



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

Welcome to the delayed start of 2021 and thank you for your support of the COVID-19 regulations.

On Wednesday as a school and Catholic community, we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is important because it marks the start of the Lenten period leading up to Easter when Jesus was resurrected. The ashes symbolize both death and repentance. The day before is referred to as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day. This is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

Prayer:

God of feasting, we give you thanks for the richness of life.

As Jesus turned water into wine at Cana, we think of your desire for all your people to celebrate life.

Bless us as we celebrate the joy of being your people.

Send your Spirit to dance and sing with us.

As we enter the Season of Lent, may it, too, be a celebration of life: of an inward journey of contemplation and wondering, of learning and exploring.

And in all of this, may we grow closer to Jesus, to one another, and to you.

This we ask in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Parent Information Evening, Thursday 18th February:

Our professional educators will be hosting parent information sessions, and they will provide valuable information about the year, your child's learning and how we can work together to provide the highest quality of learning and education.

These are split into two sessions so if you have multiple children you can meet your children's teachers.

5:30 pm Session 1

6:00 pm Meet the leadership team and obtain whole school information.

6:30 pm Session 1 (repeats)

6:50 pm Sacrament enrolment information session

(families that children are interested in Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation)

COVID-19 regulations:

Thank you for wearing face masks and signing in on the COVID Safe app at school. At this stage we can only invite two people per merit award winner on Friday to meet the additional requirements for the Josephite Centre, please sign in at the door.

We anticipate that the requirements for the face-masks will end on Sunday 14th February, just in time for Valentine's day. As always please continue to maintain social distancing, good hygiene practices. If you or your child is unwell please seek medical advice and stay home.

P & F Meeting Tuesday 16th @ 7pm in the library:

Our P & F team are looking forward to their first meeting on Tuesday night. If you are able to help in the slightest way, please come along. As always, many hands will help our exciting community events planned for 2021 and help our children.

Swimming Lessons:

Swimming lessons are planned for Week 6 & 7 and will go ahead in a COVID safe manner. Forms will be sent home shortly and the permission to travel on the bus is included in our all-local excursions permission that was sent home on Wednesday.

Kiss and Drive:

Student safety is our highest priority, and we need your help to keep all students safe. The Kiss and Drive area is only supervised from 8:15 am until 8:30 am and in the afternoon from the close of school until students have left the zone.

We are very fortunate to have the Shire of Waroona improve this area and I thank them for this facility and how well they timed it not to impact on our school term.

In using the Kiss and Drive, please stop as close to the top of the bays, near Hesse Street intersection and safely let your children exit your vehicle on the kerb side onto the footpath.

Please use the town oval roads to turn around and do not U-turn on Millar Street, or leave your vehicle and be very cautious.

Please be very aware that young children are higher risk pedestrians because of lack of experience and have undeveloped skills needed to be safe road users. Adults should always accompany young children around traffic.

School Canteen:

We would love our students to enjoy the benefits of hot food and open our canteen in 2021. If you are able to volunteer or help out in any way, please contact the school on admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au or Mrs Brown on 97826500.

May God Bless you and see you at the parent night,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

Dates to Remember



- Friday, 12 February - Assembly in the Josephite Centre @ 8:40am
- Tuesday, 16 February - Shrove Tuesday
- Tuesday, 16 February - P & F Meeting in the library @ 7pm
- Wednesday, 17 February - Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9am
- Thursday, 18 February - Parent Information Night @ 5:30pm
- Thursday, 18 February - Sacramental Meeting in the library @ 6:50pm
- Friday, 19 February - Assembly in the Josephite Centre @ 8:40am
- Friday, 19 February - Jumping Joey's 3 Year Old Playgroup starts @ 8:45am
- Saturday, 20 February - St Joseph's Staff, Board, P & F Executive Commissioning Mass @ 5pm
- Thursday, 25 February - Parent & Student Reconciliation Session in library @ 5pm
- Friday, 26 February - Assembly in the Josephite Centre @ 8:40am
- Monday, 1 March - **Labour Day Public Holiday**
- Tuesday, 2 March - **Pupil Free Day**
- Friday, 5 March- Assembly in the Josephite Centre @ 8:40am with MJR Award
- Friday, 5 March- Sculptures by the Sea excursion, Year 5 (TBC)

Did You Know.....



- An elephant can recognise itself in a mirror.
- At this stage, the Uniform shop will continue to be open Monday mornings. Parents can still print the order form off the website and email to the office. Once payment has been shared, the order will be made up and popped into the students school bag.
- Your brain is about the same size as your two fists put together.
- We still have a lot of unclaimed lost property left from the last week of school. Towels, drink bottles and a variety of clothing are located at the school canteen and will be donated to charity next week.



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Term 1 Starts
7th Feb
8.30 Beginners
9.30 Advanced

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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

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

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