



St Joseph's College Newsletter

25 November 2011

Term 4 - Week 6

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Sat 26 Nov

- Family Mass 6pm HFC

Mon 28 Nov - 2 Dec

- SVDP Christmas Appeal
- Yr 10 Exams

Mon 28 Nov

- Orientation Day New Students
- P&F AGM
- Board Annual Community Meeting 7pm, Chapel

Wed 30 Nov

- Inter-school Athletics (Field Events) @ SJC

Thur 1 Dec

- Yr 8-10 Inter-School Athletics @ SJC

Fri 2 Dec

- JS Inter-School Athletics @ SJC

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



O God,
rejoicing,
we remember the promise of your Son.
As the light from this candle,
may the blessing of Christ come upon us,
brightening our way and guiding us by his truth.
May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of our world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



This week our Year Eleven students complete their exams and staff are busy marking these. Next week Year Ten students have their exams.

Our Year Nine students have been on their Camp, facing some of the challenges of the great outdoors: staff and students have been looking forward to this - a full report next week.

Yesterday, our Years One to Six had the Inter-House Athletics Carnival, field events were held Tuesday. Thanks to Ms McFarlane and staff for their efforts in organising and running this carnival.

Next week will see the culmination of the Athletics programme with the Years Eight to Ten Inter-School Athletics Carnival on Thursday and the Junior School Inter-School Athletics Carnival on Friday. Good luck to all of our athletes that have been preparing for these carnivals.

Today our 2012 Kindergarten students had their orientation - we welcome these students who are beginning their educational journey at the College.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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COLLEGE NOTICES

Music Tuition Enrolment

If you are interested in enrolling your child/children in music tuition in 2012, please contact the College Office to collect a form.

Tuition available in 2012:

- Violin Years 3-12 students
- Piano Years 3-12 students
- Guitar Years 4-12 students
- Drums - African Djembe Years 3-12 students
- Rock Years 7-12 students

Forms have been sent home with students currently enrolled in this year's music tuition for re-enrolment in 2012. These forms are due as soon as possible to the College Office.

COLLEGE NOTICES

P&F Annual General Meeting and the Annual Community Meeting

Monday, 28 November 2011

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 College Board for 2012

Saints Swim Club

Parent Volunteers Needed

To sell cool drinks/ice creams, cakes
from the Refreshment Tent

(only 1/2 hr time slots)

on

Friday, 2 December
for the Junior Inter-School Athletics Carnival



**A Roster will be located at Cunningham
block during next week.**

We are asking for donations of cakes, slices, biscuits
etc to sell on the day.

Please deliver to the tent on the morning.

Thank you for your support - all proceeds will go
to St Vincent's de Paul Christmas Appeal along with
Saints Swim Club Lap-a-thon proceeds.

Lap-a-thon

Sponsorship booklets have been distributed and
permission notes have been given to students who are
wishing to participate in this year's Lap-a-thon. Please
read the information provided in the booklet as the
sponsorship details have changed from previous years.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Junior School Tutorials

Next week (Week 7) is the final week for Junior School
tutorials for the 2011 school year. The response to the
tutorials among Years Four-Six students has been very
pleasing with a steady number of students attending
throughout the school year.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

St Vincent De Paul Society's Christmas Appeal



Commences:

Monday 28 November - Friday 2 December

All donations are placed in
Christmas Hampers which are
distributed to needy families in the
Albany district by
St Vincent De Paul members.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

Families can donate non-perishable food items
suitable for Christmas Hampers and can be left in
classrooms or at the College Office or Library.
Suggestions for the hampers include: Christmas
cakes, fruit mince pies, puddings, tinned fruit,
canned ham, sweet or savoury biscuits, cool
drinks, cordial, lollies, chocolate bonbons, potato
chips, cheezels, long life custards, nuts, dried
mixed fruit.

Middle & Senior Schools

We will be running a "Collecting Coins
Competition" amongst Homerooms on
Tuesday 6 December.



**Support for this worthy appeal
would be most appreciated.**

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Meetings

Last week's parent meetings for children going into Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year One in 2012 were very well attended. The meetings were informative and provided parents with an opportunity to ask questions about classroom learning programmes in place for 2012 and other matters pertaining to school life.

A particular thank you to the P&F ladies Amanda Thompson and Helen Anderson for organizing morning tea for parents attending the meetings.

Parents who were unable to attend the meetings are very welcome to pick up an information booklet from the Early Learning Centre.

Year 2B Family Afternoon

To conclude their theme of 'Fantastic Families' the Year 2B students invited their family members to school for the afternoon last Friday. Prior to the event the class worked hard to prepare some yummy treats for their families and would like to thank the parents who assisted with this. When families arrived students shared a prayer and a song titled 'The Cabbage Cafe' with them before serving up a lovely afternoon tea. It was wonderful to see such a large turnout from parents, grandparents, siblings and cousins.



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Middle School Italian

Nel 2012, gli student del Anno Sette e Anno Otto avranno l'opportunità di studiare la lingua italiana. Il professore sara' Dottore Runco.

In 2012 students in Year Seven and Year Eight will have the opportunity to study Italian. Their teacher will be Dr Runco.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year Ten Keys for Life Driver (Health Education)

The Year Ten students have completed a number of practice theory tests this week in preparation for their learners permit examination next week. This will enable the students to automatically receive their L plates on the successful completion of this test. The test contains road safety and skill questions as well as the responsibilities of a safe driver. These responsibilities were especially emphasised by Keith Conder (PBS) and Katelyn Jajco (RAC Perth) in their respective presentations last week. Keith talked about making appropriate and safe decisions when driving a car and the ramifications if good decisions are not made! Katelyn demonstrated, with the help of the students, why many car accidents are caused whilst drivers are under the influence of drugs and especially alcohol.

Ms Biedenweg, Mr Crowe and Mr O'Donnell



Year Ten Outdoor Education Expedition Report

After fourteen weeks of undertaking an Outdoor Education elective, learning first aid, minimum impact techniques, equipment, clothing and food selection, menu planning for the wilderness, and cooking lessons with trangias (camp stoves), students were ready to test their new found skills on an overnight hike.



Students had prepared Logbooks which were used in order to select clothing, equipment and food as well as pack their rucksacks, so when they turned up to school they were (hopefully) ready for the experience.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The weather forecast was somewhat ordinary (you can always tell when an Outdoor Education expedition is coming along on the calendar), but considering this, spirits were incredibly high. Considering the conditions however, some of the gear waterproofing was highly suspect. Sometimes there is only one way to learn.

After driving to Shelley Beach in the on and off rain, we headed upwards to the lookout for a great view over to West Cape Howe cliffs. Then we were off on the Bibbulmun Track for the commencement of the 26 kilometre hike.



Another learning experience; maps are always handy. If you do not have them out, the teachers are likely to lead you astray just to ensure you are taking notice of tracks and signs. Well done to those who were watching for turnoffs!

A welcome break was had at Torbay Hut, with weight from the packs being transferred into hungry student bodies, and then it was off to Cosy Corner for the lunch break.

No one swam this time around; yet some managed to wet their feet (and shoes) at the Perkins Beach water crossing during the final 4 kilometres along the beach stretch of Day One



Tents were up, sleeping gear organised, and cooking was well underway before dark. Overall, the cooking lessons back at school seemed to have been quite worthwhile. Some slept well. Some did not.

After breakfast on Day Two which varied between scrambled eggs and toast, cereal and "pancakes", students were ready to take off for the final 14km leg to Sandpatch. Students had a slight let off as Torbay Inlet was open and too deep for safe crossing so they were transferred to Mutton Bird Island by bus (some audible sighs of relief).



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

After a superb 14 km on the traditional Bibbulmun Track, which incorporated a detour around the vicinity of the new wind turbines and some stunning views along the cliffs, students made it to their final destination.

Smiles all around. Hopefully, having dealt with some discomfort, pushing through the aches and pains with determination and a sense of humour, is something they will look back on and treasure somewhere down the track.

Well done Semester Two group. You were a pleasure to work with.

A special thank you to Mr Scheepers and Mr O'Donnell for their support during the expedition, as well as Mrs McSweeney who prepared one of her famous treats for all involved.

Ms Kate van Hulssen - Outdoor Education Teacher



Leadership Forum – Ethical Decision Making

On Monday 21 November the three of us, Chloe, Alana and Mikaela, went to Motel Le Grand to attend the Great Southern Secondary School: Leadership Forum for Year Ten.

The day started off with an introductory speech from Mark Paynter welcoming everyone to the forum and outlining the morning's activities. We then had the Honourable Mia Davies, Deputy Chair of the Rural & Remote Educational Advisory Council, talk to us about what her role as a representative for the Agricultural Region for Legislative Council in WA Parliament. She outlined some of the processes she uses to make decisions on issues that come before her and the Parliament. She made reference to the Police Stop and Search powers that were put before Parliament this year and eventually defeated.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We had a workshop and were put into groups with a mix of girls from all schools to discuss ideas in the response to scenarios, based on ethical decisions. These scenarios included establishment of a refugee centre in a rural centre and purchase of rural farming land by foreign companies for alternative use. Each group, after considering all aspects of the scenario, had to make a recommendation for or against the proposal and to make a three minute presentation to all students and a panel of experts outlining the issues considered and the reason for the group's recommendations.

The morning concluded with lunch and we then returned to school. We appreciated the opportunity to participate and would like to thank the Great Southern Employment Development Committee for making the forum available.

Alana Andreotti,
Mikaela Hughes-
Owen, Chloe
Thornton - Year Ten



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Renae O'Donnell Photography

Recently a couple of very lucky families took up an offer from our very own Renae O'Donnell to have some family photos taken. For \$150 (\$75 of which was donated back to the P&F!), Renae conducted 1/2 hour "mini-sessions" on the banks of the river near Coraki Cottages, Lower King. Overall, ten families enjoyed the serenity while Renae snapped away.

I am sure all of those who had photos taken were as pleased as I was with the finished product! Not only is Renae very generous to offer us this fantastic deal but she is also INCREDIBLY talented!! Check out her website and blog at www.renaeodonnell.com to see how awesome she is! I urge you all to consider contacting Renae if you are after some brilliant photos for any of your special occasions. Thanks again Renae, we really appreciate both your expertise and your generosity.



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

On another note, we would also like to thank the parents who recently ordered from the Chalk/Parent Direct catalogues that were distributed to the 3 Year Old, Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes. We had a great response and were rewarded with \$600 worth of vouchers that will be distributed among these classes. We hope the teachers enjoy "purchasing" products that will be utilized by all of our children.

We are finalising the new, revamped FOOTY TIPPING competition for 2012 and will distribute details of this in the near future. We urge you all to get on board with this, it is a fun way to be involved in the College (a bit of friendly competition) as well as making a "donation" towards a great cause - your P&F Association! Stay tuned for details of the great prizes.

Mrs Sam Loveridge - Committee Member

PARISH NOTICES

It's Christmas Time



Yes, it's that time again and the Christmas Eve Family Mass at Holy Family Church will be needing shepherds and angels to help us celebrate Jesus Christ's Birthday.

Parents/Guardians, please consider your child's willingness for this special request.

Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 6pm at Holy Family Church

There will be two practice sessions on:
Wednesday, 21 December at 11am
Friday, 23 December at 11am
at Holy Family Church
Hope to see you there.



Enquiries: Gloria Barnes on 04277 03693

Albany Christmas Pageant

There has been a change of date and venue for this event, as you may already be aware.

Saturday, 17 December
Middleton Road Area - to be confirmed
Further details on this event will be advised.

Please watch this space.



A Garden Party

**Sunday 27 November
1.00pm to 5.30pm**

Entry is \$20 donation to
"Hope of Tarakea"

Enjoy an afternoon of live music,
art, poetry & delicious afternoon tea

Pot plants and book stall
at 176 North Road Albany

Tel: 98416082 or 0428416082 – Mike & Kerry

All money raised will go to support the education of
orphaned children in the village of Tarakea, Tanzania ~
'fighting poverty through education'

For more information on "Hope of Tarakea"
go to hopeoftarakea.blogspot.com

Christmas Holiday Tennis Camp

19-21 December

At Merrifield Park

8.30 – 11.30 Each Day

ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

PRIZES, GAMES, GIVEAWAYS

morning tea included.

contact 98418474 for bookings and further info!

Family Mass: Saturday 26 November

Our final Family Mass for the year will be celebrated on
Saturday, 26 November at 6pm in the Holy Family
Church. As this Mass marks the beginning of Advent,
a four week period of waiting and preparation for the
coming season of Christmas, it would be great to see
as many families as possible at this special time in our
Church's year. Students who are members of the
Liturgical Music Group are particularly reminded of the
commitment they made earlier this year to attend these
significant celebrations.

Mrs Sue Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Message from Kmart - Albany

*I wanted to thank your school's students for
participating in the 2011 Kmart Art of Giving
competition. The team at Kmart Albany were thrilled
with the entries from local students and impressed by
their creativity around the competition's theme of
helping others.*

*Your students' entries will be on display in our store at
Cnr Lockyer Ave and Mior Street until Sunday 13
November 2011. I invite your school's students,
teachers and parents to come into the store to view the
wonderful art works that were entered by local students
in this year's competition."*

From Sam Allen - Store Manager, Kmart Albany

Camping World

Community Club Programme

Don't forget when shopping at Camping World
and Opposite Lock Albany to mention that you
are from St Joseph's College

All Community Club dollars goes directly back to
the College's P&F to spend on goods for
the school.

173 Chester Pass Road, Albany
www.campingworldalbany.com.au



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

23 November 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you on behalf of all the Bishops of Australia, giving thanks to God for your faith and witness. We now share with you a message of hope.

We call the Catholic people in Australia to a **Year of Grace**, to span the time from Pentecost 2012 to Pentecost 2013. Like the disciples at the first Pentecost, we commit ourselves to **start afresh from Christ**.

For several years the Bishops have been reflecting deeply on the life of the Church in Australia. We have asked how we can better serve the needs of you, God's faithful people, in bringing the peace and good news of Jesus Christ to our nation.

Pope Benedict XVI has also proclaimed a **Year of Faith** for the whole Church, to begin on 11 October 2012, the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council. We are confident that, with grace leading to faith, and faith responding to grace, the Year of Faith and our Year of Grace will complement each other.

We recognise, firstly, God's abundant blessings to us. You will know many of these in your own lives. We have seen them, too, in large public celebrations such as World Youth Day in Sydney and the Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

We also acknowledge with sadness that we are a Church in need of healing. There are many wounds – most especially the wounds of abuse which have left not only those abused but the whole Church in need of healing. There is also the struggle to defend the dignity of the first Australians and those who come as migrants and refugees to our shores. We need to extend the hand of friendship to those of other nations and faiths and to be good stewards of the created world. Most deeply, we desire for the light of Christ to burn more brightly in the heart of each Australian.

As Bishops, we asked ourselves where we can turn with so many issues confronting us. Our response in faith is to **start afresh from Christ**. We make this call, firstly and most urgently, to ourselves as Bishops. We are resolved, in the words of Pope John Paul II, to **contemplate the face of Christ**. Both these phrases come from his Apostolic Letter, *Novo Millennio Ineunte* (*At the Beginning of the New Millennium*), and we use this Letter as our guide and inspiration.

As we address this challenge to ourselves, we invite you to walk this journey with us in hope.

We commit ourselves to pray daily, seeking the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

We commit ourselves to repent for the areas in which we have failed, individually and together, seeking healing and renewal through the grace of Christ's forgiveness.

We commit ourselves to the path of holiness, cultivating the many gifts of the Spirit and seeking to grow as disciples of Jesus.

We entrust this year to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and through this renewed commitment, we are confident that the Church in Australia will be transformed by the power of Christ's resurrection in our lives.

Planning has already begun in every diocese in the country, so that the Catholics of this nation may respond to this fresh invitation to "**contemplate the face of Christ**".

We invite you to join us in this journey of prayer so that this "Pentecost" year will be for our nation and all Australians truly a "year of grace".

Your brother in Christ,

Archbishop Philip E Wilson
President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference