

# St Joseph's College Newsletter

19 February 2010 Term 1 - Week 3

# IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

#### Mon 22 Feb

 Pre-Primary whole group commence full day

#### Tues 23 Feb

 Swimming Carnival MS/ SS

#### Thur 25 Feb

 Parent Information Night (Yr 7) 5.00pm

#### Sat 27 Feb

 Family Mass HFC 6.00pm

#### Mon 1 March

Public Holiday

#### Thur 4 March

- Beach Fun Day (Yrs 1-3)
- Inter-school tennis (Yrs 8-12)

#### Fri 5 March

 Pupil Free Day Commissioning Mass for

# General Information

- Uniform Shop
   Open every Tuesday
   8.15am 9.15am and
   2.30pm 4.30pm
- Absentee Phone Line 9844 0280
- Principal Mr Bradlev Hall
- Head of Middle and Senior Schools Mr John Bova
- Head of Junior School Mr Mike Watson

#### LENTEN REFLECTION

More and more I am beginning to realise that when we are called to fast that what we are being invited to is not as much an experience of going without as an experience of going within.



The true fast is a self-emptying; a ridding from the body, mind and heart of all the excess. It is an uncluttering, a freeing of the pathway to our inner self - to that place where we can encounter God at the deepest of levels.

When we have embraced God's presence in our very being we are ready to make the movement from within to without. It is movement that leads us to act and be in the world as Christ - to be God's presence of love, mercy and compassion to all we encounter, knowing that God will be our guide, our strength, our sustenance.

Ref: David Adam - The Edge of Glory

#### **PRAYER**

God be in us this day, God ever with us stay God be in the night, keep us by thy light God be in our hearts, God abide, never depart.

**Amen** 

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



#### Lent

Over the period of the next forty days, the Church invites us to join in that time of preparation for Easter. On Ash Wednesday, our College community gathered for Eucharist to mark the start of this special time in the Calendar of the Church.



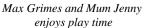


Ash Wednesday Mass

## **Playgroup**

Last Tuesday our College/Parish Playgroup was launched and our thanks to Kylie Dallimore, Joanne Mitchell, Colleen Armstrong, Julie Hughes-Owen and other parents who helped prepare. Fr Concord, Parish Priest, gave the Mums and children a blessing to begin the day and after that the multi-purpose room was a hive of activity.







Renae O'Donnell helps Abby with her painting

### **Parents and Friends**

Our first P & F meeting was held this week. Thanks to our Committee member parents and others who attended. Please support the P & F Footy Tipping as it is their major fundraiser of the P & F for the Year. This fundraising helps us to purchase equipment that your child will use.

## **Parking**

Please follow directions in the Parking and Pick-up area, particularly at home time. Do not park and wait in the pick-up bays.

It would be very helpful if Senior School/Middle School parents - who do not have Junior School children - timed their arrival for 3.20pm. By this time your child should be waiting for you which is preferable to your waiting for them - thank you!

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Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

#### **COLLEGE NOTICES**

#### **Inter-House Swimming Carnival**

A reminder for Middle and Senior Schools students to wear their House Sports uniform for the carnival on Tuesday 23 February 2010. We wish all competitors a day of good swimming and good fun whilst striving for the overall house shields.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

#### **Liturgical Music Camp**

What do you get when you put twenty loud and energetic girls together? Answer- chaos. Add Mr Scanlon though and you have the Liturgical Music Group. On Thursday 11 February, twenty girls from Years Seven, Eight, Nine, Eleven and Twelve along with Mr Scanlon and a large array of instruments climbed aboard one of the school buses and left for the Cove, Denmark. We arrived shortly after what should have been morning tea.

Mayhem ensued as rooms and beds were claimed following a very hierarchal selection process. As this ruckus died down we all settled down to learn the new songs Mr Scanlon had found for us. Chords were called out, harmonies picked up and soon we were sounding pretty good. Regardless, we were all relieved when Mrs Scanlon arrived with morning tea allowing us a short break.

Returning from the break, we sang through until just before 6.00pm, stopping only for lunch. A competitive volleyball match between the rival year groups was set up, each year playing for their honour. Dinner was served shortly after this followed by a concert displaying just some of the musical talent the group had to offer.

Much to Mr Scanlon's dismay us girls preferred to stay awake late into the night. Yet come morning time we were all exhausted and were ruthlessly woken by a cacophony of deliberately out of tune



Sisters Rachel & Madeline Jennings-Tovey sing together

playing. Singing began again after breakfast, perfecting the songs we had learnt the day before, trying to hastily remember which part each person was meant to play or sing. Mrs Tassicker joined us around morning tea time, giving us a few pointers here and there and finally helping Mr Scanlon teach an instrumental to our players.

#### **COLLEGE NOTICES**

We had to be out of the Cove by 12.00pm so we went to the park by the river for lunch. Following the tradition we had set the previous year, we then went busking on the streets of Denmark. Earning enough to pay for half of the twenty ice-creams we were to order.

Before we headed back home for Albany we made a quick stop at Denmark TAFE and were given an informative tour of their music department. With all that done the camp was drawn to a close and we made our way back home to Albany, relieved that we could now all go home and rest.

Report by: Bronwyn Lewis - Year 12



#### JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Parent Information Evenings**

Thank you to parents for the very good support given to our Years One - Three and Years Four - Six Parent Information Evenings. We trust the meetings were informative and provided parents with an



insight into the learning programmes in place for the 2010 school year.

#### **Tutorials**

Tutorials commenced this week for Years Four - Six students. The tutorials are held each Wednesday in the College Library from 3.05pm - 4.00pm. Parents who have Junior School students attending tutorials need to pick-up students from the Library at 4.00pm unless prior arrangements have been made.

#### **Junior School Assemblies**

Please note that due to timetabling constraints, Junior School assemblies in 2010 will be held mainly on Friday mornings although at least two assemblies per Term will be held on Thursday mornings.

Our next Junior School assembly will be held on Friday 26 February commencing at the normal time of 9.00am in the College Gymnasium.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Year Seven Middle School Information Meeting - Thursday 25 February

On Thursday 25 February a meeting will take place for ALL YEAR 7 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS in the Year 7 classrooms from 5.00 to 5.45pm.



PLEASE NOTE THIS NEW TIME - 5.00PM! The meeting will provide useful information that parents and students need to know about achieving success in Year 7. I look forward to seeing you there. An information letter with attached reply slip has been mailed home. Please return the slip to the College Office by Monday 22 February if you are attending.

Mr John Bova - Head of Senior School

#### **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

St Joseph's Parents & Friends - Footy Tipping 2010 Well by now most of you that have read the last newsletter will notice our footy tipping flyer; I would just like to let everyone know a little more about our footy tipping.

The P & F are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of running of our footy tipping competition. The tipping competition for the first 7 years was run completely manually and for the last three years we have transferred over to a computerised system which allows our families to do their tipping on-line in the comfort of their own home and for those who don't have a computer we have a manual system. Just think fundraising where you the individual don't have to do anything just enjoy the fun.

Footy tipping is the P & F's major fundraiser and sometimes our only fundraising venture for the year, so it is important we get as many families involved. The tipping competition is only \$50.00 that will buy you your book and allows you to play for the whole twenty two weeks. We not only have great prizes at the end of the competition but you also have the chance of winning your \$50.00 back each week.

I know a lot of people say; "Well I don't follow football", but, its all fun and even for the fans that follow the games, a lot of the time it's just good fun and luck. Just think fundraising where you don't have to leave your home, make cakes or try and sell something how easy is that and who benefits our children attending St Joseph's College. Mr Hall (Principal) has given permission for students to do tipping at the College.

If you did not receive a Registration Form last week, your children can ask for one at the College Office. If you feel that you are unable to follow the steps of what is required to play then email Neil or Chris at <a href="mailto:annos7@southernphone.com.au">annos7@southernphone.com.au</a> or phone 9844 4754 and we will be more than happy to go through it step by step. Come on, your children are the ones that benefit from this fundraiser and you are also the ones that get to have the fun.

As this year is our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary the P& F will have a prize hamper draw and everyone that purchases a footy tipping book will have an entry put in and this will be drawn on St Joseph's Day. GOOD LUCK TIPPERS! Chris Annison -President - St Joseph's P & F

#### **WEEKEND SPORT**

### **Royals Saints Netball Club**

**OPEN TO** 

Registration Day, Trial Day & Ordering 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.

Enquiries to:

Karen Stone: 0427192110 Chrissie Smith: 0429201056 Attendance is compulsory.

## St Joseph's Soccer Registrations

#### Thursday 18 and 25 February

Outside College Gym 8.15am - 8.45am and Pre-Primary & Kindy Block 8.45am - 9.30am

All new & returning players welcome
Soccer Fees: K-Yr 5 \$80 Yr 6 to U13s \$95
Registrations can also be made through the
following contact people:

Sharon Berg - President 9841 5836
Ronelle Lewis - Treasurer 9844 9818
Carlo Bontempo - Property Manager 9841 7717
Peter Hueppauff - Vice President 9844 1666
Michael Jeffery - Secretary 0424 894359

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### **Student Exchange Australia**

In June-July 2010 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will welcome a new group of international exchange students to Australia. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend school for 3, 5 or 10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice below in your school newsletter/bulletin. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

You can download the newsletter notice here in <u>Word</u> <u>format</u> or in <u>PDF format</u>.

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-forprofit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting <a href="https://www.studentexchange.org.au">www.studentexchange.org.au</a>.

If you have any questions you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331.

Nick Lorentzen - National Director

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd

W: www.studentexchange.org.au

#### **Youth Alive**

#### Saturday 20 February 2010

Troode Street Church (off Troode St, opposite Collingwood Oval)

7.30pm - 9.30pm \$12 Entry Ample Parking

**Band: New Empire** 

(Played at St Joseph's College last year)

Band: Youth Alive Speaker: Dave Reardon

(Former Youth Alive Director)

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#### SETON CATHOLIC COLLEGE

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2010

**REUNION** 9am and 1pm (Visit anytime)

For Ex Students and Staff of St Joseph's, De Vialar, St Brendan's & Seton.

There will be Tours of Seton and the 'old' St Brendan's, Photos, Archival Material, a Creche and Morning Tea. Enjoy a walk down memory lane – and see what's changed!

# INTERNATIONAL FOOD & CULTURAL FESTIVAL 5pm to 9pm

Huge range of Food and Drink on sale.
Archival Displays, Entertainment and activities for all ages Bouncy Castles, Rock Bands, the Beer Tent, sipping a Cappuccino
Come straight from work - eat, relax and enjoy a great
family night out.

For further information: 9314 1816 or www.seton.wa.edu.au

## ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE P & F ASSOCIATION

# CAN YOU LEND A HAND??

The P & F would like to continue with class representatives for the 2010 school year. Ideally we would have two representatives per year level, in Junior, Middle and Senior school.

#### JUST SO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'D BE GETTING YOURSELF INTO!

The following is a practical outline of the role of a P & F rep.

- Attendance at monthly meetings (Only 10 meetings in the year, and it would not be vital that you attend every one)
- Liase between P & F and parents in your year level, on P & F issues—in other words bring forward parent concerns or queries to meetings.
- To gather support from the parents in your year level for school events, such as Presentation Night supper, fundraisers, social events, etc.

All our children benefit from the proceeds of fundraisers, and the general work of the P & F throughout the year. With this in mind, we ask you to consider taking on the role of P & F representative, for your child's year level.

If you would like more information, please don't	hesitate to contact any of the P & F
committee.	
Name:	

child/children are in Year/s\_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to take on the role of P & F representative for the 2010 school year. My

Please return this form to the College office, marked to the attn. of Chris Annison President P & F.