



St Joseph's College Newsletter

3 December 2010

Term 4 - Week 8

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 6 - 7 Dec

- Yr 10 Outdoor Ed. Camp

Wed 8 Dec

- Thanksgiving Mass

Thurs 9 Dec

- Kindergarten Christmas Party

Fri 10 Dec

- Pre-Primary Christmas Party
- Yr 10 Life Skills Day

Mon 13 Dec

- Years 1-3 Picnic

Tues 15 Dec

- Years 4-6 Picnic

Thurs 16 Dec

- Last Day of Term for Students

A Christmas Prayer



*God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth
has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh.*

Make us a people of this light.

*Make us faithful to your Word, that we may bring
your life to the waiting world.*

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Please support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal, which began this week. This support goes direct to St Vincent de Paul Albany, to assist local people.

Congratulations to Cunningham House, winner of the House Shield. Cunningham had their Champion House wind-up yesterday. Well done to all Houses in this close competition. The P&F Individual House Point bike draws will take place at the final College assembly on 16 December.

Today our Swim Club held their annual Lap-a-thon. Thanks to the Saints Swimming Club Committee and Staff organisers and particularly to Swim Club members. Proceeds from the Lap-a-thon go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Over the next two weeks there is a variety of events for different classes which are social and fun, in addition to the continuing Teaching and Learning Programme. It is important that all students participate in all facets of College life. School finishes on 16 December and it is a requirement that students are here to the end of Term. If children are getting tired, earlier nights will help until 17 December, when they can sleep in.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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.

Phone:
9844 0222

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admin@sjc-albany.wa.edu.au

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COLLEGE NOTICES

Inter- School Athletics Carnival

St Joseph's students performed very well at last Friday's Albany Districts Primary Schools Sports Association (ADPSSA) Athletics Carnival held at the St Joseph's College oval.

St Joseph's won the ADPSSA shield with a very good performance in both the Years 1-3 and Years 4-7 sections of the carnivals.

Overall team results were:

- St Joseph's College 1196
- Great Southern Grammar 1042
- Bethel Christian School 925

There were a number of outstanding individual performances on the day. Congratulations to the following students:

Year	Champion	Runner-up	3rd Runner-up
4 Girls	Vanessa Nguyen	Madeline Joy	Madeline Perez
4 Boys			Caleb Cull Lewis Hammond Harrison Cooper
5 Girls		Havanna Gill	Jasmine Green
5 Boys		Jacob Oostdam	
6 Girls	Tahlia Putland	Brianna St Jack	
6 Boys	Declan McNamara	Jack Steel	
7 Girls			Angela Juers
7 Boys	Corey Rogers		Arian Cook Jackson Hines

Well done to all students who represented St Joseph's College at the Carnival. A particular thank you to Miss McFarlane who co-ordinated the Inter-School team and encouraged all students to do their very best.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



COLLEGE NOTICES

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you to all families for the generous support given to our food hamper appeal. All collected food items will be put in hampers by St Vincent de Paul Albany members over the next few weeks and then distributed to needy families just before Christmas.



St Vincent de Paul members are always very appreciative of the support given to their annual appeal by the College community.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Playgroup News

Playgroup will be holding its Christmas Party on Tuesday, 7 December 2010 at 9.15am at the Ulster Road site. All members are welcome. Please bring your festive spirit and a plate to share.

This will be the last session for the year. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and effort over the last 12 months, especially Jo Mitchell, Helen Anderson and Colleen Armstrong.

Also a special mention to Monica Russell from the Catholic Women's League who once a month has attended playgroup to offer support to the parents and help in the kitchen.

We still require more toys and dress-ups in good condition, so if anyone is having a clean-out over the holidays, please remember us. Contact the College Office if you have any queries or would like to make a donation.

Thank you for your support.

Kylie Dallimore - Playgroup Co-ordinator

Playgroup Vacancies for 2011

Please contact Faith Vernon at the College Office for an Enrolment Form.

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

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

There has been a number of reported incidences of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease, especially amongst Junior School students during the last week. This disease is transmitted through airborne or droplet infection. Students need to be excluded from school for up to seven days until blisters are dry.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Fundraising for Life Straws

The Year Four class along with Year Two B have enjoyed the most wonderful experience this year of being able to grow their own healthy vegetable crops. This was made possible through the amazing generosity of the Barker family who donated their land and their expertise. An incredible amount of time and dedication was invested by Kelly Barker and we would like to sincerely thank her for allowing the children to be part of this wonderful learning experience.

Year Four B sold some of their potato crop at school and we were able to donate a sum of money to the Mitchell family who shared some very interesting facts about Life Straws. Life Straws are a device that can be used like a drinking straw to filter out over 99% of life threatening bacteria, viruses and contaminants from unclean water. The Year Four students were very happy to be able to donate enough money to purchase over twenty Life Straws for children in Haiti to give the gift of health and potentially save lives.

Mr Colleen McGlade - Year 4 Teacher



Cameron Mitchell accepts money raised to buy Life Straws from Madeline Joy and Parker Doncon - Year 4

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Super 8s Cricket

On Tuesday 25 November, St Joseph's sent a team of eight Year 8 and 9 students to play in a cricket carnival at North Road. The competition consisted of sides from Great Southern Grammar, Albany Senior High School, Mount Barker Senior High School and North Albany Senior High School. The team's first game was against Albany Senior High School 2. We bowled first and they made a decent target of 103 off the 16 overs they faced. We then batted and a good partnership from Stuart Parker and Patrick Norman helped us to reach 100 runs, but no further as we lost the game by 3 runs.

After losing the first game by a small margin of 3 runs, the team was keen for a win; the next game was against Albany Senior High School 1. This time we batted first and a good partnership of 49 from Kieran Loveridge and Ashley Wilson followed by another good partnership of 42 from Matt Wolfe and Matthew Barnes helped us post a nice score in the 140's. Feeling rather confident we went out to have a bowl, an improved fielding effort from the last match helped us to win by around 60 runs.

We then had lunch and moved to the pitch for our third and last match. In this match we bowled first and with the help of a few run outs and some other good fielding we got them out for a 'gettable' 100 runs. Nobody really starred with the bat but we all put in just enough to get us over the line by 1 run.

Although Mount Barker won the day and Albany Senior High School 3 came second, we were still happy to be there and enjoyed the day playing cricket. Thanks to Mr O'Donnell and Mr Wiegele for organising our team and for getting us to the carnival for an enjoyable day.
Matt Barnes - Year 9

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year Ten Life Skills Day Workshops and Dinner

In our efforts to provide students at St Joseph's College with a well rounded education in academia as well as in personal and social skills, we expose our students to a range of learning experiences and social cultural events. The **Year Ten Life Skills Day Workshops and Dinner** is a vital part of our pastoral care program, which is especially aimed at building personal and social skills required for the 21st century.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to all the parents who responded promptly with the permission slips. Please note that all Year Ten students will be participating in the **Life Skills Workshop Day** to be held at the College on Friday, 10 December 2010 from 8.40am to 1.10pm. Following the *Year Ten Life Skills Workshop Day*, a dinner will be held at the **Le Grande Motel on Albany Highway from 5.30 pm to 7.30pm**. Dress code for this dinner is semi-formal. Therefore no jeans, thongs or sneakers allowed. Please **ensure that you are on time to collect your child** due to safety and security purposes. I hope your son or daughter acquires a range of social and interpersonal skills through this experience and that they enjoy this social occasion as much as I did organising it, with a committee of enthusiastic Year Ten students & Home Room teachers.

If you have any queries regarding this event please contact me via the College Office.

Mrs Rumeena Wood - Senior School Coordinator

PARISH NOTICES

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Christmas Masses

If you would like to Altar Serve for the Christmas masses, please phone Helen Anderson on 9844 1750.

Christmas Get-Together

Following the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 19 December, the Parish invites Altar Servers, Children's Liturgy children, state school attendees of Religion classes and children of Fr Dom's young choir for fun, games and treats. Approximate finish time is 1pm.



Albany Christmas Pageant Saturday, 4 December 2010 Angels and Shepherds Required

This year the Pageant will be held at 6pm on Saturday 4 December. The Assembly area is as last year - corner of Stirling Terrace and Residency Road. The Holy Family Parish invite all children from ages 4 - 12 to dress up as shepherds or angels to help us remember the true meaning of that special day some 2000 years ago.

A copy of the Assembly area, information and map can be found at the back of both St Joseph's and Holy Family Churches and in the Early Learning Centre and Cunningham Block of St Joseph's College for your information. All children need to be ready at the Assembly Area by 5.30pm and please look out for the Holy Family Parish float.

Any inquiries please call Gloria on 9841 1129 or 0427 703693. See you all there!



Hope of Tarakea

Presents - A fundraiser night at the movies

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER

Rated PG



Thursday 9 December 2010
5pm for Refreshments
Movie starts at 6pm
At Orana Cinemas

Tickets: \$20 adults and \$15 children (16yrs & under)

Tickets on sale before school:
Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th December
Junior School Cunningham Block
MS / SS Undercroft



**A fundraising event
supporting the
orphans of Tarakea**