



# St Joseph's School, Waroonna Newsletter

## Principal's Message



Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

One of the most important weeks in the Catholic calendar is upon us, Holy Week. It starts with Palm Sunday this week and ends with Holy Saturday. Whilst we reflect on this, it is important to acknowledge that we are so blessed to be in Waroonna whilst the rest of our world is still being impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Prayer:**

*Jesus my Lord, let me strengthen my courage by taking on the courage of all those people who have been "centurions" for me. Many have faced disasters and hard times with great constancy. The upper hand of evil never turned them against you. They kept going. Let me be like them, Lord. No matter what the cross, let me never stop declaring you to be "truly the Son of God, the source of my hope, the reason why I will never quit on life".*

*Amen.*

### **Student Leaders & Student Voice:**

On Thursday, to conclude the term, we will celebrate with a prayer service in St Patrick's Church. Our student leaders will be presented with their leadership badges after Father Con has blessed them. Yesterday our student leaders met and sampled some canteen options for next term and provided input on the school canteen menu. Our Captains directly provided this input to a subcommittee of the School Advisory Council (formally School Board) .

### **Parent & Teacher Meetings are essential!**

Parents and families play an important role in supporting their child's education. Research has shown that children do better when schools and families work together, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills.

Parent engagement also results in longer-term economic, social and emotional benefits. Parents, families, and carers are a child's first and most important teachers. Our dedicated Professional Educators would love to share your children's achievements, the data from testing and educational goals for 2021. Please ensure you have registered for a time-slot at the Parent Teacher Meetings this Monday (PP- Year 6) and Tuesday/Wednesday (Kindy) or you have directly contacted your child's teacher for an alternative meeting time.

### **Kindergarten 2022 Enrolments – Enrol now and don't miss out:**

Our 2021 group of Kindergarten students are enjoying the new Early Learning Hub. There is currently a waiting list of students to join our school in our current 2021 Kindergarten!

If you know someone who is interested in joining our lovely community in Kindergarten for 2022, please encourage them to apply at our office immediately as we have over 50% capacity enrolled already. It is likely that we will have a waiting list for this group too.

### **Easter Egg Raffle:**

Thank you to our wonderful P & F for organising the Easter Raffle. It will be drawn on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 pm in the undercover area. I hope you are egg-streamly lucky. I am sure that I can include more bad dad jokes in the next sections!

### **Easter Hat Parade:**

Our Art specialist Mrs Fuller has been busily working with our teachers to manufacture egg-sighting Easter bonnets and hats. These will be paraded after our prayer service on Thursday morning.

### **End of Term and Return Date:**

I am sure your children are egg-sectionally excited about our holidays starting on Good Friday, 2nd April. Please enjoy and have a safe Easter break with your family. Our students return for Term 2 on Tuesday 20th April as our Professional Educators undertake professional development on Numeracy on the Pupil Free Day, Monday 19th April.

### **NAPLAN:**

Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have been egg-cellent in trialing NAPLAN systems on their digital devices. We are very fortunate to have one-to-one devices which make this process seamless for our students.

NAPLAN tests every child's progress through school in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing but about assessing learning progress over time. Please frame your conversations with your children that this should be a positive experience, and there is no need to be concerned. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

## Staffing Changes:

We are lucky to have Mrs Fuller as our Art Specialist across the whole school. To ensure that this Art program causes the least disruption to our Year 6 class, next term Mrs Fuller will only be out of the classroom on Mondays.

To support this, Mrs Hodgson will be returning to school next term and will be teaching the Year 6's on Mondays. As Mrs Hodgson taught our Year 6's last year, she has a strong understanding of their educational needs and existing positive relationships.

Mr Hazebroek, who previously was in Year 6 on Mondays, will still teach students Digital Technologies and attend the Year 6 camp, sporting events and Adventure World. Mr Hazebroek's role will change to increase the time he provides for Numeracy support to the whole school, including some Year 6's.

Over the past term, we have been fortunate to have Miss Bala as our Year 5 teacher. To ensure consistency in the Year 5 class, Mrs Bala has been appointed full-time until the end of this year. Please join me in congratulating Miss Bala on her appointment.

May God bless you and your family.

Kind regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

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## Dates to Remember



- Monday, 29 March - Holy Week
- Monday, 29 March - Parent Teacher Meetings @ 2:30pm
- Tuesday, 30 March - Holy Week
- Tuesday, 30 March - Chrism Mass
- Wednesday, 31 March - Holy Week
- Wednesday, 31 March - Reconciliation Years 3/4/5/6 @ 11am
- Thursday, 1 April - Holy Week
- Thursday, 1 April - End of Term Mass @ 9am (MJR Award)
- Thursday, 1 April - Easter Hat Parade (AM) and P & F Raffle draw @ 2:30pm
- Friday, 2 April - Good Friday
- Sunday, 4 April - Easter Sunday
- **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**
- Monday, 19 April - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday, 20 April - Term 2 starts for students

Did You Know.....



- "Why couldn't the bicycle stand up by itself? It was two tired!"
- This is the last chance for families to return the Project Compassion money boxes to the school before we break for school holidays. So far we have donated \$131.55.
- "Welcome to the new school year. My name is Julie Singleton and I am the School Health Nurse who visits your school. School Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Additionally, the nurse can be contacted at any time throughout primary school if you have concerns about your child's health, development or wellbeing. School Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. They also work in partnership with schools to support teachers in health related curriculum and can assist in the development of health care plans for students with complex and chronic health needs. The services provided are free and confidential. Please contact me on **0427737294** or [Julie.singleton@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:Julie.singleton@health.wa.gov.au)."

# EDDIE ON THE ROAD

IS COMING TO WAROONA!



Edmund Rice  
Camps



Come on down for a day of fun games and activities with the Volunteers from Edmund Rice Camps WA.

Kids should wear clothes that can get messy, a hat and bring a water bottle!

**Where:**

Waroona Recreation and Aquatic Centre, Waroona

**Dates:**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April and  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April

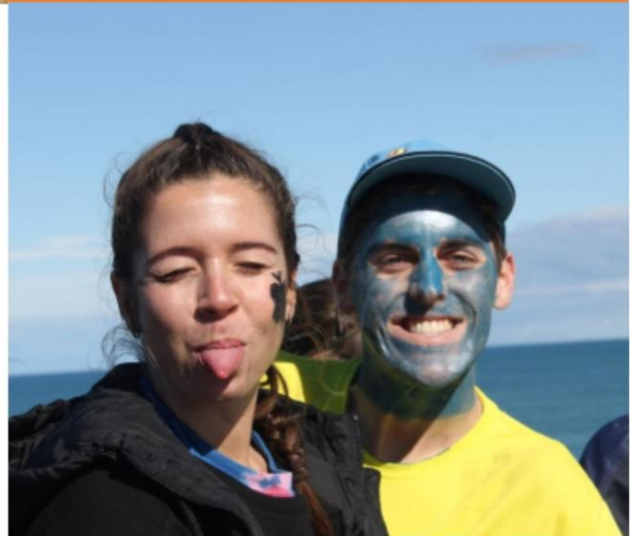
**Times:**

Drop off – 8:30 - 9:00am

Pickup – 2:45 - 3:15 pm

**Ages:** 6-12

**Cost:** FREE



**MANDURAH BASKETBALL**

**\$100**  
3 Day Camp includes T-Shirt

**ALL STAR CAMP**  
**13th, 14th, 15th**  
**April 2021**

MORNING SESSIONS  
9-12PM : 5 - 10 YEARS OLD  
AFTERNOON SESSIONS  
1-4PM : 11 - 16 YEARS OLD

**\$40**  
1 DAY

**TO REGISTER:**  
<http://bit.ly/mbaallstarcamp21>  
Camp will be led by an Allstar team of coaches from the Mandurah Magic NBL1 Teams.

MANDURAH AQUATIC AND RECREATION CENTRE

## Peel School Program

Gilbert & Sons Fresh Market Mandurah would like to invite you to become part of our new school loyalty program. The peel school program is designed to assist funding to local schools in the Peel region. Together we can contribute and make a difference.

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## MJR Award - Mrs Ward



How did you feel when your name was announced? *When my name was announced for receiving the MJR Award, I felt very surprised and honoured.*

Who's your hero? *My idea of a hero is anyone who treats all people with respect by including them, listening and building them up. A hero to me is someone who stands up for another person when that person isn't strong enough to use their own voice.*

Why do you think you won the MJR Award? *I think I received the MJR Award because I do try to be a WESTIE!*

What do you think about the award? *I think the MJR Award is an honour to receive and should be taken very seriously. It is important for our whole St Joe's community to be kind like Jesus was.*

What is your favourite thing to do? *My favourite thing to do is cuddle my two sausage dogs, Penny and Tony.*

What is something you'll do with Josephine the Bear, while she is with you? *Josephine and I will hang out together on my lounge with Penny and Tony and watch Netflix after we have all eaten our dinner.*

## 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**

### Easter Times

**April 1** - Holy Thursday, 6pm

**April 2** - Stations of the Cross (Yarloop), 9am

- Liturgy of the Word & Veneration of the Cross, 3pm

**April 3** - Vigil, 6pm

**April 4** - Easter, 8:30am