



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Students and Staff,

### **Prayer;**

Father,

help us to seek the values  
that will bring us lasting joy  
in this changing world.

In our desire for what you promise  
make us one in mind and heart.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

**Disco on Friday;**Our students are extremely excited about the upcoming Halloween themed disco on Friday night. The students have provided input for the play list and our Year 6 students are super excited. We are looking forward to scary dance moves.

**Student Voice;**Student voice is the right of students to have a say in matters that affect them at school, and to have their views and opinions taken seriously. It encompasses all aspects of school life and decision-making where young learners are able to make a meaningful contribution, adapted to their age and stage of development.

It stretches from informal situations in which students express an opinion to their peers or staff members to participation in democratic structures or mechanisms, such as student parliaments and consultations. As part of supporting our students to have an active voice into their school and their learning, we have formed a Student Voice Committee. One of the first actions is to have a student well-being survey and students from Pre Primary to Year 6 are currently completing this survey.

**COVID-19;**On 19 October 2020, the Premier announced that Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 Roadmap would be modified and extended. This modification includes the relaxation of the two square metre rule for some venues, effective from Saturday 24 October 2020. As such, the two square metre rule continues to apply to school facilities for adults, including school halls. As always please practice good hygiene, stay home and seek medical advice if unwell and maintain social distancing.

**Thank you to our P & F;**Our wonderful P & F have recently donated six new iPads to our Year 2 class to assist with their literacy and numeracy rotations. Furthermore, \$2000 was donated to Miss Johnson's Sport department to purchase sporting equipment for our upper students. Thank you to our President, Natasha Williams and her team of P & F helpers.

**Nominations;**Thank you to the four people that have nominated for the P & F or the School Advisory Council (previously known as the School Board). All P & F positions will be open and there are still places available on both the Council and P & F, so please nominate by completing the form or contacting Heather in our office.

**Assistant Principal;**We need to congratulate Mrs Jennifer Gorman who has been appointed as an ongoing Assistant Principal at St Mary's, Kalgoorlie. A massive thank you to Mrs Gorman for her hard work and dedication to our students and school community over the past three and a half years.

We have invited Mrs Gorman back to celebrate her success and give her a proper farewell later in the term and will share this date with you once it is confirmed.

The process to fill the role of Assistant Principal has begun with an advertisement being placed on CEWA's jobs site.

Have a wonderful and joyful weekend.

Kind regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

## Dates to Remember.....



- Thursday, 29 October - Last day of Book Fair.
- Friday, 30 October - All Saints Mass, Year 3 - 6 @ 9am
- Friday, 30 October - P & F Halloween School Disco
- Friday, 30 October - World Teachers Day
- Friday, 6 November - Year 3 Assembly, 8:40am in the Josephite Centre

## Did You Know.....



The following facts are supplied by Jean O'Donnell, Year 3

- The Dodo is related to the pigeon!
- The Velociraptor is related to the chicken!
- The Brachiosaurus means 'armed lizard'.
- The Brontosaurus is the same as the Apatosaurus.
- The Triceratops means '3 horned face' in Greek!

## Containers For Change



Start collecting your recyclable containers. They can be cashed in at the Waroona pop up collection point located at the Town Hall on a Wednesday or Saturday morning. St Joseph's School, Waroona have registered for the scheme so families can use the opportunity as a donation to the school. You just need to show our Scheme ID number.

## Uniform Rescue



St Joseph's Waroona have decided to partner with 'Uniform Rescue'. This worthy organisation collects unwanted school uniforms from schools around Western Australia, which are then donated to schools and communities overseas who can give the uniforms a second life.

We will be donating our old

discontinued formal stock and we need backpacks for packing them in. Uniform Rescue send backpacks full of clothes over in shipping containers as this is a perfect size for shipping containers plus the backpack can also be used at its destination.

If you have any back packs at home that are no longer being used (can be any backpack, not just school ones), please drop them off to the school office for us to help support this organisation.

## 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