JAN 9am-6pm Parent/guardian supervision required
HANDS ON SUPER SONIC SCIENCE SHOW TUESDAY 15TH JAN 1pm \$15 	DAY STAYZ Mum gone wild!! 8 yrs and over Wed 16th JAN 9am-2pm RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SPORT, COOKING, CRAFT, SWIMMING \$20 BOOKING ESSENTIAL 	KINDY GYM \$5 AGES 0-5years Fri 11th & 18th JAN 9.30 -11.30am Supervision required
MINUTE TO WIN IT MONDAY 21ST JAN 2-4 PM \$5 	AUSSIE POOL PARTY FRIDAY 25th JAN 2-6pm \$6 child \$8 adult \$20 family 	LET'S HAVE A SPLASH AT OUR OZ POOL PARTY! JANUARY 25 2019 • 2 - 6PM

St Joseph's School, Waroona would like to recognise the continued support of Alcoa Australia in partnering with the school on many projects throughout the year.

Parish Mass Times

SUNDAY: 8.30am WEEKDAYS: Wednesday & Friday 9:00am Waroona

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: 3rd & 4th Sundays, 8.00am Waroona

Parish Priest: Fr Jayan Johnson HGN

Phone 9733 1225

Altar Servers

December 2nd : Taylah P, Matilda G, Marl A
December 9th : Marl A, Nicholas F
December 16th : -

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

December 1st : Simone Fiorenza, Veronica Fuller
December 8th : Kerry Shore
December 15th : Nina Aquila & Family

**CHRISTMAS
MASS TIMES**
Waroona/Yarloop Catholic Parish

Christmas Eve: Monday December 24
Waroona, Mass 7:00pm
Yarloop, Mass 9:00pm.

Christmas Day: Tuesday December 25
Waroona, 9:00am

Parish Priest: Fr Jayan Johnson HGN.

**Mental Health First Aid
for the Suicidal Person**

**Do you know how to help someone that is feeling suicidal?
Learn practical skills to improve your confidence
in this half-day course**

Presenter: Deb Reveley from Brain Ambulance
Date: Thursday 13 December 2018
Venue: Waroona Community Resource Centre,
10 Henning Street. Waroona
Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm
Cost: **FREE** with a substantial morning tea provided

What is the Mental Health First Aid for the Suicidal Person Course?
This 4 hour face to face course is based on our expert consensus guidelines 'Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviours: First Aid Guidelines'. Curriculum content is evidence-based, with the input of mental health professionals, researchers and consumer advocates.

What will you learn?

- How to identify warning signs for suicide
- How to confidently support a person in crisis
- How to have a conversation with someone experiencing suicidal thoughts and behaviours

At the completion of the course you will be equipped with the skills and knowledge to safely have a conversation with a suicidal person

Who can attend?

Any interested adult can attend, there are no prerequisites for this course. It is important that people signing up for this course are feeling relatively robust when they undertake it. It is not recommended for individuals recently bereaved by suicide.

RSVP to Cherie by Monday 10 December 2018

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CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday, December 3 Bec Whitbread, Natasha Williams, Naomi Preece

Don't forget that canteen duty starts around 10:30—11am

2019

Please note: the canteen will not be open in Week 1 of Term 1. We will be sending home a roster at the beginning of the year.

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 opening day for before school purchases will be Thursday, 31st January

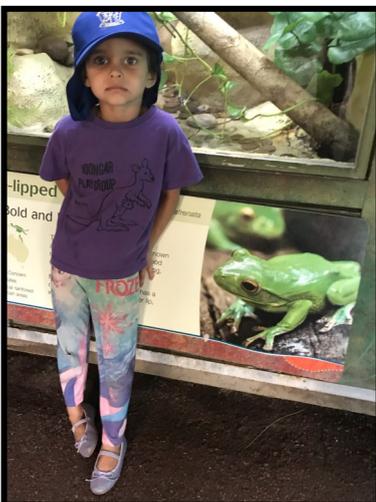
AFaFE—Aboriginal Families as First Educators

The students and families went to the Perth Zoo on Thursday, 22nd November. We were joined by 2 other playgroups, St John Bosco, Rockingham and St Maria Goretti, Perth.

Each student was allocated an animal to research including their Noongar name. We had perfect weather and the students really enjoyed the time exploring all of the animal enclosures and mixing with the other playgroups.



On Wednesday the 21st November, The Books In Home assembly was held with Mr Bienkowski presenting reading books to the children. A special certificate was presented to Brennel Tressidder for excellent attendance in Term 3. The group enjoyed the visit.



Amber Kelly at the frog display. She had a worksheet on the "Koolboolang" she worked on with Aunty Kathy.

