



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

*Today we honour St Alphonsus Liguori,
a bishop of the church.*

*He was born in the Kingdom of
Naples, Italy, in 1696 and died in 1787.
Alphonsus was the founder of the religious order
known today as the Redemptorists.*

*In his time they developed 'Evening Chapels' for
young people, which offered prayer,
scripture study, social service and education.*

*He devoted his life to serving the poor, and
social outcasts.*

*Lord, we honour your saints and ask them to
inspire us to lead generous lives.*

AMEN



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

This week at assemblies we unveiled the major
individual prize for our House Point system. Thanks to
the College P&F and with excellent support from the
Great Southern Bicycle Company, we have a mountain
bike for the major prizewinner from the Junior, Middle
and Senior Schools.



*Jessica Hankinson & Isaac Baldwin (Year 10)
admire the MS/SS bikes donated by the P&F with the
support of the Great Southern Bicycle Company*

Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 2/3 Aug	Mon 4 August	Tues 5	Wed 6	Thur 7	Fri 8
	MSE Testing Yr 9 RE Assessment Yr 7				→ →
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm		Parent/Teacher Student Interviews (8-10)	
Sat/Sun 9/10	Mon 11	Tues 12	Wed 13	Thur 14	Fri 15
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm		Inter-School Cross Country (8-12)	Mass - Assumption Netball Cup (6/7)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

You will recall that we have greatly expanded our House Point System and students can earn House Points for academic, cultural and behavioural, liturgical events and sports. The House Points reward consistency in things like correct uniform or other everyday positive things, and also the extra-ordinary effort that students make from time to time.

The House Co-ordinators and Mr Watson have put a lot of time into the House Points system this year. We have been very well supported by the P&F, who have assisted us in providing prizes such as CD vouchers for the end of Term, the P&F Ice-cream draw and of course the bikes.

The House Point system is one way in which we can recognise those students contributing to the College Community, which ultimately makes us all better off.

Next week we welcome our Japanese Exchange Students to the College. This is a wonderful opportunity for some Cultural exchange and I am sure our students will respond positively to the programme.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

MEET THE STAFF

Sarah Manolas

I am the Year Two teacher and I started my teaching career here at St Joseph's College in 2007. I am currently enrolled in further studies in the area of students with special needs. I am passionate about my job and I love working with children. I am also involved with the church community. I feel at home here in Albany!!



REFLECTION

It seems to me that we allow too many of our students to be simply career-oriented, and we leave unchallenged their desire simply to find a comfortable niche in society. I fear that in the course of their studies many of our students gain only a minimal sense of social responsibility and little appreciation of the social teachings of the Catholic Church. Beyond this, I wonder how many students are required to take an ethics course which focuses on the moral issues associated with the careers they are planning.

I venture to say that, in terms of our curriculum, we leave too much to our students' 'good will' and so fail to require that they give serious, systematic and sustained reflection to the complex ethical questions that they will face in their careers. I believe that students, at the very least, should first be helped to recognise, and then made to take a hard look at, the ethical concerns that are most closely connected to their chosen field of endeavour. Any hope that students will be motivated to do what is right must be based on our first helping them gain a clearer understanding of what 'the right thing to do' is.

On paper, Catholic educational institutions are committed to encourage their students to the kind of faith in God that will inspire them to bring justice and love into their work and world.

More specifically, it might be said that the Catholic educational mission is to help students see that faith in God gives rise to a three-dimensional responsibility which we educators must help them meet. In short, our students must seek and be encouraged to grow in three ways.

Competence: *Every student should graduate as a well-rounded individual with a solid knowledge of a particular field of study. There is simply no substitute for an **informed head**.*

Conscience: *In addition, all graduates should have a better sense of how to use, in a right and helpful way, the knowledge they have gained. Correct information should be guided by a **warm heart**.*

Compassion: *Finally, understanding what is right, every graduate must find the courage to follow through in action and do what is right. Intelligence and talk of values should finally be seen and felt in **loving hands**.*

It has been said that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. Clearly, our students have a right to learn how to make a living, but they also have a duty to learn how to live. Catholic schools must recognise and support this right of students, but they must also see to it that the students recognise and fulfil this duty. What other reasons do Catholic schools have for existing?

This week's reflection appeared in a recent copy of the weekly magazine *America* and was written by Vincent Genovesi SJ.

COLLEGE NOTICES

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the Lewis family, Ian, Ronelle, Bronwyn Year Ten, Gregory Year Three and Kendall Year One who became naturalized Australian citizens last Monday afternoon at a ceremony held at the City of Albany. Best wishes from the College community.

In-Term Swimming Lessons - (Years 1-7)

Enrolment forms for these lessons to be held in Weeks Nine and Ten of Term Three (15-25 September) have been given out this week. Please ensure that they are returned by next Wednesday 6 August. A reminder that all students are expected to participate in swimming lessons unless there is a medical reason precluding them from doing so.

VACSwim Programme

Information has been sent home (Years One-Seven) this week about the VacSwim Programme for 2008-2009. Students can learn to swim for just \$1 a day during the October and January school holidays. Enrolments can be completed online or sent directly to the VacSwim Office, PO Box 130, Tuart Hill WA 6939 or fax 93440900.
Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

School Photographs

The School photographs have been sent home with students this week.

Civic Reception for Dr Fiona Wood

Last term on Thursday 26 June, I was privileged enough to represent the College Community at a Civic Reception held for Dr Fiona Wood in recognition of her award as Australian of the Year 2005. A busy work schedule together with the travelling and visiting commitments that go with that prestigious award had prevented Dr Wood from visiting Albany during 2005.

At a lovely reception held at the Civic Centre in Albany, I had the chance to meet and listen to Dr Wood as she shared many insightful stories relating to her busy life and the wonderful work which she does at the Burns Unit in Perth. Her love of working and living in Western Australia was evident through the anecdotes she shared with the people present. Dr Wood's humility, energy and down to earth nature, for a woman who has achieved so much, is inspiring and after hearing her speak it is evident how deserving she was of the title of Australian of the Year 2005. I really enjoyed this experience and it is one that I will remember forever.

Verity Gorman - Year 11

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Tree Planting

Last Friday two of our Year Six Student Leaders, Stella Tassicker and Patrick Norman, along with students from other Albany schools participated in a tree planting ceremony organised by the "Keep Albany Beautiful Committee" and the City of Albany.



Canteen News Next Wednesday's Special



Curry & Rice and Bottled Water
\$4.50

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The ceremony was held at the Hanrahan Road Waste Disposal Site. The City of Albany is in the process of developing an education centre at the site and the fifty-five trees planted by students at the front of the centre will help beautify this area. Well done to Stella and Patrick who both managed to get quite dirty planting the trees but really enjoyed the experience.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

PARISH NOTICES

Youth Group

Aberdeen Street

Friday 8 August

4 pm - 6pm

New Camfield

Deciding activities for this Term and next, so don't miss out!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Get curious about Curtin:

Come to Our Open Day - 17 August 2008

Curious about life at Western Australia's largest university? Then come along to Curtin's Open Day on Sunday 17 August 2008. Lecturers will be available to answer questions about courses and student ambassadors will be on hand to share their experiences. A range of displays, tours, interactive activities and competitions will be run across campus to give you a real taste of life at Curtin.

For more information go to

<http://dev.openday.curtin.edu.au/promo/>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bring Home a Brother or a Sister

In February 2009, students aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

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