



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

Congratulations to Vicki Fitzpatrick, who was one of the many who answered the question in our previous newsletter. It is reassuring that so many read our school newsletter. Inspired by the response, there is another prize draw for the people that answer the question in this newsletter too. This weekend we will be celebrating Father's day, and I wish all the dads and people who fulfil this vital quality relationship in our children's life a special day.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY:

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... Dad

Amen

Bishop Gerard:

Bishop Gerard will be celebrating his jubilee of 20 years as a Bishop and 50 years as a priest over this weekend. Bishop Gerard leads our Bunbury Diocese and is Chairman of the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia. This is being organised by the Bunbury Parish, with a Mass on Sunday at 10.00 am at the Bunbury Cathedral. Our students have prepared a lovely card which I will present to him on behalf of our school on Sunday.

Sr Maureen Memorial Mass:

St Patricks' church celebrated former Principal, Sister Maureen, on Sunday, and there was a number of ex-St Joseph's students who shared enjoyable stories of their time at our school. It is always interesting to hear about our past and be amazed at how much Sister Maureen achieved with so little. Our students today are blessed with our warm, well-equipped classrooms with caring university-educated professional educators.

COMMUNITY:

Parent and Friends:

Our wonderful P & F do an amazing job fundraising for our school community and helping our students have access to climate-controlled classrooms, amazing undercover playgrounds and high-quality learning resources. Please support the upcoming Bingo night as tickets are still currently on sale and there are some incredible prizes that have been donated by many local Waroona businesses.

Father's Day Breakfast Friday, 3rd August & Stall:

Our wonderful P & F organised a stall to purchase epic gifts for their Fathers on Thursday, and we warmly welcomed all Fathers this morning for breakfast. I thank the parents who volunteered and gave their time to make this special for all fathers. Thank you to: Bec W, Bec L, Eden P, Madison W, Bianca W, Camille O, Melissa F, Sophia D, Colleen B, Stacey G and Katie S.

Quality Catholic Education Award:

We have been nominated in the 2021 QCE Awards for supporting CEWA's vision of providing Christ-centred, student-focused, engaged learning environments. The QCE Awards celebrate the

remarkable efforts and dedication of Catholic school communities, staff and students across our state. Have you voted in the People's Choice Awards? Please vote and encourage your friends to vote at:

https://awards.cewa.edu.au/nomination/transforming-lives-at-st-josephs-school-waroona/

Big Breakfast Thursday, 16th September from 8:15 am:

Foodbank provides an amazing service to our community, and they offer substantially discounted food hampers for those in need. Please note the dates for ordering in the back of our newsletter. They always welcome donations of non-perishables.

Code of Conduct:

A reminder that every member of the St Joseph's School community must behave in the manner described in our Code of Conduct. Our Code is like the 40km/h speed limit outside our school in the mornings and afternoons. It defines behaviours that keep our students safe: at school and elsewhere.

Students who are surrounded by adults and peers who model positive behaviours, which are described in the Code, are more likely to recognise and choose healthy relationships for themselves and build quality relationships.

Part of maintaining healthy relationships is to use the appropriate process when you have a concern which is outlined in our school-based procedures and making sure we recognise the privacy and dignity of each child (Dignity of the Human Person).

We each keep our students safe by following our Code of Conduct and encouraging and reminding each other to do so.

Seasons For Growth:

<u>Seasons for Growth</u> offers children and young people a safe space to come together and share their experiences of change and loss. This can include the loss of family members or changes in relationships.

The Seasons For Growth Program has a safe and engaging curriculum structure that incorporates a wide range of age-appropriate activities involving drawing, role-play, stories, discussion, playdough, music and journal activities.

This program will be run by Mrs Young. If you believe your child will benefit, please email your child's classroom teacher before 8th September.

EDUCATION:

Our educational programs follow CEWA's vision for learning, and a core element is the five teacher practices:

Our most recent focus is on Quality Relationships, the practice of modelling Jesus like relationships between students and teachers, Making Jesus Real (Christ-Centred), enabling all to grow in the image of God and excel academically.

Quality relationships are essential to support learning. A popular saying in education circles is 'Maslow Before Bloom'. It is typically used to communicate how humans need their basic needs (physiological, safety, love and belonging) met before academic learning can be fully embraced.

Student results:

As part of our evidence-based and data-informed practice, we regularly evaluate student learning to direct our teaching. As requested by families in our school-based climate survey, many parents requested more information about their child's progress.

We will be sharing more of your child's achievements via SEQTA Engage, and very soon, your child's DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skill) results will be shared with you. It assesses the acquisition of literacy skills, and the testing is used regularly to detect risk and monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills in Pre-primary through to Year 6. These scores will be shared with your child and yourself each time the testing is undertaken.

Your child's professional educator can discuss these results with you. We are collectively working to improve your child's literacy, and your child's teacher can discuss what support at home helps increase achievement. I warmly encourage you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their academic progress over the next three weeks of term. Please email them directly to arrange an appointment.

Birds of Prey Incursion:

Our students were excited to hold a Wedge-Tail Eagle on Monday as part of the Birds of Prey Incursion. Thank you to Alcoa for their funding for this incursion for both our school and WDHS. Also, thank you to Mrs Brown, who arranged and coordinated the dual incursion.

Athletics Carnival:

Congratulations to Leah, winner of the Faction Carnival. I was so impressed by the athletics performance and the leadership shown by our Faction Captains assisting teachers and students. Thank you to Miss Johnson for her hard work preparing and organising, Mr Hodgson for his work behind the scenes and the many parents who helped too. We must also thank the Shire of Waroona for providing the sand for long jump pits. We are looking forward to the Interschool Athletics Carnival on 17th September at WDHS.

STEWARDSHIP:

Student Voice:

Our students were surveyed by the school councillors, and they have recently selected a new bell. Our student councillors regularly meet and provide input into the direction of their school, with the canteen always been a popular topic, and they have requested more regular changing of our school bell.

Congratulations to Mr Hazebroek:

It is with some sadness that we must congratulate Mr Hazebroek on being appointed to St Damian's Catholic School in Dawesville in 2022. Mr Hazebroek is an active member of St Damian's parish, as an Acolyte, and was previously the Assistant Principal at that school for seven years.

I thank Mr Hazebroek for the dedication and positive influence that he has brought to our school. Please join me in congratulating Mr Hazebroek and we will properly farewell him at our end of year concert.

In 2022 our school will operate with Mrs Glorie as our sole Assistant Principal, and the initiatives started by Mr Hazebroek will continue, such as the robotics club.

School Fees:

Thank you to the vast majority of families who have paid their school fees in full or are following their payment agreement. Our students thank you as these funds go back directly into their school and help maintain our lovely facilities. We have issued reminder notices for some accounts, and should there be any financial hardship, please arrange an appointment with me so we can work out a suitable arrangement.

COVID-19:

As always, we remain ready to deliver remote learning if directed to. Please ensure that you can access the Seesaw Families application as it is the primary channel for remote learning supported by our website. As a school, we will continue to share official information, and the latest updates are available at https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus

CEWA Policies and School-based Procedures:

You may have noticed a change to our website with our policy page now referring to Catholic Education Western Australia Ltd Policies (https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/catholic-education-western-australia-limited-policies). The purpose of this is to create clear, consistent messaging on one platform, with the embedded policy hub being a 'one-stop-shop' for all community members regardless of which Catholic school they attend. This page will continue to contain the most up-to-date policies and executive directives for your easy reference.

The inclusion of this page does not in any way affect our current school operations, and school procedures can be found here https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/school-based-procedures-and-guidelines

To all fathers out there, please enjoy your special day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

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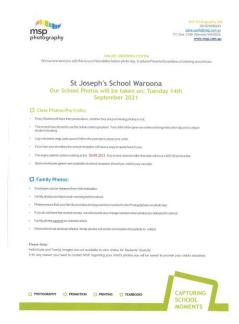
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Important Dates to Remember

- Friday, 3 September Father's Day Breakfast and Blessing @ 7:30 am
- Sunday, 5 September Father's Day
- Thursday, 9 September Canteen open for lunch only (Larry Lucano, Scott Evans, Bianca Wilson)
- Thursday, 9 September School Advisory Council @ 5:30 pm
- Friday, 10 September Year 3 Class Assembly @ 8:40 am (With MJR Award)
- Friday, 10 September Reconciliation @ 11 am
- Saturday, 11 September P & F Bingo night @ 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, 14 September School Photos
- Tuesday, 14 September P & F Meeting @ 7 pm
- Wednesday, 15 September School Nurse onsite
- Thursday, 16 September Foodbank free breakfast @ 8:15 am
- Thursday, 16 September Canteen open for lunch only (Stephanie Siew, Fiona Blakeney, Madison Odorisio, Leah O'Connor)
- Friday, 17 September Interschools Athletics Carnival @ 9:30 am, Waroona District High School oval
- Saturday, 18 September Holy Communion @ 5 pm





My Dad By Grace Simpson (Year 6)

Michael Simpson set off for the journey of a life time 5 weeks ago and is currently in Sydney preparing to come home. Michael was recently selected to go to Canada to help fight fires. He was one in only a handful from WA. In 2019, Michael was selected to go to NSW to help with fires and came home 2 weeks later when the fires were under control.

Michael left on the 26th July 2021 and arrived in Canada on the same date. Canada is 15 hours behind WA so he got there on the exact same hour as he left. He landed in a town called Kamloops in British Columbia. He then travelled to Vancouver and worked for three days a week for two weeks. He then travelled to a town called Oliver in the Oakanagan Valley.

Michael was recently elected for the position of Volunteer Fire Brigade Captain in Waroona just before he left for his trip. He and his family did have to sacrifice something for him to go. Michael spent his 40th birthday in Canada and he is spending Father's Day by himself in a lonely hotel room in Sydney.

Michael is our towns own super-hero! He goes by many names including Mick and Simo but to the people that love him most, he is called dad and we are all so excited for him to come home in two weeks time.









Did You Know.....

 The school uniform shop now has stock in all sizes of track pants!!! We finally have size 8's and we would like to thank parents for their patience in this matter.



- We have a music tutor onsite weekly who teaches both piano and guitar during school hours. If your child is interested in either of these, please collect a form from the front office.
- We only have 3 positions left in our 2022 Kindergarten class. If you have family or friends
 that are moving to Waroona or are yet to enrol their child, please get them to contact the
 school. Enrolment is a very important process when considering your child's future
 education. Mandurah Catholic College are actually full for Year 7 in 2022 and almost at
 capacity for 2023! Does you child fall into this year group? If so, we highly recommend you
 consider where your child might continue their education once they graduate St Joseph's
 School, Waroona.
- Do you follow the school social media pages? <u>Click here for the Facebook page</u> <u>Click here for Instagram</u>
- Foodbank has hampers to purchase at a very heavily discounted price for families. The next
 collection will be on Tuesday 21st September (as per attached flyer). If you would like to pre
 order these, please contact the Waroona Community Resource Centre before Thursday,
 16th September. They are available to every family.

Community Notice Board



St Joseph's School, Waroona P & F Thermomix Raffle



Only 200 tickets available!

Drawn 11th September at the Bingo Night
Win a Thermomix TM6 valued at \$2359

Tickets \$25

Available from the school office-cash only!









SENIORS

at least 14 years of age as of 31 December 2021 Byers under 18 years must have parental permission)

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN





JUNIORS

Must be 4-16 years of age as of 31 December 2021

NOMINATIONS CLOSE 10 SEPTEMBER 2021



For more information, or to get involved VISIT: www.waroonaredbacks.com.au EMAIL: association.president@waroonaredbacks.com.au







Sat 11th Sept. 11:45am - 12:45pm



Sat 11th Sept. 10:00am - 11:00am



Sat 11th Sept. 10:00am - 10:50am



Sun 12th Sept. 12:00pm - 1:00pm





















Communication from

SUN SMART SCHOOL

Our school has been recognised as a Sun Smart School by the Cancer Council of Western Australia. This recognition will continue until 2024. With the weather warming up, I ensure that your child has the



our Assistant Principals



would like to encourage parents to correct school hat. The school hat is

designed to protect your child's neck from the harmful effects of the sun and is a uniform requirement at St Joseph's. If you need to purchase a new hat, please see Heather in the office.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

We have recently joined the 'Containers for Change' initiative. You will find a large collection bin in the staff carpark.

The funds raised through this bin will go to providing a wheelchair for a child in a third world country through 'Wheelchairs for Kids' and also for much needed things here at St Joseph's. If you are collecting cans and bottles at home for your own needs or your child's pocket money, perhaps you can spare a few containers for the school bin.

Let's be the change we want to see in our world.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

On Saturday September 18th, 5 students will be receiving their 1st Holy Communion at the 5pm Mass. Please prayer for these students and their families as they complete their preparation to receive the Sacrament. This is an important part of their Catholic journey and will enable them to participate more fully in the Mass. It would be great to see extra families at this Mass to support our students.

MINI-VINNIES

At St Joseph's, we have created a new student leadership group called the Mini-Vinnies. This group, made up of our Year 6 MJR leaders and a selection of Year 3 and 4 students, is a student group which follows in the mission of St Vincent de Paul. The motto for the team is 'See, Think, Do.' Working with the local St Vincent de Paul store and other institutions we will be raising the awareness of issues within our society and abroad of which we may be able to assist towards a solution. The students will be recognised formally at our next assembly on Friday 10th September.

Kind regards,

Peter Hazebroek

Assistant Principal

St Patrick's Parish



Mass Times:

Wednesday - 9:00 am
 Rosary - 9:30 am

• Friday - 9:00 am

Saturday - 5:00 pm

• Sunday - 8:30 am Reconciliation - 3rd Sunday of the Month - 8:00 am

Sacrament of Penance:

3rd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am

For Mass Bookings, please contact Father Con on (08) 9733 1225 or 0435 494 472 For Bulletin notices, please contact Del Leahy on (08) 9733 1201 or 0408 254 603

For all other enquiries: waroona.parish@bunburycatholic.org.au