

# St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

# Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

### Prayer:

Embracing Father,

You grace each of us with equal measure in your love.

Let us learn to love our neighbours more deeply,

so that we can create peaceful and just communities.

Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need

to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference.

May Jesus provide us with the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.

Amen

As Principal, I am often approached by parents and community members about why we do certain things within our school community. I always refer them back to our school mission and vision that our school has followed and guided us for many years.

Our mission statement is "to provide an affordable, quality Catholic education."

St Joseph's School, as an integral part of the Waroona Catholic Community, is inspired by Christ's teachings. We endeavour to nurture all children to grow as confident, independent, life-long learners, enabling them to contribute to society with dignity, respect and a spirit of service.

As Catholic Education Western Australia evolves to CEWA Limited, there have been some changes to ensure consistency across all Catholic schools. Fortunately, our vision closely matches CEWA's vision of quality Catholic Education.

This transition to CEWA Limited has resulted in school policies and initiatives framed in four key areas; 1. Catholic Identity, 2. Education, 3. Community and 4. Stewardship. The complete set of policies are available on our school website

https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/ and https://policy.cewa.edu.au.

Some CEWA initiatives include the Dignity of the Human Person, Child Safety, Pastoral Care in a Catholic Framework and Transforming Lives of Aboriginal people.

#### Busy Bee - Friday, 16th July 2021:

If you are interested in a free morning tea and lunch, please come to our school Busy Bee on Friday, 16th July at 8:30am (The last Friday of the school holidays). We seek help installing our new Kindy and Pre Primary fence and tidying up our beautiful school. To receive the Alcoa Bravo Grant, we will need a photo of our parents who are Alcoa employees (8 minimum) and any parents that volunteer. MCC has also agreed to allow students in Years 10/11/12 to earn community service hours. Please complete the flyer sent home this week or click on our Facebook event. Due to the works happening on the day, we request no school students be onsite.

### Our community supporting our students learning:

The Waroona Lions Club is offering free vision screening as part of the Lions Eye Health Program. Over 80% of what children learn is processed through their eyes. Please complete both sides of the permission form for your child to receive an optional free vision check.

### Speech Pathologist talks to our community about how to support your child:

Our Kindergarten children have recently completed their speech screening, and reports have been sent home. Speech Pathologist Patricia Forbes from Talk the Talk Speech Pathology, will hold an information session about how parents as first educators can support their children. This session is on Thursday, 24th June at 8:50am in our school library, however all school parents are welcome to attend.

### **Professional Educators are lifelong learners:**

We model our vision with our Professional Educators being lifelong learners and constantly improving our teaching practice to enable all students to grow. As part of our school improvement, our teachers have been undertaking peer to peer classroom observations and growth coaching. We have Dr Lorraine Hammond providing direct support to improve our students' reading. I too continue my learning and will be engaging in professional learning with other Principals at St Thomas Moore CPS on Friday.

#### Student's Voice for the Talent Show:

Our student body requested the Talent Show, and our student leaders have run heats over the past three weeks. The talent was strong, and our student leaders had some tough judging calls. The finalists will perform at our Assembly on Friday, 25th June at 8:45 am. If your child is in the finals, a message has been sent advising of this.

### Informing families as to their child's progress:

Our school reports will show your child's progress related to the Western Australian Curriculum for their year level. The achievement standard describes an expected level that most 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 essential to focus on and celebrate the Work Scale (effort) your child has shown in their schoolwork. Reports will be available to access digitally through SEQTA Engage on Wednesday, 30th July 2021.

#### Our school's uniform:

Our transition phase to the new uniform has been well adopted, and I thank all parents for presenting our students in the correct uniform, clean, in good condition and wearing it with pride. We have observed some footballer inspired hairstyles, and whilst we enjoy watching their skills on the football field, these styles do not align with our school's conservative hairstyle policy. As per the policy, we will directly contact parents when their child's hair does not meet the policy and request adjustment to be made. The full policy is available at <a href="https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/school-uniform">https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/school-uniform</a>.

May you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,

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## Important Dates to Remember



- Friday, 18 June Assembly @ 8:40am
- Friday, 18 June Winters Sports, Yrs 5 & 6 @ North Pinjarra
- Friday, 18 June Constable Care Incursion
- Monday, 21 June Canteen open for Recess only
- Monday, 21 June Piano Lessons
- Tuesday, 22 June Waroona Lions Eye Testing Program (Day 1)
- Wednesday, 23 June Waroona Lions Eye Testing Program (Day 2)
- Thursday, 24 June Kindy Parents invited to Talk the Talk Information Session @ 8:50am
- Thursday, 24 June Canteen (Leah O'Connor, Stephanie Siew, Wayne Cowell)
- Thursday, 24 June Confirmation Parent & Student Workshop @ 5pm in the Library
- Friday, 25 June Assembly (including Student Talent Show) @ 8:40am
- Friday, 25 June Casuals for CatholicCare Day. Gold coin donation
- Monday, 28 June Canteen open for Recess only
- Monday, 28 June Piano Lessons
- Wednesday, 30 June School reports go home via SEQTA Engage
- Thursday, 1 July Canteen (Leah O'Connor, Naomi Pinzone, Eden Pisconeri)
- Thursday, 1 July Jump Rope for Heart 'Jump Off Day'
- Friday, 2 July NAIDOC Mass @ 9am
- Friday, 2 July Last day of Term 2
- SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
- Monday, 19 July First Day of Term 3



## Did You Know.....



- I don't trust stairs, they are always up to something!.....From Noah, Year 3.
- We are still looking for more students who might be interested in learning piano. Lessons are organised by MCC and held during school hours on Mondays.
- Term 3 will have the same roster as Term 2 on which days students are to wear their faction coloured polo's.
- I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know why!.....From Noah, Year 3.
- The school uniform shop are currently out of size 6 and size 8 track pants but more stock is on
  order and on it's way. Please do not pre-pay direct to the school account until we receive the
  stock.
- Do you follow the school social media pages? <u>Click here for the Facebook page</u> <u>Click here for Instagram</u>





### Notices from our Assistant Principals



#### PREPARING FOR ONLINE REPORTS:

As teachers are finalising Semester 1 reports, I want to ensure that all parents have access to the online platform SEQTA Engage to receive and read them. For parents new to the school or who don't currently have an account set up, an email has been sent to you providing you with a link to be able to set up your new account. You are also able to have the SEQTA Engage app set up on your mobile device. If you do not receive the email directly into your Inbox then please check your spam or junk folder as it may have landed there.

For parents who already have a SEQTA Engage account, please make sure you can still access the site. If using a laptop, desktop computer or trying to access through a web browser then the web address is <a href="https://stjoeswaroona.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/">https://stjoeswaroona.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/</a> If you have forgotten your password, then simply click on *Forgot your password?* You will be asked to enter your email address. An email will be sent to you and you will have 1 hour to reset the password.

If you have any issues with connecting to SEQTA Engage then please don't hesitate to let your child's teacher know.

#### **CATHOLICCARE DAY:**

On Friday June 25th, our school will be holding the annual *Casuals for CatholicCare Day*. CatholicCare is the charitable arm of the Diocese of Bunbury, under which our school presides. It provides funding for people in need across the general community throughout the Diocese. Its motto is 'People Helping People.'

To provide funds to this special cause, we are asking all students to come in **free dress** on Friday June 25th and provide a gold coin donation for the privilege.

Kind regards,

Peter Hazebroek

# Community Notice Board







# 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