



St Joseph's College Newsletter

7 August 2009

Term 3 - Week 3

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 10 - Fri 14 Aug

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

Tue 11 Aug

- In-Term Swimming Lessons (Yrs 1-7)
- Middle School Parent / Teacher Night

Wed 12 Aug

- Committee Meeting
Basketball Season 2009

Sat 15 Aug

- Family Mass - The Assumption (HFC)

Tue 18 Aug

- P & F Meeting

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



Mary MacKillop Feast Day August 8

Create in us, O God, a new heart and renew a fresh spirit within us. Through the life and example of Blessed Mary MacKillop, stir into flame the gifts you have given to each of us and the faith to use them without reserve.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Earlier this week I was in Bunbury for the Director of Catholic Education Principal's Forum. There was a number of issues dealt with, particularly pertaining to Commonwealth Government education initiatives: I will be outlining these in future newsletters.

Also featured at the Forum was the release of the new Mandate by the Bishops of Western Australia regarding Catholic Education. This Mandate document, for the period 2009 - 2015, essentially allows the existence of Catholic Schools but also gives a very good reasoning as to why we have Catholic schools. It also clearly outlines the responsibility of each party to the partnership that exists in the education of our children. It is a very positive document and I look forward to sharing it with our community.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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School Update - Influenza (H1N1) 2009.

As students have recently returned to the new school term, parents and schools need to work together to reduce the transmission of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza in the school community.

The past two weeks have seen an increase in the number of children aged 5-16 years reporting with flu-like illness (fever >38 degree C, cough and/or sore throat).

Schools play an important role in reinforcing good hygiene practices and in helping parents and children understand how to minimise the spread of infection.

It is important that parents keep their children away from school if they develop influenza-like symptoms and we ask families, friends and the wider community to work together to make this happen whenever possible.

The important public health messages that would help reduce the spread of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza are:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms is advised to stay home until they have recovered
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

People who are unwell with influenza should not, in any instance, visit sick, elderly, pregnant women or young children. They should also avoid visiting hospitals unless requiring treatment for their own illness.

Testing is no longer routinely recommended except for hospitalised patients, vulnerable groups and in circumstances where it may change clinical management.

For further information please contact Australian Government Dept of Health & Ageing Swine Influenza information hotline 1802007.

Inter House Cross Country

The Year 8-12 students recently completed their annual Inter House Cross Country championships on the

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school course. Year 11 and 12 students ran on Friday 24 July and the Year 8-10 students ran on Monday 27 July. The event was open to all students by nomination, but it was not compulsory for all students to run. The Physical Education staff were pleased that there were great numbers of Middle School runners but the numbers started to dwindle in the older age groups. Congratulations to all runners who completed the event and special congratulations to the top six runners from each year group who have been invited to attend the Inter School event at Great Southern Grammar on Tuesday 18 August. The following students were the champions or runners up in the respective year groups and they will be awarded with medallions at their next Middle or School Assembly.

Year 8 Champion Girl	Koby Taylor
Year 8 Runner Up Girl	Libby Cook
Year 8 Champion Boy	Matthew Barnes
Year 8 Runner Up Boy	Tom Gorman
Year 9 Champion Girl	Rebecca Dunn
Year 9 Runner Up Girl	Sarah Deely
Year 9 Champion Boy	Todd Cook
Year 9 Runner Up Boy	James Scanlon
Year 10 Champion Girl	Eilish Fage
Year 10 Runner Up Girl	Kiara Atkins
Year 10 Champion Boy	Bronson Leo
Year 10 Runner Up Boy	Thomas Palfrey
Year 11 Champion Girl	Brianna Gibson
Year 11 Runner Up Girl	Rachel Jennings-Tovey
Year 11 Champion Boy	Kyle Shepherd
Year 12 Champion Boy	Cameron Newbold
Year 12 Runner Up Boy	Michael Adams

Does Your Child Swim In the Saints Swim Club?

Come along to the Saints Swim Club AGM
Friday 28 August 2009
College Conference Room @ 9.00am

Committee positions are up for re-election.
Being on the Committee does not require a lot of time
commitment as there are only about
two meetings per year and a wind-up to organise.

Being part of the Committee or just attending a couple
of meetings is a fun and social environment where your
input is valued.

Help make the Swim Club a great Club
for your child to be in.

Come along and have a cuppa

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Fun Run

This year the College Fun Run will be held on Friday 11 September, Week 8. The Fun Run is a great event. All the money raised goes to a worthy cause. We need you to start fundraising! Last year the school donated \$7,675 and this year we hope to reach \$8,000. We hope to see every student participate in this fun day. The Water Corporation is sponsoring the College Fun Run yet again in 2009. We appreciate the ongoing support of the Water Corporation with this charity event.



During our Year Twelve Retreat we visited Br. Ollie's Wheel Chairs for Kids workshop, where we got a chance to see the final products of our efforts. A group of retiree volunteers in Perth use our donations to build and distribute 300 wheelchairs per month to poor and disabled children in developing countries. Millions of wheelchairs are needed, and every one makes a difference. Will you help?



Keep an eye out for the permission letter that is being sent home via your child. More information on the Wheel Chairs for Kids project can be found on <http://www.wheelchairsforkids.org/>. Please get to work on recruiting your sponsors!

Kate Norman & Cameron Newbold - Year Twelve

Friday Evening Music Concert

28 August (Week 6)

All Mr Steve Dougherty's students plus a couple of special guests will be performing.

Session One - 6.30pm

Session Two - 7.30pm

St Joseph's College - Ave Maria Chapel

This concert is an opportunity for all students to perform. Performance builds enthusiasm, self esteem, courage and confidence.



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Smarter than Smoking Cup - report to follow in next week's newsletter



Daniel Parker marks against heavy opposition



Todd Cook

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



As we move into winter, many people in Albany struggle to find the 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 and 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

Assessment

This week our Year Three and Five students along with other Year Three and Five students in all Catholic schools in Western Australia were administered an external assessment in Religious Education - The Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment.

The Year Three assessment will be marked by classroom teacher Mrs Palfrey and the student workbooks will then be sent home for parents perusal.

The Year Five assessment will be marked externally and then sent back to schools. Results will be sent home to parents.

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Year Five Students

The Year Five students also completed the WAMSE Science Test during the week. Feedback about student performance in this assessment will be sent home towards the end of this Term or early next Term.

Tree Planting

This week Jake Hooper and Livia Bonivita, two of our Year Six students, represented the College at a tree planting ceremony organised by the City of Albany in conjunction with the Keep Australia Beautiful Committee. The tree planting was held at Eco Park on Reidy Drive, Spencer Park. Well done to Jake and Livia.

Junior School Assembly

Our next Assembly will be held on Thursday 13 August at 9.00am in the gymnasium. Year Six students will be conducting the Assembly.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Scholarship

The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS), along with the profession across the country, is very supportive of young people wanting to enter our profession. Two examples of this are our AIQS Scholarship Program and quantity surveying cadetships.

AIQS will be offering up to twenty \$3,000 scholarships for first year students in accredited professional quantity surveying courses in 2010.

To apply, Year 12 students who have achieved reasonable results in Year 11 English and Maths, who plan to enrol in one of these courses, should submit the following:

- 500 word essay describing the role and services of the quantity surveyor, commenting on the future of the quantity surveying profession; together with
- Certified copy of their Year 11 academic record, results and school reports

The closing date for scholarship applications is 30 September.

Further information about quantity surveying and the scholarships can be found on the AIQS website www.aiqs.com.au

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Footy Tipping

The footy season rounds are rapidly coming to an end and the tipping ladder is very close. The 'no winner' jackpot is still waiting to be won.

Our winner for last week was **Gabrielle Young**. Good luck to everyone.

P & F Meeting

The next P & F meeting is Tuesday 18 August 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Conference Room.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Canteen News Next Wednesday's Special



*Hot Chicken Roll & Mayo
plus a bottle of water*
\$4.00

WEEKEND SPORT

Soccer Canteen Roster



All St Joseph's Soccer Players
(Kindy - Year 7) are to provide
food and/or time to help out
in the Soccer Canteen
on

Saturday 15 August

Forms have been sent home with your child
to indicate your support.

Basketball Season 2009

COMMITTEE MEETING

To discuss the upcoming season
and elect Committee Members
Wednesday 12 August 6.30pm

Everyone welcome!
Venue: The College Staffroom