



# St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff and Friends,

#### **Prayer**

O Jesus, You have loved us with such exceedingly great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Your glory by praying for our students to prepare worthily to approach Your holy table for the first time.

Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, this young soul from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love, and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive You.

Amen

### **Holy Communion:**

We celebrated First Holy Communion for nine of our students on Saturday evening at St Patrick's parish. This is a special occasion for our students in their voyage of faith. We would normally invite everyone to celebrate this special event. However, with the current COVID-19 restrictions we needed to limit the number of adults to the 2 sqm rule in the church. We must thank, Father Con, Mr Wells, Mrs Landwehr, Mrs Young and Mrs Snell for their work in preparing our students for their journey.

#### **Congratulations:**

Congratulations to our Inter School team at the Athletics Carnival. The team performed exceptionally and achieved 2nd overall. The students were well prepared for this excursion to Harvey by Miss Johnson who led additional training sessions and organised the team. Well done to the team and Miss Johnson. A full list of Champions and Runners up is listed in this newsletter and additional photographs are on our school Facebook page.

#### **Academic Success:**

Students from Year 1 to Year 6 have recently completed standard testing in Reading and Mathematics. In comparison to their February results our students have shown strong academic growth, which reflects the quality teaching provided by our professional educators.

#### **COVID-19:**

We continue to operate under Phase 4 restrictions; we do wish to sustain the good progress and remind everyone to be COVID safe. At all school events please ensure social distancing is maintained by adults, do not attend if unwell and practise good hygiene.

As part of our constant state of readiness we will undertake both a Lock Down Drill and COVID-19 evacuation practise on Wednesday afternoon. Please note no action is required by parents. Please ensure you know your child's faction (Blue, Green or Red) as this will determine where you would need to collect your children in the event of an actual emergency, for example; school carpark, Kiss and Drive, Hesse Street or the old IGA Carpark.

#### **Enrolments 2021**

Kindy in 2021 will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This modified arrangement will prepare our students for the transition to full time schooling in Pre-primary. We have interviewed a large number of families and there are currently only six vacancies.

If you are aware of anyone who is interested in attending St Joseph's, in 2021, for Kindy or any other Year group, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible as places are limited.

#### School Fees:

Our school fees go directly to resources which our Professional Educators use, to provide high quality education to our students.

Thank you for the vast majority of families who have paid their school fees in full and those who have entered into a suitable payment arrangement. To make fee payment easier we are now able to offer a direct debit option which can be set up now for next year.

St Joseph's school fee policy states that fees should be paid in full prior to the end of third term and we will be directly contacting people who are not up to date. The policy also requires families to advise the school by the End of Term 3 if they are not returning to school in 2021, to avoid being invoiced a full year of fees for 2021. Please advise our office in writing if you are not returning to St Joseph's in 2021.

#### Student safety

We are fortunate to have a Kiss and Drive, plus use of the town oval and former IGA carparks. A large number of families also ride and walk to school. **Student and pedestrian safety are of paramount concern.** 

Unfortunately, I have received two reports of driving in our drop off zones and carparks that nearly resulted in accidents. Last year, WA Police reported three children injured in school zone crashes, one of whom was seriously injured.

Please model safe and courteous driving by making Jesus Real in the way we treat each other on the roads and in the carpark and look out for our most vulnerable on their journey to school.

#### **Colour Run:**

Thank you to the P & F for organising this fun school event. The cost of \$5 per child with a limit of \$15 per family has proved very popular. Please ensure that payment has been made prior to Wednesday to ensure that your child does not miss out.

Students who participate are encouraged to wear old white clothes as their trek will be covered in colour. If your child travels on a bus, I recommend a change of clothes.

The sausage sizzle is a separate option and there are spare notes in the office. I too must place my order prior to Tuesday morning.

#### **School Holidays:**

School holidays commence on the afternoon of Friday 25th September and students return on Monday 12th October. A term planner will be sent home this week, with adjustments made due to the current COVID-19 restrictions. For your information there is a student free day on Friday 13th November and our students finish Term 4 on Friday 11th December.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy your school holidays.

Kind regards

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal



1 - Congratulations to our Interschool Team finishing 2nd overall. Also to our Champions:

Willow Ferraro - Year 3 Runner up Champion Girl

Jack LeRoy - Year 3 Runner up Champion Boy

Melanie Scott - Year 4 Runner up Champion Girl

Jai Curtis - Year 5 Champion Boy

Charlie LeRoy - Year 6 Runner up Champion Boy

Willow Hawkins - Year 6 Champion Girl



2 - We are a Sunsmart school and we have plenty of hats available for purchase in the uniform shop. St Joseph's will commence our 'No Hat No Play Policy" when Term 4 commences.



3 - Holy Communion 2020

### Dates to Remember



- Thursday, 24 September, Colour Fun Run Sausage Sizzle @ 12:30pm
- Thursday, 24 September, Colour Fun Run commences @ 1:30pm
- Thursday, 24 September, Canteen is closed.
- Friday, 25 September, end of term mass for students.
- Friday, 25 September, Last day of school.
- Monday, 12 October Term 4 Commences.



4 - If You have not ordered your school photos by today, Monday, 21 September there will a late fee of \$30.00.



5 -

• Basketball nominations close this Friday 25th September, so please jump online or get your paper nominations in before then. Grading night will be Wednesday 7th October at 5pm at the Rec centre, with the season commencing Wed 14th October



6 - Waroona Junior Cricket Invites you to play cricket for Waroona.

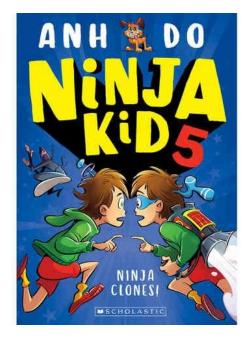
## Did you know...?



7 - Did You Know that you can speed up the ripening of a pineapple by turning it upside down.

Did You Know girls have more taste buds than boys.

Did you know a 300 year old hurricane on Jupiter is still going strong.



8 - Recently added to the School Library. Ninja Kids.

Nelson and Kenny have been cloned. Robot Nelson and Robot Kenny are faster smarter and better dancers. But when the clones spin way out of control at school camp, can the real Nelson and Kenny save the day?

### 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