

St Joseph's College Newsletter

12 February 2010 Term 1 - Week 2

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 15 Feb

- PP Whole Group/half day
- Kindy Whole group commence

Tues 16 Feb

 P&F Meeting 7.30pm Staff Room

Wed 17 Feb

 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am HFC

Thurs 18 Feb

- Parent Information Night (Yrs 4-6)
- Yr 7 Immunisation

Fri 19 Feb

 Sunsmart Cricket Carnival (Yrs 10-12)

Mon 22 Feb

 PP Whole group/full day

General Information

Uniform Shop
 Open every Tuesday
 8.15am - 9.15am and
 2.30pm - 4.30pm

- Absentee Phone Line 9844 0280
- Principal Mr Bradley Hall
- Head of Middle and Senior Schools
 Mr John Bova
- Head of Junior School Mr Mike Watson

REFLECTION

Help us, Lord, to use well the talents you have given each of us. Help us bring them to our studies so that we work to the best of our ability.

May all in this school feel valued, for who we are in your sight.

May all we do and learn be in your service, and in the service of love, both now and in the future.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Guardians, Families, Students and Members of our College Community



Information Nights

Thank you to our staff who are involved in the Information Nights. Thus far we have had the Years One to Three evening and the Senior School (Years Ten and Eleven) evening.

Playgroup

The Parish/College Playgroup begins next week and we have had a good response from interested Parents. There may be some parents/grandparents who can lend a hand at the Playgroup (Tuesdays 9am - 11.30am) if this is the case, please phone Erica Cooper at the College Administration.

Car Parking

Please continue to be patient and careful with the car park, especially while building is in progress. There is usually plenty of spare bays in the Church Car park. Parking is not permitted in Martin Road "except Public and School Holidays". This is a City Council regulation.

Please do not use the Administration Parking area as a child drop off or pick-up point; this small car park gets full very quickly and, particularly in the mornings, many deliveries are made to the College Office.

Change of Status, Address Notification

Please notify the College Office as soon as possible if there are changes or updates regarding your child's health, sacraments made, change of phone number or address.

COLLEGE NOTICES

College P & F

The Parents and Friends meet next week. Please consider actively supporting this hardworking group who assist the College and your children in many ways.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

Important Reminders for Parents/Guardians

Please **DO NOT** call the College and ask that a message be given to a student. Please understand that with close to 600 students in the school it is not possible to get messages to individual students easily.

Please ensure that your children know what their after school arrangements are, that they know about appointments etc. or they have the correct gear, money and so forth. This is part of helping students to become independent.

Text Books - Singing Tree

The Singing Tree have advised that they have many orders to be collected. If you have ordered text books and were on backorder, they are now ready for collection.

Student Items in the Office

If your child has an item confiscated in 2009 still stored in the Office, can you please remind him or her to claim it from the office as soon as possible, as these will soon be donated to charity or discarded.

Middle and Senior Schools Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The sporting year gets off to a flying start on Tuesday 23 February (Week 4) with the Middle and Senior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre. The carnival is set to run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and parents and supporters are invited to attend.

The carnival is a combination of Championship swimming races to decide the Champions and Runners Up in each year group and fun based novelty events for the non-competitive swimmers.

There are some significant changes to the carnival for 2010 to better cater for our non-competitive swimmers and to give all students the opportunity to win points for their House groups. All races contribute to the overall House Championship Shield.

Students have nominated for their races on Friday in their House groups and some of the keener ones will be taking advantage of the start of Saints Swim Club training to hone their skills for the events.

The students are reminded that they are required to wear their College House sports uniform for the carnival. Should students choose to wear board shorts for their races they must change into them when they get to the Leisure Centre.

The Physical Education staff would greatly appreciate the help of any parents who might be available to assist on the day. Please contact Mr Paul O'Donnell through the College Office if you are available to assist.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Night

Thank you to parents for the very good attendance at this weeks Years One-Three parent meetings.



The meetings for Years Four-Six classes will be held next week on Thursday 18 February at the following times:

6.30pm - 7.00pm Year 4 class meeting;

• 7.00pm - 7.30pm Parents (Yrs 4-6) meet in the

Chapel for a general information session.

7.30pm - 8.15pm Year 5 and 6 class meetings.

Tutorials

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A reminder that tutorials for Years Four-Six students commence next Wednesday, 17 February from 3.10pm - 4.00pm in the College Library. Students are very welcome to attend if they need assistance with some areas of their work or wish to spend time completing homework or working on research assignments.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Peanut Allergies

There are a number of Junior School students (Kindergarten - Year Six) who have peanut allergies and therefore are susceptible to a severe reaction to nut and nut products.

Any contact with nut and nut products can result in anaphylactic shock and serious health concerns. To reduce the risk of this situation occurring it would be helpful if parents could ensure that their children do not come to school with nuts or nut products in their lunch boxes. Your support with this would be most appreciated.

Signing Students In/Out

A reminder to parents/guardians that all students are required to be signed out for appointments and must also be signed back in to school at the College Office. Otherwise, students will be marked as absent for the remainder of the day if they are not signed back in.

Students who arrive late to school <u>must</u> come to the Office and sign the Late Register before going to class. Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Transition into Middle School

Thanks to parents for your support in uniform and punctual attendance at the start of your child's high school journey.

A reminder for parents that Middle School students are now old enough to make their own way to classrooms and to the car park at the end of the day. This is a normal part of growth and development for high school students.

Resourceful Adolescent Program (RAP) Year Eight

Adolescence is a time of considerable change, during which children are required to navigate a variety of developmental obstacles. The Resourceful Adolescent Program (RAP) has been designed to help adolescents in a very positive way. By providing them with coping strategies that will build their resilience and coping skills, RAP will help them deal with stress both now and in the future. RAP has been running in schools in the Great Southern Region for a number of years.

This year, St Joseph's College will be conducting RAP as part of the Year Eight Health Education course. RAP is a positive information program that aims to buffer adolescents against emotional problems, including depression, by increasing their resourcefulness and resilience and by strengthening family supports. The program addresses such issues as stress reduction skills, increasing self-esteem and self-management skills, and promoting family harmony. The program is enjoyable, very meaningful and very helpful for the students involved.

If you have any questions or concerns about this program, please contact us as soon as possible.

Mr John Bova - Head of Middle School

Ms Meghann Old - Non-Government Schools Psychology Service

bova.john@cathednet.wa.edu.au old.meghann@cathednet.wa.edu.au

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

2009 Year Ten Life Skills Day

Last year, the Year Ten class farewelled the year in style as part of the 2009 Year Ten Life Skills Program. The 'Life Skills Program' in Term Four provided an interactive learning environment for students where they refreshed their employability skills, personal presentation, social etiquette and other vital attributes required to succeed in our global society, with the assistance of the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industries. A number of presenters enlightened the students with their expertise. The new addition in 2009, the 'Industry Insights' component, gave our students the opportunity to quiz many of the local industry personnel, who willingly shared their understanding about the job and career opportunities as well as training and development for youth within the Albany region.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We acknowledge the voluntary contributions of the following presenters and organisations with great appreciation of their ongoing support towards this event.

- Mr Graham Harvey, Albany Chamber of Commerce & Industries.
- Mr Joe Lembo. Motel Le Grande
- Mr Jeremy Stewart, Merrifield's Real Estate.
- Mr Tae Wood, GM Taxation
- Mr Guy Lembo, Venice Restaurant Cafe.
- Mr Dave McCracken, Ryde Building Company.
- Ms Miriam Bane, Zenzara.

The festive spirit of celebrating the 2009 year was continued with a formal dinner, which was held at the Le Grande Motel after a day of learning social and enterprising skills at the workshops. Every boy and girl turned up dressed in their finest and became ladies and gentlemen for the night, practicing those etiquette skills and manners learnt during the day. They spent many fabulous hours reminiscing and enjoying each others company and the delightful meal served by the Le Grand staff. Food was shared, music was played and speeches were made. The collaboration of Mrs Wood's and many students' efforts with details such as a power point presentation reflecting on the year it was, table decorations and personalised place mats as a memorabilia, made the night a very special occasion for the students. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the night, it was immensely enjoyable.

By Mia Page - Year 11

SunSmart T20 Cricket

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Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Workplace Course

The work place course at St Joseph's College is going from strength to strength. This year the number of students participating in the course has more than doubled. Currently thirty three students have enrolled to spend one day a week in the work place to develop their employability skills and get a taste of the world of employment. There are numerous benefits for the students.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Over the two years of the course the students gain enormous self confidence and develop a much better idea of the type of industry in which they would like to work.

This year we have several students who have gained traineeships through hard work and opportunities that arisen by being in the workplace. Congratulations to our students who have gained school based traineeships so early in the year. Jo Bevan is now enrolled in Certificate 2 for Child Care. Jason Peterson is enrolled in Certificate 2 for Retail and Taylor Whittingstall will be completing a Carers Certificate 2. These certificates offer invaluable training and open the door to advancement in their career fields in the future. Michael Betti continues to complete a school based apprenticeship in Carpentry and Olivia Gliosca is completing Certificate 2 in Hairdressing. Well done to all of you!

On Thursday February 18, workplace students will attend their induction for entering the workplace. The college is fortunate to have guest speaker Trevor Kosh addressing the students at the induction. Trevor is a former detective and now owns Dome Café in Albany. Trevor's personal experiences and perspective on employer's expectations will provide food for thought as students prepare for the workplace which begins in week four this term. We wish them well as they make many discoveries about themselves and the working world through out the year.

Mrs Deb Zafir - Co-ordinator



Footy Tipping Competition

Please find attached with this week's Newsletter the P&F Footy Tipping Competition Registration Form. Mrs Chris Annison - President

WEEKEND SPORT

Royals Saints Netball Club



Registration Day Trial Day & Ordering of new uniforms

Sunday 21 February

St Joseph's College Gymnasium All Welcome!

Years 5-7 (Yr 4 2000) 10am - 12 noon Years 8-10 1pm - 3pm Years 11, 12 & Seniors 3pm-4pm

Net-Set-Go (Years 2, 3, 4) Registrations will come home via school and to be returned to Marnie Fitzpatrick or Chrissie Smith.

> Attendance is compulsory. All enquiries directed to: Karen Stone - 0427 192 110 Chrissie Smith - 0429 201 056

St Joseph's Soccer Registrations Starts Next Week More details on notice coming out Monday

For any further information call: Sharon Berg - 9841 5836

Carlo Bontempo - 9841 7717

Peter Hueppauff - 9844 1666

PARISH NOTICES

Altar Serving in 2010

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Students interested in Altar Serving or wanting to learn all about it can come along to an Altar Servers' "Get Together" on Tuesday 16 February at Holy Family Church from 3.30pm.

Please write your name and telephone number on the record of attendance sheet at either the College Office by Friday 12 February or at the back of the Holy Family Church or St Joseph's Church by Sunday 14 February, so that catering for refreshments can be organised.

Mrs Helen Anderson has volunteered to take over the Altar Servers' organisation. All the Altar Servers will meet Mrs Anderson at the "Get Together" along with Fr Concord, Deacon Rob Webb and myself. Hope to see you all there.

Thanks parents/guardians for your support and encouragement over the years with regard to Altar Serving and thank you so much students for offering your services to our Parish. It is very much appreciated by everyone. God Bless and Ciao, Mrs Gloria Barnes.

TANZANIA TOUR 2010

An opportunity is being offered once again through Jetset Albany and the hospitality of the Spiritan Order to visit Tanzania with Fr Rogasian during 2010. The tour will take you to Fr Rogasian's home village of Tarakea, situated at the foothills of Mt Kilimanjaro. It will also include visiting the orphans sponsored by Holy Family Parish, as well as day trips to view the amazing African wildlife in two of Tanzania's National Parks. The tour will depart on 28 June 2010 and return on 12 July 2010.

If you are interested in joining the tour or would like more information, contact Stephanie Gorman on 9841 7017 or 0439 695 668.





WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS NOW FOR TERM 1, 2010 TENNIS

SATURDAY MORNING TADPOLE TENNIS 8.30 & 9.30 & 10.30

MONDAY ADVANCED SQUADS WEDNESDAY INTERMEDIATE SQUADS TUESDAY ARVO MT BARKER THURSDAY ARVO DENMARK

ACTIVE BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL

PROGRAMS

PRIVATE LESSONS

SMALL GROUP LESSONS

TENNIS PROGRAMS 7 DAYS A WEEK!

Call or email for bookings or further information.
Office: 9841 8474 Mob: 0414 608 523

Email: justacetennis@hotmail.com

Bookings essential as places are strictly limited!

FOOTBALL FOURS ALBANY (FFA)

In conjunction with Albany Junior Soccer Association, Paul Wozny (Formerly the High Performance Consultant for Football West) would like to invite soccer players born between 1995 and 2000 to ALBANY'S Popular FFA TOURNAMENT.

<u>Date:</u> Saturday, 13th February 2010

Location: North Road Soccer Grounds

<u>Times:</u> 1999 & 2000 (U10 & U11) -

8.30-10.00am

1997 & 1998 (U12 & U13) -

10.30 – 12.00pm

1995 & 1996 (U14 & U15) -

1.30 - 3.00pm

Cost: \$15.00 per player

PRIZES TO BE WON! Including prizes for each age group and a STAR PRIZE to the overall PLAYER OF THE TOURNAMENT!

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES

> PARENTING WA

Are you a parent or carer of a child from 0—18 years?

We are here to support you in building your knowledge & confidence in parenting

Our services are free with Home Visiting Services available No referral necessary

For further information please contact us at:-

Parenting WA—Great Southern Albany Family House 219 North Road, Albany 6330 WA (08) 9841 0790

KINDERMUSIK - Semester 1

Give your child the **best** start in life with this carefully researched, developmentally based programme.

Songs, rhymes, instruments stories, movement, music and laughter.

Vacancies for 18mths-3 ½ yrs (Tues/Thurs am), 3 ½ - 5yrs (Tues am)

& "Family Time" 0-6yrs (Wed am)

Janet Austin 98444165 or jaustin1@iinet.net.au



Want a part time job after school?

Do you like being busy and enjoy working with people? Are you fit, active with good literacy and numeracy skills?

The Albany Public Library is looking to employ part-time Library Officer-Shelvers. Applicants must be available to work after school and on Saturday mornings, including School Holiday periods.

Want to know more? For further information and a job-kit all interested applicants are required to attend an Information session being held at the Albany Public Library. Enquiries – Youth Services Librarian Dora Adeline/Kate Houderanni, 9841 9331

Information session starts at 4pm : Wednesday 17 February