



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Reflection

A sympathetic friend leaned close to a disabled woman and whispered, 'Affliction does so colour life, doesn't it?'

'Yes', the handicapped woman replied, 'but thank God I can choose the colour.'

We may not always be able to escape the raw realities of life as they confront us but with God's help we can shape them. Faith doesn't immunise us from difficulty. But it does radically alter our attitude towards our difficulties.

Prayer

We thank you, Lord for the things of this world, in which we learn all we know and all we love of you.

We thank you for light and for darkness, for hopes and fears, for joy and sadness.

We thank you for the candles, which you give us to keep alight, for the air we breath, and for the light we shed and share.

We thank you for the times and the season in which we know the ways of your presence to us, and the ache of our absence from you.

We thank you for that restlessness in which we seek you, and for the joy in which we find you.

We thank you that our friends are more than we can understand, and that they are not more than we can love.

We thank you for desert and oasis, for sea and shore, for hearth and horizon, for dreams and for tasks.

We thank you for coming to us; we thank you that you have gathered us this day to thank you. We thank you for our own lives, and for those of all men and women.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

This week we launched our fundraising programme for our Missions Fun Run. Once again we will be supporting the Wheelchairs for Kids programme.

During the Year Twelve Retreat four Year Twelve students and I toured the Wheelchairs for Kids Workshop. Our host Br Ollie Pickett, spent some quality time with us and explained the production process to our students; they also had a hand in some of the production.

The need is great: there are 100 million wheelchairs needed by children in the world, crippled by disease, landmines and genetic birth defects. What difference can we possibly make with those numbers? As Robert Kennedy said: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness". Every \$100 we raise, brings that light into some child's life.

Well done to Mr Dougherty's guitar students who shared with us their talent last Sunday. It was a pleasant afternoon's entertainment and the audience was very impressed. Special thanks to Steve Dougherty for his organisation.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 23/24	Mon 25	Tues 26	Wed 27	Thur 28	Fri 29
Commitment Mass Reconciliation Family Mass 6pm HFC	Yr 8 Camp Book Club Orders Due - College Office	Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm		Confirmation Visit	Confirmation Visit
Sat/Sun 30/31	Mon 1 Sept	Tues 2	Wed 3	Thur 4	Fri 5
Sunday - Confirmation HFC		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm		School's Music Festival (yr 4-6) Gym 7.30pm	Swimming Trials (Yr 4-6)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



*Steve Dougherty's
Concert
for his
Guitar Students*



COLLEGE NOTICES

Fancy Dress Ball

Please make note there has been a change in dates for this Term's Fancy Dress Ball



The Fancy Dress Ball will now be held during Week 9 on

Friday 19 September

We have been fortunate to be able to book Steve Dougherty's band "Big Men Working"

Japanese Exchange Student Visit

Last week the College welcomed twelve students and three staff from our sister city, Tomioka, in Japan. The students visited the school on Tuesday and Friday engaging in a variety of fun activities with the St Joseph's students. Some of the highlights included baking their own Aussie meat pies and sewing their own Aussie decorated bags. They also had the opportunity to show some of our students some traditional Japanese pastimes like Origami (paper folding) and painting in Hirogana (Japanese lettering).

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Several St Joseph's students have completed their applications to take part in the Albany schools tour to Tomioka in the upcoming January School holidays. The students are looking forward to being selected to represent the College on the two week tour which includes many scenic and cultural highlights including snow skiing in Nagano (former Winter Olympic site) and visiting Tokyo Disneyland.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Exchange Visit Co-ordinator

Saints Swim Club

Welcome back everyone to Term Three and a huge welcome to the Year Three students who have started coming down to Swim Club.



Just a gentle reminder to those who have yet to pay their fees, please place them in an envelope with your child/rens name/s and year/s on and put them in the Swim Club box at the College Office.

We will be placing another order for our very popular hoodies. They remain at a club subsidised price of \$30.00, great value. Notes will be coming home shortly for those who wish to order. If you have not received a note by Friday 29 August, please contact me and I will organise your order. We also have a few of our long sleeved t-shirts left from previous years, mainly larger sizes, and we are selling them off for \$10.00. There are some short fins also available, great for younger children at \$5.00 per pair and some of the net bags that are great for wet gear at the pool, these are also \$5.00. Anyone who is interested in any of these can contact myself, Clare Dolzadelli on 0428 443898.

Just a reminder that our Lap-a-thon will be held on Friday 5 December and we will be giving out more information as the date gets closer. We will need parent help for lap counting, sausage cooking and the like, so please pencil it in.

Finally as the Year Eight students are on camp next week most of the coaches will be away. Therefore, there will be **no Swim Club next Friday 29 August**. Happy Swimming, Mrs Clare Dolzadelli - President

COLLEGE NOTICES

Middle and Senior Schools Inter-House Athletics

Perfect weather greeted the Year Seven-Twelve students on Monday for their Inter-House Athletics carnival. The students had already been busy in the weeks preceding the carnival with events completed during lunchtimes and during their Physical Education lessons. The day was a hive of activity with students moving between the track events, high jump and throwing stations as well as the all important novelty events. The novelty events took place just before lunchtime with students competing in their House groups against the others in their year group.

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day and also to the Champions and Runners Up from each year group listed below. Points counted towards these champions from all A division track events and all field events.

Year	Champion	Runner-up Champion
7 Girl	Tahlia McCracken	Gabrielle Ruttico
7 Boy	Matthew Barnes	Tom Gorman
8 Girl	Ketisha Gill	Jemma Goodwin
8 Boy	Todd Cook	Heath Blakers
9 Girl	Kiara Atkins	Eilish Fage
9 Boy	Bronson Leo	Carden Taylor
10 Girl	Sharnee Weaver	Olivia Gliosca
10 Boy	Michael Betti	Aarron Attwell
11 Girl	Cara Baker	Ruby Shennan
11 Boy	Dale Quain	Callan Beltrama
12 Girl	Ruby Leonhardt	Rebekah Baddeley
12 Boy	Sam Juers	Joe Amato

In the all-important overall House results the final placings were:

Middle School

Ozanam 1st on 1433 points

DeVialar 2nd on 1395 points

Cunningham 3rd on 1309 points

McCormack 4th on 1159 points

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Senior School

DeVialar 1st on 985 points

Ozanam 2nd on 980 points

Cunningham 3rd on 902 points

McCormack 4th on 766 points

At the completion of the day's events the fastest boy and girl in each year group faced off against each other in the annual St Joseph's Gift. The race was handicapped with the fastest runner running 122.5m and the slowest running 100m and it was bound to be a tough race. The race looked out of contention for the back runners as some of the front-runners made a great dash for the line, but it was Sam Juers who unbelievably came from behind and won his third Gift in consecutive years.

A huge thank you to Ms Kate Van Hulssen for running the novelty events, Mr Vertigan for setting up the new computer tabulating system and to all of the staff who began setting up early on the day and managed all aspects of the carnival. A special thanks to the groundsmen Mr Scheepers and Mr Pickering who coordinated the set up of the carnival and were assisted by George Juers (Yr 9) and William Boston (Yr 10) who volunteered to come down early before school to set up.

The Years Eight-Ten athletics team for the Associated and Catholic Colleges Carnival in Perth scheduled for Week Nine this Term will be selected based on the results of this carnival. Students will be notified of their selection early next week.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Canteen News Next Wednesday's Special



Chicken Sub and Bottle of Water
\$4.00

COLLEGE NOTICES

Commitment Mass - Reconciliation

For students making their Reconciliation later this year, there will be a Commitment Mass at Holy Family Church on Saturday 23 August commencing at 6pm. Please note this is also Family Mass and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs Sue Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Pre-Primary Opening Times

There has been concern expressed by some parents of Pre-Primary students in regards to the change in opening times for the Pre-Primary.

The changes occurred at the commencement of the 2008 school year when the opening time was changed from 8.30am to the later time of 8.45am. The decision regarding the later 'door opening' time for Pre-Primary was to enable staff to have more common planning and preparation time before commencing the day's activities.

The decision was not made lightly and I acknowledge it does present some difficulties, particularly to working parents. However providing staff with a little more time to plan and prepare for the many and varied learning activities that occur in a Pre-Primary each day was a priority and an important educational consideration, as this does impact in a positive way on the learning programme that can be presented to our Pre-Primary students.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Police Visit The Kindy

Constable Bond and Constable Mitchell came to Kindy to talk to us about road safety. They reminded us to always keep our seat belts done up, and to always wear a helmet when we ride bikes and skateboards. We enjoyed looking through the police car and listening to the siren.

Thanks Constable Bond and Constable Mitchell from the Kindy Children.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Year Seven Immunisations

Community nurses will be at the College on Wednesday 10 September to continue the immunisation programme for Year Seven students. Students will be offered the second Hepatitis B vaccine and the Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough) vaccine. Any queries should be directed to Beverley Bradshaw on 98427563.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Book Club

Book Club catalogues have been sent home with students this week. All Book Club orders are due in to the College Office by Monday 25 August.

Mrs Stephanie Gorman - Co-ordinator

Footy Tipping

Congratulations to our winners of Round 20.

Greg Hunter was the winner of the \$50 and the Civic Video winner was Amanda Thompson.

Footy fever is closing very fast only two more rounds to go and its close so you really need your thinking caps on. Mrs Chris Annison - Footy Tipping

PARISH NOTICES

Youth Group Friday 22 August 4 - 6pm

GAMES GALORE!

- * Table Tennis
- * Pool
- * Air Hockey
- * Soccer
- * Darts
- * Music
- * Board Games

Please Bring: \$2 donation, Snack to share, any favourite board games etc, favourite CD or guitar to share your music with us.

Enquires to Tae: 0427 388 686

Kids Club

Kids Club is on **Sunday 24 August**
10.30am - 12 noon
(following the 9.30am Mass)
Please bring a snack

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Albany Little Athletics Registration and Information Day

Saturday, 30 August 2008

10am - 1pm

at the

Albany Athletics Club
cnr North & Sanford Roads



Season begins
Saturday 11 October 8.50am start
Registrations can also be done after
the season commences.

Come and enjoy family, fun and fitness
Enquiries Ph 98411319 or
98418851 A/Hrs
Anne Maroni

COMMUNITY NOTICES



Competition



Name the Education Centre

The City of Albany is developing an Education Centre, which will be run by Cleanaway, at the Waste Minimisation Facility in Hanrahan Road.

The Centre will consist of two buildings - one will house interactive displays based on waste minimisation, and the other a classroom for school and community groups to undertake workshops.

**The Centre will be officially opened on
10 November 2008**

You are invited to submit a name for the Education Centre.

The successful entrant will receive a **\$500 voucher to Centro Shopping Centre**

All entries go into the draw to win one of two worm farms supplied by Mitre 10. These two businesses proudly support commercial recycling in Albany

For further information and an entry form please contact
Wendy Hughes on 0409 105 595

Entries close 5pm 10 October 2008



Southern Districts Junior Football
Association

Trophy & Presentation Night

Wednesday 27 August 2008

(Not Thursday as previously informed)

Norman Pavilion - Junior Footy Headquarters,
Centennial Oval

U 13s - 6pm

U 15s & U17s FFCYL - 7pm

Tea and Beverages supplied for all players
Bar facility available for parents

Athletics Carnival

