



## St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

### Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

#### **Catholic Identity:**

We are always striving to be Christ-centred and child-focused in our school, and this is reflected in St Joseph's long term vision.

#### **Prayer**

*Great Teacher,*

*Children need an education to have the full and abundant life You came to give them.*

*Your Word demonstrates how You touch people's hearts to spur them to action for their own benefit. Bless people living in poverty by providing ways to learn to read and to apply this new skill to help lift their families out of poverty — for this generation and generations to come. Amen*

#### **Mini-Vinnies:**

Our student-led Mini-Vinnies team will be helping drive our St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal to help provide hampers for our local Waroona community. More information will come from our students about how each class can support our local St Vincent's store and local families over the Christmas period.

**Advent** starts on 28th November and finishes on 24th December.

No season of the year is more at odds with the prevailing culture in Australia than Advent. The advertising blitz has already started for Christmas shopping, reinforced by Christmas decorations in shops, stores, and streets start several weeks prior to Advent.

By contrast, this is what the Catholic Church says about Advent. "Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by the remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight." (UNLYGRC #39, 1969)

#### **Education:**

Our professional educators continue to foster quality relationships between our students and staff.

#### **Data-Informed Practice:**

Our students are currently undertaking standardised testing to provide feedback on their learning. As requested in our climate survey, we will share this data with parents and guardians. This will be shared over the next few weeks via the same program that reports are sent out, SEQTA. Should you have questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

#### **Student's voice:**

Our student council ran an enjoyable talent show at this mornings Assembly, which showcased some excellent performances. Thank you to the student leaders who organised and led this event.

#### **Nut aware school:**

We are a nut aware school and encourage all students and visitors to minimise potential exposure to nuts. People can be allergic to different types of nuts. The most common ones are peanuts, almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, pistachios and walnuts. This also includes nut-based spreads such as Nutella and peanut butter.

A nut allergy develops when the body's immune system becomes over-sensitive to a protein in a nut. Being exposed to the nut causes an allergic reaction. Nut allergies are becoming more common in Australia and can be very serious. Very sensitive people can have a reaction if they are exposed to tiny traces of nuts: for example, through eating, breathing or simply touching a nut.

#### **Breakfast Club:** (Commences next week)

We have received funding for the breakfast club to run at school on Tuesday's and Wednesdays from 8:15 am until 8:25 am. Please remember students are not to arrive at school prior to 8:10 am.

#### **Community:**

We partner with and support parents as the first educators of their children.

#### **P & F:**

Our amazing P & F have strengthened our school spirit and done an amazing job over the past year. I thank the dedication of all parents who help and the executive team of the P & F being Camille Odorisio, Simone Magno, Peter LeRoy, Rebecca Whitbread and Harrena Platell.

Our P & F ran some incredible events over the course of this year with our Mother's Day pamper day, Father's Day breakfast, Colour Run, Chocolate Sale, Donut Sale, Sensational Bingo Night and numerous other events.

They have raised funds for our students to support camp, provided thousands of dollars of hands-on resources to our students, provided our professional educators with MacBooks to help extend our children's learning on their iPads and the installation of reverse cycle air-conditioners to create comfortable learning environments for our children.

At the Annual General Meeting, all positions become vacant and there are opportunities for new faces to help build upon the impressive community spirit that they have previously built. If you can help our school community in any way, **please nominate for a position** to help continue their fantastic support of our school community.

### **Transforming Lives Award Winners:**

Our Aboriginal Families as First Educators program led by Jennifer Turner and supported by Jacinta Tressidder has been awarded a Merit at Catholic Education Awards. Our Noongar lessons in our junior grades were also given special mention too.

Congratulations to our team, who are strengthening and harmonising relationships with our community and Aboriginal families.

### **Stewardship:**

#### **School Advisory Committee** (previously school board):

Thank you to our School Advisory Committee, Larry Lucano, Jeanette Stampone, Naomi Pinzone, Megan LeRoy, Nelly Barr and Justin Pisconeri, for their dedication to improving our school.

The Advisory Council provides planning and development advice to the principal on meeting the present and future needs of our students. There are several positions available on our School Advisory Council for 2022. Please complete the nomination form that were sent home this week.

**Annual General Meeting at 6 pm on 25th November** - everyone is invited to find out our teachers for 2022 and look at our year and progress in review.

### **Sustainability:**

Pope Francis's encyclical on ecology, *Laudato Si*, says that climate change is real and mainly "a result of human activity." The problem is urgent. *"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years."* We must all change our day-to-day actions to live more sustainably.

Our students are leading sustainability with our newly formed Waste Warriors Team. This group is led by Mrs Vitale to increase recycling (Containers for change, separating paper products), reduce waste (compositing and plastic-free days) and reuse with upcycled products.

On Wednesdays, they will be leading wrapper free days to encourage the use of recyclable containers for food rather than plastic wrap.

Thank you and god bless,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

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## Important Dates to Remember



- Monday, 8 November - Canteen (recess only)
- Wednesday, 10 November - Music Tutor onsite
- Thursday, 11 November - Remembrance Day
- Thursday, 11 November - Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- Thursday, 11 November - Canteen (lunch only) (Steven Lorimer, Fiona Blakeney, Tillie Stewart)
- Friday, 12 November - Year 2 Class Assembly @ 8:45 am
- Monday, 15 November - St Vincent dePaul Christmas Appeal starts
- Monday, 15 November - Canteen (recess only)
- Wednesday, 17 November - School Nurse onsite
- Wednesday, 17 November - Music Tutor onsite
- Thursday, 18 November - Canteen (lunch only) (Leah O'Connor, Stephanie Siew, Michael McDonald)
- Friday, 19 November - Year 5 Class Assembly @ 8:45 am

## Did You Know.....



- We have a music tutor onsite weekly who teaches both piano and guitar during school hours. If your child is interested in either of these, please collect a form from the front office.
- Do you follow the school social media pages? [Click here for the Facebook page](#) [Click here for Instagram](#)
- The school canteen now has available 'Birthday Buckets' for students to celebrate on the day with their classmates. Just contact the school admin to pre organise. The cost is only a \$1 an icy pole and we only serve Berri Quelch 99% Fruit Juice Icy poles.
- If you would like your child to travel to school on the school bus system, applications need to be submitted before 26 November, 2021. See the Community Events section of our newsletter for further details.
- A big Thank You to Bianca Wilson for coming in and cooking her last ever batch of chicken for our school canteen. Bianca has been cooking the chicken we use in the canteen every term for the last few years! We will miss your generosity of time and how nothing is a problem for you. If there is any other parent out there that could possibly volunteer in the canteen pre cooking our chicken once a term, please contact Mrs Brown in the office on 9782 6500.

Congratulations to Alyssa Jackson from Year 5 on receiving the MJR Award!



**How did you feel when your name was announced?** I was surprised, happy and excited.

**Who's your hero?** Miss Bala because she is a really nice teacher and very helpful.

**Why do you think you won the MJR award?** Because I greet teachers when I go past them and I am helpful to teachers.

**What do you think about the award?** I think its a good thing because it shows how good you have been and how nice you are to everyone.

**What is your favourite thing to do?** Help teachers and include people when they have no one to play with. At home I love to dance too.

**What is something you'll do with Josephine the Bear, while she is with you?** I will take her to fun places like the park and the foreshore.



## Community Events



# PREPARE FOR A BUSHFIRE NOW

My Bushfire Plan is an online bushfire preparedness tool to help keep your family and property safe. Prepare, store, update, print and share your bushfire plan from any device.



**Create your plan today.**

Visit [mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au](https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au) or download the app.



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# Save your seat!



## 2022 School Bus Transport Assistance

- Is your child enrolled in a pre-compulsory or compulsory education period?
  - Do you live more than 4.5km from your child's school and outside of a designated Public Transport Area?
- Then you may be eligible for Transport Assistance.

If you are already registered with School Bus Services and have had a change of residential address or school, you will need to **submit** a new application for Transport Assistance.

**Apply before November 26, 2021**

Phone: 9326 2625

[schoolbuses.wa.gov.au](https://schoolbuses.wa.gov.au)



Use these communications to help promote VacSwim enrolments on social media and your school apps and newsletters:

### Primary school

Enrolments are now open for VacSwim swimming lessons during the summer school holidays. VacSwim offers fun lessons at beach or pool locations. They are a great school holiday activity and they teach valuable safety skills to help keep your child safe in the water.

Enrol at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

### Secondary school

If your child is over 13 years old, you can enrol them in VacSwim so they can get their Bronze Medallion during the summer school holidays. They'll learn advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation skills to help keep them and others safe in the water.

Enrol now at [education.wa.edu.au/vacswim](https://education.wa.edu.au/vacswim)

(To save the image: Right click on the images below and select Save as Picture). Note that these tiles are also available as JPEGs at [VacSwim frequently asked questions - Department of Education](#) (scroll down to 'Can I access promotional material?')





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## BIRTHDAY BUCKETS



Celebrate student Birthdays the easy way!

The canteen is happy to announce they are now able to organise a 'Birthday Bucket' for your child to celebrate with their class.



For just \$1 each icy pole, the canteen will provide the correct amount during lunch for the birthday child and their class to celebrate together on the day.

To book, please contact Mrs Brown in the school office on 9782 6500. One days notice is needed to pre order. We use Berri Quelch 99% Fruit Juice Icy Poles.

## YOUTH CENTRE LASER TAG

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH  
7-17 YEARS OLD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH  
5-7PM  
OUTSIDE REC CENTRE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

\$20 PER PERSON  
TO BE PAID AT TIME OF BOOKING

Please contact Waroona CRC for more information  
or to make a booking  
9733 3011  
or  
[reception@waroonacrc.com.au](mailto:reception@waroonacrc.com.au)



**YOUTH CENTRE**  
**FLIPOUT**



**OPEN TO ALL YOUTH  
7-17 YEARS OLD**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH  
6-8PM**  
**BUS LEAVES AT 5PM & RETURNS AT 9PM**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL  
\$20 PER PERSON  
TO BE PAID AT TIME OF BOOKING**

**Please contact Waroona CRC for more information  
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**Parenting Connection**  
Supporting Māori parents

**TUNING IN TO TEENS Parenting Workshop**  
 A FREE SIX SESSION PARENTING PROGRAM FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO:

- Respond to your teen's emotions?
- Talking with your teen?
- Better understanding your teen?
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?

TUNING IN TO TEENS SHOWS YOU HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE.  
 Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Have better concentration at school
- Tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE MAY BE A BETTER PREDICTOR OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER SUCCESS THAN IQ!

Where: Via Zoom  
 When: Tuesdays, 2,9,16,23,30 November & 7 December 2021  
 Time: 7pm to 9pm  
 Phone: 9581 0581/ 0402 517 389 or Email: [peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au](mailto:peel.pcwa@anglicarewa.org.au)

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## St Patrick's Parish



### Mass Times:

- Wednesday - 9:00 am      Rosary - 9:30 am
- Friday - 9:00 am
- Saturday - 5:00 pm
- Sunday - 8:30 am      Reconciliation - 3rd Sunday of the Month - 8:00 am

### Sacrament of Penance:

3rd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am

**For Mass Bookings, please contact Father Con on (08) 9733 1225 or 0435 494 472**

**For Bulletin notices, please contact Del Leahy on (08) 9733 1201 or 0408 254 603**

**For all other enquiries :** [waroona.parish@bunburycatholic.org.au](mailto:waroona.parish@bunburycatholic.org.au)