



St Joseph's College Newsletter

27 August 2010

Term 3 - Week 6

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 30 Aug

- Yr 7 Electives 3 rotation starts

Fri 3 Sept

- Junior School Assembly
9am Gym
- Bishop's Visit

Sat 4 Sept

- Sacrament of Confirmation

Wed 8 Sept

- Combined Primary Schools' Music Festival

Fri 10 Sept

- Fancy Dress Ball

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
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Bishop of Bunbury
BSB: 306 004
A/c No. 5309691

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DDF226 & Family Name
with all deposits.

The Newman Prayer

*May God support us all the day long
till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed
and the fever of life is over and our work is done -
then in mercy -
may God give us a safe lodging and a holy rest
and peace at the last.*

Amen

Cardinal John Henry Newman



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



DEEWR State Managers Visit

Last week the College hosted the State Manager of the Commonwealth Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), Mr Kevin Brahim who was in Albany for a Great Southern Employment Development Committee (GSEDC) Board Meeting. Mr Brahim was able to inspect the Commonwealth funded Early Learning Centre and the building site of the College's Trade Training Centre.

Mr Brahim was also able to get a College perspective of the DEEWR Funded/GSEDC organised Mentoring Programmes, as St Joseph's College was one of the pilot schools in the Great Southern. Mrs Wood, College Senior School Coordinator organised the College part of the Mentoring Programme and was able to brief Mr Brahim.



Left: Mr Jim Morcom (Acting Head of Junior School) and Mr Geoff Bowley (GSEDC), Mr Kevin Brahim (DEEWR), and Ms Nicky Byrne (GSEDC) inspect the Sr Julia Cabaginol Early Learning Centre.



Right: Ms Jude Stringer (Head of Curriculum) and Mr Kevin Brahim (DEEWR), Mr Geoff Bowley (GSEDC) and Ms Nicky Byrne (GSEDC) inspect the Trade Training Centre building Site

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Book Week

On Wednesday the parade was held in the College Gymnasium to highlight Book Week. It was great fun to see a range of literary figures come alive. Special thanks to Mrs James, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Hughes-Owen and Mrs Jendzejczak from the Library for their preparation and congratulations to all students and their parents for their efforts.

Athletics

Thanks to Mr O'Donnell and Ms van Hulssen for their preparation for the Middle/Senior Schools Athletics Carnival. A number of events have been held prior to the Carnival. Well done to all who participated.

Confirmation

Bishop Holohan will be visiting the College next Friday, prior to Confirmation at the following Saturday night Mass. Bishop will meet with the Confirmation candidates and will also visit our Year Twelve students.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES



2010 Fancy Dress Ball Friday, 10 September

Tickets: \$10 per family or \$5.00 each

Tickets will be available for sale
as follows:

Junior School Students:

From Weeks 6 & 7 on
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday mornings
before school outside Cunningham Block

Middle & Senior School Students:

From Weeks 7 & 8
At lunchtime outside the Canteen from
Year 11 students only.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Eagles Cup Report - Round 9

St Joseph's v. Spencer Park

The St Joseph's Eagle's Cup team were host to Spencer Park in Round 9. With conditions near perfect a high standard game was anticipated. However, it seemed that the week lay-off would prove costly to St Joseph's as, despite dominating possession, their ball handling skills and missed opportunities saw Spencer Park create a handy break. With hard running and excellent team-work Spencer Park grabbed an early lead and through some uncharacteristic defensive errors and missed opportunities from St Josephs, Spencer Park was able to maintain that lead at the first break.

St Joseph's however were not to be denied and responded well. Good forward positioning and teamwork saw the mid-field set-up numerous forays into the forward 50. Matthew Ellul, Jackson Hines and Stewart Davies rotated well in the ruck providing solid contests at the bouncedown to create opportunities for midfield clearances. Declan Howarth began to dominate proceedings, leading up from full forward and converting with solid overhead marking and accurate kicking. St Joseph's had regained the lead with 5 unanswered goals, however Spencer Park were not to be denied with their mid-field brigade running hard to kick accurately and score 2 late goals to ensure they stayed in the contest.

The third quarter saw Spencer Park continue to provide our mid-field with headaches as they ran hard to launch attacks into their forward 50. Jeffrey Ledwith, Ben Donkin and Luke Dupuy had their hands full but proved reliable in repelling Spencer Park's repeated attacks and maintaining an even contest for the period. Declan McNamara stepped up to play a run with role on Spencer Park's best player and reduced his impact for the remainder of the quarter. Caleb Gill began to find his range and proved his fitness was making a difference when he marked, played on and kicked truly to provide St Joseph's sole major for the term.

The last quarter saw Layton Taylor continue his 4 quarter effort running hard, marking and kicking to position to provide the forwards with opportunities to convert. Jeffrey Ledwith continued his impressive rebound defence to kick the goal of the day from long range and with Lincoln Joy proving elusive and knowing where the goals were, chimed in with 2 late goals to put the result beyond doubt.

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Well done to all players who did their bit and encouraged each other throughout the game in a very even team effort.

The final scores;

St Joseph's 11. 13. 79

Spencer Park 8. 6. 54

Goals: D Howarth 5, N Griffiths 2, L Joy 2, C Gill, J Ledwith 1 each

Best: D Howarth, J Ledwith, L Taylor, C Gill, J Hines, M Ellul, S Davies

Next game: Semi Final - St Joseph's v. Little Grove @ St Joseph's College 31 August 2010 commencing at 4.00pm.

Thank-you to Mrs Dupuy for washing the jumpers and to Mr Small for his support in operating the interchange bench.

Mr McKechnie - Coach

Trade Training Centre Talk Short Delay for Clay

During the scraping of the site to remove the turf, the builders ran across a small problem involving unstable subsoil clay. This has resulted in the contractors having to bring in clean fill sand, a delay of about a week. As a result the level of the site has been raised by approximately 400mm. The site has subsequently been compacted, levelled and surveyed. Car parks, driveways, etc have been gravelled and all major drainage has been installed.

With earth works completed, Smith Constructions have set up building hurdles to locate the structures, surveyed for services and footings and contractors have begun the installation of all underground services.

In the next fortnight we should start to see trenching for, and the pouring of concrete for footings, weather permitting.

Mr Glynn Benari



COLLEGE NOTICES

Football Awards Evening

All Years 8-12 Football players are reminded to save the date of Monday 20 September for the annual Football Awards evening. The evening features the presentations for all of the boys and girls Football competitions for the year, live entertainment, photo slideshows from all of the games and a brief address from the guest speakers. Permission forms and meal requests for the evening will be distributed to the players over the coming weeks.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

WOW! LOOK! WIN!

Guess the amount of
jellybeans in the jar

Where: Library at Lunchtimes

When: Week 7, Monday,
Thursday and Friday.

Also, outside the
Cunningham Block during recess
on the above days.

How much: 50c for 2 guesses

All money goes to the
Wheelchairs for Kids.

Organised by: Jason Peterson and
Megan Cameron - Year 12

Book Week Parade

The Children's Book Week Parade this week was one of the best yet. Students from every year in College were represented and the most we have seen for years from the Middle and Senior school. Special mention must be made about the huge effort from the year 12s.

Judges had a very difficult task choosing only one student from each year for a prize. Winners for a great depiction of a book character were the following students-

Kindy - Charlie Leonard as The Green Sheep.

Pre-Primary - Bryce Robertson as Thomas the Tank Engine.

Year 1 - Matilda Leonard as The Magic Hat.

Year 2 - Flynn Turton as the Mad Hatter.

Year 3 - Georgia Jones from Ten Red Apples.

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Year 4 – Iona Mitchell as Fantastic Mr Fox.

Year 5 – Tayla Jones and Kirra Putland as Mr & Mrs Potato Head.

Year 6 - Madeline Jones as the BFG.

Year 7 – Tahlia Alvin, Devon Stoner and Angela Juers as the Magic School Bus.

Year 8 – Chloe Hammond and Sarah Jamieson – Mr Bump.

Year 9 - Tom McKenney as Gandalf.

Year 10 – Bree McAuliffe and Yasmin Welsh – TweedleDum and TweedleDee

Year 11 – Mia Page and Hamish MacGregor as Tess of the D'Urbervilles and Heath.

Year 12 – Brendan Crosby and Martina Nessosi as Smurfs.

We were very lucky to have live music for the parade as well - thanks to those students and Mr Scanlon.

Finally, a huge thank you to parents for their efforts creating costumes for their children.

Mrs Linda James - Librarian

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dinosaur Fever Rocks Year 2

Last week Mrs Piercey's Year 2 Class once again visited their vegetable patch at Barkers Farm to check on their rapidly growing crops. Amongst the excitement of seeing their ever growing potato crop an exciting discovery was made. The busy vegetable farmers soon turned paleontologists unearthing many dinosaur bones buried deep in the vegetable patch. A very excited group soon unearthed a large range of bones which are now proudly on display in the Year 2 classroom. Thanks to the Barker family and their ongoing generosity in providing wonderful opportunities for the children in Year 2.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Science on Her Mind

Congratulations to Year Eleven student, Emily Barnes for her selection in the National Youth Science Forum, a project designed to inspire future scientists.

Emily will travel to Canberra for two weeks in January 2011 to test-drive the life of a scientist by experiencing the exciting breadth and depth of science and engineering-based careers. At the very heart of this programme will be a series of visits to the top research and industry facilities and the opportunity to talk to some of today's leading scientists who will shed a whole new perspective on the many and diverse fields of study giving young enthusiastic participants a new sense of possible direction.



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Selection for the NYSF is highly competitive and only targets students throughout Australia who demonstrate high academic achievements in all areas of study. Those fortunate students chosen will experience 'lab-visits' tuned to their areas of interest. Some will engage in a range of fields including physics, mathematics, computing, chemistry, biomedicine, animal and plant biology, earth and environmental studies and engineering. The aim of these visits is to inform, inspire and to challenge students to consider what working in the different science fields is really like.

Group visits to the National Universities specialising in scientific fields will include; CSIRO, Geoscience Australia, Australian Parliamentary House – Education Office, Conservation Laboratories, The Australian War Memorial and National Gallery of Australia, The Deep Space Tracking Facility at Tidbinbilla, ActewAGL Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre and so many more options too numerous to mention.

Emily is a uniquely capable and most importantly, an objective and rational young woman who displays qualities far beyond her years in many respects. She justly deserves this opportunity as she prepared thoroughly by researching the field of her chosen science, environmental science. Her purposeful and dedicated rehearsal for her interview, while taking on the guidance and advice offered to her, indicates the level of commitment to her application process. Her attention to detail together with her knowledge and understanding was very evident and this would have been recognised by the panel at her interview. A copy of her essay required as part of her application is included in this College Newsletter.



The College acknowledges and appreciates the generosity of the East Albany Rotary Club that has made a substantial donation to support Emily's science adventure at the National Youth Science Forum. Emily will attend a Rotary function and will present a presentation of her experiences early in 2011.

Emily will be a wonderful ambassador for our College community and we look forward to her sharing her many experiences with us when she returns as a Year Twelve student in 2011.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Semester Two Trial WACE Examinations Year Twelve



All Year Twelve students have been issued with an examination timetable for the Semester Two Trial WACE Examinations. Examinations will be held at the College beginning Monday 4 October and will conclude on Friday 8 October 2010.

All students have been briefed on the expectations relating to the examinations, and traditionally, students have been outstanding with all requirements regarding examination rules and regulations as set out by the Curriculum Council.

Students may wear neat casual dress as outlined in the College diary and must provide all of the necessary materials to complete each examination in which they are enrolled. Please note that any absences require a telephone contact to Jude Stringer on 0407 984 940 and in the case of illness a medical certificate must be provided to avoid any penalties.

A copy of the examination timetable can be collected from the College Administration Office or alternatively by email or post by request.

The College community extends best wishes to all Year Twelve students for their examinations.

Parents/guardians are most welcome to contact Jude Stringer at the College if there are any queries.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum



Year Twelve Students Dedicated to their study

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 11 Retreat

From 11-13 August, Years Seven and Eleven students were given the opportunity to participate in workshops provided by the Youth Mission Team (YMT). Many of our Year 11 group had doubts about the two days we were to spend with the YMT but these were all but gone within the first day. Seven volunteers from the Perth Branch of the Catholic Youth Mission Team, aged between 18 and 22, spread their bubbly attitudes and infectious smiles throughout our Year 11 group and by day two had us rushing back to the College Gymnasium after recess and lunch.

After introducing themselves on Wednesday morning, the members of the team got us moving around with games that put us a little bit out of our comfort zone, but pulled us into a cheerful, fun mood. We watched video clips and dramas performed by the team as well as interesting skits involving volunteers from our group that turned out to be full of motivating lessons on individuality, courage, compassion and more, teaching us how to strengthen or begin our relationship with God; Jesus even paid us a couple of visits. Some activities involved entire class participation, and among these were meditation, yoga and voicing our opinion. Some of the team members shared their moving stories of how they were drawn to God, and to the Youth Mission Team. At the end of each session our group would break up into smaller groups, to discuss with one of the team, issues that had been brought up during the previous workshop and our views on God, religion, the world and ourselves. These small groups were exceptionally effective in building trust and belief in ourselves, our group members, and everyone else.

Each workshop involved most or all of these activities and each of them left the Year Eleven students with broad, genuine smiles. After each break the team was also involved in playing basketball, netball, soccer and more with us and we were eager for every chance to muck around with the sporting equipment and the team. One of the team, James 'JHay' Hay even participated in lyrical lounge. We would like to thank the YMT for organising the awesome experience, and all of the staff involved in our Year 11 Retreat.

Alex Brooksbank -
Year Eleven



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Years 10-12 Football

The Years 10-12 Football team farewelled the Year 12 players in their last game for the College on Wednesday 11 August in a spirited game against the Great Southern Football Academy. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of the home side the Academy players proved too elusive on the ground and the St Joseph's team were unable to give the Year 12's the send off they had hoped for.



The Year 12 players were led capably by Captain Michael Betti who had an outstanding game in the centre where he was ably supported by Jacob Crowe, Fraser Grant and Bronson Leo. Bronson took some spectacular grabs during the afternoon to continually repel forward attempts from the Academy side. Will Boston was at his dashing best from the backline and he was joined by Brendan Crosby who was swung back after his recent success at full forward.

Despite the Academy side taking home the trophy after a 2-nil series lead, there was some small comfort for the boys as Michael Betti received the inaugural McGovern medal for the Best Player for the series.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

WEEKEND SPORT

Basketball News

The St Joseph's Basketball Association had a meeting on Tuesday night and would like to advise Parents/Children that Registration Packs will be available from the College Office from Monday, 30 August. Children have already been busy organising their teams. Please let a Committee Member know if your child can't find a team and wants to play, as other schools can be contacted to see if they have spare players. All the information regarding registering a team through St Joseph's Basketball Association is contained in the pack. One Information Pack per team.



Registration mornings will be held at school on **Tuesday 7 and Friday 10 September** in the Undercroft between 8.15am - 8.40am. Teams are to have their forms filled in correctly and all moneys are payable on Registration. Any queries regarding St Joseph's Basketball, please contact Annie Genovese A/Hrs 9844 8132 or Grant Smith on A/Hrs 9842 2003. Annie is also our Representative for the College on the Albany Basketball Association.