

St Joseph's College Newsletter

2 December 2011 Term 4 - Week 7

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 5 Dec

Lapathon - ALAC

Tues 6 Dec

 Coin Collection Chain MS/SS

Wed 8 Dec

- Thanksgiving Mass
- Champion House Wind-up (DeVialar)
- Kindy Christmas Party

Fri 9 Dec

- Assembly JS
- Yr 10 Life Skills Day
- Yr 10 Dinner
- PP Christmas Party

Mon 12 Dec

• Yr 1-3 Picnic

Tues 13 Dec

Yr 4-6 Picnic

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

ADVENT PRAYER

Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Saviour putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us.



As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him. Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet nightwatch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Saviour who would pay the price for our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all men, and Your desire for peace on earth.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts -- not just at this joyful season but all the year round.

Thank you for sending Your only son to earth for a specific purpose – to provide eternal life to all who accept Him.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



On Monday the Board Annual Community Meeting and the P&F Annual General Meeting were held. At the meeting I acknowledged the work of the Board and the P&F over 2011.

We thanked David Hughes-Owen for his time on the Board, including three years as Chair and Ray Chilton, six years of service, five as Board Treasurer. We welcomed Peter Speldewinde to the Board and thanked Richard Hickson for taking on the role of Board Chair in 2012.

Sharon Berg was acknowledged for her service to the P&F and her three years as P&F President. New P&F President, Helen Anderson is supported by Sam Loveridge (Vice President), Amanda Thompson (Treasurer), Sue Crosby, Angela Williams, Jodie Leonard (Committee Members), Maria Jackson (Scholastic Co-ordinator) and Julie Strophair (Koorong Kids Co-ordinator).



P&F President 2012 Helen Anderson

Board Chair for 2012 Richard Hickson



COLLEGE NOTICES

Monday was also the day we welcomed new Year Seven and Eight students to the College for Orientation. My thanks to Ms Alderman for organising the programme and to staff who assisted. Students enjoyed the day and it was very helpful for our future students to get to know the College and the people they will be working with. Thanks also to Prefects Mollie Forbes, Kirsty Battison and Lauren Wilson, for giving up the first day of their holiday to work with our new students.

Special thanks to our Head Coaches Ms MacFarlane and Mr O'Donnell and staff for their preparation and coordination for the Junior School and Years Eight to Ten Athletics Carnivals. Well done to all squad members for your effort at the Carnivals.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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

Singing

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.









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Saints Swim Club

"Annual Lapathon" Monday, 5 December

Open to all Year Three - Twelve Students who are Swimming Stage 6 or above

The Swim Club is proud to support St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal by participating in a Lapathon to raise funds to buy presents for needy families in the Albany region.

Participants need to have their permission notes signed by a parent/guardian and raise a minimum of \$10 and purchase a present for the St Vincent's Christmas Appeal.

All information is included in the Sponsor Booklet.

Bring along your present for wrapping on the day along with your swimming gear and snacks. Lunch is provided. After lunch fun activities including waterslide, free swim and MAD D will conclude the day. See you there!









Performers Take to the Stage

On Thursday 17 November Mrs O'Donnell's Years Nine and Ten Dance students performed in the Gymnasium for Junior School students and parents.





Mr Lawrence Oboh, our African Drumming teacher, conducted a performance with his Year Five and Eight students who have been learning Djembe Drums this year.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Champion House 2011

Congratulations to DeVialar House who won the Champion House competition by the narrow margin of 12 points from an unlucky Cunningham House.

Final scores were as follows:

DeVialar - 1229 - 1217 Cunningham Ozanam - 1169 McCormack - 1150

Well done to all students who worked hard to earn points for their respective Houses throughout the school year.

DeVialar will be going on their reward picnic for being Champion House next Thursday 8 December. Information will be sent home about the picnic at Middleton Beach.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Despite the sweltering weather conditions, Junior School students participated enthusiastically at last Thursdays carnival. After a titanic struggle throughout the day Ozanam House ended up the eventual winner by the narrow margin of 6 points.

Final Scores were:

Ozanam - 697 DeVialar - 691 McCormack - 652 Cunningham - 652

Individual Champions were:

Year	Champion	Runner-up Champion
4 girls	Jenna Onions	Grace McLeod
4 boys	Brock Anning	Leith Fitzpatrick
5 girls	Vanessa Nguyen	Madeline Joy
5 boys	Lewis Hammond	Caleb Gill
6 girls	Havanna Gill	Angela Dela Cruz
6 boys	Jacob Oostdam	Nicholas Zambonetti

Thank you to Miss McFarlane for all of her work organising the carnival. Also to Mr Polette for using his computer expertise to co-ordinate scoring on the day.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Junior School Assembly

Our next assembly is on Friday 9 December commencing at 9.00am in the College Gymnasium.

Introductory Session

Mrs Neil held an introductory session to welcome new students who will be commencing Four Year Old Kindergarten in 2012. Students were given an opportunity to explore the Kindergarten playroom and engage in a range of activities including painting, play dough and block construction. Thank you to Mrs Neil for making this introductory session a very welcoming and interactive time for new students and their families. Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



ALBAN Lawn Bowls – Year Ten Students

Twelve Year Ten students were selected to battle against Albany Senior High School, North Albany Senior High School, Great Southern Grammar, Mt Barker and Denmark students in some competitive games of Lawn Bowls. The students had a great day winning many of their games. The boys, girls and mixed team ended up gaining enough points to come in first and brought home the shield. Mt Barker was a close second behind St Joseph's and Denmark came third closely behind Mt Barker.

The girl's team, involving Mikaela Hughes-Owen, Alana Andreotti, Karlee Guelfi and Chloe Thornton came home undefeated as well as the boys team, Kieran Loveridge, Slayde Douch, Rouie Roxas and Lachlan Howarth.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The mixed team, Tahlia McCracken, Matt Wolfe, William McSweeney and Marni Smith had a good run, but unfortunately lost their final game. Overall, the day was very successful and enjoyed by all the students and helpers that attended. Thanks to all the volunteer coaches from both Middleton Beach and Albany Bowling Clubs for preparing us for the event. Thanks you also to Mr Scanlon for supervising the teams on the day.

Marnie Smith -Year Ten



PARISH NOTICES



It's Christmas Time

Angels and Shepherds are needed for Christmas Eve Family Mass 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.



Albany Christmas Pageant Middleton Beach Saturday, 17 December

Angels and Shepherds are needed for the Parish Float to create the Nativity Scene of Jesus Christ's Birth

Christmas Pageant participants will need to be at the assembly area of Surfers Beach Car Park (to the left of Middleton Beach Caravan Park) by 4.30pm for a 5pm start of the parade.

Enquiries: Gloria Barnes 0427 703 693

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Night Time Bedwetting (Nocturnal Enuresis)

Bedwetting can be a highly embarrassing problem which can stop people participating fully in many of the enjoyable activities of life. It can lead to avoiding school camps and holidays and present difficulties with friendships.

Many children who suffer bedwetting have been told they will grow out of it however there are a small percentage of teenagers and adults who have not.

Great Southern Community Health offers an Enuresis Program for young people up to the age of 14 years. This program is evidenced based and involves the use of a mat and alarm to help the person to wake when needing to go to the toilet at night. It is supported by weekly meetings with a School Nurse. This is a free service.

For more information regarding the program contact the Senior School Nurse on 98427542.

Summer Camp 2012 - Youth Retreat

You are invited to be part of three awesome January days filled with fun, music, friendship and faith.

Summer Camp 2012 promises to be a truly memorable experience. So invite your friends... or come on your own and make some new ones.

Whatever you do, don't miss this exciting opportunity to be inspired, to deepen your faith ... AND to have a great time!

Registration is essential, so register today to be part of this exciting event.

For more information... contact Fr Wayne Bendotti (Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator) Phone: 9721 0508

Email: wayne.bendotti@bunburycatholic.org.au



Albany Public Library

Will be holding a book launch to celebrate a Local Young Adult Author's First self published fantasy novel "This Army and Me"

Friday 8 December 4-5pm

Come and meet the author and find out about the new series at the Albany Public Library, for more information check out our website or phone 9841 9390 or come and visit us at York Street

Beginning Experience®

RENEWING THE LIGHT OF HOPE

The **BEGINNING EXPERIENCE** is running a **WEEKEND PROGRAMME**, designed to assist and support people in learning to close the door gently on a relationship that has ended, in order to get on with living.

People who have had similar loss experiences themselves facilitate the programme. Peer's who have travelled this road, like you. If you feel that this programme could benefit you or someone you know, you are invited to contact us.

The next weekend programme dates are:

FRIDAY 9 to SUNDAY 11th MARCH 2012

For further information please contact:

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