



St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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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,

Congratulations to the Year 2 Class and Mrs Landwehr for leading the Advent Liturgy earlier this week. As we enter the new Liturgical season of Advent, it is totally up to us as to how much spiritually we wish to get out of this festive season. Advent promises new life in Christ. Christ's coming gives us a living picture of God; through Christ we get to know God. Advent fosters in us the attitude of expectation, throughout our life, to a life in fullness with God. Each Advent we renew our expectation and each Christmas we celebrate Christ's coming and God's redemption.

Our recent Christmas Concert was a wonderful gathering of community, where we were entertained by our talented and enthusiastic students. My heartfelt thanks to all members of the St Joseph's School and St Patrick's Parish Communities, for the very kind words of farewell and stunning painting; it will be forever treasured. I am humbled by your generosity of spirit and words.



To everyone who is leaving our school, whether you are a graduating student or family, a student or family moving to another school, or a staff member; may God's Blessing be with you in all your endeavours. Remember, you are forever a member of the St Joseph's School Community and will always be welcome. Congratulations to our Graduating Year 6 students. They will celebrate their graduation from primary school next Thursday with a Mass at 6pm, followed by a graduation ceremony. Families whose youngest child is graduating from our school this year are;

Anzellino Family Brown Family Den Ridder Family Franco Family Fry Family Hewitt Family
Higgins Family Hull Family Martelli Family Salvona Family Stickney Family Wilson Family

We bid farewell to Miss Hilton and Mrs Polinelli; sincere thanks to both ladies for sharing their talents with our school community. The school community will welcome back Mrs Langan next year from her maternity leave.

This is my last newsletter to the St Joseph's School families and community. As I contemplated what my final contribution would look like I found myself reminiscing over my past three years. I entered this school community at a very difficult time in its history. I am confident I leave this school community on an upward trajectory. The amazing heights this school has scaled these past three years is a reflection of the dedication, skill and resilience of the 'fantabulous' staff, students and families, parish and the wider Waroona communities. None of the achievements are solely dependent upon any one person. It takes a community of people working together, with common goals and shared future vision.

Parents – Thank you for your trust and faith in me. Thank you for the wonderful services you have provided through the P&F, School Board, and the contribution so many of you have made in so many ways. You all contribute towards making this school a very special place.

Students – If the future of our world can be determined by looking at our children, then I feel comforted. Our students are good, kind, welcoming and inclusive people. They are able to see to the heart of a person and judge them accordingly. Our students sincerely want to do their best. They celebrate their own success and the success of others. I love each and every student of St Joseph's School; I am very proud of them and look forward to celebrating the grown-ups they'll become.

Staff – The St Joseph's School Community of Waroona is so very lucky to have this group of hardworking, talented, dedicated and professional people working with your children. This staff is not about mediocrity. They are about being the best they can be, doing the best they can and expecting the best from their students. The staff bravely undertook the challenges I presented to them; they willingly undertook further learning in order to build upon their knowledge and skills; they joined me in dress up days and even put on a staff item during Christmas Concerts. I sincerely thank them for their support, faith and trust. I know they will continue to shine and I will miss each one very much.

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Dates to Remember

Monday, December 7

WDHS Orientation
Reports go home

Tuesday, December 8

Yr 6 Adventure World
Yr 5 attending Year of Mercy
Mass in Bunbury

Thursday, December 10

Year 1—5 Movie Excursion
Graduation Mass, 6pm

Friday, December 11

Last Day Of Term
Farewell/End of Year Mass,
Yr 5, 9am

2016

Friday, January 29

Uniform shop open between
9am and 12 noon

Monday, February 1

First day back for students

Friday, February 5

Start of Year Mass, Yr 6, 9am

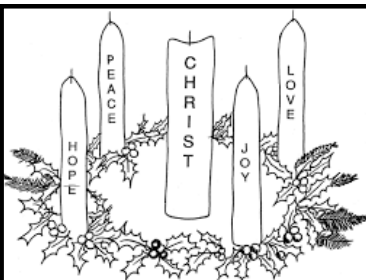
2016 Term Dates

Term 1 1/2/16 to 7/4/16

Term 2 27/4/16 to 1/7/16

Term 3 19/7/16 to 23/9/16

Term 4 11/10/16 to 9/12/16



The **Advent Wreath** is
traditionally green meaning
God's love for us is alive and the
circle is God's love having no
beginning and no end.

Y2 Liturgy



**"Rest assured that I
shall not forget any
of you."**

*St Mary Of The Cross
St Mary MacKillop*

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I have always strived to do my best by all students, staff and community members; the welfare of all community members has always been important to me, as well as providing an excellent teaching and learning environment. I conclude my time at St Joseph's School confident I hand over a highly functional school to the next principal, Mr Travis Bienkowski. I am proud to have been a part of the school community of St Joseph's Waroona, the St Patrick's Parish community and the wider community of Waroona.

St Joseph's Waroona was my 1st principalship; I'll never forget this wonderful school and its 'fantabulous' community. I have grown as a person for knowing all of you. Thank you for the three years we've had together. I wish you all every happiness and success. May the Christmas season bring you and your loved ones much joy. May the holidays bring you precious moments and a well-earned rest.

The first day for students in 2016 will be Monday 1st February, 2016.

Farewell and God Bless

Karmela Messineo - Principal

Striving In Faith

SCHOOL NEWS

Special Canteen Days

This year we have had some very successful special canteen days. We are very lucky that so many mums volunteer to help out on these days. Our most recent was the ever popular Hamburger Day. A BIG thank you to Simone Magno, Leesa Hall, Lisa Rowland, Harrena Platell and Bianca Wilson for donating your valuable time and culinary skills!

Fundraising Tea Towels

The P & F have only 10 tea towels left selling for \$15 each. They make a great Christmas present for grandparents so grab one before they all go!

Congratulations to:

The Fuller Family on the safe arrival of their baby niece and cousin, Heather Nicole, daughter of Kymberly and Matt.

The Odorisio family on the safe arrival of Kai Joel Gibson, son of Madison and Cliff, grandson of our School Board Chair Karen and Charlie.





Mrs Lisa Gallin for being accepted into the Aspiring Principals' Program for 2016 - 2017. This program aims to build upon the leadership capabilities of Assistant/Deputy Principals. Only ten Assistant/Deputy Principals are accepted into the course each year.

Did you know.....

- The sound crew for the Christmas Concert said our students were the politest students they've ever encountered. They work with a lot of schools.
- Miss Gaillard is inspiring all our students and staff to be more mindful, through Yoga lessons.
- Maddie H (Y6) is getting a Labradoodle puppy and Mrs Messineo has a Groodle puppy. Neither puppy sheds hair.
- This year, we are having a St Joseph's Summer Reading Challenge. There are some great prizes. Keep an eye out for your yellow record card forms, going home next week.



The after school Christmas Club has been a huge success with many a decoration making its way home to beautify their homes ready for Santa to arrive!

Program of Events		
Enrolment forms must be in to the Recreation Centre at least 5 days prior to each activity. Late enrolments will only be accepted if numbers permit.		
MONDAY 21ST DEC CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING 9.30AM-12.00 AGES: 5YO-12YO \$5.00 BRING AN APRON IF YOU HAVE ONE		LIMITED SPACES SO PLEASE ENROL AND PAY AT THE RECREATION CENTRE PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM.
		
TUESDAY 22ND DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING 9.30AM-12.00 AGES: 7YO-13YO \$6.00 DESIGN YOUR OWN OR FOLLOW IDEAS		

Parish News

Christmas Eve : Thursday 24th December, Family Mass, 7pm (Waroona)

and Vigil Mass, 9pm (Yarloop)

Christmas Day : Friday 25th December, Christmas Day Mass, 9am (Waroona)



Altar Servers

December 13th : Maddie H, Sophie & Mackenzie P

December 20th : Angelina & William D

December 24th : Remy & Morgan D

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

January 8th : Elena Brown & Rita Rae

January 15 : ? ? ?

January 22nd : Loretta & Ashley Polinelli



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 6th Dec
Centennial Park

7.00pm

Inclement weather Waroona Memorial Hall

**BUNBURY CITY BAND
And LOCAL ARTISTS**

\$2 Rechargeable Candles for sale until sold out

Bring a rug, bring a chair, bring a picnic, bring a torch but most of all bring your singing voice.

A collection will be taken for those in the Community who need a helping hand.



Santa will call in to wish everyone a Merry Christmas



JUST CRUIZIN STREET
MACHINERS

**Christmas Lights Cruise
2015**

SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER

Departing from
PAM CORKER HOUSE, WAROONA AT 7.30 PM

Community members welcome to join the tour in your own vehicles.
Courtesy bus: limited seats available: please book @ the Shire 9733 7800

**BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SHINING
BRIGHTLY**

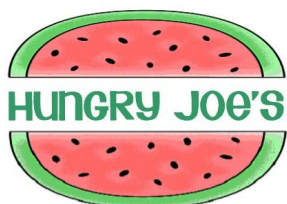


WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS

Shire of Waroona
Waroona Home Timber and Hardware
Pam Corker House Social Club
Waroona Football Club



Alcoa
Sea to Scarp Summer Series Event



CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, February 2 : **NO CANTEEN**

Friday, February 5 : Lisa Rowland, Petrina
Oremek, Harrena Platell

Tuesday, February 9 : Simone Magno, Tash Pitter,
Petrina Oremek

Friday, February 12 : Peter LeRoy, Justine
McAlinden,

We are looking for **watermelons**

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

A copy of the school uniform policy can be found at;
http://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/app/webroot/js/tiny_mce/plugins/filemanager/files/Uniform_and_Grooming_Policy_2014.pdf

The uniform shop will be open on Friday,
29th January 2016, between 9am and 12 noon.

Pre-Primary Newsletter

Our Pre-Primary class have had a very busy Term 4. We started the term with our excursion to Penguin Island. We got to see the Penguins, Sea Lions and Eagles. We went on a Waddle Walk around the Island and went on a boat cruise.

We then had our Assembly which was all about the Nativity Story. The students did a wonderful job. I was very proud of them.

We had our School Christmas Concert which was wonderful. I think everyone can agree that the highlight was the Flashlight song that the students at St Joseph's sang to Mrs Messineo. This has been a wonderful term full of exciting activities for us and I will be very sad to be leaving this wonderful school.

Thank you to my beautiful Pre-Primary class and all the parents for making this a very special year.

