



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends, Staff and Students,

At times, I wonder if anyone reads the newsletter, so this week, anyone who answers the question in the newsletter correctly and emails the answer to admin@stjoeswaroona.wa.edu.au will go in the draw for a \$25 voucher for a ticket in the P & F Thermomix raffle or the Bingo night paid for by myself.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY:

Prayer:

God of all wonder,

We pause in the busyness of our days to listen deeply to the wisdom of this land and those who belong to it.

May our minds be open to dialogue,

May our hearts be open to transformation, and May our hands do the work of reconciliation.

We ask that the Spirit accompany us on our journey of healing on these lands, seas and waterways.

We also ask the Spirit of peace be with all those who are living a life of fear, dispossession and distress.

We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and friend.

Amen.

NAIDOC MASS:

Due to the last lockdown delaying all masses, we celebrated Naidoc Week this week with a special mass and Noongar songs led by Jennifer Turner. We thank Jennifer for her Noongar lessons for our Kindy to Year 2 students. Together we can work towards the Catholic Educations (CEWA's) initiative of transforming lives. <https://www.cewa.edu.au/our-schools/key-initiatives/transforming-lives/>

Pupil Free Day: Friday 20th August 2021

Our staff will be at a retreat at St Penola by the Sea, learning about the Catholic Missions and helping to bring our school mission alive. CEWA's vision of a Christ-centred and child-focused community of engaged learning environment, inspiring all to actively live the Gospel, links directly to our school mission and purpose.

Community:

Holy Communion:

Many of our students have commenced their journey to Jesus, preparing for First Holy Communion as part of St Patrick's Parish sacramental program.

Communication Channels:

Following feedback from our Climate Survey, Parent and Advisory Council Feedback, our school's communication strategy has been reviewed to also ensure we align with CEWA's Child-Safety and Christ-like Relationships (Code of conduct):

General communications:

1) **Text messages** will be sent for: Absentees, emergencies (lockdown, Covid-19, etc.), P & F messages and the newsletter. Please note we are reducing the number of texts.

2) **Emails** (cewa.edu.au): – All parents are encouraged to request meetings with their child's professional educators by this channel. At the bottom of all newsletters are all classroom teacher email addresses. Newsletters, notices, notes, and general updates (COVID-19), non-urgent communications.

3) **Website** - has all notes, CEWA policies, school procedures, absentee messages, newsletters, notices, and additional support for remote learning support.

Student achievement and remote learning:

1. **Seesaw Families Application** (whole school)- Student work is communicated, and this is the channel for remote learning.
2. **SEQTA** – School reports, and we will trial sending assessment results via this channel too.
3. **Microsoft Teams (Yr3-6 remote learning support)** – Currently used within the school by students from Year 3 to 6 and will open to external use to support Seesaw based remote learning in the event of a lockdown.

Social media channels

1) Facebook & Instagram, P& F, advertising school events and sharing our community items.

Parent and Friends:

Our wonderful P & F do an amazing job fundraising for our school community and helping our students have access to excellent resources. Please support the Bingo night as tickets are going on sale. There is also a free breakfast for all Dad's on Friday 3rd September. Also, currently going home is an optional "opt-in" Cadbury Chocolate Drive. The Thermo Mix tickets are selling fast and only a limited number remain.

Hungry Joes:

Thank you to Carmel Look and Millie Bartle, who came in to help run our canteen for our students. We warmly welcome any parents or grandparents willing to help out.

Big Breakfast:

Foodbank is available to help any families with hampers and is looking to provide a free breakfast for all our families on Thursday 16th September from 8:00 am onwards. They always welcome donations of non-perishables.

EDUCATION:

Our school has been focusing on improving our reading, and our professional educators do amazing work. As outlined previously, we have evidence-based reading programs in Kindy to Year 2 and a process of daily reviews from Year 2 upwards.

We have recently completed the whole school-specific testing with reading, and the results are able to be shared by your child's teacher. Our professional educators have a range of effective strategies to extend our strong readers and support students that are having additional challenges.

We also provide specific targeted support for student reading with both tier two and tier three-level support. Our tier two reading support programs are MiniLit (Yr1-3) and MacqLit (Yr 3-6), which are evidence-based, explicit and effective literacy intervention programs for teaching reading skills to children. Our tier three support is Toe By Toe, which is an intensive program designed for anyone who finds reading difficult. This includes weak readers who struggle to decode or those with dyslexic difficulties.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

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Important Dates to Remember



- Friday, 20 August - Pupil Free Day
- Monday, 23 August - Years 3 - 6 Throws and Jumps @ 9 am
- Thursday, 26 August - Canteen open for lunch only (Natasha Williams, Jen Bairstow, Natalie Woods)
- Friday, 27 August - School Athletics Carnival @ 9 am
- Sunday, 29 August - Sister O'Connor's Memorial Mass @ 8:30 am
- Monday, 30 August - Birds of Prey Incursion @ 9 am
- Thursday, 2 September - P & F's Father's Day Stall
- Thursday, 2 September - Canteen open for lunch only (Rebecca Lorimer, Jayne DeRosa, Natalie Woods)
- Friday, 3 September - Father's Day Breakfast and Blessing @ 7:30 am
- Sunday, 5 September - Father's Day
- Thursday, 9 September - Canteen open for lunch only (Larry Lucano, Scott Evans, ??)
- Thursday, 9 September - School Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- Friday, 10 September - Year 3 Class Assembly @ 8:40 am (With MJR Award)
- Friday, 10 September - Reconciliation @ 11 am
- Saturday, 11 September - P & F Bingo night @ 5:30 pm

Did You Know.....

- The school uniform shop now has stock in all sizes of track pants!!! We finally have size 8's and we would like to thank parents for their patience in this matter.
- We have many events listed in our community section so please make sure you view them so your children do not miss out!
- We only have 3 positions left in our 2022 Kindergarten class. If you have family or friends that are moving to Waroona or are yet to enrol their child, please get them to contact the school. Enrolment is a very important process when considering your child's future education. Mandurah Catholic College are actually full for Year 7 in 2022 and almost at capacity for 2023! Does your child fall into this year group? If so, we highly recommend you consider where your child might continue their education once they graduate St Joseph's School, Waroona.
- Do you follow the school social media pages? [Click here for the Facebook page](#) [Click here for Instagram](#)



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!

Friend in Need

Helping people help each other

Learn how to support a friend going through a tough time

Do you know how to help someone experiencing mental health, relationship or financial challenges? What can you say and do? What support services could you suggest they access?

Join us for an interactive **Friend in Need** workshop and learn how to:

- Recognise when someone is struggling
- Have a conversation about sensitive topics
- Identify emotional and practical help that might be helpful
- Find and connect to professional supports

Parents & Friends are invited
When **Monday, 20th September 2021**
12.30pm - 2.10pm

Where **St Joseph's School Waroona**
14 Millar Street, Waroona

To book call 9782 6500 or drop into the school office by Wed 15/9.

Let's make a community that cares!



St Joseph's Waroona P&F

Bingo Night

Saturday, 11th of September

Waroona Recreation Centre

\$10 Ticket

INCLUDES ONE BEEF AND GRAVY ROLL (MORE AVAILABLE TO BUY) + 2 GAMES

EXTRA GAMES FOR \$2.00 EACH BUY MORE ROUNDS AT THE DOOR

Opens at 5:30 eyes down at 6 pm

Cash Bar + Eftpos Available 18+ event

(STRICTLY NO BYO ALCOHOL)

Free Tea and Coffee

Bookings Required

Lots of fantastic prizes to be won! Final Round Winner takes home a mystery cash prize! \$\$\$

MINI MONSTER RAFFLE

WHEELBARROW OF BOOZE RAFFLE

THERMOMIX RAFFLE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT

Tickets are available now from St Joseph's office during school hours – Please bring cash only!



St Joseph's Waroona P & F Fundraiser

Forms to be returned to school on or before Friday 27th August 2021

Late orders cannot be accepted.

Ordered by: _____ Phone # _____

Name of Person Collecting: _____ Phone # _____

Box Type	Each Box Includes	Cost \$	Quantity	Total \$ Collected	Paid
	16 x Twirl 8 x Cherry Ripe 16 x Twirl 8 x Miro 12 x Dairy Milk	\$60.00			
	40 x Freddo 40 x Caramello Koala 20 x Strawberry Freddo 20 x Milky Top Freddo	\$60.00			
	30 x Chocolate Freddo 30 x Caramello Koala	\$60.00			
	Each box contains a mixture of: Snakes Chives Fruity Mix Party Mix 180g Sours Squirms 180g	\$60.00			

Cash Only - Please provide correct money as no change can be given.

All orders will be ready for collection at St Joseph's Library on Friday 17th September @ 3pm



Shaping the future

VacSwim enrolments now open

Help keep your child safe in the water. Enrol in VacSwim now for the October 2021 and summer 2022 school holidays.

education.wa.edu.au/vacswim




Congratulations to Kobe Seubert (Year 6) on being the latest recipient of our MJR Award.

How did you feel when your name was announced? I was shocked and nervous because I didn't think I was going to get it.

Who's your hero? My big brother, Riley. I really look up to him and he does things with me like football and basketball.

Why do you think you won the MJR award? I think from saying hello and being nice and kind.

What do you think about the award? I think its really good that people can get the award and it makes them nicer and happier.

What is your favourite thing to do? Play sport, basketball and football in particular. I also like to play with my friends after school and have sleepovers.

What is something you'll do with Josephine the Bear, while she is with you? She has been watching me play all my sport and we have been watching movies together.



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

