



St Joseph's College Newsletter

23 July 2010

Term 3 - Week 1

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Sat 24 July

- Busy Bee ELC
9am -12.30pm

Mon 26 - 30 Aug

- Bishops Religious
Literacy Testing
Yrs 3, 5 & 9

Wed 28 July

- Information Night -
Year 11 in 2011 5pm

Fri 30 July

- Assembly JS 9am Gym
- Inter-House Cross
Country (Yrs 8-12)

Mon 2 - 6 Aug

- WAMSE Testing
Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9

Thur 5 Aug

- Information Night -
Year 10 in 2011 5pm

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

Prayer of the Disciple, Mary Magdalene

Holy God, who comes to us in our weariness, in our hopelessness,
in our despair, you have the power to change night into day,
to turn death into life, to transform sorrow into peace.

We long for you to take away our loneliness, to call us by name,
to reassure us that evil does not have the last word.

We human beings continue to wound and kill, to cause unimaginable pain
to one another, to pretend we are not, every one of us, brother and sister
to one another.

How much we yearn for you, O God. How often we require your guidance.

How greatly we need you to save us from ourselves.

And how thankful we are for the promise of resurrection, of new life in this world
and in the world to come.

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



School Funding Review and the Federal Election. Catholic Schools Do More With Less

Catholic schools have been providing a quality education for Australian children for over
180 years.

There are 1,700 Catholic schools in Australia, with an enrolment of almost 704,000
students. One in five Australian school students are educated in a Catholic school.

In the upcoming funding debate and the Federal Election it is important to know this
essential fact:

**When all forms of government funding are considered (that is, both federal and
state), Catholic school students receive substantially less funding per student than
government school students.**

As parents, teachers, students and friends of the Catholic schools sector, you are aware
that some of this gap is made up by contributions from parents and parishes through fees
and levies. However, Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain
accessible to all.

No child is ever denied a Catholic education because of their family's financial situation.
Even when parent contributions are taken into account, on average, Catholic schools
operate at about 85 per cent of the resourcing level of government schools.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Any claims that Catholic schools get more government funding than public schools are transparently wrong and should be challenged.

A public meeting will be held in the College Chapel on Tuesday 10 August at 7.00pm.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to hear from the candidates their party's position on Commonwealth Funding for Catholic Schools.

The meeting occurs on the same evening as Middle School Parent/Teacher meetings but if possible I urge you to attend to hear directly the attitude of the political parties towards funding of our schools.

Sister Julia Cabagnoil Early Learning Centre

The Sister Julia Cabagnoil Early Learning Centre has opened for business. Special thanks to Mike Watson, Jim Morcom, John Scheepers and Dave Pickering for moving much of the gear. Also to our parent helpers who assisted us in a big way with the move. Mrs Neil, Ms Manolas, Mrs Boston and Ms Theodore were setting up in the holidays.

Thanks also to the St Vincent de Paul for lending us the truck for the move.

The finishing touches will be done on Saturday, at the Busy Bee.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Car Park Pickups

Thanks to parents for your support and patience. The parking/pickup has greatly improved. We have had some complaints from neighbours in Premier Circle about verge parking and making it difficult for residents to enter and exit.

Please observe the parking rules and consider our neighbours: thank you.

Trade Training Centre

I am pleased to announce that the successful tenderer, Smith's Constructions, has begun site works for the Trade Training Centre.

B Hall

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

BUSY BEE

Early Learning Centre
Playground

Saturday, 24 July

9am - 12.30pm

P&F Sausage Sizzle provided afterwards



Position Vacant



St Joseph's College Albany is a co-educational K-12 Catholic College

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons interested in the following position:

UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR
Permanent Part-time (3 hours a week)
for immediate start.

Applications containing details of qualifications and experience, including the name of three referees, should be forwarded to the Principal. Valid Working With Children Card and current Federal Police Clearance required.

Applications close Friday 30 July 2010

See College Website for further details – www.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au

COLLEGE NOTICES

Years 8-12 Inter-House Cross Country

Students from Years 8-12 will contest the Inter-House Cross Country next Friday afternoon, 30 July. The event is not compulsory but students wishing to compete may do so by nominating on the list at the College Office.

Results will contribute to the overall House Points shield as well as for selection for the Inter-School event in week four. The event will begin at 2.30pm from the College Gymnasium.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Thank You

To the many parents who assisted staff with the big move into the new Sr. Julia Cabagnoil Early learning Centre. The support given was most appreciated and certainly made the job much easier. The old proverb "Many hands make light work" certainly still applies.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you to parents for the very good support given to the conferences held this week. The conferences provided an opportunity for parents to be fully informed about their child's academic progress in Semester One and to look at possible areas of development in Semester Two.

In-Term Swimming Lessons

A reminder that In-Term lessons will be held in Weeks Five and Six of this Term from Wednesday 18 August to Friday 27 August.

The lessons do not commence until Wednesday 18 August due to Monday and Tuesday (16 and 17 August) being pupil free days in the Junior School. Junior School staff will be attending a Curriculum Conference for Catholic Schools on those dates. A reminder that Pre-Primary through to Year Seven will be participating in this year's In-Term lessons.

Junior School Assembly

Our first assembly for Term Three will be held on Friday 30 July commencing at 9.00am in the Gymnasium. The Student Leaders will be conducting the assembly.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**
WA Country Health Service

Hepatitis B (2nd dose) and DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Whooping Cough) Immunisations

Parents of Year 7 students

The immunisation team will be visiting your school on the 9th August to immunise the year 7 students whose parents have given their consent.

Could you ensure that your child has a good healthy breakfast and plenty of fluid to drink on this morning in order to reduce the risk of him/her fainting following immunisation.

As it has been a number of weeks since completion of consent forms we would like to give parents the opportunity to inform us of any change to details on the consent form or if you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Anne Taylor

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year Ten Students & Parents/Guardians

Next Wednesday 28 July at 5.00pm in the College Chapel there will be an important meeting about choosing courses for Year Eleven in 2011. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that **ALL YEAR TEN STUDENTS AND A PARENT OR GUARDIAN ATTEND!** A letter has been mailed home this week; please read through it carefully and return the reply slip to the Office. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Mr John Bova – Head of Senior School

Year 11 Students... *Thinking of becoming a Prefect...*

Nominations for 2011 College prefects are now open. All Year Eleven Students and parents are invited to begin a discussion at home with regard to your potential for becoming a College prefect in 2011. Many of you have the desire, attitude and the capability to become an influential leader within our school community.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Therefore, I encourage you to give yourself the opportunity to hold a highly respectable position within the College community and to make your mark in the College history. Below is an outline of expectations and duties to be fulfilled by College leaders.

Thank you, Mrs R Wood.

Expectations of Commitment of Service:

- Nominees will be fully supportive of the Catholic ethos of the College in both principle and practice.
- Nominees will have a good relationship with both staff and students and be prepared to develop leadership qualities.
- Nominees will be articulate and prepared to speak at public functions.
- Nominees will be well groomed and ALWAYS wear the CORRECT school uniform, TO, AT and FROM the College.
- Nominees will actively and appropriately participate in all College events eg: St Joseph's Day, Fun Run, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, ANZAC Day and other College events.

Duties:

- Be a student ambassador of the College on formal occasions.
- Act as a role model for students in College activities.
- Provide leadership in the running of activities.
- Meet regularly with staff to plan College activities.
- Represent the College in Student Council planning and activities.
- Be available to attend Leadership Training Camps and Sessions.

2020 Defence Youth Challenge

Recently a number of our Year Ten and Eleven students were selected to participate in the 2020 Defence Youth Challenge program.

The challenge program, which is held in all states and territories throughout Australia, brings together young Australians to explore the many issues surrounding defence and Australia's future.

The special theme for this year was: 'Is the Spirit of ANZAC relevant in today's society?'

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Over 180 secondary schools participated in the program across Australia and it was a real credit that St Joseph's College was chosen. On the day our students responded enthusiastically to the various challenges put to them related to critical 'geopolitical issues' surrounding defence and Australia's responsibilities as a global citizen in the present and the future.

The learning skills students have been taught in the Society and Environment Learning Area in the College have played an important part in creating a culture of enquiry and sound critical thinking. As a consequence, the students were able to participate positively and with confidence in the various activities of the challenge.

Special thanks go to Mrs Barbara McNeill and Mr Andrew Cole for their organisation and support of students in the 2020 Defence Challenge. It proved to be a memorable learning experience for all concerned.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Spine Society of Australia

National Self-Detection Programme for Scoliosis (NSDP)

July and August are the months when it is recommended that all parent with girls in Years 7 and 9 participate in the NSDP by downloading the self-detection brochure from http://www.scoliosis-australia.org/pdfs/self_detection_brochure.pdf

The online discussion forum launched last October is gathering momentum. Here girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. This is a useful addition to the healthcare system. In our fashion forum girls will be able to ask our fashion consultant for helpful advice and tips on how to best dress a spinal curvature.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

STRIKE Friday nights @ PCYC

PCYC is now open EVERY Friday night during the school term from 7:30pm – 9:30pm \$2 entry

HEAPS of activities which change regularly including: Movie nights, YMCA Bus (Sumo Suits, video games etc), Cooking, Craft activities, Indoor soccer, Basketball, Requests

For more information phone Albany PCYC on 9842 1716.

Albany Youth Radio

Don't forget to tune in every Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm for the latest music, news and interesting trivia!

Want to have a go yourself? The next training course will commence in September! Register your interest now by SMSing 0427 419 291.

Albany Youth Advisory Council

New members always welcome! Meetings are held fortnightly from 5-6pm.

For more information SMS 0427 419 291.

Parents of 4 year olds - Immunisations

Children who have turned 4 years of age are scheduled to receive 2 injections, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and DTP –IPV (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, and Polio) vaccines. These are booster doses to ensure good levels of coverage against these life threatening diseases.

If your child still requires his/her immunisations please see your family doctor or alternatively you are welcome to make an appointment for our Tuesday / Thursday immunisation clinic. This is a free service, and appointments can be made by phoning **98427500**.

If you have any questions relating to immunisation please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number below or by email.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

TEE Revision Course

Students studying the stage 2 or 3 Physical Education Course of Study might be interested in having a look at the website www.pestudiesrevisionseminars.com.au for details of revision courses that will be run in term 3 in preparation for the TEE exam. Any enquiries can be sent to admin@pestudiesrevisionseminars.com.au or by ringing Jonika on 0433 540465 if you have a general enquiry, or David on 0413 342999 if you have any course specific enquiries.

ALBANY TENNIS ACADEMY

TERM 3 PROGRAMS

TUESDAY AFTERNOON COACHING

Every Tuesday at Merrifield Park

All ages and standards

Small groups - 3.45 -4.30 or 4.30 -5.15 - \$12 per session

MONDAY CASH LEAGUE

Every Monday arvo starting week 2

Supervised Match Play with weekly cash prizes

Advanced and intermediate Players

3.30 -5.15 each week - \$15 per session

PRIVATE LESSONS

Available all week before school and after school

Lights available free of charge for lessons after 5.30pm.

Also limited spots available on weekends

OFF PEAK PRIVATE LESSONS 50% OFF

Take advantage of our winter special

Book any private or group shared lesson

Between 8.30am and 3.30pm

And get 50% off our hourly head coach fee!

(Only for the first 10 bookings and only over term 3!)

PLEASE CALL 98418474 OR EMAIL

JUYSTACETENNIS@HOTMAIL.COM FOR FURTHER INFO

Jessica Watson

is coming to Albany

Friday 13 August 2010

4.30pm

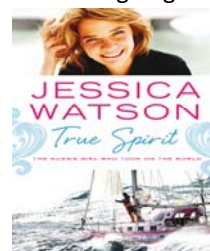
at

The Town Hall (York Street)

Jessica will address the crowd - Answer questions from the public - Available for photos and book signing

"True Spirit" will be available at the venue on the day for \$24.99 (RRP \$35)

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Bishops Commission for Catholic Education

MEDIA RELEASE

FUNDING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – Bishop Greg O’Kelly SJ AM

The Bishops Commission for Catholic Education welcomes written confirmation from Christopher Pyne that, under a Coalition Government, schools would have future funding certainty. Bishop O’Kelly calls for similar assurances from the Australian Labor Party.

“Catholic school authorities will particularly welcome Mr Pyne’s undertaking that a Coalition Government would seek to ‘enhance’ funding arrangements from 2013”, said Bishop Greg O’Kelly, Chairman, Bishops Commission for Catholic Education.

“The Catholic education sector looks forward to its engagement over the next twelve months with the Gonski Committee set up by Prime Minister Gillard to review funding for all schools”, said Bishop O’Kelly.

“Ms Gillard said in her 15 April speech to launch the Gonski inquiry that ‘no school will lose a dollar of funding [from 2013] in the sense that their school budget per student will not reduce in dollar terms’. The new Minister Mr Crean confirmed this in *The Australian* today: funding in actual dollar terms will not decrease.

“However, the actual outcome for some hundreds of Catholic parish and regional primary and secondary schools is that their funding may be frozen in *real* dollar terms for several years from January 2013”, said Bishop O’Kelly. “If this scenario came to pass, the viability of some Catholic schools would clearly be under threat. Basic school running costs increase by at least 5% each year, but grants could be frozen at 2012 levels.

“For the past week I have been seeking an urgent meeting with Mr Crean to clarify this matter”, said Bishop O’Kelly. “We agree that the proposed review of funding for all schools is timely. We appreciate Minister Crean’s commitment to seek increased funding for schools overall. But the prospect that funding for some Catholic schools may be frozen from 2013 is clearly a matter of great concern”.

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