

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTION

Prayer for Responsibility

*O God, you have bound us together
in this bundle of life:
give us grace to understand how our lives
depend upon the courage, the industry,
the honesty and the integrity of others;
that we may be mindful of their needs,
grateful for their faithfulness, and
faithful in our responsibilities to them.*

Reinhold Niebuhr

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The following reflection appeared in a Parish Sunday bulletin and provides much food for thought.

If parents would like some further reading on this subject there is a fine chapter in a book by William O'Malley called 'Converting the Baptised'. The chapter heading is 'Mass and Teenagers' and it can be made readily available to anyone who would like a copy by contacting the College Office.

"...Nothing is more painful to parents today than the rejection - or disinterest - by their older children in church, religion, worship and all the outward expressions of faith! This phenomenon is everywhere.

There are two things to remember, two sobering facts of spiritual life. One is that no human being can give faith to another no matter how much loved. All that we can do is present God's invitation to faith in as attractive and genuine way as possible. The response is personal and unique and not ours to dictate or meddle in.

The other fact is that spiritual development is lifelong and growth toward faith can take a lifetime. There may be necessary experiences of living and suffering through which a person has to pass before he or she is free to respond to God. If God is prepared to take a lifetime getting in touch with someone, it is not for us to become depressed or angry or guilty because a son or daughter (or even a husband or wife) show little sign of spiritual awareness for many years.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Tues	11-12 March	ACC Swimming Carnival
Thurs	13 March	Assembly - Junior School 9.00am Gymnasium
Thurs	13 March	Interschool Tennis (MS/SS)
Fri	14 March	St Joseph's Day Mass 10.30am - HFC Fair - 12 noon - 3.00pm
Mon	17-21 March	Harmony Week
Thur	20 March	Immunisation (Yr 7)
Fri	21-25 March	Easter Holidays - Good Friday Easter Monday and Tuesday
Wed	26 March	Students return to school following Easter
Wed	26 March	Junior School Inter-House Athletics Field Events
Thurs	27 March	Junior School Inter-House Athletics Track Events
Thurs	27 March	Inter-school Swim Carnival (Yr 7-12)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Children aren't solely products of their parents, they are unique individuals with aspirations and faults of their own. Each one has his or her own private pilgrimage to make.

Parents can assist: they can not conduct it or guarantee the outcome."

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

MEET THE STAFF

Katherine Eastwell

After meeting Matt (my Australian husband) in 2005, I moved to Perth from the US.

I completed a Graduate Diploma in Education and began teaching English at Eastern Hills SHS in the Perth Hills.

We moved down south at the beginning of the school year after purchasing a vineyard in Forest Hill. Matt's passion is winemaking/viticulture and we plan to create our own wine label in a few year's time.

I am teaching Drama and English at St Joseph's College. This is my first year teaching Drama, but I've taken to the programme wholeheartedly.

I'm thoroughly enjoying my work at St Joseph's College. The staff have been so welcoming and my students are genuinely lovely.



COLLEGE NOTICES

ACC Swimming Carnival

The Year Eight-Twelve swimming team for the ACC Swimming Carnival will be leaving next Tuesday 11 March for the E Division swimming carnival to be held at Beatty Park Pool on Wednesday 12 March. The team were selected based on the results of the Inter-House carnival at Mt Barker in Week Two. The students look forward to the opportunity to compete in the carnival despite the fact that they haven't been able to train due to the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre pool closure. We wish them the best of success for the carnival next week.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

SunSmart Cricket Competition

The first game of this competition was played on the showcase turf east wicket at 9.00am on 29 February against the Mount Barker side.

Batting first on a damp, seaming wicket, St Joseph's were soon in trouble at 5 for 27. With most of the better batsmen out, the middle order, particularly the Parker brothers, teamed up well to achieve the modest total of 87 after 30 overs. This proved sufficient as the Mt Barker team were rolled for 62 runs thanks to excellent bowling from Bronson Leo, Carden Taylor and Gerry Reilly.

The second game against Great Southern Grammar was a completely different situation with the wicket now dry and flat due to the hot weather. Batting first the Grammar openers proved difficult to shift and enabled the team to score 130 from their 30 overs despite losing late wickets. Cameron Newbold grabbed 5 late wickets in his bowling spell. Carden Taylor and Bronson Leo opened the batting against hostile Grammar bowling and despite the age difference were able to lay a solid foundation for the run chase. Gerry Reilly also batted well to give St Joseph's a chance but was out in an attempt to lift the run rate. The team fell twenty runs short of the required total but were far from disgraced against a fresh and older Grammar side. The team fielded enthusiastically throughout the very hot conditions and played both games in excellent spirit.

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Captain, Dale Quain did an excellent job in leading the side aided by his Vice Captains Gerry Reilly and Jake Pollard. My thanks to the attitude and application of all players.

Mr Herb Wiegele

Canteen News Next Friday - St Joseph's Day Special



2 slices of Eagle Boys Pizza for \$2.50
(Must be Pre-Ordered)

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



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House Rewards

We are intending to have a draw at Junior, Middle and Senior Schools assemblies towards the end of Term to reward students who have worked hard to earn points for their respective Houses. If any parents or businesses could assist by donating small prizes/vouchers for the draw please contact Mike Watson at the College.

Junior School Assembly

Our next Assembly is on Thursday 13 March commencing at 9.00am in the College gymnasium. Mr Romeo's Year Five students will be conducting the assembly.

Beach Fun Day

Years One-Three students had a very enjoyable time at last Friday's Beach Fun Day. Students participated in a range of activities including tabloids, a sand castle competition and an Inter-House Tug-O-War. The warm weather conditions meant that the water activities in particular were very popular. Our Year Six students did a great job as team leaders. Thank you to Mr Small for co-ordinating the day and to teachers and parent helpers for working together to ensure that our Years One-Three students had a memorable day.
Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

2008 College Ball

The College Ball for students in Years Eleven and Twelve will be held at the Princess Royal Sailing Club, Frenchman Bay Road on Saturday 29 March commencing at 7.30pm to 12 pm.

Reply slips **must** be returned to the College Office by **Monday 10 March** and students will then be notified through their Home Room Teacher when their ticket/s are ready for collection. Tickets prices are \$70/single and \$120/double. Tickets will only be available for collection at Recess times.

All students and their partners are requested to arrive at the venue by 7.20pm and will be greeted by the Principal, Mr Hall.

Please note that College rules apply for all students and any guest partner who attends.

The Ball Committee has been busy planning and making the necessary arrangements to ensure a great time is had by all. The Theme for 2008 is 'Moulin Rouge'.

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We appreciate your support to give your son/daughter a wonderful formal social experience and feel confident that it will be an occasion for them to remember.

If you have any queries you are welcome to contact Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

University and TAFE Seminar

On Tuesday 11 March representatives from University of WA, Murdoch University and Great Southern TAFE will present a range of information to students in Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve.

The Seminar will run from 8.40am to 12.30pm for all students in Senior School.

The programme for the Seminar will begin with a general information session to all students as follows:

1. Important date for applications to Tertiary Institutions
2. How to apply
3. Expectations of a tertiary student
4. Hints and advice on making the most of University/TAFE life

Each of the six representatives will run an independent session and students will choose sessions and attend three of interest to them. All students will receive information handouts and booklets from all six representatives and they will also receive contacts of further information, if required.

If you would like any further information please contact Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

TEE Study Guides 2008

Year Twelve students who wish to purchase TEE Study Guides for 2008 can approach Ms Stringer for an order form and to discuss the benefits of purchasing this resource. Subject Teachers would also be happy to discuss the need/use for these resources. Study Guides are available for:

- Applicable mathematics
- Discrete mathematics

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- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English
- History

Parents/guardians are responsible for placing orders directly to the businesses as outlined on the order forms. If you have any queries please contact Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

Year Ten Outdoor Education Hike

On Thursday 28 February, our Outdoor Education class went on a fourteen kilometre hike at the Luke Pen Walk on the Kalgan River. The purpose of the hike was to prepare ourselves and pack our rucksacks as though going on our two day one night expedition which is coming up in Term Two. Essential items that were checked prior to departure were raincoats, hats, 2 litres of water, basic and personal first aid requirements. The idea was also to work as a team, as well as utilise skills we have learned so far this year.



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The walk was a good experience and many skills were learned along the way. To test us, we were thrown into some mock first aid scenarios along the route, and also had time for a swim in the Kalgan River. This was particularly enjoyable, considering how hot, sweaty and tired we all were.

We all enjoyed the hike and hope to have the experience again.

Written by: Samara Groves and Rochelle Coyne - Year Ten

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

St Joseph's P & F Footy Tipping Competition 2008

FOOTY TIPPING ON LINE

Purchase a book for \$50.00 and join in the fun and win some fantastic prizes.

Major Prizes:

1 st Tavel voucher	\$4000.00
2 nd Cash	\$250.00
3 rd Cash	\$100.00

Weekly prizes:

\$50.00	Most Correct (nearest margin)
\$5.00	Video Voucher - least correct
\$10.00	No Winners (jackpotting)

It's fun, it's easy and if you don't have a computer with internet access your children can input your tips at school in the College Library at lunch time.

You can also input your tips in advance **No** worries about going away and forgetting while you're living it up away.

If you have not yet got your footy tipping Registration Form they are available from the College Office or you can purchase your books on St Joseph's Day - 14 March on the College oval.

If you have any queries please contact Neil and Christine Annison via:

annos7@bigpond.com or phone 0407779442.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

P&F Meeting

The next meeting for the P&F Committee will be held on Monday 17 March at 7.30pm. At our meeting on 28 February elections were held for office bearers 2008.

The following people were elected:

President: Chris Annison

Vice President: Helen Anderson (Interim)

Secretaries: Cathy Griffiths/Colleen Armstrong

Treasurer: Nola Osborne

Board Representative: Vacant

Committee Members: Colleen Armstrong,

Footy Tipping Co-ordinator: Neil Annison

Scholastic: Stephanie Gorman

Koorong: Colleen Armstrong

On Friday 14 March Footy Tipping Books will be available for sale at the St Joseph's Day Fair. There will be no sausage sizzle (due to the Lenten observance of no meat) but fresh fruit salad will be available.

If anyone is able to volunteer some time on 27 March for the Junior School Inter-House Athletics Carnival to help man the drinks van, please contact Chris on 0407 779442.

WEEKEND SPORT

Basketball Wind-up

A wind-up for all St Joseph's Basketball teams will be held on Wednesday 19 March from 3.30-5.00pm at the College Gymnasium. Presentation of awards for all grades will be undertaken.

Mr Tim Hunter

PARISH NOTICES

Thank you

Now that everyone has settled into school and a new year, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all the parents/guardians and their little shepherds, angels, Mary, Joseph, donkey and the three

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kings, as well as to the young choir and their Musical Co-ordinators for a lovely family celebration of the Lord's birth on Christmas Day. We've received lots of positive feedback, so well done everyone and thanks heaps. Happy Easter to you all.

Mrs Gloria Barnes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2008 Hockey Season

Registration forms for the 2008 hockey season are now available through St Joseph's College office. Registrations need to be in by 20 March. Grades this year are Upper Primary - Years 6 and 7, Middle Primary - Years 3 and 5 and Experienced.

Years 1-2 and Lower Primary/Hook into Hockey for Beginners. For further information contact Michael Ausma on Ph: 9844 6015.



Dental Therapy Centre

The Dental Therapy Centre offers enrolment to all school children from Pre-Primary to Year Eleven (5 - 16 years of age). Enrolment forms are available from the Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre, C/- Spencer Park School, Hardie Road, Albany or Ph: 9841 3967.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Regional Idol Competition

Entries are now open for the Regional Idol Competition.

All budding songwriters and performers aged 12-25 are encouraged to enter the competition which will showcase local original music from our region (no cover songs!).

The National Youth Week Idol competition will be held on Sunday 13 April at the Albany PCYC with fantastic prizes to be won. There are limited places, so get your entries in ASAP to be eligible.

Entry forms can be obtained from Albany PCYC, City of Albany or Uptown Music. Entries close 28 March 2008.

Any questions or queries can be directed to the Community Development Officer Youth – Tammy on 9841 9294.

'My Town Through my Eyes' Competition

This is your chance to show the decision makers in this town what it is like to live here. Whether you show Albany as a great place to live, or a terrible place to live, that is your choice. You can sing about it in the Regional Idol Competition, Write about it, Paint it, Sculpt it, or put together a short documentary or Photo expose! This is your chance!

All entries will be displayed throughout National Youth Week in venues around town including the Town Hall, Vancouver Arts Centre and 'Off the Wall' Gallery. Awesome prizes to be won for each section.

Entry forms will be available from Albany PCYC, City of Albany and the City of Albany website.

Entries close 28 March 2008 with winners announced on 10 April 2008.

Skate & BMX Regional Tournament

Who will be crowned Sk8 or BMX Regional Championship? Compete at both the Denmark Skate & BMX Competition to be held Saturday 5 April, and the Albany Skate & BMX Competition to be held on Sunday 13 April for a chance to be crowned the winner of the Regional Tournament. Full competition details will be announced shortly. For more information contact City of Albany Community Development Officer, Youth Tammy Flett on 9841 9294.

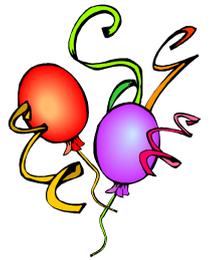
National Youth Week

National Youth Week will be held 5-13 April 2008 with a variety of activities happening all week. For more information check out the Youth section of the City of Albany website www.albany.wa.gov.au or contact Tammy Flett on 9841 9294. [TammyFlett - Community Development Officer - Youth](#)



St Joseph's Day

Friday 14 March 2008



ST JOSEPH'S DAY MASS

Friday 14 March 2008
Holy Family Church
10.30am



All parents and friends are welcome
to join us for this celebration

Student Leaders will be presented with their
badges and given a special blessing at the
St Joseph's Day Mass

ST JOSEPH'S DAY FAIR

The St Joseph's Day Fair will commence at
12.00 noon on the College Oval following the
St Joseph's Day Mass.

UNIFORMS ON ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Students are to wear full **College sports uniform
with House t-shirts** on St Joseph's Day. If students
do not have full College sports uniform, they should
wear full school uniform.

Student leaders are to wear full **College uniform for
the Mass**. They may change into their sports
uniform after the Mass.

If students wish to participate in the slippery slide
activity, they need to bring bathers and a towel.
Students will not be permitted to use the slippery
slide if they have no bathers. Students need to
ensure that they bring a hat and a drink. (There will
be drinks for sale)

OFFICE HOURS ON ST JOSEPH'S DAY

The College Office will be shut from 10.15am on
Friday 14 March, St Joseph's Day.

SIGNING CHILDREN OUT - St Joseph's Day

Students are expected to remain at school all day on
St Joseph's Day. If, due to exceptional
circumstances, you need to take your child home
prior to the normal school finishing time, please
make contact with your child's class teacher or
Home Room teacher.

TUG-O-WAR

The Fair will conclude with an Inter-House 'Tug-O-
War' competition and the presentation of prizes.
**Everyone is welcome to come along and join in
the festivities.**

St Joseph's Day Fair

12.00pm - 3.00 pm
College Oval

Trash'n'Treasure Stall	Bouncy Castle
Face Painting	Speed Bowling
Sponge Throwing	Cake Decorating
Lucky Dips	Pillow fights
Raffles	Slippery Slide
Lucky Numbers	Pony Rides
Guess the Lollies	Cakes/Coffee
Cool Drinks	Jelly Bean Count
Ice-Creams	Popcorn/Fairy Floss
Juices	Pizzas
\$100 "Hole In One" Golf	

Music entertainment will be
provided by students.



All money raised goes to
Project Compassion

Come along and have some fun!

STALLS

Years One - Twelve classes and Home Room
Groups will be organising a variety of stalls and
activities to raise funds for Project Compassion.
Stalls/activities already in the planning process
include - face painting, lucky dips, sponge throwing,
slippery slide, raffles, bouncy castle, pillow fights,
cake decorating, pony rides and a 'Hole in One' Golf
competition. There is a \$100 prize for a 'Hole in One'.

FOOD AND DRINKS

- Food will be on sale at the fair. There will be pizzas,
milkshakes, cakes, slices, ice-creams, popcorn and
cool drinks.
- Junior, Middle and Senior Schools - students will be
able to pre-order pizzas.
- The College Canteen will be open for recess only
and closed from lunchtime on St Joseph's Day.

Please note that due to the Lenten observance of no
meat on Fridays the pizzas sold will be vegetarian
only.