



# St Joseph's School NEWSLETTER

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## Mission Statement

To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

## Newsletter No: 3

## 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,

**Mental Maths:** The staff are seeking to build upon the mental maths skills and understandings of all our students. Mental maths is more than rote recital of the tables and goes beyond the use of pen and paper as a solution strategy. As a staff we find students are having limited experience in solving mental maths problems beyond that encountered at school and through the use of digital devices. I encourage families to engage in 'maths chat' outside of school. Shopping has many learning opportunities. Estimating the number of wheels on the road after a certain number of vehicles have passed. There are many everyday things we all do that calls us to draw upon our mental maths skills. Help your child to build their capacity for mental maths, through 'maths chat'.

**Digital Devices:** All students signed an IT agreement letter early this year. I remind parents / guardians to be vigilant with their children's use of digital devices. Parents /guardians must be aware, at all times, of exactly how their children are using digital devices. It is vitally important to note any information put into the digital world has the potential to remain there indefinitely and can adversely affect future possibilities. Furthermore, some students are downloading data inappropriate for their age, outside of school. At school, we teach students to be responsible digital citizens. If students are not abiding by the Use of Information and Communication Technology Policy, their use of digital devices will become restricted. I urge parents / guardians to avoid falling into the trap of thinking digital devices are safe and can be used by children with little to no supervision.

**Professor Lyn Beazley:** Today Professor Lyn Beazley spoke to students in Years 3 to 6 about the square kilometre array, a radio telescope project. Professor Beazley is a neuroscientist and was awarded West Australian of the Year this year. She was WA's chief scientist from 2006 to 2013, advising the State Government on science, innovation and technology. We are delighted Professor Beazley was able to visit us and share her great love of science with us.

**Message from Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director of Catholic Education WA regarding International Women's Day, 8th March:** "The Catholic education system owes much to the work of women in the founding years and beyond. Many of our schools reflect their work in the charisms they hold and their namesake. Let us also not forget the millions of women who still suffer persecution and marginalisation for the simple reason that they are women. International Women's Day requires us not only to celebrate the success of women, but also to recognise the ongoing adversities many women still face and calls us to actively appeal for change in our communities.

This day provides us with the opportunity to recognise the contribution of the 8,138 dedicated women who work in the Catholic system in Western Australia. They continue to enrich the lives of the young men and women they support and we are very grateful for their work. In support of Pope Francis' message - "The Church acknowledges the indispensable contribution which women make to society", I would like to thank all women who work in and support Catholic Education in Western Australia for your contribution. We pray for you on this International Women's Day. "

God Bless

Karmela Messineo - Principal

*Striving In Faith*

## Dates to Remember

**Tuesday, 17th March**  
St Patrick's Day—**DRESS IN GREEN**, Gold coin donation  
P & F Meeting, 7pm

**Wednesday, 18th March**  
Y6 Assembly, MJR Award

**Thursday, 19th March**  
Money Chain for Missions  
**Final Art Club**

**Friday, 20th March**  
**Swimming Carnival**

**Monday, 23rd March**  
PP Parent Meetings

**Tuesday, 24th March**  
Board Meeting, 7pm

**Wednesday, 25th March**  
Y5 Assembly

**Thursday, 26th March**  
Sacramental Enrolment  
Meeting, 6pm

**Friday, 27th March**  
Year 4 & 5 attending Mass,  
Easter egg donations and  
tickets due back

**Monday, 30th March**  
MJR Award  
Y1—Y6 Parent Meetings  
Palm Sunday Liturgy, K & Y3,  
8:45am

**Tuesday, 31st March**  
Holy Thursday Liturgy, PP &  
Y4, 8:45am

**Wednesday, 1st April**  
Good Friday Liturgy, Y1 & Y5,  
8:45am  
Resurrection Liturgy, Y2 &  
Y6, 11am  
Easter Raffle draw, 2pm  
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**Thursday, 2nd April**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Friday, 3rd April**  
**Good Friday Public Holiday**



"Keep young as  
long as you can."

St Mary Of The Cross  
St Mary Mackillop

## SCHOOL NEWS

**UNIFORM SHOP** We will be sending home a new price list in Week 7 for parents to pre-order any winter uniform requirements. Unfortunately some prices have changed from last year. We also have a range of discontinued girls winter tights (thin range) available for only \$2 each. These can be purchased from the school office with cash only and there will be no refunds on these items. They are only available until the end of Term 1. See Mrs Brown or Mrs Della for any uniform enquiries.

**AUSSIE BREAKFAST DAY** We had a fantastic response to our Term 1 special canteen day last week. The lovely ladies cooking in the canteen made 68 McMuffins and 37 fruit salads. They were sensational! A BIG thank you to Simone Magno, Leesa Hall, Lisa Rowland, Nat Birch and Dannielle Zappia. Maybe your McMuffin might have even contained one of Blake's (Y4) home produce eggs we bought from him! We would love to hear some suggestions for the next special canteen day, so if you have a burning desire to have something out of the ordinary, please let Mrs Brown know in the office.

**SCHOOL FEES** School Fee Statements have been sent home to parents via the eldest child of the family. Thank you to the families who have paid in full or instalments. Just a reminder that first instalments were due 27th February 2015. Should you have any difficulties regarding payment of fees please contact the office for a confidential meeting with Mrs Messineo or Mrs Della to make alternative arrangements.

**EASTER RAFFLE** The St Joseph's P & F Easter Raffle tickets are coming home today. Please have these returned to school, plus egg/chocolate donations by Friday, March 27th. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, April 1st at 2pm. Good Luck!

**SACRAMENTS** A reminder to all students and parents in Years 3, 4 and 6 who are completing the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Holy Communion. You will need to attend the meeting on **Thursday, 26th March at 6pm.**

**CARITAS, Project Compassion Boxes** Please start to bring back the Project Compassion boxes. **They need to be returned to the school office by the 25th of March.** This year, Project Compassion focuses on the ways Caritas empowers the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. Project Compassion helps end poverty and promote justice so the world's poor won't need to rely on charity. Please donate as you're able. This is a perfect opportunity for your family to reach out to other families who may not be so fortunate, as we are. As members within a world community, we are obliged to help and care for others less fortunate.

### Making Jesus Real (MJR) ~ Wisdom from Peter (Mitch) Mitchell

**Negative Attitude**— There are days when each of us can be negative to people we meet or events we have to go to. Sometimes, we find it difficult to be positive all the time. However if we are not careful we can fall into being a negative person, without even realising that we are.

It is a good idea to look at your own attitude and if you are doing mostly negative things you might say to yourself, "I would like to draw a line in the sand of my life and say, this year I will try to be more positive."

By being negative you are making life more difficult for yourself. There are two ways of making that statement a little clearer;

1. It can be likened to riding a bike up hill with the handbrake on; or
2. Going on a journey with two bricks in your backpack—it drags you down.

Here are some obvious signs:

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| 1. Moaning and groaning constantly        | 2. Sulking—cant take criticism or correction        |
| 3. Always blaming others—never your fault | 4. Cant say sorry—because you're never in the wrong |
| 5. Putting people down constantly         | 6. Aggressive speech                                |
| 7. Bullying                               | 8. WIIFM (What's In It For Me)                      |
| 9. Attention seeking behaviour            | 10. Poor body language                              |

#### **Did You Know.....**

- Our Swimming carnival is on Friday, 20th March 2015. There will be no canteen on this day.
- Last week in canteen we had a very generous mum spare her time to volunteer for us even though she no longer has children at our school! Thank you Mrs Tracy-Ann MacDonald. She also commented on a fabulous student who helped with the baskets. Well done Lily D (Y6) for Making Jesus Real.
- Mrs Brown donated some wedding veils to the Kindy class and they have been a huge hit with many a wedding being organised! Mrs Fuller and Mrs Messineo couldn't resist getting in on the dress-up fun.
- The staff from Scitech who visited our school last week were very impressed with how well all of the students were engaged with their demonstrations and commented on how well behaved the students at St Joes are!!

**St Patrick's  
Day, Tuesday  
17th March.**

Wear green  
and bring in a  
gold coin.  
Donations will  
go towards  
Project  
Compassion.





New student, Ella-Mary (Y6) showed off her very impressive artwork recently completed at her art course. What a wonderful job, Well Done Ella-Mary!

## WANTED

If children have any pre-loved bulldozers/earthmoving toys, cars or tea sets, the Kindys and Pre Primaries would love to have them in their classrooms.

Year 1 are also looking for some small wood offcuts to build with.

If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the school office.



## Learn about Your World



Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers' market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from **France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain** all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email us at [scceaustr@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaustr@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

\*photo of previous student



**WAROONA REDBACKS**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**GRAND FINAL DAY**  
**JUNIOR & SENIORS**  
**SAT 21ST MARCH 2015**  
**2PM TO LATE**  
**WAROONA RECREATION & AQUATIC CENTRE**

★ FOOD STALL ★ DJ ★ MR WHIPPY ★ TROPHY PRESENTATIONS ★

JUNIOR GAMES			SENIOR GAMES		
TIME	COURT 2	COURT 3	TIME	COURT 2	COURT 3
2.00PM	U/13 BOYS	U/14 GIRLS	6.00PM	DIV 2 MEN	DIV 3 WOMEN
3.00PM	U/18 GIRLS	U/15 BOYS	7.00PM	DIV 1 WOMEN	DIV 2 WOMEN
4.00PM	U/18 BOYS		8.00PM	DIV 1 MEN	
5.00PM	JUNIOR PRESENTATIONS		9.00PM	SENIOR PRESENTATIONS	

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT—COMMUNITY MEMBERS WELCOME



### Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27th May.

Rationale for change:

1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au). Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or [execoff@pff.wa.edu.au](mailto:execoff@pff.wa.edu.au)

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### DESKS AND CHAIRS

The school has available for sale some old style desks and chairs. These are a great way to set up, for younger grades, a space to sit and do homework, instilling a good routine for future study habits.



Desks \$10.00

Chairs \$5.00

## Parish News

**St Patrick's Day** Mass, Sunday 15th March, 8:30am. Bring a plate for the cuppa afterwards at the Josephite Centre . All are invited to wear their green, there'll be prizes for best 'dressed in green'. The festivities will continue at 2pm with lawn bowls at the Bowling Club.



## HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Palm Sunday Prayer Service, Monday 30th March 8:45am  
Holy Thursday Prayer Service, Tuesday 31st March, 8:45am  
Good Friday Prayer Service, Wednesday 1st April, 8:45am  
Resurrection Prayer Service, Wednesday, 1st April, 11am

## Altar Servers

29th March : Angelina & William D  
2nd April : Remy & Morgan D  
3rd April : Ella D, Nicholas D, Danny S  
4th April : Maddie H, Sophie P, Mackenzie P  
5th April : Angelina & William D

## St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

3rd April : Karen Odorisio  
10th April : Lina Derrick & Family  
17th April : Lucy Anzellino & Jeannie Turner

**Waroona Junior Netball** held their AGM and the following people were elected onto the Executive Committee.

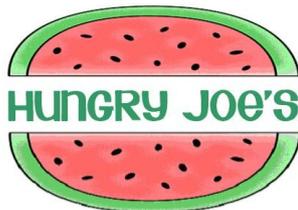
Annette Mason - President, Lena Anzellino – Vice President,  
Nikki Bush - Treasurer

Netball will start on **Wednesday 22 April** at the Waroona Recreation Centre. Nomination forms will be available from school offices and local school bus drivers in the middle of March.

C Grade players are girls and boys 7 to 10

B Grade players are girls 11 to 15

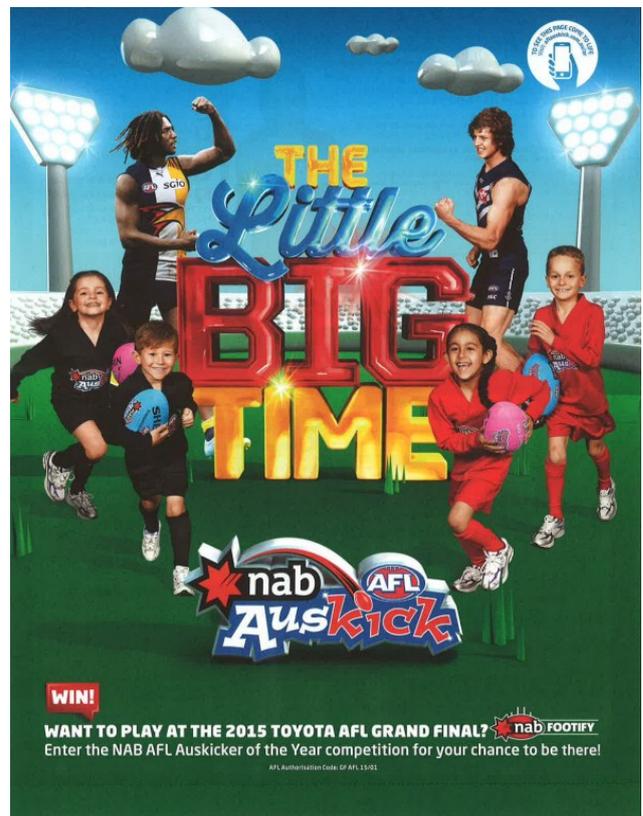
But this all depends on numbers. More information including Committee Members and registration fees will be available on the nomination forms located for collection at the school office. These are available now.



## CANTEEN ROSTER

Tuesday, 17th March : Jen Stokes, Cath Stampone  
Friday, 20th March : **NO CANTEEN due to swimming carnival**  
Tuesday, 24th March : Janey Napoli, Karen Odorisio, Jen Stokes  
Friday, 27th March : Nat Birch, Pat Dunne

We are looking for suggestions for the special day in Term 2



## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open every Monday between **8:40am—9:40am**. 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

**Sports socks are now available**

In class we have been learning about the spelling rule; **I before e except after c**. This rule basically explains that in words such as **thief** of **chief** the **I** comes before **e** but in words like **receive** and **ceiling** it is the other way around.

Danika, Jazmine, Lily and Mark



# SUPER SIXES

On Friday, 30th, January, Waroona experienced a fire caused by lightning. We wrote a **newspaper article** in **English**. The fire burnt 330 hectares of farm-land, parks and homes. Fire fighters from many towns came to help and we are thankful for all the volunteers and fire fighters. Caprice, Isiah and Ella-Mary.

In **Geography** we have been learning about what **man made** and **natural disasters** are. We have also been learning how disasters are created. We either had a choice of a man made or natural disaster to research. Shannon, Charli and Brayden



In Week Two we started **Swimming Lessons**. On the last day we got to play volleyball and go on the water slide. For class sport we have been playing **'PACMAN.'** You play by running around and making sure you don't get it. If you are it you have to tag people who are not it. You can only tag people if you hold the ball but if you hold the ball you can only step once. It's fun! Danny, Halle and Jeremy

In **Maths** we have been learning about **BIMDAS**. It stands for **B**ackets, **I**ndices, **M**ultiplication, **D**ivision, **A**ddition and **S**ubtraction. This tells us the order to complete number stories in. We have been playing **Math Games** to improve our Basic Number Facts. Jye, Keegan and Charlie



In week two we went to a **Leadership Day** at Assumption. We learnt how to **work as a team** and some important skills for being a leader. We have been doing jobs around the school. Some of these are: Flag, open up and lock up, counting house tokens and organising sport equipment. There are some jobs we don't like doing, (**the bins**) but someone has to do it and we all take turns. Ryleigh, Maddie and Emily