



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Lord,

You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation, make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others and be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

We wish all the Confirmation candidates from the school and St Patrick's parish all the best for the upcoming Sacrament this Saturday, 7th August, commencing at 5.00 pm. Thank you to Peter Hazebroek, Vicki Hodgson and Melissa Fuller for their hard work preparing them so well. I am sure it will be a beautiful celebration.

Father Con 25 years celebration on Sunday 8th August:

Bishop Holohan will celebrate Father Cons' 25 years of Ministry as a Priest with a special Mass at 8:30 am on Sunday, 8th August. Bishop will also open and bless the new parish centre. I warmly invite all students, parents and parishioners to this special celebration.

Sister Maureen O'Connor:

Unfortunately, Sister Maureen O'Connor passed away over the school holidays. Sr Maureen was our school Principal from 1977 to 1982. Her drive and determination had a lasting impact on our school community. A memorial Mass will be held on Sunday 29th August at 8.30 am. Morning tea will follow in St Patrick's Parish Centre (next door to our St Patrick's Church Waroona). All past students and families are invited to attend the memorial mass.

Climate Survey - Student Voice:

All of our students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 were surveyed as part of the school improvement process, and we, as a school, are using this data to help improve their learning and wellbeing. We are pleased to see that our students acknowledge and appreciate the high level of teacher support, our staff having high academic expectations, and a very high moral identity. However, students would like us to improve their connectedness between peers and develop their understanding fairness/equity. This area will form part of our school improvement plan, and further input for solutions will be requested from our student leaders. Our new student leaders were announced at Friday's assembly, and the student council will help to improve their school.

Climate Survey – feedback to parents:

Thank you for the significant response to our climate survey. Approximately 45% of our families responded to the survey and we have gained valuable insight into our school community. There is robust positive support of our community and parents are thrilled with the level of support our staff provide to your children. Whilst our school reports scored highly for clear feedback, an area identified for improvement was feedback concerning assessment. As a staff, and working with the School Advisory Council and Parent and Friends Association, we will improve this aspect.

As always, our staff are available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress at any time throughout the term so please email them if you wish to arrange a meeting.

Code of Conduct:

Code of Conduct establishes minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision-making to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members within the school community. The Code of Conduct also shows us how, as a community, our behaviours are a collective work that each day builds social justice into the life of our school. Pope Francis insists that "true social justice is impossible if the human person is not the centre of concern".

The Code of Conduct unites staff, students, parents, regular volunteers, visitors, and other St Joseph's community members in defining, modelling, and promoting the safety and well-being of students and all community members. A copy of the Code of Conduct is available at <https://www.stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au/school-policies>

Uniform:

Thank you for the strong support of St Joseph's School uniform, with 99% of our students wearing their uniform with pride and correctly. We appreciate the hard work and support of parents to ensure their children are well prepared. Children can earn house points and certificates for wearing the correct uniform. Our focus over the next two weeks will be children wear the proper school socks which are available in the uniform shop.

Our school uniform is one of the things that is unique to our Catholic school and has traditionally been conservative. This includes hairstyles. Under our school procedure, there is scope for exemptions for reasons such as the child's cultural identity, religious or sensory needs; however, current fashion is not considered a valid reason. Should you need to seek a variation to the uniform, it is required to be submitted in writing to the school addressed to the Principal and detail the reasons supporting the request so it can be considered on its individual merits.

Kind Regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

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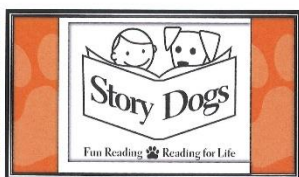
Important Dates to Remember

- Wednesday, 4 August - School Nurse onsite
- Wednesday, 4 August - Yr 5 BRLA
- Thursday, 5 August - Canteen open for lunch only (Peter LeRoy, Scott Evans, Larry Lucano)
- Friday, 6 August - Yr 4 Class Assembly @ 8:45am
- Friday, 6 August - CENSUS Day
- Friday, 6 August - Yr 3 BRLA
- Saturday, 7 August - Sacrament of Confirmation @ 5pm
- Sunday, 8 August - Father Con's 25th Mass @ 8:30am
- Tuesday, 10 August - Holy Communion Parent & Student Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 11 August - Yr 4 & Yr 5 SciTech excursion
- Thursday, 12 August - Canteen open for lunch only (Colleen Bartle, Millie Bartle, Carmel Look)
- Thursday, 12 August - School Advisory Council meeting @ 5:30pm
- Friday, 13 August - Assumption Mass @ 9am
- Saturday, 14 August - Holy Communion Enrolment Mass @ 5pm
- Sunday, 15 August - Assumption of Mary Feast Mass @ 8:30am



Did You Know.....

- The school canteen uses Knorr Chunky Salsa in its Nacho's which is suitable for vegetarians and flexitarians! The sauce is also gluten free and does not contain artificial colours, flavours or MSG. We are also in the process of switching our cutlery from single use plastic to bamboo.
- The school uniform shop are currently out of size 8 track pants but more stock is on order and on its way. **Please do not pre-pay** direct to the school account until we receive the stock.
- I can travel from there to here by disappearing and here to there by reappearing. What am I? (You will just have to ask Mrs Brown to find out!!)
- Do you follow the school social media pages? [Click here for the Facebook page](#) [Click here for Instagram](#)



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IF YOU HAVE A DOG, LOVE KIDS & ENJOY LISTENING TO KIDS STORIES & WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED AS A STORY DOG TEAM (Your dog does need to be calm & not jump up but still enjoy company)

CONTACT ME.....JOHN CLARE

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Notices from our Assistant Principals



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Saturday August 7th, some of our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. So what is Confirmation? Confirmation is a Catholic Sacrament of mature Christian commitment and a deepening of baptismal gifts. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation for Catholics. It is most often associated with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is called *Confirmation* because it confirms and strengthens baptismal grace. The Sacrament gives a special strength to witness to the Christian faith.

SUNSMART SCHOOL

Our school has been recognised as a SunSmart School by the Cancer Council of WA. The SunSmart Schools and Early Childhood Membership Program started in the early 1990s to help raise awareness about skin cancer prevention and sun protection. We have developed a comprehensive sun protection policy to help reduce UV exposure and associated risks for all members of our school community. It is therefore important that you ensure that your child(ren) always have their hat at school as our policy is 'NO HAT, NO PLAY' (except in undercover areas) More information will be provided in future newsletters.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Preparation of our Year 4 students will be happening soon to receive their First Holy Communion later this term. Some important dates for your diary are:

Tuesday August 10th at 5.30pm – Parent & Student Meeting

Saturday August 14th at 5pm – Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion

Saturday September 18th at 5pm – Mass for First Holy Communion

Kind regards,

Peter Hazebroek

[Community Notice Board](#)



St Joseph's School, Waroona
P & F Thermomix Raffle



Only 200 tickets available!

Drawn 11th September at the Bingo Night

Win a Thermomix TM6 valued at \$2359

Tickets \$25

Available from the school office—cash only!

JUNIOR GOLF

Ages 10 Upwards

Come and Play Golf
Every Wednesday After School

Start Time 3.30 to 4 p.m.

Play as many holes as you can for \$5.00

Supervised by Craig Lowry

You will need to be a Club Member to join in



Mandjar Toastmasters

Speechcraft Course
Commencing Monday 9th August 2021
6 consecutive weeks 6.45pm for 7pm start in Mandurah

Most of us are shy hard working and scared of death of standing in front of an audience to present an idea. Our ability to deliver the message we need to deliver is suppressed by nervousness.

Mandjar Toastmasters invite you to be on the next speechcraft course. This interactive course is designed for those that want to suppress shyness and bolster their confidence, thinking, listening and speaking skills to get their message across.

- * Have fun while learning
- * Boost your confidence
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- * Develop leadership skills.
- * Network with others of the same interest
- * Become the person you wish to become

Ask for and complete your application today.
For additional information or any questions do not hesitate to contact
Olaf Schubert Secretary Mandjar Toastmasters on
Preferably email olaf@natelecom.com.au or Phone 0418 111 309

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