



St Joseph's College Newsletter

21 October 2011

Term 4 - Week 1

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 24 Oct

- Yr 8-10 GS Football Academy
- Yr 10 Science Excursion

Tues 25 Oct

- Yr 10 Lawn Bowls Excursion
- Yr 3 First Reconciliation Visit

Wed 26 Oct

- Presentation Night

Fri 28 Oct

- Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

Sat 29 Oct

- Family Mass and Commitment Mass - Reconciliation 6pm HFC

General Information

• Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours](#)

Tuesdays

8.15am - 9.30am and

Wednesdays

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 For Year 12 Students



*Knowing One,
help me focus on knowing
yet bring me wisdom beyond knowing.
Centre me on the task on hand,
find me illumined by all tasks before me
in Your wisdom and your persistence;
be in me, Knowing One.*

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Welcome back for Term Four and a special welcome to our new students and their families.

This week our Year Twelve students complete their schooling; they have the Graduation Assembly today and Mass tonight. Please keep our Year Twelve students in your prayers as they prepare for TEE exams and move on to life beyond school. At next week's Presentation Night the Year Twelve students will receive their College Graduation Certificate.

Congratulations to our Year Four First Holy Communicants, that sacrament was completed for the group at last Saturday's Mass. The next sacrament for our students is Reconciliation for Year Three students.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

**A reminder that hats
are required
for all students for
Term Four.**

**Parents, please support this by
ensuring your child has a
College Hat.**

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MUSIC MATTERS

African Drumming

After the successful African Drumming programme the College ran quite a few years ago by the late Mr Paul Raven, the College is fortunate to have Lawrence Oboh join our Music Tuition this year to teach this amazing percussion instrument. Students from Years Five to Eight are currently enrolled in the programme. If you are interested in your child learning the Djembe, please contact the College Office.



Lawrence Oboh teaches Year 5 Students African Drumming

COLLEGE NOTICES

In-Term Swimming Lessons

A reminder to parents that In-Term Swimming lessons will be held during Week Four and Five this term from Monday 7 November to Friday 18 November for Pre-Primary up to Year Seven classes. Details of lesson times will be sent home with students for parents next week. All students will be expected to participate in lessons unless a medical condition precludes them from doing so.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



Coles Sports for Schools Programme has finished

All vouchers will be posted off early next week.

Please bring in any vouchers from home by Tuesday 25 October.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Liturgical Choir Scholarship

The Bunbury Catholic Diocesan Liturgical Choir offers an Educational Scholarship, worth \$1,500, for students at Catholic Schools in the Diocese and Catholic students attending government schools in Years Six to Eleven who are interested in becoming a full member of this choir.

The scholarship recipient will be required to participate in all of the choir's activities over a two year period.

An information sheet is available at the school office for interested students. Applications must be received by Friday 4 November, 2011.

St Joseph's Basketballers Bounce into the Big Time

Six of our College's talented basketballers have been selected in West Australian Country Basketball teams to attend Australian Basketball Competitions in January 2012.

The selection means each player attends trainings with their respective WA Country teams at the State Basketball Centre in Perth and then also plays as a team in the State Basketball Championships this December. Players are also required to complete a six day a week home training programme, so selection involves a lot of time and commitment.

Brianna St Jack (Year 7) will be participating in the WA Country U/14 Girls team competing at the Australian Country Cup Championships at Albury/Wodonga in January. Karlee Anning, Keely Fitzpatrick, Joel Bellinger-Brown and Jackson Hines (Year 8) will be participating in the WA Country U/15 Girls and Boys teams competing at the Pacific Slam in Port Macquarie in January. Will McSweeney (Year 10) is in the WA Country U/18 Boys squad that are in training for the National Championships to be held next year.

Best of luck to these players, keep up the good dribble!!!



COLLEGE NOTICES

Lost Property

Lost Property items from the last two terms will be cleared and donated to St Vincent de Paul Society by the end of Week 3 (4 November). If your child has misplaced any clothing or property, please check our overloaded box at the College Office. Thank you.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

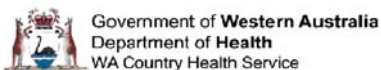
Inter-House Athletics

This Term our focus will be on Athletics for Physical Education and Sport. The Inter-House Athletics Carnival will be held in Week Six on Thursday 24 November. The Inter-School Carnival will be held during the following week on Friday 2 December. This year's Inter-School Carnival will be held at our College. Miss MacFarlane will be co-ordinating the carnival.

Tutorials

A reminder that tutorials for Years Four - Six students are on each Wednesday during Term Four from 3.10pm - 4.00pm except for next Wednesday 28 October due to Presentation Night. Students who need assistance with some areas of their work or who wish to spend time completing homework or working on assignments are welcome to attend.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



Parents of Year 7 students

HPV for Girls

The immunisation team will be visiting our school on the 31st October 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 –
WA Country Health Service – Great Southern

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Summit to Sea Mountain Bike Expedition

The last week of Term Three saw the Year Eleven Outdoor Education class set out on their final expedition for the year. After much planning and preparation in terms of menu plans, clothing, equipment, first aid, minimum impact, route planning, mountain biking skills, fitness and basic bike maintenance, we were finally off. Of course, the trip was to commence in the worst weather of the term also!

On the morning of Day Two, after arriving at Fernhook Falls by bus the previous afternoon we woke to an impressive thunder and lightning show. We then drove to Mt Frankland and walked up to the summit in the rain (to truly make it "The Summit to Sea" expedition).



The views were somewhat obliterated, but still beautiful. Then it was down to unload the bikes and set off. Students quickly realised why gloves had been extremely high on the "I would not leave them behind if I were you" list of items, as cold extremities are unpleasant and dangerous in the long term. By this time, the lightning and thunder had abated, but the cold rain persisted, as did the students, as they made their way along the planned 58km route to Peaceful Bay. Some decent hills added to the challenge and achievement factor. As did the hailstorms as we rode into Peaceful Bay.

Day Three and things were looking much better. This was to be another testing one (so it was pleasing to see students preparing substantial breakfasts), with a big climb over the Scotsdale Road hill before dropping down into Denmark after 64 kilometres. The challenge with Outdoor Education is often the mental side of things you really can do anything you set out to achieve if you really want to. Unless of course, your bike finally falls apart and there is no more that we can do on the road to put it back together again.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Day Four. Now students know what getting a good night's sleep after a hard day out is! Most were in bed asleep by around 7pm, so there was no problem for the majority to get up early to complete the final 45km into Cosy Corner before returning to school (the problems were rather in the sore leg muscle and gluteals departments). The bonus was that as we completed the final 5km of the trip, the sun finally came out, and two of the tough ones who went all the way even braved the ocean while others cooked lunch and slept.

Congratulations to all. These were not the easiest or most pleasant conditions to go out in, but most students were generally positive throughout and will have learned a great deal about themselves and what they are able to achieve if they really have the desire to do so. Hopefully some of these lessons will be transferred to other parts of their lives at some point, even if they do not realise it.

Thank you to Mr O'Donnell for his support during the trip.

Ms Kate van Hulssen - Outdoor Education Teacher



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

AGM

The P&F AGM will be held on Monday 28 November and nomination forms are included in this Week's Newsletter.

Calendars, Cards and Mouse Mats

Orders are due by Tuesday 25 October.

Calendars \$8.50 ea

Cards \$10 /pack

Mouse Mats \$10 ea

Please return your order form and payment to the College Office.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Presentation Night

A reminder to the Years Three/Four, Four, Five and Six families to please return the supper reply slip to their class teacher on Monday.

Helen Anderson - P&F Committee

PARISH NOTICES

First Reconciliation Commitment Mass

"Change of Date"

The new date for this Special Commitment Mass is Saturday 29 October at Holy Family Church at 6.00pm.

Students who will be making their First Reconciliation and their parents are required to attend please.

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Thursday 10 November at 6pm at Holy Family.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Young Worker Toolkit

The Australian Government launched the Young Worker Toolkit for young people aged 15-24 years old.

The Toolkit is an online reference tool that has been optimised for smart phone browsing and will provide information to help young people deal with common workplace questions and issues.

The Young Worker Toolkit is available at: www.youngworkertoolkit.youth.gov.au

Movie Premiere

"The Three Musketeers" (M) Monday, 24 October

Fundraiser for For The Ryan Marron Fund (ex student of St Joseph's College)

Ryan was struck down six months ago with "Murray Valley Encephalitis" whilst working in Balgo as a police officer.

Tickets \$25 ea

Drinks and Nibbles 5.20pm
Movie starts at 6.00pm

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