

St Joseph's College Newsletter

13 May 2011 Term 1 - Week 2

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 16 May

- Yr 7 2nd Elective Rotation begins
- Saints Swim Club resumes 3.30pm ALAC

Tues 17 May

- Eagles Cup Football
- School Boys Cup Football (Yrs9-12) 1pm at SJC Vs Denmark

Wed 18 - 20 May

- Yr 11 OED
- · Camp at Denmark

Thurs 19 May

JS Assembly 9am

Fri 20 May

- Yr 7 Museum Excursion
- MS/SS Netball Cup

Mon 23 May

Yr 7 Immunisation

General Information

- Uniform Shop
 Opening Hours

 Tuesdays
 8.15am 9.30am and
 Wednesday
 2.15pm 4.00pm
- Absentee Phone Line 9844 0280
- Principal -Mr Bradley Hall
- Head of Secondary Ms Sue Alderman
- Head of Junior School Mr Mike Watson

Direct Deposits Welcome

Please enquire -Business Manager Mrs Marion Leonhardt

PRAYER

Walking the Sacred Path

Great Spirit, you are everything, and yet above everything.
You are first and always have been.
Through you our children will have strong hearts and they will walk the straight path in a sacred manner.

Help me to walk the sacred path of life without difficulty with my mind and heart continually fixed on you.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Welcome to our Year Ten Mentors

This week is the beginning of the Mentoring Programme for Year Ten students. Cosponsored by the Great Southern Employment Development Committee, the programme matches two to three Year Ten students with a local employer/tradesperson/business person. Together a programme is worked through for the Term (one hour per week for 10 weeks).

Students are given a different perspective about the world of work and can develop good contacts for the future.

Only two schools in the Great Southern are involved, the other being Denmark High School. This programme was piloted here in 2009 and we are very pleased to be able to offer it to the 2011 Year Ten students. Seventeen people have volunteered to be mentors in 2011 at St Joseph's College.

NAPLAN

Thanks to staff involved in organizing, supervising for the week of NAPLAN tests, especially Mr Watson and Ms Stringer.

Year Six Camp

Special thanks also to Mr Morcom and the staff who assisted with the Year Six Camp. A very enthusiastic group of campers left for Camp Quaranup on Wednesday morning and enjoyed their three busy days of activities.

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Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

Walk Safely to School Day

Next Friday 20 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. Interested participants will need to be at the shopping centre at approximately 7.55am and then we will commence walking to school at 8.00am.

Thank you to the P&F who are supporting the walkers by making fresh fruit available at the end of the walk for all participants.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

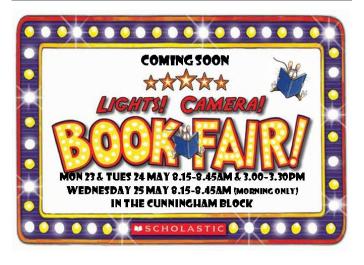
Congratulations to Mrs Cull

St Joseph's College is proud of their Middle School Teacher and Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Nicola Cull, for being awarded the Elizabeth Mary Dodd Prize in Education. Nicola received this prize for the best academic performance by a graduate in the Master of Education Programme.

Mrs Cull returned to teaching after her two children commenced school and has been a teacher at St Joseph's College since July 2007. Mrs Cull specialises in educational support for students in Middle and Secondary school and also teaches Year Seven and Year Nine classes. Mrs Cull commenced studying her Masters Degree at Murdoch University in 2008, graduated in 2010 and was awarded the Prize in February 2011.

Dr. Judith Robinson presenting Nicola Cull with the Elizabeth Mary Dodd Prize in Education for the best academic performance by a graduand in the Master of Education Program during the ceremony at Murdoch University.





JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Tutorials

Please note there will be no tutorials next Wednesday 18 May after school due to Junior School staff participating in a Mathematics Professional Development course. Tutorials will resume as per normal the following week.

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3B, Year 3/4G (Year 3 students only) and Year 5B all had a very busy four days last week completing the NAPLAN tests in language conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The National Tests will provide information about how students are progressing against national benchmarks.

A reminder to parents that NAPLAN reports will be sent home to parents in Term Four.

A Junior School Assembly

Our first Junior School Assembly for Term Two will be held next Thursday 19 May commencing at 9.00am in the College Gymnasium. Mrs Piercey's Year Two class will be co-ordinating the assembly.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Thank you to parents who attended interviews with your child's teachers last night. We trust this was beneficial to you and your child and we would appreciate any feedback on the evening so we can improve for next time. Any queries can be directed to Ms Sue Alderman at the College.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Year 8 Camp 2011

The annual Year Eight camp will be on again towards the end of this term. We will be going to Perth, leaving on Monday 27 June and returning on Friday 1 July. This year we will be accommodated at Woodman Point Recreation Centre and we will participate in a number of activities. Plans are in place to visit places like Parliament House, the Constitution Centre, Kings Park, Perth Mint and the Bell Tower. The students will participate in a number of activities at several of these places as well as at the campsite. Woodman Point has some wonderful ropes activities designed to challenge the students. These activities are run by qualified staff from the Department of Sport and Recreation, and include abseiling, rock climbing, a massive flying fox (depending on the weather) and various rope climbing challenges. On our last evening, we will be running a "Red Faces" competition that we would like all students to enter, either individually or in small groups.

We are looking forward immensely to this camp! However, we are in need of two parent helpers to come along to assist in the supervision of the students. These parent helpers will need to have (or be able to obtain) a Working with Children card. If you are available on the above mentioned dates and would like to come along, or if you would like more information about the camp, please contact the camp coordinator Anna Palmer on the College number 9844 0222.



Last Year's Camp Participants had fun learning about creatures.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

HPV and Chicken Pox

Parents of Year 7 students

The immunisation team will be visiting your school on the 23rd May to immunise the Year Seven 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.

Anne Taylor

Public Health Nurse – Immunisations / Disease Control WA Country Health Service – Great Southern 125 Grey Street West, Albany 6330, Phone 98427511

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Senior School Football

The Football season for the Senior School Boys began this Wednesday with a hard fought contest against Great Southern Grammar at their home ground. The game began with the announcement of the leadership positions for 2011 which the players had voted for. Congratulations to Captain Jack Horrocks and Vice Captains Bronson Leo and Travis Hunter.

Great Southern Grammar were victors in the game due to a disappointing second quarter by our side. Better players were Daniel Parker, Blake Richardson, Bronson Leo, Harry Leo and Jacob Crowe.

The competition continues next week with a home game against Denmark High School on Tuesday 17 May at 1.00pm to be played through lunchtime in front of the home crowd. Parents and spectators are encouraged to attend the matches to support the team. Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher





SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Mentors for our Students

Year Ten students are undertaking a mentoring programme, *Mentors for our Students* initiated by the Federal Government in 2009, coordinated by the Great Southern Employment Development Committee in 2011. This programme has been designed to provide students with the opportunity to meet regularly with individuals with extensive industry experience. They meet every week for the rest of term two during their *Career & Enterprise* class.

At the first Career and Enterprise lesson for the term, our students attended an induction session with their mentors and the programme coordinator Mr Ray Closel of the Great Southern Employment Development Committee. During this session students were formally welcomed to the program and introduced to their mentors. Following the formalities students had the opportunity to mingle with their nominated mentor and get to know each other at a more informal level. Each mentor is scheduled to meet with two to three students on a weekly basis to discuss and engage in a range of topics activities exploring such as personal development, recognising career opportunities within the fields of interest of the students, exploring the changes and trends in the work place, and dealing with workplace relations.

The mentors have been recruited from a variety of fields. They include tradespeople, professionals and para-professionals. Mentors have received training prior to the commencement of the program and all mentors have Police Clearances and Working with Children Checks.

This is the continuation of the pilot programme conducted in 2009; therefore the Federal Government aims to evaluate the programme so as to guide future programmes. Families will be informed prior to any formal evaluations. It is our hope that the students embrace this community effort to encourage career development in youth from an early age and prosper through the opportunities that would be made available to them through this program and its mentors.

Mrs Rumeena Wood - Senior School Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Quiz Night

The P&F will be holding a Quiz Night on Friday 10 June commencing at 7.00pm in the College Gymnasium. The night will also include a silent auction, fun games and entertainment.

Angela Williams will be selling tickets from next week for \$10ea. Please contact her on 0417 938448 or A/Hrs on 9844 4615 to reserve your table. Maximum of 8 per table. Numbers are strictly limited, so get your tickets early.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Albany Swim Club Registration Night

FRIDAY 20 May at ALAC – 6pm

(new members bring bathers and goggles)

WANTED! – SWIMMERS TO JOIN OUR CHAMPION CLUB IN 2011!!!

Come and sign-up with our exciting club and meet friends, have fun and improve your swimming!

Professional coaching, three swimming groups, great training program, opportunities to represent your club at home and away meets, be part of time trials, enjoy our new club rooms, get PB's!!

ALBANY SWIM CLUB IS GOING TO BE HUGE IN 2011 DON'T MISS OUT

More Community Notices can be viewed at the College's web site: http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au and include:

- Royal School of Church Music;
- Headspace Great Southern Parenting
- Albany Tennis Academy
- Growing Gorgeous Boys into Men

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC CHORISTERS' CAMP

The Royal School of Church Music, which is an international non denominational organisation based in England, is holding their annual camp for Junior Choristers (age 8 - 18) at Albany during the July School holidays. There will be up to 50 or more children attending this camp + 20 Staff and we will be staying at the Albany Residential College from 12 - 17 July. These children will be a mixture of Catholics, Anglicans and Uniting plus a number that don't attend any church as such. This is our 36th camp.

The Albany Residential College is the venue for this year's Choristers' Camp, where students enjoy singing, various activities, and making new friends. This year's Music Director is Dominic Perissinotto, and John Beaverstock will be accompanist. Tom and Gill Burbidge are Camp Administrators.

This year the full residential fee is \$350, with an early bird discount for Registrations before 28th May. There is also a reduced fee for families when more than one child attends. An additional cost will be for coach fares for those requiring transport to Albany. There is also a non-residential fee of \$240 available on enquiry to the Administrators.

Bursaries are available to assist with fees. *Application* forms are to be sent to Mrs M Sherlock, 13 Michael Street, Beaconsfield, 6162, and can be obtained from the Administrators.

Camp is an ideal way to introduce the love of singing in a choir, in 4 part harmony, as part of the worship service in a non-threatening and enjoyable way. Services will be held in the Uniting Church, the Catholic Church, and the Anglican Church where music prepared will be sung.

If you have a child, grandchild, or other young relative who has a love of singing, please consider allowing them to come to camp, which is in the school holidays. Full details are available from Tom and Gill Burbidge on 9332 4994, or email tburbid@bigpond.net.au.

Donations to assist with running of the camp, or to sponsor a child would be most welcome, and can be sent to T&G Burbidge, 17 Beresford Place, Leeming, 6149.



Celia, who has a degree in anthropology and Maori, is the mother of two adult children. She now works on a number of projects, all of which are linked to improving the lives of at-risk children and empowering families to find their own solutions to the challenges they face.

In September 2004, she completed the "Good Man" project. The project, which facilitated discussion within and between 25 boys' schools throughout New Zealand, aimed to create a working definition of what makes a good man in the 21st century.

What arose from the project was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys, and what they are feeling at this period in their lives.

Celia has some challenging suggestions for parents and for women in particular to rethink the way they interact with the men in their lives - their sons and their husbands - if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be.

For more information visit www.celialashlie.co.nz

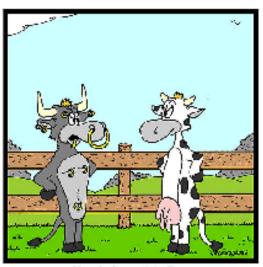
DATE: Monday 16th May, 2011 TIME: 7:00pm (tea & coffee available from 6:30pm) The seminar will go for 1½ hours including question time HOST: Wanslea Family Services Inc. in partnership with Communities for Children VENUE: Albany Entertainment Centre 2 Toll Place Albany COST: RSVP: mgoad@wanslea.asn.au or 9821 1102

WINTER TENNIS WITH ALBANY TNENNIS ACADEMY

AVAILABLE 5 DAYS A WEEK AT 3 VENUES

- Group Lessons
- Squads
- Hot Shots
- Tennis League
- PRIVATES
- also ask about our cardio tennis for parents.

Call 98418474 or visit www.albanytennisacademy.com.au for program times and costs.



Now den't complain Mum: You started it by giving me my first nose-ring...

Parenting a 12-25 year-old?

Want to know what's normal in adolescence?

headspace Great Southern can help.

Find out how to maintain or improve the mental health and wellbeing of your child & your family.

Marsha Ashwell RN, Mental Health Training Program Co-ordinator from Silver Chain will present information about mental health and well-being in young people including depression, arxiety and strategies for parents to assist young people negotiate difficult periods successfully.

- When: Wednesday 18th May, 6-8pm.
 Light refreshments will be served.
- Where: headspace Great Southern, 121 Aberdeen St Albany

How: contact Nicola on telephone: 9842 9871

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