



St Joseph's College Newsletter

19 November 2010

Term 4 - Week 6

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 22 November

- College Board and P&F
AGM 7.00pm Chapel

Tues 23 - 25 Nov

- Yr 10 Exams

Wed 24 Nov

- Inter-School Athletics
(Jumps) (Yrs 4-7) @
North Road

Fri 25 Nov

- Inter-school Athletics
Track Events (Yrs 1-7)
@ SJC
- Inter-school Athletics
Carnival (Yrs 8-10) @
North Rd

Mon 29 Nov

- Orientation 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 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.**

PRAYER



*May my horizon this day, Lord,
not be so foreshortened that I notice little.
Instead, open my eyes
that I may see afar and above
as well as in front and beneath me.
Lead me to keep my life in perspective and balance
and discover that the thread of your presence
is interwoven through the events and people of this day.*

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



On the weekend of the Albany Show a number of staff and students helped at our College display: thanks to all who participated. The Show stand generated a lot of inquiries about the College but was also a good opportunity to catch up with parents and friends. Special thanks also to the students who had their work on display, this generated much interest.



This week our Year Nine students were on camp: thanks to staff who organised this - a full report in next week's newsletter.

On Thursday the Cyber Safety team from the Australian Communication Media Authority spoke to our Year Five, Six and Seven classes about safe practice on the internet. College staff were also work-shopped and we will continue to pass on information to parents about this very important issue.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks to our staff and parents who helped with the Junior School Athletics Carnival. Results can be found in this Newsletter under Junior School Notices.



B Hall

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

P&F
Annual General Meeting
and the
College Community Board Meeting
Monday, 22 November 2010

Commencing at 7.00pm
in the
College Ave Maria Chapel

A light supper will be provided afterwards.

Nomination Forms are available from the
College Office for both
The P&F Committee and
The College Board for 2011

African Djembe and Percussion

Expressions of Interest are being sought for students interested in learning African drumming similar to the style taught by Paul Raven at the College a few years ago. Please contact the College Office to express an interest.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Years 8-10 Inter-School Athletics

The team for next weeks Year 8-10 Interschool Athletics carnival has been selected and the students are looking forward to a great day of competition. St Joseph's College will contest the B Division against Katanning Senior High School, Mt Barker Community College, Denmark High School and Bethel Christian School. The first event begins at 9.45am and the final event concludes at 2.00pm to be followed by presentations. Parents and spectators are encouraged to attend.

Warning - 'Who is Jerry' Bracelets

It has been reported that 'Who is Jerry' bracelets are being left around school sites. These bracelets have been hung over school fences, left at train stations and thrown in bunches onto school property.

The bracelets are plastic covered metal springs that wrap around the wrist. Each bracelet has 'Who is Jerry?' on it and a number that students can text. When they text the number it asks them for their full name and post code. After a few minutes, a response is received which may contain personal information gathered elsewhere or requests for personal information about the individual or others. There are several serious concerns about this. Students are being targeted and are prompted to reveal personal and sensitive information. Each call to the number is made at a premium rate (\$4.00 per text and premium rate texts are not included in mobile plans) which will ultimately impact on the phone bill of students or parents. The service appears to encourage gossip and the spreading of rumour so may contribute to bullying incidents. There are an associated web page and a Facebook page for this organisation.

State and Federal Police have been notified although the activity may not be unlawful. These activities have been reported in other States. Please communicate this information to your students, staff and parents and encourage parents to discuss the issue with their children. It might also be helpful to direct parents to supportive information on web sites such as Bullying No Way! <http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>

COLLEGE NOTICES

Senior School Prepares to Appoint its Future Leaders

Over the past week or so the College has called for nominations from Year Nine students for the position of 2011 Year Ten House Captains and Year Ten students for the position of 2011 Year Eleven House Captains.

Many students have accepted the challenge of being a candidate for these sought after leadership roles. In the past, students who held leadership positions in their early years of Senior School such as Year Ten, have proven to be successful in their later years of College life.

The 2011 College Prefect body is an example of such well nurtured leaders who had training from Year Ten onwards. They continued to serve the College in both principle and practice.

Year Nine students prepared their candidate speeches over this week, following their interviews with me. These speeches were presented to their cohort during the Year Nine Camp. The voting process followed the speeches under the supervision of Mrs Wood and staff. On Friday morning the College staff cast their votes, making their mark on the selection process. We intend to formally announce the successful candidates at the next Middle School Assembly.

Year Ten students are in the process of Nomination collation. Following a feedback and vetting process that involves, mainly the Senior School staff, the candidates will be informed so they can begin canvassing. For this they are required to present a speech expressing their suitability for this vital leadership role.

Many of you have the desire, attitude and the capability to become an influential leader within our school community. With the support of the College staff, their nurturing guidance and the leadership training provided during the Leadership Camp and thereafter, you will become steadfast leaders of the College. I wish all the very best to our Year Nine candidates and the Year Ten nominees in the upcoming elections.

Below is an outline of expectations and duties to be fulfilled by College leaders.

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Expectations of Commitment of Service:

- Nominees will be fully supportive of the Catholic ethos of the College
- 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.

Mrs Rumeena Wood - Senior School Co-ordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Classes for 2011

Classes for 2011 will be as follows:

Kindergarten (2 classes)

- Kindergarten (Blue) Monday/Tuesday mornings and Wednesday/Thursday afternoons
- Kindergarten (Gold) Monday/ Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday/Thursday mornings

Pre-primary (Gold)

Year 1 (Blue)

Year 1/2 (Gold)

Year 2 (Blue)

Year 3 (Blue)

Year 3/4 (Gold)

Year 4 (Gold)

Year 5 (Blue)

Year 6 (Blue)

Next year we will be having a combined Year 1/2 class and a combined Year 3/4 class. Please note that there will be a rotation of students in combined classes as they progress through the Junior School.

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The placement of students in classes requires careful thought by staff as there are many factors to consider. These include academic ability, behaviour, work ethic, independent working skills, friendships and social skills. Although parents may have personal preferences where their child/children are placed the final decision regarding placement will be made by teaching staff in consultation with myself.

Please note that there will be a rotation of students in combined classes as they progress through the Junior School.

In line with normal College policy, class lists for 2011 will not be available until just prior to the commencement of the school year (Tuesday 1 February) as we will still be enrolling students over the Christmas break.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Inter-House Athletics Carnival

The Champion House for this years' carnival was:

The final scores were:

- 1st Cunningham 710.5 Points
- 2nd Ozanam 710 Points
- 3rd De Vialar 609 Points
- 4th McCormack 587.5 Points



Individual Champions

Year	Champion	Runner-up Champion
4 Boys	Lewis Hammond	Harrison Copper
4 Girls	Vanessa Nguyen	Madeline Joy
5 Boys	Jacob Oostdam	Nicholas Zambonetti
5 Girls	Havanna Gill	Jasmine Green
6 Boys	Declan McNamara	Jack Steel
6 Girls	Tahlia Putland	Brianna St Jack



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Thank you to Miss Emily McFarlane for co-ordinating the carnival and to the many parent helpers who assisted on the day.

We also appreciate the generosity of Brian Bowman (Albany Milk Distributors) who

donated to proceeds of the drinks sold at his van to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Thank you also to the Saints Swimming Club parents for organising the sale of drinks and cakes on the day.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



Reconciliation

Congratulations to twenty-seven of our students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. The liturgies on Wednesday and Thursday night were meaningful for both students and their families. Thank

you to Mrs Palfrey, Miss Pearson, Mrs Barnes and Miss Manolas for all of their work preparing students so well to receive the Sacrament.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 10 Outdoor Education Final Expedition Report

It's that time of the year again.... nearly the end of the year and time for the final "test".... the Year 10 Final Expedition...and a very mixed weather forecast just to keep all honest in their planning and preparation.

The team was well organised overall....only a few glitches with lack of waterproofing (and had the weather forecast been incorrect, there may have been some issues with wet sleeping bags and sleeping mats to spend a night in and/or on), lack of a tent fly, lack of water and some interesting, bulky and very heavy menu items.



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Having said that, considering the weight of the packs and the 25 kilometres walked over a couple of days from Shelley Beach to Sandpatch, the team spirit was outstanding.

Campcraft skills were pleasing overall, with tents well set up, easy to prepare trangia meals (maybe not so easy to clean up after!) and some students testing their fishing skills (very lucky there were dinner backup plans).



Minimal impact ethics were also generally good; first aid skills were generally not required (apart from a few blisters and evidence of a very unhappy crab on one finger), and there was swimming and body surfing on offer at Cosy Corner with simply perfect weather on Day One (some thought a bit too hot).

Overall, a fabulous couple of days were had with a great group of students. Even the driving winds and downpour right near the end was appreciated by some, and it was the chance to test the "waterproofness" of raincoats.

Well done to all who made it to the end!! Hopefully some of you will be inspired to continue using some of the skills you have learned this semester and continue to enjoy the outdoors in the future. As one student said right at the end: "You were right Miss van Hulssen. I feel really good about myself having made it all the way".

Special thanks to Mr O'Donnell and Mr Pickering for their assistance on the trip.

Ms Kate van Hulssen - Outdoor Education Teacher



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year Ten and Eleven Examinations

Year Ten exams will be as follows:

Tuesday 23 Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 and Monday 29 November. Year Ten students will continue their normal timetable following each examination.

Year Eleven students will resume normal timetable from Monday 22 November following their Religion and Life Stage 1AB examination.

Any student wishing to discuss 2011 WACE course selections are encouraged to contact Jude Stringer at the College as soon as possible.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMP

With ATA Head Coach - David Kerr and Assistants

At Merrifield Park Tennis Club

Join David and his team for this exciting 3 day camp covering all the modern tennis techniques and the latest drills and games!

HOT SHOTS TENNIS CAMP includes

- Premium Tennis Coaching in capped groups
- Latest Tennis Australia junior program delivery
- Fun Camp with Prizes, Certificates
- All Equipment supplied
- Morning tea provided
- All ages and standards of players welcome

**Monday 20, Tuesday 21 and
Wednesday 22 December 2010**

8.30am – 11.30am

\$90 per child (\$10 per hour)

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

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