



# St Joseph's School MJR NEWSLETTER

PO Box 129  
14 Millar Street  
WAROONA WA 6215  
Telephone: 08 9782 6500  
Email:  
admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au  
Web Site:  
www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au

## Dates to Remember

**Term 1** 03/02/20—09/04/20  
**Term 2** 28/04/20—03/07/20  
**Term 3** 20/07/20—25/09/20  
**Term 4** 12/10/20—11/12/20

**Friday, February 28**  
**Pupil Free Day**

**Monday, March 2**  
**Labour Day Holiday**

**Tuesday, March 3**  
Clean Up Australia Day  
Story Dogs, Yr 2  
Down South Kindy Parent meeting, 8:45am  
Kindy Speech Screen

**Thursday, March 5**  
Sacramental Enrolment meeting, 6pm

**Friday, March 6**  
Assembly, Yr 3  
Pam Corker visit, Yr 6  
Sculpture by the Sea excursion, Yr 5

**Sunday, March 8**  
Staff Commissioning Mass, 8:30am

**Monday, March 9**  
Yrs 3—6 Swimming Lessons

**Tuesday, March 10**  
Yrs 3—6 Swimming Lessons  
Story Dogs, Yr 2  
Kindy water fun day  
Board Meeting, 6pm  
P & F Meeting, 7pm

**Wednesday, March 11**  
Yrs 3—6 Swimming Lessons

**Thursday, March 12**  
Yrs 3—6 Swimming Lessons  
Newsletter

**Friday, March 13**  
Yrs 3—6 Swimming Lessons  
National Ride to School Day

**13th February 2020**

### **Mission Statement**

To provide an affordable, quality Catholic education.

### **Vision Statement**

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.

### **From the Principal**

Dear Parents/Guardians, Friends and Students of St Joseph's School,

Wow,

What an amazing start to the year we are having at St Joseph's. On Wednesday we commenced Lent with a whole school mass celebrating Ash Wednesday. As Father Con shared it is important that we make a small sacrifice, by giving up something that we enjoy and we are encourage to restore our connection to Jesus through prayer:

*God of goodness and mercy,*

*Hear our prayer as we begin this Lenten journey with you. Let us be honest with ourselves as we look into our heart and souls, noticing the times we turn away from you. Guide us as we humbly seek to repent and return to your love.*

*May humility guide our efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace.*

*Transform us this Lent, heavenly Father. Give us the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen.*

Thank you for the impressive opening of our new Early Learning Hub. It was a wonderful experience to share the space with our special guests from our region and head office. I must acknowledge the Federal Minister for Education Dan Tehan, for providing a substantial grant as presented by Mr Andrew Hastie MP to enable the Early Learning hub to move from a vision into the reality it is today. We also need to celebrate the hard work of our students, choir, staff, parents, P & F and especially Jenny Gorman who made the opening a fantastic event, thank you.

On Sunday we celebrated mass with Bishop Holohan in St Patricks and finished with a morning tea which was extremely well attended by parishioners, staff and friends. The parish put on a lovely morning tea afterwards.

There is a Sacramental enrolment meeting on Thursday 5th March at 6pm in the school library for all students to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Holy Communion and Reconciliation this year.

A reminder that staff, P & F executive and school board will be celebrating a Commissioning Mass on Sunday 8th March at 8:30am at St Patrick's Church. Please join us in this celebration.



## SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday Jenny Gorman and I attended the Catholic Education leaders forum which was led by Michael Fullan. Michael Fullan is an international educational leader who is acclaimed for developing pedagogies for deep learning, quality learning that sticks with you for the rest of your life. This style of school improvement matches St Joseph's current mission and educational journey started under the Fogarty EDvance. As part of our improvement journey we have a pupil free day on Friday for our staff to continue working with Paul Woodley on developing mathematics.

Swimming lessons are rapidly approaching, and we encourage you to complete the swimming forms and return as soon as possible.

Our school has recently had our Bushfire Emergency Plan completed by a level three assessor and a range of activities are being undertaken to support this plan and ensure the wellbeing of our students. This plan has been lodged with the relevant authorities and will be upload to our school website. The recent national events have highlighted the impact that can occur during and after significant events. There are a range of support services available and "be you" have additional <https://beyou.edu.au/bushfires-response> support information.

Please enjoy your extended weekend and we will see all students back on Tuesday.

May God bless you,

*Michael O'Dwyer - Principal*

*Striving In Faith*

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

- Do you know the difference between Rude—Mean—Bullying??  
**RUDE** Inadvertently doing or saying something that hurts someone else.  
**MEAN** Purposely doing or saying something that hurts someone else once (or maybe twice).  
**BULLYING** Intentionally aggressive behaviour, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power.
- A bolt of lightening is powerful enough to toast 160,000 pieces of bread.
- At the official opening last Friday, the last three Principals were all here together.
- People in Switzerland eat the most chocolate, equating to 10 kilos per person per year.

### **BEST Emotional Resilience Tip**

**Managing moods**— feelings can hang around and grow into moods. Time of the day, certain people, hungry, tired—there are lots of mood drivers—what are yours? What are your child's? How can you avoid or manage those mood triggers.

[bestprograms4kids.com](http://bestprograms4kids.com)



### **Immunisation**

Immunisation programs in our community are designed to keep everyone well and safe, especially those people who are most at risk, such as babies. Parents or legal guardians who make a conscious informed decision not to immunise their child should note the following:

- **In the case of a Measles or Pertussis (whooping cough) outbreak, Western Australian schools are required by the Department of Health, to exclude students who have not received the appropriate vaccination.**

Please make sure your school-aged child is fully immunised and that you have provided a copy of the AIR immunisation record to the school.

Did you know that as parents you can ring the National registry or visit [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au) to check out your child's immunisation status? All you need is your Medicare number. Alternatively, phone 1800 653 809 or email [air@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:air@humanservices.gov.au)

Parish Mass Times

SUNDAY: 8.30am      WEEKDAYS: Wednesday & Friday 9:00am Waroona  
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE : 3rd Sunday of the month, 8.00am Waroona  
Parish Priest: Fr Concord Bagoisan    Phone: 9733 1225

Altar Servers

Awaiting 2020 roster

St Patrick's Church Cleaning Roster

Awaiting 2020 roster

**MURRAY DISTRICTS RANGERS**      **REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN**



**ALL AGES**      **KIDSPORT AVAILABLE**

Soccer season May-Sept. All ages from Kindy to Seniors.  
Email for info [murraydistrictrangers@gmail.com](mailto:murraydistrictrangers@gmail.com) and come to rego days:  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, South Yunderup Oval 10am-12pm  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Pinjarra Junction Shopping Center 12-2pm  
(Outside SportsPower)  
Registrations close March 20th (email for details)

## 4 Ways to Observe Lent

Lent is a season of focus and preparation. It aligns our hearts with God's heart as we approach Easter. The following are just a few ways to focus and prepare.

- Give It Up**  
Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships: like too much time on Twitter or Clash of Clans.  
Maybe cut out screen usage for several hours a day.  
Take a day of true rest: let go of toil for 24 hours.
- Plug In**  
Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God.  
Read a book of the Bible, a devotional, or practice Lectio Divina on a daily basis.
- Serve**  
Start a new routine of service.  
Volunteer regularly as an academic mentor, step up to volunteer in a local church, or visit a nursing home.
- Share It**  
Make it a communal event.  
Share your Lent practices with others via a small group and/or attending worship.



CANTEEN ROSTER

- Monday, March 2 :** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Thursday, March 5 :** Peter LeRoy, Larry Lucano
- Monday, March 9 :** Naomi Johnson, Bianca Wilson
- Thursday, March 12 :** Karen Ruben, Lyn Gilbert

If you are unable to volunteer on your date, please organise a swap with another person and notify the school.

St Joseph's School, Waroona would like to recognise the continued support of Alcoa Australia in partnering with the school on many projects throughout the year.



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open every Monday between **8:40am—9:40am during the school term**. If you need to order something outside of the usual uniform day, please fill in an order form (either collect one from the office or download from the school website) and leave it with full payment in the office. The uniform shop volunteers will fill the order when they are in on the next Monday, sending the items home with your eldest child. "Buy & Sell Waroona School Uniforms" is a Facebook page set up for Waroona schools second hand uniforms also.