



St Joseph's School, Waroona Newsletter

Principal's Message



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.

Dear Friends, Parents, Guardians, Staff and Children,

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As we call on you today

We realise that we often come asking for favours.

Today we like just to be in your presence.

Let our hearts respond to Your Love.

Lord, may we never take the gift of freedom for granted.

You gave us the great blessing of freedom of spirit.

Fill my spirit with Your peace and Your joy.

Amen

Firstly, welcome back to school. It has been a very busy first two weeks with; The South West Bike Trek, Wellness Week, Worlds Greatest Crunch and tomorrow our fundraiser for Catholic Missions; Crazy Sock day.

Waroona Agricultural Society Show:

Wow, what a wonderful event with over 24,000 people attending. Congratulations to our school choir, who performed two songs in front of a large audience. Thank you to Mrs Langan and our choir's hard work rehearsing and performing.

Our students entered numerous artistic and creative works in the children's exhibition. It was with great pride to see so many quality entries. Many of our students and staff also won awards. Thank you to Mrs Fuller and our classroom teachers for supporting our children to create entries.

Thank you to our amazing parents who volunteered on the entry gates to help raise funds for our P & F. Our school's P & F receives a proportion of gate income and this year it is likely to be a significant amount. In 2022 if you can help our P & F, please nominate for an hour on a gate; I found it surprisingly easy and enjoyable to volunteer my time.

Enrolments 2021:

If you are aware of anyone who is interested in attending St Joseph's in 2022 in Kindy or any other Year group, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible, so they are able to secure a place as we are limited in the available spaces.

Also, if you are moving away from Waroona and your children are changing schools, please advise our school office prior to Friday 29th October as this is the cut-off date for notice being given for 2022. Early advice helps your children prepare for transitions and helps us manage school resources. School guidelines require Term 1 School Fees for 2022 to be issued irrespective of attendance for any notice given after this date.

Student Safety - School Emergency Management Planning:

Our school prepares and rehearses for several potential emergencies.

St Joseph's School, Waroona has been placed on the Department of Education Bushfire Zone Register as it is in a designated bushfire risk area. As part of being prepared, we have a Bushfire Response Plan and our school has an approved plan to keep our children safe in the event of a bushfire emergency impacting our school during the normal school day. As part of this planning, we need to inform families that our school may possibly be directed to pre-emptively to be closed.

If a 'Catastrophic' fire danger rating has been declared for the Shire of Waroona, our school **MAY** be required to invoke a pre-emptive (planned) closure. A 'Catastrophic' fire danger rating poses a significant threat to the school. If a fire starts, it is likely to be uncontrollable, unpredictable, and fast-moving. Parents would receive a text message to inform them of a possible pre-emptive closure of the school in this event.

The final decision to pre-emptively close the school will be confirmed with the Principal no later than 4.30 pm on the day before the pre-emptive closure. If the forecast changes after the 4.30 pm deadline, the school remains closed to limit confusion within the school community. Parents would receive a text message to either confirm or reverse a Pre-emptive closure of the school.

Typically, schools will only be required to close for a day at a time. However, this will depend on changing weather conditions. Parents will receive a text message to advise if the school will reopen the day after the pre-emptive closure or whether it will remain closed. Parents are encouraged to monitor official bushfire information sources for current information about fire danger ratings:

1. [Emergency WA website - https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/)

2. Department of Fire and Emergency Services Information line – 13 33 37
3. Twitter - https://twitter.com/dfes_wa
4. Local radio
5. [ABC Emergency WA](#)
6. ABC local radio 6PR

COVID-19:

The premier of Western Australia announced vaccination mandates for staff within a range of industries and schools. Once further official information is released, we will share it on our website and via email. Please note that there is currently no plan to make vaccines compulsory for school students.

If you have any questions or concerns about vaccinations, please refer to the Department of Health website, Healthy WA or call Health's COVID-19 helpline on 13 268 43 for more information.

For additional health information and any health-related enquiries, please refer to the Healthy WA website or access the helpline on 1800 020 080.

Have a wonderful week and enjoy the warming weather.

Kind regards,

Michael O'Dwyer

Principal

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Important Dates to Remember



- Friday, 22 October - Catholic Missions Crazy Sock Day. Students to wear school uniform and bring a gold coin donation
- Monday, 25 October - Book Fair starts. It is open 8:15 am - 9 am and 3:15 pm - 4 pm
- Monday, 25 October - Canteen - recess only
- Tuesday, 26 October - MCC visit our Year 6 class
- Tuesday, 26 October - Book Fair available. It is open 8:15 am - 9 am and 3:15 pm - 4 pm
- Tuesday, 26 October - Years 3 & 4 Talent Show trials
- Wednesday, 27 October - Music Tutor onsite
- Wednesday, 27 October - Book Fair available. It is open 8:15 am - 9 am and 3:15 pm - 4 pm
- Thursday, 28 October - Canteen - lunch only (Stephanie Siew, Peter LeRoy)
- Friday, 29 October - Year 1 Class Assembly @ 8:45 am
- Monday, 1 November - Canteen - recess only
- Tuesday, 2 November - Years 1 & 2 Talent Show trials
- Wednesday, 3 November - Music Tutor onsite
- Thursday, 4 November - Canteen - lunch only (Scott Evans, Natalie Woods, Tillie Stewart)
- Friday, 5 November - Student Council Talent Show Assembly @ 8:45 am
- Friday, 5 November - MJR Award

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](#)
- What kind of shorts do clouds wear?.....Thunderwear!
- 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.
- It is only 65 days until Christmas!

Community Events



MyTime Group



MyTime is for parents and carers of children with a disability, developmental delay or chronic medical condition. It's a place for you to unwind and talk about your experiences. A play leader will engage your pre-school child while you enjoy a cuppa.

Date: Every Thursday from 21 October to 16 December 2021
Time: 9:30am – 11:30am
Venue: Child and Parent Centre – Dudley Park, Kooljack Street

childandparentcentres.wa.edu.au • 95375603 • cpadmin@anglicarewa.org.au

Supported by: **MyTime** supporting parents of children with disabilities. In partnership with

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 or download the app.

HOW FIREPROOF IS YOUR PLAN?
 Locally developed by DFES for WA

MYGOLF - Term 4

Starts Oct 19 to Dec 8

After school
 Beginners Tues 4 - 5 p.m.
 Advanced Wed 4 - 5 p.m.

Cost per Term \$120
 Per Day \$18.00
 Coach - Rob Mitchell

Enrol online at mygolf.org.au

For more information ring the Proshop on 95312588 or Joan Martain on 9535 1229

HOCKEY

SUMMER SEASON 2021

MIXED GENDER TEAMS – 7-A-SIDE | COST \$60.00 – 6 WEEKS

TUESDAY'S
 Starts 19th October 2021

Goldstar Junior Players School Years 1 to 4	Mini 7's Junior Players School Years 5 to 6	Master's 7's Senior Players age 16+
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THURSDAY'S
 Starts 21st October 2021

Maxi 7's Junior Players School Years 7 to 10	Social 7's Senior & Junior Players School Years 10+
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REGISTER
 Register to play at www.peelhockey.com.au/events
 Registered players not part of a team will join one of ours!
 Teams created 5th October

For more information visit: www.peelhockey.com.au/summer
 Enquiries: enquiries@peelhockey.com.au

THE SPORTING GLOBE STADIUM
 (Hatched Road on Structure) | Public Place, Peel, WA



NDIS Information Session – Access, Employment and Post School Options


Information
 Tuesday 2nd Nov
 9am – 1pm
 3D Learning 10
 Wyndora 6215
 COST: FREE
 Click on Date or QR
 code to register
 5/11/21

People with Disability, Community, Parents, Schools Representatives, Providers, Employers and Workshop Opportunity
 A workshop designed to increase the understanding of accessing the NDIS, the types of employment supports available inside and outside the NDIS and to help parents / participants / supporters, plan and prepare better to discuss employment support options during and after school into mature age.

The workshop will cover information on:

- Accessing the NDIS
- Employment supports - DES and ADE
- NDIS Employment Support Funding –
 - Social, Economic and Community Participation
 - Finding and Keeping a Job
 - School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)
- Understanding the Specialised Job Customisation (Customised Employment) Inc. Microenterprise
- The Disability Support Pension (DSP) and Employment

For more info
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Partners: 

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 

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

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

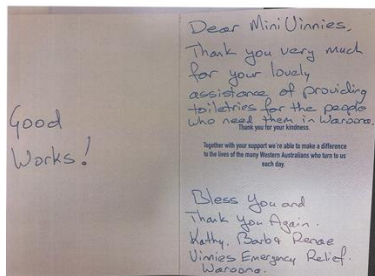
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VacSwim enrolments now open!

PHOTO: Beach Life Living WA

Communication from our Assistant Principals



CRAZY SOCK DAY :

Our Crazy Sock Day is to raise awareness of children in other parts of the world who do not have the same luxuries that we sometimes take for granted. This initiative is part of Socktober which was created by Catholic Mission and looks at raising funds which will be used to support others in need. Thank you for your support in this initiative. For more information on Socktober, click here [Socktober](#).

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE AND HOUSE POINTS :

We have extended our Containers for Change initiative into our school's House Point System. Next to the front office door, opposite the canteen, are three coloured bins. Your child can add relevant containers into their House's bin. Once the bin is full, the containers will be tipped into our large school Containers for Change bin and House Points will be given which will be added to their overall total. Help your child be the 'Change they want to see'.

MINI-VINNIES TOILETRY DRIVE :

At the end of Term 3, our Mini-Vinnies leaders delivered all the collected toiletries to the St Vincent de Paul store on South West Highway. The ladies in the store, all who are volunteers, were extremely overwhelmed by the collective support of the students from our school. A special thank you to all families who contributed to this drive. Your generosity will make a huge difference to those in our community who are in need. If you wish to be a volunteer at the store, just drop in and have a chat with the lovely ladies. They'll be happy to see you.

LEGO ROBOTICS TEAM :

Last week our Year 5 and 6 Lego Robotics Team visited St Joseph's Pinjarra to share some of the work they have been doing. Our Team are working hard preparing for a competition on Sunday November 28th. They will be sharing their work later in the term with the rest of the school to hopefully find those up and coming budding programmers.

Kind regards,

Peter Hazebroek

Assistant Principal

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