



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

Father in heaven,

all creation rightly gives you praise,

for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This Sunday is a holy day of obligation for the Assumption of Mary. As a school we will celebrate with mass on Friday from 9 am. The colour blue is often associated with Virgin Mary as it symbolises truth, clarity and heaven (colour of the sky).

We also are raising funds for Catholic Care on Friday which offers help to those in need regardless of religion, age, gender, ethnicity or physical and intellectual disability. Our students can wear "free dress" with a gold coin donation, please ensure that their dress and footwear is suitable for our school environment.

Many of our students today, participated in their 1st Reconciliation. This is the first time that it has been celebrated during school hours with a Liturgy and special lunch. The Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation is seeking forgiveness for the things that we do wrong and restoring our relationship with Jesus.

We warmly invite family and friends to attend 5pm Mass on Saturday so we as a Catholic Community can congratulate them. There will be cake afterwards in the library to share. The children have been well prepared by Mary-Ann Landwehr, Tori Johnson, Nila Poasa, Jillian Snell, and Father Con.

Our next Sacrament celebrated in the Parish of St Patricks is Holy Communion. On Wednesday 19th, in the Library, there is a Parent and Child workshop at 5:30pm and the commitment mass is on Saturday 22nd August at 5pm.

Professional Educators

We are lucky to have such a hardworking staff who are dedicated to the wellbeing and educational growth of our students. At times, as a parent, we can have a concern about the progress of our children, and I encourage you to raise any concerns directly with your child's classroom teacher. We have recently updated our process of managing student concerns and the child's classroom teacher is your best contact. The following link outlines the school's process.

https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/school-policies

Pupil Free Day – Friday 21st August

As part of the continual training and development of our Professional Educators there is a pupil free day on Friday 21st August.

P & F:

Our P & F do an amazing job at supporting our school community to obtain additional resources for our children. Most recently the P & F donated \$1,500 toward the Year 6 camp. If you are able to help in any way, even for an hour, please email <u>pandf.stjosephswaroona@gmail.com</u>.

I excitedly await the cookie dough that I have ordered for my family to arrive.

Uniform shop - Mondays only:

As we wish and pray for Mrs Brown to have a speedy recovery, for the next five weeks Mrs Williams will be running the uniform shop on Mondays between 8:30 am and 9:30. Orders can be placed during the week, emailed in and paid for online. To ensure stock accuracy and keep our Auditors happy, we can only issue the uniforms on Monday when the shop is open.

Local Schools Community Fund:

We wish to acknowledge and thank the Local Schools Community fund which contributed \$20,000 towards the nature playground including fencing of early years playground area, the retaining wall and landscaping of area.

Canteen- One day only per week next term:

Thank you to the regular volunteers who help out in the canteen. Also thank you to Karen Reuben who baked another eighty sausage rolls. We are still short on volunteers for the roster, if you are able to help please contact our reception. Next term if we are unable to secure more volunteers we will be forced to operate only one day per week.

Thank you and God Bless,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

Dates to Remember

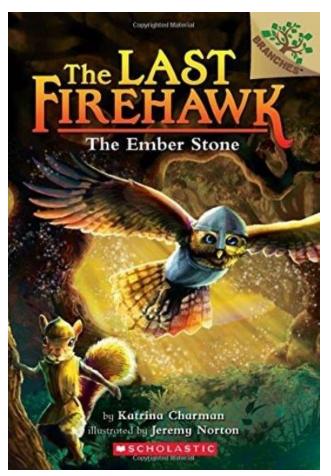


- Thursday, 13 August Canteen closed today due to lack of volunteers
- Thursday, 13 August Year 3 Reconciliation day. Year 3 students are able to wear free dress
- Friday, 14 August Casuals for Catholics Day, Students able to wear free dress for a gold coin donation
- Saturday, 15 August Reconciliation Mass at 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, 19 August Holy Communion Meeting (Parent and Student) at 5.30 pm in the Library.
- Friday, 21 August Pupil Free Day
- Saturday, 22 August Holy Communion Commitment Mass at 5.00 pm
- Tuesday, 25 August Year 3-6 Jumps and Throws
- Friday, 28 August School Athletics Carnival PP Year 6

Did You Know.....

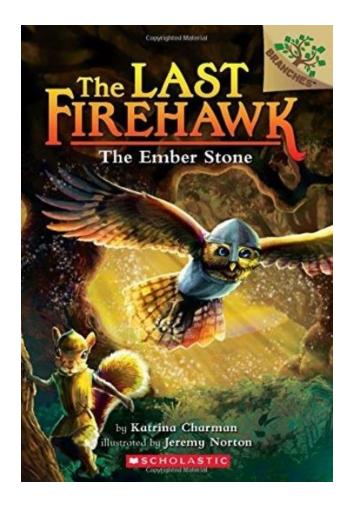
- Mr O'Dwyer has two cats named Luna and Theo.
- Australia has the most amount of reptiles in the world. Over 750 different species.
- Why is Cinderella so bad at soccer? Because she always runs away from the ball.

Recently added to the school library



The Last Firehawk (The Battle for Perodia)

Its finally time to fight for the enchanted land of Perodia! Tag, Skyla, and Blaze call on their friends to help them in the epic battle against Thorn. Blaze will have to learn how to use the magical Ember Stone. But will its bright magic be strong enough to defeat the powerful vulture and its dark army of spies?



St Patrick's Parish



Mass Times:

- Wednesday 9:00 am
- Friday 9:00 am
- Saturday 5:00 pm
- Sunday 8:30 am

Sacrament of Penance:

3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 am



1 - Pinjarra Golf Days

