



# St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

## Principal's Message



**Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Students and Staff,**

**Prayer:**

O holy, patient, and loving God,

In this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Saviour. In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. The one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love. Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share. Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

**Christmas Concert:** Wow, what an amazing performance by our children for our school community. It was a fantastic night that was a result of many, many helpers. A special thanks to our P & F for cooking our yummy food. Also, Mrs Poasa and her team of helpers, who did an exceptional amount of work and created an amazing production. Thank you to all of our staff for their dedication and support to our school community.

**Award Winners:** Congratulations to our special award winners. A big thank you to Alcoa for sponsoring our awards, Woodside and Scitech for the donation of books.

**Graduation Assembly:** We warmly invite all families to our final Year 6 assembly on Monday 1:10 pm in the Josephite Centre. Our lunch time will be slightly modified to 12:30 pm to facilitate this special assembly to farewell these students from our Catholic school community.

**Graduation:** On Tuesday night at 5 pm, our Year 6 students will have a special mass to celebrate their graduation. We will then have a special dinner at the Tavern with their families to celebrate their journey in our lovely school community.

**Reports:** As outlined earlier this year, our school reports have been modified to reflect some recent changes and will show your child's progress in relation to the Western Australian Curriculum for their year level. The achievement standard describes an expected level that the majority of students within WA are achieving or working towards by the end of that year of schooling. Some students will have progressed beyond the achievement standard; others will require additional support. The expected standard for each year is described as 'C' or Satisfactory. It is important to focus on, and celebrate the Work Scale (effort) your child has shown in their schoolwork. Reports will be available to access digitally on Wednesday.

**Fun Day:** On Friday 11th December we will celebrate with an End of Term Mass and pray for God's care and support over the Christmas Holidays. Our students will also celebrate with a water fun day. Our Juniors (PP to 2) will remain onsite and our Seniors (3 to 6) will travel by bus to Drakesbrook Weir for land and water-based activities. Please remember to sign the permission slip for Year 3 to 6. They need to wear enclosed footwear that can get wet to ensure their feet are not cut by underwater items.

**COVID-19:** At all school events, please ensure social distancing is maintained by adults. Please do not attend if you are unwell and practice good hygiene. Additionally, if your child is unwell please do not attend school so we can also stop the spread of colds and illnesses. Please help everyone stay Covid-safe. For all events we are now required to keep a register of attendees. To make this easier, you can use the SafeWA app to scan in or sign the register to meet the requirements.

**Thank you:** My first year in our school community has been an enjoyable and exciting experience. The complexities of managing a school in the midst of a global pandemic has been a unique learning opportunity. The support of our Professional Educators, our P & F, School Board, families and the community of Waroona has been amazing. Thank you for your continuing support to help us to provide high quality Catholic Education for our children.

**Return of students in 2021:** A term planner will be sent out next week. Please note students return on Monday 1st February 2021. Our uniform shop will be open on Thursday 28th January, between 9 am and 12 noon.

**Merry Christmas.**

May you and your family have a Merry and Safe Christmas and may 2021 bring more positives for our world.

God Bless.

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

Dates to Remember.....



- Monday, 7 December - Year 6 Assembly @ 1:10 pm in the Josephite Centre (Lunch for students @ 12:30pm)
- 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 - 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

## We're here to help.

Available until May 2021, our range of support services includes:

- **Improving financial stability**  
Assess your situation and explore solutions to financial problems
- **Mental health support**  
Address your concerns, build on your strengths and set goals to achieve wellbeing
- **Parenting support**  
Build knowledge, skills and confidence of children aged 0-18

Book your appointment today!

Call 1300 11 44 46

Email [Info@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:Info@anglicarewa.org.au)

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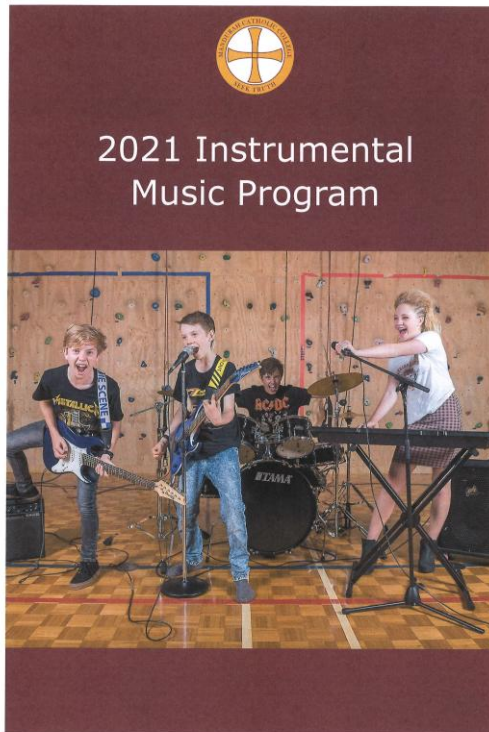


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For Parents, Foster Parents, and Childcare Providers - **Circle of Security Parenting Workshop** explores how at times all parents / caregivers feel lost or without a clue about what our child might need from us. Imagine what it might feel like if you were able to make sense of what your child was really asking from you. The Circle of Security® Parenting™ program is based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened. <https://www.circleofsecurityinternational.com/resources-for-parents/>

## 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.....



- Pre Primary have been busy making Christmas tree decorations and presents. They made a advent wreath using their very own hand prints.
- Why did the scarecrow win an award?.....Because he was outstanding in his field!
- The Year 2 classroom has the world's worst Elf on the Shelf! You should stick your 'head' in there to say high before the end of the year.
- Thank you to all of the community who attended the Christmas Concert last night. We had a wonderful turnout with perfect weather. Families all registered at the gates and hand sanitised keeping our biggest investment, our students safe. Thank You.
- A HUGE Thank You to the awesome parents, Natasha Williams, Bec Sutton and Matt Tredgett who cooked all of the BBQ enjoyed by our families before the Christmas Concert. You guys ROCK!!

## Making Jesus Real



Congratulations to the latest recipient of the MJR Award, Devon Stampone from Pre Primary.

**How did you feel when your name was announced?** I felt happy because its my first time having Josephine.

**Who is your hero?** Dad is my hero because he plays with me. We made up our own game called Dry using the trampoline and a ball.

**Why do you think you won the MJR award?** I am kind and caring and I say nice things.

**What do you think about the award?** It makes me happy , I think its good because if you are kind, you get the award.

**What is your favourite thing to do?** Go to the pool. I love doing big bomby's in it.

**What is something you'll do with Josephine the Bear, while she is with you?** Give her some food like vegemite on toast. She likes sitting on the mat with me. She sleeps in my bed and I cuddle her.

## Congratulations to last nights Award winners.....

### **Mary Mackillop Award**

Leo Pisconeri

Noah Della Franca

Amelia Hamersley

Cruz Johnston

Zachary Platell

Tyler Hammond

### **Academic Achievement Award**

Harrison Cowell

Olivia Webb

Jack LeRoy

Nicholas Stampone

Chase Tredgett

Charlie LeRoy

### **Academic Endeavour Award**

Lani Brown

Miley Glenie-Evans

Nate Hawkins

India Brown

Ruby Magno

Lucas Tredgett

### **Woodside Scitech Science Award**

Peta Scott

Alexander Schneider

## Containers For Change

Make sure your containers are eligible; most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund. And remember, don't forget to take your lids off!	
	St Joseph's Waroona Scheme ID C10333294

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.



*1 - Thank you to all the families that took the time to donate towards this very worthy project. These packages will be heading overseas to students less fortunate than our own. Spreading the MJR spirit!*



## St Patrick's Parish



### **Parish Christmas BBQ**

Saturday, 19 December

Mass @ 5:00pm followed by BBQ

Sausages and rolls will be provided. Please bring a salad to share and your own drinks.

### **Christmas Mass Times:**

#### **Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December**

Waroon - Carols @ 4:30pm, Mass @ 5:00pm

Yarloop - Mass @ 6:30pm

#### **Christmas Day, Friday 25 December**

Waroon - Mass @ 8:30am

### **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

**For Mass Bookings, please contact Father Con on (08) 9733 1225**

**For Bulletin notices, please contact Del Leahy on 0408 254 603**