



# St Joseph's College Newsletter

30 April 2010

Term 2 - Week 2

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

### Tues 4 May

- P&F Meeting 7.30pm  
Staff Room
- Belt Up Cup Football  
(Yrs 8-12)

### Tues 11 -13 May

- NAPLAN Testing

### Wed 12 May

- Belt Up Cup Football  
(Yrs 8-12)

### Thur 13 May

- Yr 8-10 Boys Football  
vs GSFA

### Fri 14 May

- Bendigo Bank Netball  
Cup (Katanning Yrs 8-  
12 girls)

## 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

### Direct Deposits Welcome Bank Details:

Bank West - Bunbury  
A/c Name: Roman Catholic  
Bishop of Bunbury  
BSB: 306 004  
A/c No. 5309691

**Please quote School Code:  
DDF226 & Family Name  
with all deposits.**

## Reflection



*Eternal God of Love,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
Breathe through us again this day; give us the courage  
to be open and welcoming to your Spirit that we may be  
led to do your will and follow in your ways,  
today and tomorrow.*

*Amen*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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

On the ANZAC long weekend our Head Prefects Raylyn Pascoe and Will Boston represented the College at the ANZAC Peace Park opening on Saturday and at the Dawn Service on Mt Clarence on ANZAC Day.

Later, joined by our other College Leaders and staff, the group participated in the Main Parade and service at ANZAC Peace Park.

During the service, the St Joseph's Choir, under the direction of Mrs Tassicker led the singing for the service. Well done and thank you to all student participants and a special thanks to staff who assisted.



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to Mr Morcom and assisting staff on the Year Six Camp this week. The camp concluded today: a full report in next week's Newsletter.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Saints Swim Club

The Club held its end of Term Wind-up on the last Monday of Term 1 at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre.

Students enjoyed the Mad-D and a sausage sizzle after a full term of swimming and training for the Swimming Carnivals held in Term 1. It was great to see all the hard work pay off when St Joseph's won both the Senior and Junior Inter-School Swimming Carnivals. Well done!

Congratulations to Lincoln Joy who won the jar of Easter Eggs from guessing the correct number and Kirsty Battison who guessed the amount of Jelly Beans in the jar.

At our wind-up we welcomed our smallest members to the Club (Year Three Students) who can now participate in training sessions from Term 2. The Year Seven students were farewelled from the Junior Squad and they now move to the Senior Squad.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent helpers and Committee members who make these events/wind-ups possible for our children to enjoy and also to the coaching staff who volunteer their own time each week to train our kids. Special thanks to Woolworths - Brooks Garden for their donation towards our wind-up.

A special thank you to Mrs Jo Pulsford who was President for a short time last year. She co-ordinated our end of year lap-a-thon and windup. We wish Jo and her family well for the future in their new school in Perth. I would like to thank Julie Hughes-Owen who has stepped up in the Acting President role until we elect a new President.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

The Committee will hold an Extra Ordinary Meeting on **Monday 10 May** following Swim Club Training, 4.30pm at ALAC to elect new positions for 2010. If you are interested in a position on the Committee or would like to join the Committee as a member and bring some fresh ideas to our Club, please contact Renae St Jack through the College Office or phone 9842 3470 A/Hrs.

On behalf of the Committee we look forward to seeing you all at the pool deck for training which commenced last Friday for a Term full of fun and fitness.

Mrs Renae St Jack - Secretary

### National Assessment Programme - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The national testing to assess student achievement in years Three, Five, Seven and Nine will be conducted in Week Four of Term Two from Tuesday 11 May to Friday 14 May. The timetable for testing is as follows:

Year	Tuesday 11 May	Wednesday 12 May	Thursday 13 May	Friday 14 May
3	<b>Language Conventions</b> 40 Mins	<b>Reading</b> 45 mins	<b>Numeracy</b> 45 mins	Catch Up
5	<b>Language Conventions</b> 40 mins  <b>Writing</b> 40 mins	<b>Reading</b> 50 mins	<b>Numeracy</b> 50 mins	Catch Up
7	<b>Language Conventions</b> 45 mins  <b>Writing</b> 40 mins	<b>Reading</b> 65 mins	<b>Numeracy Calculator</b> 40 mins  <b>Non-calculator</b> 40 mins	Catch Up
9	<b>Language Conventions</b> 45 mins  <b>Writing</b> 40 mins	<b>Reading</b> 65 mins	<b>Numeracy Calculator</b> 40 mins  <b>Non-calculator</b> 40 mins	Catch Up

The National Tests will provide information on how students are progressing against national benchmarks.

NAPLAN reports will be sent home to parents in Term Four. IF you have any queries about NAPLAN please contact Mike Watson or Jude Stringer.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Walk Safely to School Day

Next Friday 7 May is National Walk Safely to School Day. To support this national initiative which aims at encouraging regular exercise we would like to invite students and their parents to participate in a short walk to school from the Spencer Park Shopping Centre. Peta Curtin has volunteered to co-ordinate the walk. Interested participants will need to be at the shopping centre at approximately 8.00am and then we will leave as a group to walk to school at 8.10am.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



### Playgroup

Thank you to everyone who has donated toys and craft items to help make the playgroup a success and build up its stocks.

However, we do still require some specific items so if you are having a cleanout or are able to donate any of the following, or any items at all, we would be very grateful:

- tricycles/scooters (suitable for under 4's)
- Push/pull toys
- Dress-ups
- Dolls and accessories

Please contact the school or call Kylie on 0427441 371 to arrange pickup/delivery. Thank you!

### Ear Phones

The Library now has earphones for sale at the loans desk for \$5. A reminder to all Middle and Senior students that you need to have a set of your own for use with computers.

Mrs Linda James - Librarian

### Triathlon

On the final Wednesday of Term One seventy nine enthusiastic Triathletes from Years Eight - Twelve contested the Inter-School Triathlon event. The event, based at Emu Point, was for both individuals and teams competing over a 400m swim, 10 km cycle and 3km run.

The peloton of some 60 cyclists left St Joseph's under the watchful eyes of the Physical Education staff and Mr Mark Henson while the team swimmers and runners had the luxury of bus transport. With nearly 250 competitors from five different schools it was set to be



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a massive event. After being assigned their competitor numbers the event began as the swimmers set off. For many it was their first experience of true open water swimming and it was tough going working their way through the crowd.

With the prominent yellow swim caps of St Joseph's dominating the swim leg it was the 10km cycle that would really make or break the race. With a lovely flat track to make for some fast times the cyclists raced to Middleton Beach road and back before setting off for a 3km run on the Emu Point beach front on the hard packed sand.

All competitors completing the individual event are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts. The team contestants also did us proud with many placing on the podium. A brief presentation followed the finish of the race before the now very tired St Joseph's peloton did the return journey back to school for afternoon classes.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding individual efforts on the day:

- Jemma Pouwelsen Yr 8 Girls Champion
- Sarah Jamieson Yr 8 Girls Runner Up
- Campbell Grieve Yr 8 Boys Champion
- Jack Dunn Yr 8 Boys Runner Up Champion
- Hayden Cluett Yr 9 Boys Runner Up Champion
- Darcy Cameron Yr 10 Boys Runner Up Champion
- Aaron Attwell Yr 12 Boys Champion

Congratulations to the following teams for their outstanding efforts also:

- Caitlyn Thomas, Johanna Richmond and Stella Tassicker – Yr 8 Girls Champions
- Ashley Wilson, Travis Fage and Ashley Gregory – Yr 9 Boys Champions
- Kiara Atkins, Shae Stoltze and Eilish Fage – Yr 11 Girls Champions
- Brendan Crosby, Brenton Atkinson and Mitchell Cullen – Yr 11 Boys Runners Up

With more and more competitors each year it looks likely that student entries are likely to be limited in the future. Future competitors are encouraged to tackle the individual event as entries for this will always be accepted in preference to teams. So get training for 2011!

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Primary Curriculum Conference

This year all Junior School teaching staff will be attending a Primary Curriculum Conference for Catholic schools in Perth on Monday 16 August and Tuesday 17 August (Week 5 of Term Three).



The conference will focus on informing teachers about the current developments occurring in literacy and numeracy.

Could parents please note that 16 and 17 August will be pupil free days for the **Junior School** (not Middle and Senior School).

### ANZAC Day Memorial Service

Well done to the Junior School choir under the direction of Mrs Tassicker who sang beautifully at last Sunday's ANZAC Memorial Service. The Choir were great ambassadors for the College and well deserved the accolades after the service. Well done also to our leaders and other students who participated in the march and service and represented the College with distinction.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

### Class Mass Year 3B

Last Friday 23 April, Year 3B were visited by Father Gerard Conlan (Benedict's Uncle). Father Gerard was coming to say a Mass with us and explain why things happen during the Mass. In the class we thought about our gifts and how we could use them for our community then we thought about things that we were unhappy about. Then we filled in some little cards and in groups wrote these out. After this we went up to the Chapel for the Mass. Mrs Jackson came along and helped Father Gerard and took some photographs. Some people read parts of the First Reading and Prayers of the Faithful then we put our little cards in baskets at the offertory and offered them up to Jesus; at Communion time we all received a blessing from Father – it was very special. Many thanks to Father Gerard and Mrs Jackson for helping organise our Class Mass and making it so meaningful for us all.

Mrs Chris Palfrey - Teacher Year 3B



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Junior School Assembly

Please note that we have done some re-arranging and will now have a Junior School Assembly in Week Three on Thursday 6 May. The assembly will be held in the Chapel (Not the Gymnasium) and will commence at the normal time 9.00am. Our Student Leaders will run this assembly. There will still be a Junior School Assembly the following week on Thursday 13 May commencing at 9.00am in the Gymnasium. Mrs Piercey's Year Two class will be conducting this assembly.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Notre Dame Australia - Scholarships

The Catholic Education Commission late last year approved ten scholarships for Year 12 students graduating from Catholic schools who have chosen to study a teaching degree at the University of Notre Dame Australia. These scholarships are worth \$10,000 towards the cost of their Commonwealth Supported Place over the four years of their degree.

These students will be selected on the basis of their high achievement in their Year 12 studies, their suitability for the vocation of teaching, their participation and leadership in their school community and their understanding and commitment to the Objects of the University of Notre Dame Australia which provides a university education in the context of Catholic faith and values. These scholarships are quite competitive and as an indication the average ATAR score from this year's recipients was 90.

Scholarships will again be available for students in Year 12 in 2010.

### HOCKEY SELECTION TRIALS

For

Bunbury Carnival and Smarter than Smoking State Championships

**Saturday 1st May**

U/11 Boys & Girls - U/13 Boys & Girls - U/15 Boys & Girls



Time: 2pm

Venue: Grass Pitch, Barker Rd, Albany

Still looking for coaches for teams!