



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message



Dear Friends, Parents, Guardians, Students and Staff,

Prayer:

St Mary of the Cross, you faced difficult times with a heart filled with trust, always believing in the watchful presence of God. Walk with us now in this difficult time, and may we be for others, examples of hope and trust.

Amen

Wednesday marked 10 years on from the recognition of Mary MacKillop becoming a Saint.

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary woman with an extraordinary dream and a big heart. Her dream was to give the poorest families and most neglected children access to education and safe shelter by opening schools.

This dream became reality in 1866 when, together with Father Tenison Woods, Mary set up the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites). This was the first religious order to be founded by an Australian.

As a passionate educator, Mary broke through the prejudice of the early 19th century to educate all—regardless of gender, race, faith, or wealth—while ministering to the vulnerable with compassion. She and the Sisters of St Joseph went wherever the need was greatest. They gave up everything to live and teach amongst the people they served.

We continue to find hope in her values, character, and actions as a remarkably strong female leader.

Awards:

As part of our school mission we will have three awards.

1. Firstly, we will be recognising the continuing values and actions of Mary MacKillop we will be introducing a **Mary MacKillop Award**. This award is to recognise students, who demonstrate attitudes and behaviour choices in their daily actions that show understanding of the Mary MacKillop way of improving our school community and contributing to the wider community.
2. We will also introduce an **Academic Endeavour Award** for students who have demonstrated the greatest overall growth in Literacy and Numeracy over the course of the year in their year group. This is a prestigious award that any student has the potential achieve and highlights a 'growth mind set'.
3. An **Academic Achievement Award** will also be presented to students who have achieved the highest overall achievement in Literacy and Numeracy in their year group.

These awards will be presented to students in Years 1 to 6 at our End of Year Concert.

School Advisory Council Nominations:

St Joseph's School Advisory Council (formally school board) helps to guide the strategic direction and long-term goals of our school. We actively encourage anyone that is interested in supporting and developing our school community to complete the form to nominate.

Parents and Friends Associations Nominations:

We are fortunate to have an active and vibrant school P & F and as always, many hands make light work. If you are interested in help our P & F committee please complete the nominations form and return to our office.

Notice of AGM:

School Annual General Meeting will occur on 24th November at 6pm in the school library. All families are welcome.

Canteen – Thursdays only:

We are blessed to have a core group of parents who volunteer to assist in the running our school canteen. Our school canteen will only operate on Thursdays during Term 4 due to a limited number of volunteers. If you are able to assist our team in any way or would like to volunteer please email admin@stjoeswaroona.edu.au.

Confirmation:

Confirmation builds on what was begun in Baptism and what was nourished in Holy Eucharist. It completes the process of initiation into our Catholic community, and it matures the soul for the work ahead. A parent and child workshop will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 5:30 pm in our school library. Students will also participate in a commitment Mass on Saturday 24th October with the Sacrament being led by Father Tony on 28th November.

SunSmart Policy – No “school” Hat no play

Approximately, two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the time they are 70. As part of reducing this statistic and caring for our students we have a Sunsmart Policy which requires our student to wear their school hat whenever outside and encouraging the use of sunscreen. Please assist our students by ensuring they have a school hat with their name on it.

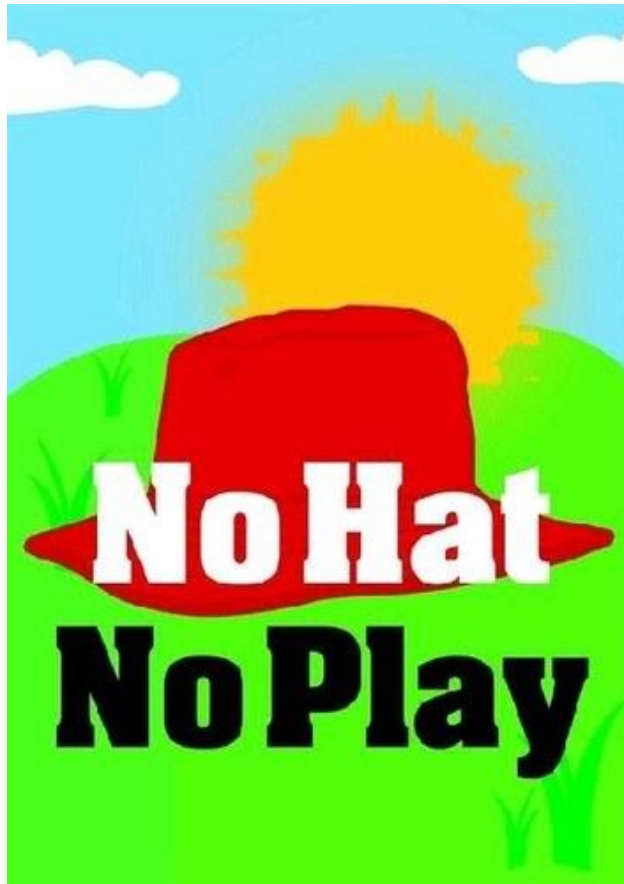
Thank you,

God Bless

Michael O’Dwyer

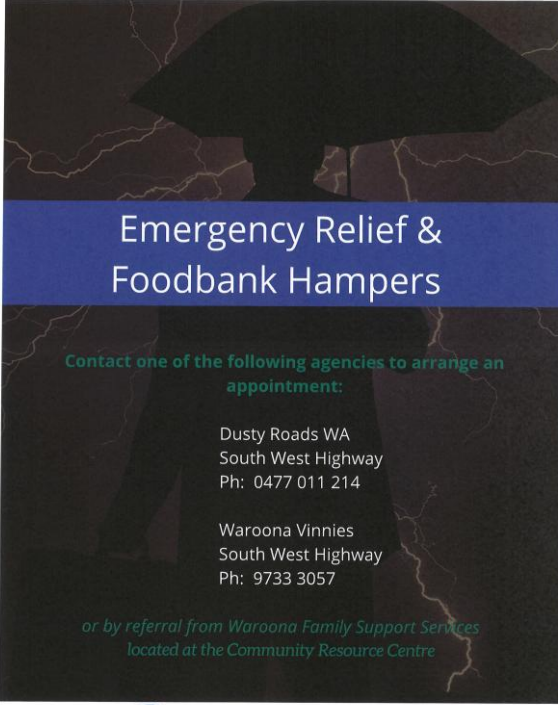
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2 - Please remember we are a Sunsmart school and we have plenty of hats available for purchase in the uniform shop. St Joseph's will continue our 'No Hat No Play Policy' for the rest of the term .

Support available for Shire of Waroona residents




Emergency Relief & Foodbank Hampers

Contact one of the following agencies to arrange an appointment:

Dusty Roads WA
South West Highway
Ph: 0477 011 214

Waroona Vinnies
South West Highway
Ph: 9733 3057

or by referral from Waroona Family Support Services
located at the Community Resource Centre



3 - If you need extra support through these difficult times please know that there is emergency relief available.

Dates to Remember



- Thursday, 22 October, Parent & Student Confirmation meeting in the school Library.
- Friday, 23 October, Year 4 assembly in the Josephite Centre. 8:35am start.
- Friday, 23 October, Crazy Sock Day. Gold coin donation required. Money raised for Catholic Missions.
- Saturday, 24 October Confirmation Commitment Mass at 5.00pm.
- Monday, 25 October Book Fair begins.
- Friday, 30 October, Book Fair finishes.
- Friday, 30 October, P & F Halloween School Disco
- Friday, 30 October World Teachers Day



NOMINATE A LOCAL HERO TODAY!


AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS TO RECOGNISE
OUTSTANDING LOCAL CITIZENS ON AUSTRALIA DAY

- Meritorious Community Service - Under 25 years
- Meritorious Community Service - 25 years and over
- Citizen of the Year
- Citizen of the Year - Youth under 25 years
- Citizen of the Year - Senior 65 years and over
- Active Citizenship - Community Group/Event

Nominations Close 31st October 2020

Nomination forms available from the Waroona
Shire Administration Office or online at
www.waroona.wa.gov.au.



Community
Citizen of the
Year Awards



woolworths CRICKET BLAST

HAVE A BLAST!

GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!

Waroona Junior Cricket Club
 Friday nights from 4:30pm - 5:30pm at Waroona Oval
 For boys and girls aged 5 - 10 years of age
 Starts Friday 13th November and runs for 12 weeks
 Contact Mat Thomas 0410 610 839

OUTDOORS
NON-CONTACT

JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY [PLAY CRICKET](#) OFFICIAL KIDS PROGRAM CRICKET AUSTRALIA

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

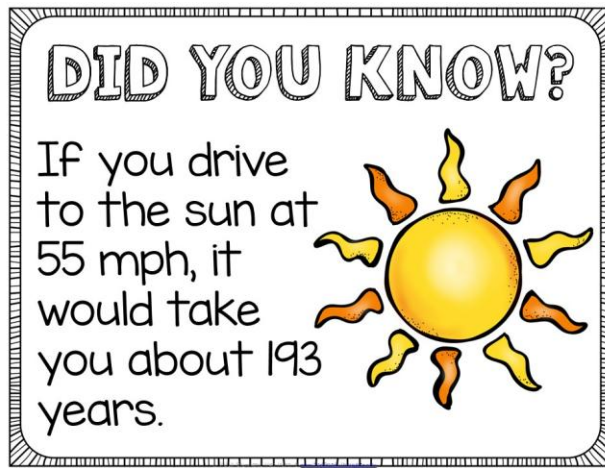


5 - P & F HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 30/10/2020

Pre Kindy to Yr 2 4:30 - 5:30

Year 3 - Year 6 6:00 - 7:30



6 - Did You Know by Zander Yr 6

The most commonly used letter in the alphabet is 'e'.

The Hawaiian alphabet has only 13 or 14 letters.

11% of the world's population is left handed.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.



7 - Book Fair Commences Monday 25/10/2020

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