



# St Joseph's School MJR NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to Remember

**Term 4** 14/10/19—13/12/19

**Thursday, December 5**

Final Newsletter 2019  
School Concert @ 6:30pm

**Friday, December 6**

MCC Yr 7, 2020 Orientation  
Day  
Yr 1—Yr 6, 2020 Orientation

**Monday, December 9**

St Vinnies appeal handover  
@ Advent Liturgy, PP, 8:45am

**Tuesday, December 10**

Adventure World, Yr 6  
Board Meeting, 6pm  
P & F Meeting, 7pm

**Wednesday, December 11**

3YO Playgroup Christmas  
Party  
Yr 6 Graduation Lunch, 12pm

**Thursday, December 12**

Kindy Liturgy & Christmas  
Party  
NO CANTEEN TODAY  
Graduation Mass, 6pm

**Friday, December 13**

Last day of school  
End of Year Mass, Yr 1,  
8:45am  
PP - Yr 5 Movies Fun Day ,  
9:30am

## 2020

**Monday, January 27**

Australia Day Public Holiday

**Tuesday, January 28**

Uniform Shop open, 9am —  
12 noon (EFTPOS only)

**Monday, February 3**

First Day back for students

**Friday, February 7**

Start of Year Mass, Yr 6, 9am



**5th December 2019**

### 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,

*"Dear God, we thank You for Your love and Your promise to be with us. At school or work, at rest or play, help us  
to feel near to You and hear Your voice. Guide us to always do our best in every situation and to love one another.  
Amen"*

**AGM:** Thank you to those people who were able to attend the recent School AGM. 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 2019. On behalf of the school,  
I'd like to make special mention to Pat Dunne who steps down from the Board after 4 years. Thank  
you for your support and the contribution you have made to the school during your time on the Board.  
I would also like to welcome Bronwyn Webb as the new Board member for 2020 and Karen Ruben  
who commences her second term on the Board.

**P&F:** As per the P&F Constitution, all positions were declared vacant at the recent AGM. Rachelle  
Pisconeri (President), Bianca Wilson (Vice President), Harrena Platell (Treasurer) and Rebecca  
Whitbread (Secretary) have stepped down from their executive roles. My sincere thanks to Rachelle,  
Bianca, Harrena and Rebecca for all their hard work on the P&F this year. The P&F Executive positions  
for 2020 are still to be finalised but I am pleased to announce the following people have accepted  
roles on the 2020 Executive Team: TBC (President), TBC (Vice President), Harrena Platell (Treasurer)  
and Rebecca Whitbread (Secretary).

**Welcome:** In 2020, the school will welcome 5 new members to staff: Michael O'Dwyer, Joshua Wells,  
Ebony Hewitt, Rebecca Cherry and Robyn Trewren. I know they will enjoy their time here and the  
community will make them feel very welcomed.

**Farewell:** I'd like to thank Yvonne Langan, who will be taking maternity leave for all of 2020, for  
everything she has done this year in her role as Sports & The Arts teacher. On behalf of the St Joseph's  
community, I'd like to wish Yvonne and her family all the very best on the impending birth of her 3rd  
child in February.

We also farewell Miss Amy Rimmer who has accepted an ongoing teaching position at Birlirr  
Ngawiyiwu Catholic School in Ringer Soak from the beginning of 2020. Miss Rimmer, thank you for the  
outstanding contribution you have made to this community over the past 6.5 years. You have thrived  
as an educator in nurturing our Kindy students and ensuring their first year at school has been an  
enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

**End of Year School Concert:** This evening at 6.30pm, the school will celebrate its End of Year Concert.  
Families are invited to attend school from 5:30pm and enjoy a BYO picnic together on the basketball  
court. At 6.15pm, all students will be asked to go to their classrooms in readiness for the concert to  
commence. All students are asked to wear a Christmas shirt and black pants or shorts (no skirts) and  
shoes suitable to perform in. At approximately 7:00pm, the P&F will acknowledge and thank the  
following Year 6 families who are leaving the school this year for the contribution they have made to  
the St Joseph's community: Rylan Donovan, Pdraig Dunne, Jaimee Elliot, Nash Ferraro, Kayden Lucas,  
Christian Robertson, Mitchell Rowland & Alex Wall. We will also acknowledge several staff members  
who will be leaving at the end of the year for their contribution to the school: Mr Bienkowski, Miss  
Rimmer and Mrs Langan (Maternity Leave).

**Semester 2 Reports:** Next Wednesday, 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.

**Orientation Day:** Tomorrow all the students from Pre Primary to Year 5 will have the opportunity to spend some time with their teacher/s for next year and experience a little of what life will be like in 2020. They will engage in various activities and get to ask a lot of questions too.

**Graduation:** Year 6 will celebrate their last year at St Joseph's with a special shared lunch with their parents on Wednesday 11th December at 12pm. The Graduation Mass will commence at 6pm on Thursday 12th December. I am very proud of all our Year 6's and I wish them the very best for high school in 2020.

**Advent Liturgy:** Please join us for our Advent Liturgy on Monday 9th December commencing at 8:45am followed by our final morning briefing of the year. The Pre Primary class will lead our liturgy.

**End of Year Mass:** Please join us for our final Whole School Mass on Friday 13th December commencing at 8:45am in the Church. The Year 1 class will lead our liturgical celebration.

Staffing for 2020 was announced at this year's AGM. Staffing is as follows:

Principal – Michael O' Dwyer

Assistant Principal – Jenny Gorman

Administration – Heather Brown

Finance/Administration – Kathy Dwyer

Aboriginal Playgroup Facilitator – Jennifer Turner

3-Year Old Playgroup – Robyn Trewen

Kindy Class Teacher – Robyn Trewen

Kindy EAs – Silvana Vitale & Mia Catalano

Pre-Primary Class Teacher – Maxine Mulholland (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs) / Mary-Ann Landwehr (Fri)

Pre-Primary EAs – Georgie Harley & Rebecca Cherry

Year 1 Class Teacher – Bethaney Tucker

Year 1 EA – Sam Baggetta

Year 2 Class Teacher – Kate Vidulich

Year 2 EA – Sam Baggetta

Year 3 Class Teachers – Tori Johnson & Mary-Ann Landwehr

Year 3 EA – Karen Gear

Year 4 Class Teachers – Joshua Wells (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) / Jan Young (Thurs)

Year 4 EA – Michelle Ward

Year 5 Class Teachers – Nila Poasa (Mon, Tues, Wed) / Vicki Hodgson (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Year 5 EA – Ebony Hewitt

Year 6 Class Teachers – Melissa Fuller (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri) / Jenny Gorman (Thurs)

Year 6 EA – Michelle Ward

Literacy Intervention – Mary-Ann Landwehr/Sam Baggetta

Year 3,4 & 5 Italian – Mary-Ann Landwehr

The Arts – Nila Poasa

Physical Education – Tori Johnson (Years 1-4) / Michael O' Dwyer (Years 5 & 6)

Science – Vicki Hodgson

Library, Seasons for Growth & Support – Jan Young

School Chaplain – Michelle Ward

OSH – Georgie Harley

Groundsman – Leigh Hodgson

It is hard to put into words just how humble, grateful and honoured I am to have worked at St Joseph's School for the past four years. I would sincerely like to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to lead this wonderful school. I am looking forward to the new challenge of leading a larger community, but I will certainly miss the students, staff and parents who have made coming to work most enjoyable. In closing, I would like to wish ALL the school community, parents, children, staff, Fr. Concord and our parish every blessing for the coming festive season as well as hoping you have a safe and happy holiday. I wish everyone the very best for the 2020 school year.

*Travis Bienkowski - Principal*

*Striving In Faith*

### **2020 School Dates**

School resumes (K-Yr. 6)	- Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Pupil Free Day	- Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February
Public Holiday	- Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Term 1 concludes	- Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2 resumes	- Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April
Pupil Free Day	- Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Public Holiday	- Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
Pupil Free Day	- Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Term 2 concludes	- Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Term 3 resumes	- Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Pupil Free Day	- Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August
Term 3 concludes	- Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Pupil Free Day	- Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November
Term 4 resumes	- Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October
Term 4 concludes	- Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

- Congratulations to the McAlinden family on the arrival of a little girl. Welcome to the St Joes Community **Josie McAlinden**, born in the early hours of the 26th November. A little baby sister for Ellise (Yr 6) and Luke (Yr 4).
- 'The Git Up' is the staff's favourite song right now!
- Due to the cancellation of the previous date, the Parish Christmas Morning Tea gathering will now be held on 15th December after Mass. Please bring a plate to share.
- Six year olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults laugh 15—100 times a day!

### Parish Mass Times

SUNDAY: 8.30am

WEEKDAYS: Wednesday & Friday 9:00am Waroona

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.00am Waroona

Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagaoisan Phone: 9733 1225

### Altar Servers

December 8 : Taylah & Zachary P, Matilda G (2nd)  
December 15 : - (3rd)  
December 22 : - (4th)

### St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

December 7 : Simone Fiorenza, Veronica Fuller, Lena Deleo  
December 14 : Kerry Shore  
December 21 : Monina Aguila & Family



## JANUARY 2020 SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY DAYS



### St Joseph's School Waroona Students

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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.



### CANTEEN ROSTER

**Monday, December 9:** Leah O'Connor, Karen Ruben, Sarah Brett

**Thursday, December 12 : NO CANTEEN TODAY**

### Waroona Recreation & Aquatic Centre



### Holiday Activities DEC 2019—JAN 2020



#### Program of Events

Enrolment forms available at the Recreation Centre  
Late enrolments will only be accepted if numbers permit.  
**RECREATION CENTRE**

#### Friday 13 December

Kindy Gym  
Christmas Party  
10:00am—12:00pm  
\$7.00 Per Child



#### Friday 20 December

Christmas card making  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
5 years and over  
\$5.00 per child

#### Monday 6th January

Cook Craft Play  
10:00am—12:00pm  
5-10 years and over  
\$5.00 Per child

#### Wednesday 15 January

Bag Making with Cassi  
10am—12:00pm  
9 years and over  
\$10.00 per child

#### Thursday 23 January

Laser Tag  
5:30pm-8:30pm  
8 years and over  
\$10.00 per person



#### Friday 24 January

Australian Pool Party  
2:00pm-6:30pm  
\$6 Child, \$8.00 Adult,  
\$20.00 Family

#### Wednesday 29 January

Cook Craft Play Swim  
9:00 am—2:00pm  
10 years and over  
\$10.00 per child

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CALL THE WRAC ON 97332389

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS!

PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE  
HOPE



### 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.