



St Joseph's College Newsletter

24 July 2009

Term 3 - Week 1

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Wed 29 July

- Yr 11 - 2010 Information Night

Thur 30 July

- Mass - Paul Raven Ave Maria Chapel 8am
- JS Assembly Gymnasium 9am

Fri 31 July

- School Photo Day

Mon - Fri 3 - 7 Aug

- Bishop's Assessment (Yrs 3, 5, 9)
- In-Term Swimming Lessons
- WAMSE Testing (Yrs 5, 7, 9)

Thur 6 Aug

- Year 10 - 2010 Information Night

Fri 7 Aug

- ADPSSA Cross Country (Yrs 4-6)

General Information

- **Uniform Shop**
Open every Tuesday
8am - 9am 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



Prayer for Paul Raven

*May eternal light shine on him, O Lord,
With all your saints for ever,
for you are rich in mercy.*

*Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
and may perpetual light
shine on him for ever,
for you are rich in mercy.*

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Over the holiday period, past member of staff Paul Raven succumbed to his illness and died: we ask you to keep Paul's wife Pauline and family in your prayers.

A special thank you to Mrs Gloria Barnes, Parent helpers and the student Kasamba drummers who drummed at the funeral service in a final tribute to their teacher. There will be a Mass for Paul in the College Chapel at 8.00am Thursday 30 July. Parents and students are welcome to join the staff.

This Term we welcomed Mr Daryl Weatherdon to the Staff, teaching Geography and Society and Environment. We also welcomed back Mrs Colleen McGlade and Mrs Victoria Saxon.

The Year One class have Ms Althea Footman on her Practicum Teaching, working with Ms Manolas. We also welcomed new students Emma Helsby (Year Ten), Madeline Guelfi (Year Nine), Liana Manolas (Year Five), Mitchell Williams (Year Three) and James Franklyn (Year One).

In the last Newsletter I thanked staff for the various activities conducted in Week Nine but I omitted two key players for the Year Nine Special Events, so a very special thank you to Mr Mike Crowe and Mr Mick Vertigan for their work with that event.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our Foods Room refurbishment is on track and very soon will be ready for classes. Tenders are being finalized for the Early Learning Centre. We hope to begin this project in August.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education 2009

The Western Australian Standards in Education (WAMSE) assessment program measures the performance of students in aspects of Science and Society and Environment. This compliments information from the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Students in Years Five, Seven and Nine will participate in the assessment program in Week Three (3 – 7 August); Term Three. The following table below is a schedule for each Learning Area Assessment.

Learning Area	Part	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Science	A	40 Mins	40 Mins	60 Mins
	B	40 Mins	40Mins	60 Mins
Society and Environment	A		50 Mins	60 Mins
	B		50 Mins	60 Mins

The Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment 2009

The Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment in 2009 will be formally administered to students in Year Five and Year Nine and informally to students in Year Three.

Students will participate in this assessment program in week three (3 – 7 August); Term Three during the same week as the WAMSE.

All students will be well prepared for these assessments and we encourage parents/guardians to support their child during this week of assessments.

COLLEGE NOTICES

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mike Watson or Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

Mass of Commitment for Students Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation

The Second Mass of Commitment for children, who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year will be celebrated in Holy Family Church at 6.00pm on Saturday 25 July. Parents, sponsors and candidates will be involved in this Mass and we look forward to welcoming you all at this very special event.

Mrs Susan Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

Saints Swim Club

The Senior Swim Squad will be starting it's annual 'virtual' Swim to Rottnest challenge this Term. The total kilometres the swimmers complete each training session will be added up with the aim of achieving the 20 kilometre total by the end of the Term. So, come on senior squad, get your togs on and get into the pool quick smart!

Smarter Than Smoking Cup Football

The Years Eight - Ten Football team contested the Great Southern Smarter Than Smoking Cup football competition today at the North Road sports grounds. A complete report from the days matches will be in next weeks newsletter.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

E Tips

Whether it's Harry Potter, Pokemon, or the Teletubbies, media companies are deluging children with products and services made just for them. Through the success of digitisation of the literacy mediums our children's adventures are delivered to them in a digital medium more often than not. It's not only words that are being digitized, but images, pocket monsters, MP3 songs, online contests, chat room conversations and just about everything else conceivable. This constant stream of information has been the cause both for great celebration and for tremendous concern. The new information and communications technologies are exposing children to a stimulating learning environment and a world of networking with other similar minded youngsters as well as exposing them to a range of images and ideas made for adults.

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The diffusion of information sources may lead young people to Web sites that are too mature, crassly commercial, or worse yet, serve as an introduction to unsavoury individuals.

Over the course of this term our College newsletter will provide a range of safety tips to keep your child and family safe online. If you require further information on any of the topics published refer to www.netalert.gov.au.

We will begin our segment of online Safety tips by exploring the five primary issues that have been the subject of local and national debates concerning children's online safety according to the ACMA (Australian Communications and Media Authority). Briefly, these issues are:

1. Cyber stalking and threats online predators pose to children's physical safety.
2. Harmful or inappropriate content, most often characterized as pornographic, excessively violent or simply "adult".
3. Privacy invasions that result from the collection of personally identifiable information about individual children.
4. Commercialism and aggressive marketing targeted directly at children.
5. Ensuring that worthwhile content is created and is able to reach children and families in their homes in addition to their schools.

Mrs Rumeena Wood and AIT Students

Ozanam House "Winter Blanket Appeal" for The St Vincent De Paul Society



As we move into winter, many people in Albany struggle to find warmth and comfort they need to get through these months.

Ozanam House is aiming to support these needy families by helping with the St Vincent De Paul's Annual "WINTER BLANKET APPEAL". St Joseph's College students from K - 12 are encouraged to bring any type of blanket, such as doonas, rugs, throws of all sizes, to help with this worthy cause.

DATES: From 27 July to 17 September

WHERE: Blankets can be brought to the College office, Martin Road or taken straight to the St Vincent De Paul Society Depot in Chevalier St, Albany.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome

Welcome back to Mrs Colleen McGlade who has been on Long Service Leave during Semester One. We trust Colleen has enjoyed her well deserved break. Colleen has resumed teaching in Year Four B.

Kindergarten/Pre-Primary Open Day

Thank you to the Early Learning Centre staff and parent helpers for all of the work put into the Open Day held at the end of Term Two. There was a steady stream of visitors during the morning who couldn't help but be impressed by the very positive, interactive learning environment that is present on a daily basis at the Early Learning Centre. Well done to all concerned.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you to all parents for the very good support given to the conferences this week. The conferences provide teachers, parents and students (Years Four-Six) classes with an opportunity to discuss academic progress in Semester One and to look at possible areas of development in Semester Two.

In-Term Swimming Lessons

A reminder that In-Term lessons commence in Week Three, Monday 3 August and continue until Friday 14 August. Lesson times will be as follows:

Years Four and Seven	-	10.00am - 10.40am
Years Three and Seven	-	10.40am - 11.20am
Years Two and Six	-	11.20am - 12.00pm
Years One and Five	-	12.40pm - 1.20pm

All students are expected to participate in lessons unless a medical condition precludes them from doing so.

Junior School Assembly

Our first assembly for Term Three will be held on Thursday 30 July commencing at 9.00am in the College gymnasium. Student leaders will be conducting the assembly.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents / Guardians of Year Ten Students

This week a letter was sent home with your child informing you that next Wednesday 21 July the College will be holding an Information Evening about Year Eleven - 2010. It is vital that students make informed choices about pathways and courses and ALL Year Ten students should attend with a parent or guardian. The session will commence at 7.00pm in the College Chapel. We will be presenting information about Year Eleven courses, WACE, TAFE, University Entrance and the @work (Structured Workplace Learning) programme. At this meeting we will also distribute 2010 course selection information and explain the selection process. This is an important meeting for parents and students. I look forward to seeing you there. **Please return the reply slip that was attached to the letter to the office by Tuesday 28 July.** Please return it even if you are not attending. A copy of the letter can be found at: <http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/studentinformation/seniorschool.asp>: [8- Year 11 in 2010 Information Night Letter.pdf.]

Mr John Bova - Head of Senior School

Year 12 Retreat 2009

For those who experience Year Twelve it can be a stressful and fast paced few months. By taking a week off for Retreat the year group had the opportunity to relax, forget about school and have the time to reflect on the present and future. On the 22 June we travelled to St George's College, a university boarding house just across the road from the University of Western Australia.



The well structured Retreat program gave us a bit of everything; we had the opportunity for personal development and reflection activities, as well as all important group activities and the chance to see what the university pathway may look like for us.

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On our arrival we were given Retreat booklets containing various activities we would be completing throughout the week. The activities were focused on self discovery, understanding our own faith and creating goals for the near and distant future. We were also given opportunities for personal meditation and reflection. Which, considering our current busy lifestyles, we rarely have the time for.

It was also important to spend time together as a group for the last time. We played some enjoyable and for some, challenging team games which allowed the group to come closer together.

Brother Bernard White, University students Simon and Mark came to talk to us about the Edmund Rice Community. We learnt a lot about living in the Edmund Rice Community and being a part of the wonderful community spirit they create. We also created our warm fuzzy bags which would be filled with wonderful friendly comments throughout the week.

On Wednesday we started with some team building activities and then split into our house groups for some book activities. We were lucky to receive a visit from Ash Little who came to talk to us about Edmund Rice Camps and how we can get involved in helping kids in tough situations. In the afternoon we headed over to The Wheelchairs for Kids factory where Brother Ollie Pickett and Bob Sheridan gave us a tour and some of us had a go at building a wheelchair. It was great to see where the money we fundraise every year via the Fun Run is going and the community support which goes into this great cause.



On the way back some of us took a detour via King's park where we rejuvenated ourselves with a gentle walk and also took the opportunity to explore the DNA tower.

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When we returned to St George's College we were joined by Mike Wiegele who rehearsed the music with us for our upcoming liturgy.



On Thursday morning we travelled to Fremantle to visit Notre Dame University. We embarked on a full tour of the campus, did some acting with a drama student called Vicky and learnt some sports science with our tour guide, Nikki. This tour was very different as the University is set throughout Fremantle city and we walked around the community getting to the various lecture theatres and buildings. It gave us an understanding of what life as a student at Notre Dame could be like, dropping in to coffee shops on the way to lectures. At lunch we sat outside the Maritime Museum, across from Fremantle Park and ate our ham and cheese rolls, apples and drank orange juice before setting off to the city. Once we arrived we parted ways to go shopping in the Hay Street and Murray Street malls.

Later that afternoon we went back to St George's College and had some well deserved free time. Father Hugh Galloway later came and helped out with our Eucharist. As a preparation activity we made a giant cross on the carpet on which we each placed our three river stones, representing forgiveness, redemption and our God rock.

On the last day of Retreat we got up early and packed our bags, to be ready and out of our rooms by 7.30am that morning. We were all glad to get home to attend to some much needed rest. The Retreat was a great experience, different to anything else we've had the chance to do. For some of our year it was a chance to find ourselves or to grow or to move on and to learn how to move forward.

A big thank you must go to Mr Hall, Mrs Woods and Mr and Mrs Wiegele who put up with us for the whole week. Without their preparation, support and time the Retreat would not have been possible.

Report by: Francis Cowcher, Sam Scanlan, Daneeka Andreotti, Jacinta Herbert, Lucy White, Amy Mac Dougall, Emma Owen

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Parents & Friends' Federation of WA

To view the June '09 *Parent Focus* Newsletter or the May '09 Conference brief & photos go to What's New' at <http://pff.wa.edu.au/site/>

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 children and young people up to the age of 12 years. This involves the use of a mat and alarm to help the person to wake when needing to go to the toilet at night. The program takes between 8-10 weeks and is free.

For further details please contact Jillian Betts on 98427542 or to book in contact Chris or Marion on 98427500 at Public Health and The Grey Street Clinic.

Creative Youth Art Series

In this series you will work with Tutor, Kaye Embleton and learn basic foundation skills in drawing and painting. This series is a partnership between the Vancouver Arts Centre, Open Access Studio, Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and the City of Albany's Youth Development Officer.

Term 3 – Foundation Art Studies

Dates: Wednesdays – August 12, 19, 26,
September 2, 9 & 16

Times: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Venue: The Art Room

Cost: \$35 (Age 12 and up)

Due: Payment due by Friday 7 August

Please note for ALL workshops: Payment confirms your space and must be made by the due date. Spaces not paid for by the due date will be automatically allocated to the next person on the waiting list.

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Payments can be made at the VAC via cash, cheque or credit card (NO EFTPOS), or over the phone via credit card on 9841 9260. Please make cheques payable to The City of Albany. The VAC only offers refunds under exceptional circumstances before the workshop start date. No refunds are available after the workshop start date.

Should you have any questions or queries, please contact the Community Development Officer, Youth on 9841 9294.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

Scholarships for Children of Veterans intending Tertiary Studies in 2010

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) are expecting to give financial assistance for up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

Applications open on 18 August 2009. To apply you must be:

- Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education.
- Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic years length and at undergraduate level.
- The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not has three or more year's continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to veteran's service exist.

To receive an application form register interest on **1800 620 361**. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. If not sure, ask: Applications close on 31 October each year.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

2009 Regional Careers Expo



The 2009 Regional Careers Expo is the premier education, training and employment exhibition in the Great Southern Region.

**Albany campus of Great Southern TAFE
on Friday 14 August 2009**

This event showcases some of the state's best tertiary institutions, registered training organisations, employers and State and Federal government initiatives.

The 2009 Regional Career Expo aims to inspire and encourage as it provides the tools and resources for regional students to create a successful future. This year's event will focus on the tangible links between secondary education, vocational training, tertiary pathways and local industry.

This expo extends its reach to current school students, school leavers and their parents. With around 40 exhibitors, dozens of activities and a highly targeted attendance of more than 800 regional visitors expected, this event should not be missed.



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COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS 2009

Friday 31 July

On Friday 31 July **ALL** College students, even if they are not purchasing photographs, will have their individual photograph taken by Academy Photography. **On this day, all Junior School students must wear regular College uniform, even if they have sport. Middle School students must wear their tie and Senior School students must wear their tie and blazer as per usual Winter Term Uniform. NO STUDENT IS TO COME TO SCHOOL IN SPORT UNIFORM!**

Why does the College use Academy Photography?

- ❖ They use high-resolution digital capture/printing technologies, which result in high quality prints.
- ❖ Sibling photos will be made available on the day.
- ❖ Academy Photography will provide a full refund if families who are not satisfied return their photographs to Academy Photography within seven days.
- ❖ The digital photographs taken of all students on the day will be used in the College Annual and for Library & Identification Cards in Years Seven to Twelve.

What do families need to do if they wish to purchase photographs?

- ❖ This week you should have received a photograph-purchase envelope, with your child's name on it. **PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS.** Please read the details on that envelope carefully. When you have selected the package that you would like, seal your payment for the selected package in the envelope.
- ❖ **ON FRIDAY 31 JULY, YOUR CHILD NEEDS TO BRING THE ENVELOPE, WITH PAYMENT INCLUDED, TO SCHOOL.** Teachers from Kindergarten to Year Six will collect the envelopes at the start of the school day. Years Seven to Twelve students must look after their own envelope and take it to the gymnasium when their photograph is being taken.
- ❖ On Friday 31 July, all students will be taken by their teachers to the College gymnasium where individual photographs will be taken by Academy Photography. The photograph-purchase envelope must be given to the photographers just before the photograph is taken, so that information from the envelope can be put into the camera for student details to appear with the photograph.

What do I need to do if I would like to have a sibling photograph taken?

- ❖ Collect a special **FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH** (Siblings only) envelope from College Office **BEFORE** Friday 31 July, fill in the details, put payment in the envelope, and give it to your child to take to school. Sibling photographs will be taken at a set time during the day.

If I don't want to purchase any photographs, should I just throw the attached envelope away?

- ❖ **NO!** Every child in the College must have their envelope with them on the day when their photograph is taken, because the photo will be used for other College purposes. **Please ensure that your child brings the envelope to school on Friday 31 July!**

Please contact the College if you have any questions about photographs.
