



# St Joseph's College Newsletter

27 March 2009

Term 1 - Week 8

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

### Sat 28 March

- Family Mass (HFC) 6pm
- Commitment Mass First Holy Communion

### Tues 31 March

- ADPSSA Softball Carnival (Yr 6)

### Thurs 2 April

- Inter-School Swimming (Yrs 8-12)

### Tues 7 April

- Senior School Parent & Teacher Night

### Wed 8 April

- Inter-School Triathlon (Yrs 8-12)

### Thur 9 April

- Easter Liturgy
- Last Day for students - Term 1

### Fri 10 April

- Good Friday

## General Information

- **Uniform Shop**  
Open every Tuesday  
8am - 9pm and  
2.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Absentee Phone Line**  
9844 0280
- **Principal**  
Mr Bradley Hall
- **Head of Middle and Senior Schools**  
Mr John Bova
- **Head of Junior School**  
Mr Mike Watson

## REFLECTION



*Loving God, you wait for us in every moment and every experience of our day. As Lent progresses, make us more aware of your unconditional love for us. Help us to be aware of your unconditional love for us. Help us to be more vulnerable to one another, more open to one another's needs, and more open to your gift of yourself to us. We open our hearts to you. Remind us to trust you, especially when we are fearful. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Lord.*

*Amen*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last week's highlight was our St Joseph's Day celebration. It was a special day and I am very mindful of the effort our students, staff and especially parents made to have such a good day.

Special thanks to some behind the scenes workers, including our Administration staff for an exceptional team effort in collecting, collating and calculating monies raised.

Monies are still coming in and to-date we have raised \$3,446.00. This will be forwarded to Project compassion as a result of the day.

Mr Small and Junior School staff ran the Albany District Primary Schools Sports Association (ADPSSA) Swimming Carnival today. My thanks to him, staff and parents who assisted and supported this. We will review our first carnival and continue to work to ensure the ADPSSA competitions are better than ever.

Special thanks to our Parent and Friends Executive and members for their continuing support. Footy Tipping begins this week and is the culmination of months of preparation. To the Executive members who have pushed this and especially Chris and Neil Annison, we are appreciative of your effort. It's a fund raiser - and all students benefit but it's also fun!

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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## COLLEGE NOTICES

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### St Joseph's Day Fair

Many thanks to staff, students and parents for making the Fair a very enjoyable day for the whole College community.

A particular thank you to:

- Staff on the co-ordinating committee - Mr Jim Morcom, Mr Paul Romeo, Mrs Rumeena Wood, Mr Andrew Cole, Ms Sarah Manolas;
- Grounds Staff - Mr John Scheepers and Mr Dave Pickering for their work setting up the infrastructure for the day;
- Bevan's Seafoods for donating the fish for the burgers and Royale Patisserie for supplying the bread rolls and a donation;
- Ms Glenise Tutt and the Office staff for co-ordinating the distribution and collection of money;
- Ms Jenny Kershaw and Ms Deb Korn for providing ponies for the Fair;
- Mr Brian Bowman - Albany Milk Distributors for setting up his drinks van and donating the proceeds;
- Mrs Chris Bevan (Bevan's Transport) for sponsoring the 'Hole In One' Golf competition;
- Mr Terry Eaton from PCYC for providing the apparatus for the pillow fight;
- The Albany Police (Cameron Mitchell) for operating the radar gun at the speed bowling activity;
- Mr Michael Radivorjevic from "Coffee to Go" for operating his van and providing a donation;

All money raised from the Fair will be directed to Project Compassion, our Term One focus.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

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### Inter-School Swimming

The Years Eight - Twelve Swimming Team will contest next Thursday's Inter-school carnival at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre. With seven schools competing including Esperance Senior High School, Albany Senior High School, North Albany Senior High School, Great Southern Grammar, Bethel Christian School and Mt Barker Community College the day is set to be a great event. The team has just two training sessions remaining before the carnival so all team members are encouraged to attend them both.

St Joseph's College is the host school for this event and carnival manager, Mr Paul O'Donnell, would greatly appreciate the assistance from any parents or

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guardians who are able to assist with any duties on the day. Please contact him through the College Office if you are able to assist.

### ACC Swimming

Congratulations to the ACC swimming team who returned from another successful trip to Perth to contest the ACC 'E' division carnival. With both Years Seven and Eight students travelling for their first ACC trip there was plenty of excitement in the team which translated into many great results on the day. Swimmers can view a complete race by race breakdown of their results by following the links to the 'E' division carnival on the ACC website [www.accsport.asn.au](http://www.accsport.asn.au)

Congratulations to the following students who received individual Champions or Runners up in their respective divisions. They will be presented with a certificate for their efforts from the ACC next Term.

Jemma Pouwelsen Under 13 Champion Girl

Michael Offerman Under 13 Runner Up Champion Boy

Jacson Robb Under 15 Runner Up Champion Boy

Kiara Atkins Under 16 Champion Girl

In the overall results St Joseph's placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Junior boys, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Senior girls, 4<sup>th</sup> in overall girls, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Under 13 girls, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Under 13 boys and 6<sup>th</sup> Overall for the carnival. Unfortunately for the team the excellent under 13 results didn't count towards our overall position because not every school in our division has Year Seven students yet. We look forward to them being included in future years.

Thank you to Miss O'Leary and Mr McKechnie for assisting with the trip to Perth and especially to Miss O'Leary for providing the students with their extra Wednesday morning training sessions in the lead up to the carnival. Thank you to the St Joseph's College P&F for their generous support of this event and to the Water Corporation for providing bottled water for the swimmers.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

### French Cultural - Linguistic Exchange

For the last 5 years, a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 16-17 years old, a chance to discover Australia and its education system.

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A couple of schools willing to host 5 students for 3 weeks will be selected and finding host families would be appreciated.

The purpose of such a programme is to give the unique opportunity for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and also create a strong friendship with their peers.

The programme of past years was highly successful. Both Australian and French students greatly enjoyed the exchange. Many still keep in contact with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave the school premises and will attend the classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

We will be responsible for co-ordination with them and we will be in regular contact during their stay. Host families will be visited prior to their arrival to explain the programme.

**Dates: 15 July to 11 August 2009** (first week is during the holiday period )

We believe such an exchange would be highly beneficial for both Australian and French students and we sincerely hope your school could make it happen with a contribution of support and participation.

For further information regarding this Programme please contact Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

### **Mining Camp for interested TEE Science and Maths students: 4-19 July 2009**

Will you be in Year Twelve in 2009? Are you studying TEE Science and Maths subjects? Do you intend to study at university? Do you have an interest in working in the mining industry?

Each year WASM runs a four day event called Focus on Mining which is aimed at Year Twelve TEE students who are considering studying mining related courses at university. Consisting of a four day camp in Kalgoorlie during the mid-year school holidays (specific dates yet to be confirmed), this all-expenses-paid experience

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introduces participants to the mining industry and what it has to offer. During the camp, students tour operational mine sites, participate in hands-on workshops on campus, meet lecturers, current students and mining industry leaders, and enjoy a range of social activities. The local mining industry contributes to the cost of this event meaning that all airfares, accommodation, food and other expenses are completely covered.

Applications open in March each year for the Focus on Mining camp which is held in the mid year school holidays.

For more information contact [WASMadmin@curtin.edu.au](mailto:WASMadmin@curtin.edu.au) or see Ms Stringer at the College.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

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### **Helping Others Call Western Australia Home**

Always wanted to experience a new culture in your own home? Perhaps put into practice a language you've learnt for years? Do you want to show the world that there's a lot to Australia and in particular Western Australia?

Why not host an AFS exchange student?

Arriving in July and staying for 6 months on an AFS exchange program we have high school students coming from different countries in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Africa. In addition, AFS will be welcoming AFS Community Service volunteers who have chosen to spend 6 months of their life helping community, educational and governmental organisations throughout WA.

Hosting is a great way to bring the world into your home! Not only can you experience another culture firsthand without leaving your doorstep, you can also practice a new language with a native speaker!

AFS host families come in all shapes and sizes; we look for secure, open minded, understanding and loving families who are willing to share their lives with a young person from the other side of the world!

Volunteer host families are needed to provide these students with the unique opportunity to discover and

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experience the 'real' Australia. So, to establish life-long friendships, gain a new family member or touch up on a foreign language why not seize the opportunity and become an AFS host family?

AFS ensures peace of mind for host parents and students before, during and after the experience. In 1989, the United Nations awarded AFS a special testimonial citation for outstanding services to youth. AFS is the only student exchange organisation to be recognised by the United Nations for services to world youth.

Become a volunteer host family and step into the cultural experience of a life time!

Please call AFS WA Volunteer Hosting Coordinator, Joyce Vandenberg on Ph: 08-9534-5823 or Mob: 0409-535-721 for more information if you're interested in hosting an AFS exchange student or visit [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au)

### WE ARE SEEKING MENTORS FOR OUR STUDENTS

#### Mentors for our Students aims to:

Engage young people with working or recently retired tradespeople, professionals and paraprofessionals as mentors to encourage them **to seek out careers in areas experiencing skill shortages associated with maths, science and engineering subjects** and to enhance their industry knowledge; utilise the knowledge and experience of older Australians to pass on their skills and knowledge to young Australians

#### Are you willing to be a part of the project by acting as a mentor?

Good quality training will be provided, and the stories of past mentors have demonstrated that mentoring not only brings benefits to young people involved, but to the mentors as well. A mentor can highlight alternative pathways and open doors for new opportunities.

To support you as a mentor, Local Community Partnership will be offering a short course in mentoring and will continue to offer support throughout the program. The course is free and the skills you gain will be invaluable to you as a mentor and may even prove useful in other areas of your life. Topics covered in the mentoring course include:

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- conflict resolution
- effective listening
- mentor roles, rights and responsibilities
- employment and training opportunities
- confidentiality
- child protection legislation

#### Potential mentors will need to have worked or have

- experience in a skill shortage area
- an ability to relate to young people
- a willingness to learn
- good listening skills
- flexibility and adaptability
- an ability to commit to meeting students for one hour a week

Well run mentoring projects give a valuable chance for young people to develop a significant and meaningful relationship with a caring and positive adult. There is strong evidence to suggest these relationships have a positive impact on feelings of belonging, on doing well at school, on building resilience in young people, developing good qualities like leadership and decision-making skills.

Please contact us to register your interest and to find out more:

**Georgina Gallagher** (Monday & Wednesday)

**Nicky Byrne – Executive Officer** (Monday to Friday)

**Office: 9842 9399 Mobile: 0428 445 623**

#### TEE Revision Courses - April Holiday Programme

Study skills, essay writing and subject courses for years 11 and 12. Venues North and South of the river. Small groups, expert teachers, individual help. For more information contact Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam, Academic Task Force. Phone 9317 4421.

#### Lawley Park Tennis Club

Lawley Park Tennis Club will be hosting Mark Leuba and Ryan Offer "Back to Albany Tennis Tour" holiday tennis clinic from 14 - 17 April. Mark and Ryan are originally from Albany and are State League tennis players and members of the tennis Coaches Association of Australia. The clinics will be for beginners to advanced players. The sessions will be 2 hours per day at Lawley Park. Cost \$110. For enquiries and enrolments please call Wally Offer 9842 5669 or 0400 232 608.

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### Communities for Children

Presents  
**Josh Byrne**

#### 'Kitchen Gardens for Kids'

Josh Byrne is an environmental scientist, author and presenter of ABC TV's Gardening Australia. He has a passion for sustainable gardening and will inspire you with all you need to know to get your school or community garden going from the ground up.

Join him and give your children the physical, social, nutritional and educational advantages of growing their own delicious fruit and vegetables.

**Wednesday 8 April 2009**

Be quick to reserve your places for these **FREE** events!

(Evening session limited to two tickets per caller)

**Where: Cranbrook Primary School Vegetable Garden**

Grenfell St, Cranbrook

**When:** 9.15 to 11.15 am

Bring your questions and boots. Light morning tea provided **Cost: FREE**

**RSVP:** Trish at Cranbrook Primary School  
**(08) 9826 1028**

**Where: Albany Senior High School Performing Arts Theatre**

Campbell Rd, Albany

**When:** 7pm start

Light supper and resource pack provided  
**Cost: FREE**

**RSVP:** Great Southern GP Network  
**(08) 9842 2797**



**Albany Lions Rugby Union**  
will be holding their  
**Junior Registration Day**  
**28 March**

At Centennial Oval (Royals)  
**2pm - 4pm**

Boys and girls welcome - Under 8's to Under 18's

For Information Contact:

Andrew Shaw at [andrew.shaw@rugbywa.com.au](mailto:andrew.shaw@rugbywa.com.au)  
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John Clouston at [johnclouston@live.com.au](mailto:johnclouston@live.com.au)

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### Fundraiser for PCYC Bus



**Mitchell (Fingers) Cullen**  
from St Joseph's College - winner of  
Regional Idol and The Next Big Thing will be  
holding a fundraising concert  
at **PCYC** on  
**Saturday 4 April**

**Mitchell plays 12 string guitar, Didgeridoo,  
Lap Slide, Harmonica, Bongo's, Slit Drum  
and Banjo.**

**Special guests are Will Blackburn on  
Percussion and Brendon Burkin on Double  
Bass. (from the Untouchables)**

**Doors open at 7pm with support act Down  
South Crew playing  
at 7.30pm.**

**Tickets are available at PCYC or  
Uptown Music for \$10.**

**Come along and support  
this worth while event**

**Enquiries call:  
0439 913 963 or 0437 448 739**



Concerned about a young person?

Want to learn more about mental health and  
young people and where to go for help?

**Parent and Carer Information Session**  
**Wednesday 1 April**  
5.30pm - 7.00pm

At Worklink,  
121 Aberdeen Street, Albany  
Light Refreshments provided

Contact **headspace** on 9842 9871  
To RSVP by 27 March or  
call us for more information

# St Joseph's Day

