



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Students and Staff,

Confirmation Prayer:

Spirit of God, grant me:

*The gift of **wisdom***

*To see the world through your eyes,
The gift of **counsel**
To make difficult decisions,
The gifts of **knowledge and understanding**,
To use my mind to know you and to love you,
The gift of **fortitude**
To have the **courage** to live in the faith
Despite the difficulties and disappointments,
The gift of **piety**
To be able to express my special love
And commitment to you,
And the right kind of **awesome** fear
That makes me pause to **wonder** and revere God's Love.
Amen.*

Confirmation:

We wish all our candidates for Confirmation to enjoy their special sacrament and receive the seven gifts mentioned above. Thank you to Father Tony, Father Con, Mrs Fuller, Mr Wells, Mrs Snell, Mrs Landwehr and everyone who assisted them in their preparation for Confirmation.

Christmas Concert:

This Thursday we have our annual Christmas concert and we warmly invite all families to attend and enjoy this special community evening. This year we are introducing awards to the evening. Please be COVID-19 safe; maintain social distancing between adults, do not attend if unwell and practice good hand hygiene. Our cleaning staff will be continuously cleaning the bathrooms to meet COVID-19 safety requirements.

Student Agency and Voice:

As identified in our student survey, we are creating opportunities for children to have an active voice in their school. Each class will elect a student representative, plus two Year 6 Captains who will meet with the school leadership team to have their input into items that impact on their school. The Year 6 students will also have student leadership positions for MJR Leaders (2) plus Sport Captains (6), to help encourage and support our students. All Year 6 students will have the opportunity to read out Merit Awards and help in other leadership capacities.

End of Year Fun Day:

One of our main missions is to engage in our local Catholic community. On the last day of term we will be celebrating Mass and having a fun day between recess and lunch. The junior students will have water-based play activities onsite and we will be taking our Year 3 to 6 students to the Drakesbrook Weir for some team games (land and water based). A note will be sent out next week for the Year 3 to Year 6.

2021 Staffing:

We are blessed to have such an amazing staff and some of our staff are moving to different roles in 2021. Nila Poasa has been appointed as music co-ordinator at St Bernadette's by Lisa Gallin, both Bethany Tucker and Samantha Baggetta at Xavier Catholic by our former Principal Travis Beinkowski. We also thank Georgie Harley and Ebony DeRosa who we may see in a casual role in 2021. We will thank these staff and congratulate Jennifer Gorman on her promotion at our Christmas concert on Thursday night.

We welcome our new Assistant Principals – Peter Hazebroek and Deborah Glorie to our school community. Our class teachers in 2021 will be:

3YO Playgroup – Robyn Trewren & Karen Gear

Kindy – Robyn Trewren, Karen Gear and Silvana Vitale

PP – Maxine Mulholland– Mia Catalano (3 days) and Michelle Ward (2 days)

Year 1 – Joshua Wells

Year 2 – Kate Vidulich

Year 3 – MaryAnn Landwehr & Deborah Glorie (2 days)

Year 4 – Jan Young (1 & 3/4) and Tori Johnson

Year 5 – Vicki Hodgson and Michael O'Dwyer (One Day)

Year 6 – Melissa Fuller and Peter Hazebroek(One Day), Michelle Ward

AFaFE- Jennifer Turner

Special Needs E/A Bec Cherry

Support Junior – Deborah Glorie

Support Toe by Toe- MaryAnn Landwehr

Support Mathematics – Peter Hazebroek

Extension- Michael O'Dwyer

Italian MaryAnn Landwehr,

Physical Education & Health – Tori Johnson

The Arts – (Semester 1) Melissa Fuller – (Semester 2) – Yvonne Langan

Digital Technologies – Peter Hazebroek

Seasons for Growth – Jan Young

Grounds – Leigh Hodgson

Office – Admin Officer – Heather Brown, Finance – Kathy Alliss

Extended Leadership team member – Robyn Trewren

Assistant Principals - Peter Hazebroek and Deborah Glorie

Principal – Michael O’Dwyer.

Current vacancy for 2021:

Mrs Alliss is reducing her days in the office in 2021 and there is a two day position available in the office for a suitability qualified person. Please check our website for full details.

AGM:

Thank you to our many families who attended our school AGM. Thank you to our departing board members Peter LeRoy, Karen Ruben and Candice Look for their dedication and service on the board.

After the AGM, the School Advisory Council (formally known as the school board) met informally to decide on positions. The following was agreed:

Chairperson	Larry Lucano
Vice Chairperson	Jeanette Stampone
Secretary	Naomi Pinzone
Treasurer	Bronwyn Webb
P&F Reps	Simone Magno / Camille Odorisio
Board Member	Nelly Barr
Board Member	Justin Piconeri
Board Member	Megan LeRoy

P & F:

I’d like to sincerely thank and acknowledge this year’s P&F Executive for their outstanding effort and contribution towards the school during the year. President, Natasha Williams; Vice President, Rebecca Sutton ; Treasurer, Harrena Platell and Secretary, Bec Whitbread who, along with other members of the P&F, have organised many successful events.

2021 P & F

Congratulations on our new P & F executive: Our new President Camile Odorisio & Simone Magno, Vice President Peter LeRoy, Secretary- Position Available. Treasurer: Harrena Platell. The new committee has a range of exciting and engaging initiatives planned for 2021.

May you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

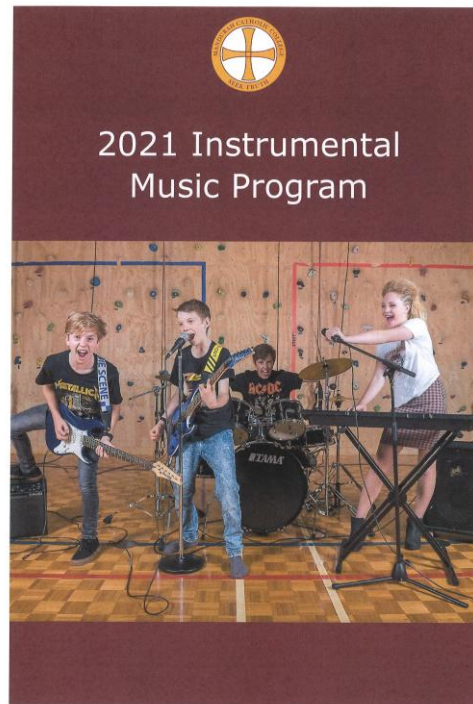
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Dates to Remember.....



- Saturday, 28 November - Confirmation Mass @ 5:00 pm
- Thursday, 3 December - School Christmas Concert & Awards Night @ 6.00 pm
- Friday, 4 December - Year 7 MCC 2021 Orientation Day at MCC
- Friday, 4 December - Yr 1 to Yr 6 in 2021 - Move Up' Day
- Monday, 7 December - Year 6 Assembly @ 1:10 pm in the Josephite Centre
- Tuesday, 8 December - Year 7 WDHS 2021 Orientation at WDHS
- Tuesday, 8 December - Year 6 Graduation Mass @ 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, 8 December - Year 6 Graduation Dinner @ 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 9 December - 3 YO Playgroup Christmas Party
- Wednesday, 9 December - School Reports go home
- Thursday, 10 December - End of Year Kindy celebrations
- Friday, 11 December - End of Year whole school Mass @ 9:00 am
- Friday, 11 December - PP-Yr 6 End of Year Fun Day

2021 Instrumental Music Program



Mandurah Catholic College (MCC) provide music tutor's at each of its feeder schools within the Peel region. If there are enough students at St Josephs School, Waroona for a particular instrument, the tutor will come once a week and perform the lesson onsite during school hours. Fees are billed directly from MCC . The recommended age for instrumental lessons are;

Year 2 upwards - Vocal, Violin, Piano, Keyboard

Year 3 upwards - Guitar, Drums

Year 4 upwards -Clarinet, Flute, Trumpet

For an application, please see Heather Brown in the school office.



Did You Know.....



- What time did the man go to the dentist?.....Tooth hurty!!
- Congratulations to Charlie LeRoy (Year 6) for making the Under 13 Boys Division 2 Mandurah Magic team. Your hard work and perseverance has paid off!
- What do you call cheese that isn't yours?.....Nacho cheese!
- **2021 Term Dates** - (to be confirmed)

Term 1 01/02/2021 - 01/04/2021

Term 2 19/04/2021 - 02/07/2021

Term 3 19/07/2021 - 24/09/2021

Term 4 11/10/2021 - 10/12/2021

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 of C10333294.

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.



*1 - Next week is the **last week** we will be accepting donations. Families are able to donate second hand uniforms now as long as they are packed into backpacks. We still need additional back packs (do not need to be school ones) donated to the school for us to pack new uniforms into.*

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