



St Joseph's College Newsletter

14 August 2009

Term 3 - Week 4

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Sat 15 Aug

- Family Mass - The Assumption HFC 6pm

Tues 18 Aug

- Inter-School Cross Country (Yrs 8-12)
- P & F Meeting
- Eagles Cup Football @ Denmark

Wed 19 Aug

- STS Football

Sat 22 Aug

- Sacrament of Confirmation

Mon 24-28 Aug

- Year 8 Camp
- Book Week

Fri 28 Aug

- Book Week Parade 8.50am Gymnasium
- Saints Swim Club Meeting 9.30am Conference Room

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

REFLECTION

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

*Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise,
for all life and all holiness comes from you.
In the plan of your wisdom
she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.
May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Special thanks to Mr Steve Small and staff for the preparation in hosting the Albany District Primary Schools Sports Association Inter-School Cross Country last week.



Whilst Bethel Christian School ran the event, the College course was the venue. In perfect conditions, the Cross Country was a great event, well supported by Parents.

*Maddy Jones and Shelby Armstrong compete
for the Year Five Girls*

Today our Middle and Senior School Cross Country runners will compete in the High School Inter-school event - full results next week. A reminder that for the Feast of the Assumption tomorrow, a Holy Day of Obligation - the College will be assisting in preparation as this will be August's Family Mass.

B Hall

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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E Tips

Internet safety checklist:

This checklist provides a summary of the key things you should know to keep your family safe when using the internet.

Before you start

- Talk to your family about the importance of staying safe online and the need to have an internet safety plan for your home.
- Teach your children how to use the internet safely. NetAlert has a range of free educational programs for different age groups. Refer to www.netalert.gov.au.

Getting Set Up Correctly

- Check if you are connected to a family-friendly internet service provider. If not, switch to one that can help you with internet safety.
- Look at where the computer is set up at home. It should be in a public area of the house, not in a bedroom, where it will be easier for you to supervise.
- Make sure you have safety software installed on your computer. This may include a filter and other security software such as anti-virus programs, spyware and ad-aware.
- Use a family-friendly search engine for all web searches.

Mrs Rumeena Wood and AIT Students

Next Generation Geography Students Excel in National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition

Geography students from St Joseph's College demonstrated key geographical skills and knowledge in the 2009 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition.

Both Mr Andrew Cole and Mrs Barbara McNeill felt that the students' results and the school's overall performance were very encouraging. There are a number of student geographers at our school who performed to a very high level in the Competition this year. They include:

High Distinction: Rohan Cowcher, Shaun Holdsworth, Hamish MacGregor, Lydia Onions

Distinction: Daniel Bontempo, Mia Page

Credit: Karri MacDonald, Amy Maddy, Narelle Woods

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The National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition attracts students from all over Australia – almost 90,000 each year – so it's a real indicator of how well our students are doing in this important subject.

The competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and is sponsored by the National Geographic Channel. The Managing Director of the National Geographic Channel said the Channel supports the competition because geography nurtures our natural curiosity in, and appreciation of, the world's people and places.



From left to right: Karri MacDonald, Daniel Bontempo, Mia Page, Rohan Cowcher, Hamish MacGregor, Narelle Woods, Lydia Onions

Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition.

Mrs McNeill - Geography Teacher

Where are they now?

Adam Cox made a 'flying visit' to the College last week to catch-up with his 'old' teachers. After graduating from the College in 2001, Adam joined the RAAF and is now a pilot flying aircraft in both Australia and overseas. Adam is currently based in Adelaide but still manages to visit Albany on a regular basis.



Adam reliving his science days!

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2009 Science Week

Science will be the focus around Australia (more than normal!) as our governments, businesses and schools celebrate and recognise the achievements and role of Science in our lives. The theme this year is Astronomy (Science without Limits!). Students will be engaging in this area through the science of rocketry and life sustainability issues. They also have the opportunity to win some great space prizes by completing the science competition found at the Space display in the College Library. The Science Learning Area staff will also be providing a scientifically proven morning tea for maximum staff performance next week!



The Albany Museum will be supporting this special week in a big way and has a number of activities for students and the general public including:

Science in the Café

Sunday 16 August 2-4.30pm

Evolution, Darwin and the WA South Coast

Thursday 20 August 6.30pm

Science Learning Area Team

School Update - Influenza (H1N1) 2009.

The past few 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.

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- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

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.

Eagles Cup vs Little Grove Primary School

St Josephs hosted Little Grove Primary School on Tuesday in near perfect conditions at Mike Biddulph Oval. The game began with both teams playing scrappy football in the opening minutes before settling into an entertaining first quarter. Captain Patrick Norman was playing an exceptional game in the midfield, well supported by Addison Dew and Declan McNamara whilst Stewart Davies was causing the Little Grove defence a few headaches with his strong marking.

The second quarter was a dour affair with both sides finding it difficult to score. Patrick Norman's effort to weave through four defenders before bending one home from the boundary bought the crowd to it's feet. When Little Grove looked to be gaining in confidence a desperate Stewart Davies chase and tackle inspired his team mates and lifted them just before half time.

The third Quarter saw St Joseph's surge ahead with goals to Jai Dillon, Corey Rogers and Charlie Pulsford. Jakke Little and Brodie Branderhorst were working well in the ruck whilst Layton Taylor and Jake Hooper were steady in defence.

The final quarter saw the Year Five boys give the crowd a taste of what to expect in the future. Goals to Jack Steel, Nathan Griffiths, Luke Dupuy as well as two sparkling goals on the run from Addison Dew saw the home team storm away to an easy win.

Scores - Eagles Cup

St Joseph's	16	9	105
Little Grove	2	2	14

Better players, (in no particular order) Patrick Norman, Jakke Little, Stewart Davies, Addison Dew, Brodie Branderhorst, Corey Rogers and Nathan Griffiths.

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Goals: Addison Dew 3 goals. Stewart Davies, Jai Dillon and Nathan Griffiths 2 goals. Stuart Parker, Jake Hooper, Charlie Pulsford, Corey Rogers, Jack Steel, Patrick Norman and Luke Dupuy 1 goal each.

Thanks to Mr Mckechnie for umpiring.

The next game will be held on Tuesday 18 August against Denmark at Denmark.

Mr Jim Morcom - Coach

Albany District Primary Schools Sports Association - Cross Country Championships

The Championships were held in perfect weather conditions last Friday at our College. The three competing schools were St Joseph's, Bethel Christian School and Great Southern Grammar. Our team performed particularly well with all Year Four - Seven students putting in a top effort. Outstanding performers on the day were:

Year Four Girls	-	Gold - Laura Parker
Year Four Boys	-	Gold - Jacob Oostdam
Year Five Girls	-	Gold - Emmerson Robb Silver - Tahlia Putland
Year Five Boys	-	Gold - Declan McNamara Bronze - Addison Dew
Year Six Girls	-	Gold - Adelle Offerman Bronze - Shayden Gill
Year Six Boys	-	Silver - Layton Taylor
Year Seven Girls	-	Silver - Jemma Pouwelsen
Year Seven Boys	-	Silver - Harry Joy

Thank you to Mr Steve Small who co-ordinated the St Joseph's team and to Mr Cousins from Bethel Christian College who was the main organizer of the Championships.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

In-Term Swimming Lessons

Despite some wintery conditions particularly in the second week, our Years One - Seven students really enjoyed participating in this years' swimming lessons.

Mrs Janine Batchelor, the Instructor in-charge of swimming lessons, was very pleased with the enthusiasm and participation level of St Joseph's students. There are a number of lost property items on display in Cunningham Block from swimming lessons. If parents notice any missing items when children arrive home, they can check the Cunningham Block.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

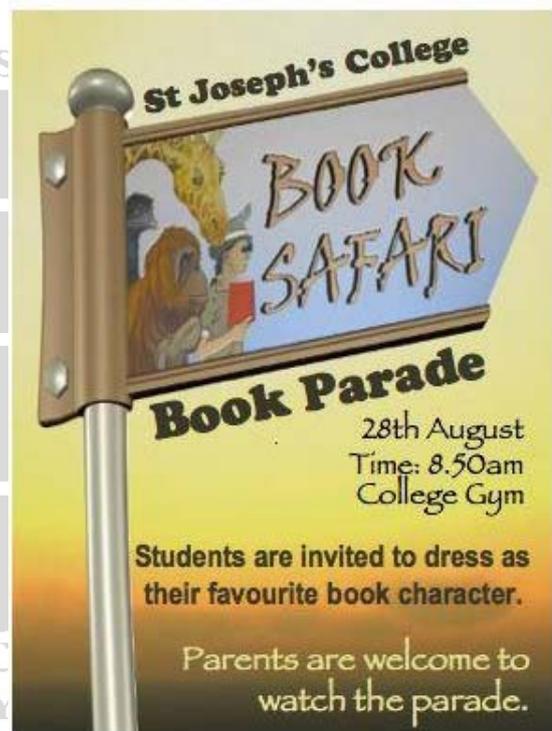
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Children's Book Week - 24 - 28 August

As a part of Book Week celebrations a number of Junior School classes will be visiting the City of Albany library to peruse the displays and listen to a visiting story teller. The theme of this years' Book Week is "SAFARI".

Mrs Wiegele and her library staff will be setting up a variety of displays and activities in the College Library to celebrate Book Week.

Mrs Wiegele is encouraging all students to dress up as their favourite book character for the Book Week parade which will be held on Friday 28 August commencing at 9.00am in the College Gymnasium.



Does Your Child Swim In the Saints Swim Club?

Saints Swim Club AGM
Friday 28 August 2009
College Conference Room @ **9.30am**
(following Book Week parade)

All positions are up for election - 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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Smarter Than Smoking Cup Football

On Friday 24 July the St Joseph's College Years Eight-Ten Football team contested the Smarter Than Smoking Cup carnival at the North Road sports grounds.

The first game against Great Southern Grammar started in sensational fashion with St Joseph's jumping out to a four goal to nil lead at half time courtesy of some great centre clearances by Todd Cook (1 goal), Jake Crowe and Bronson Leo. Daniel Parker (3 goals) was able to capitalise on this clearance work and kicked accurately up forward supported by Darcy Cameron (1 goal). Unfortunately Grammar reversed the scenario in the second half and made better use of the wind despite the defensive work of Jack Horrocks, Tom Palfrey and Hayden Cluett. Grammar's eight goals to one in the second half snuffed any chance of starting the day with a win for the St Joseph's side which went down 5.5.35 to 8.5.53

The second game against Denmark High School started much better with some great football played by the St Joseph's side. Tom Palfrey (3 goals) and captain Travis Hunter were busy early, as was Daniel Parker (6 goals) who created one of the plays of the day with a brilliant ruck tap to himself which he collected and then ran to 50 metres before casually booting the goal. Jake Smith (2 goals) was busy up forward snapping truly with his left foot and Jake Crowe was dominating in the centre racking up quality possessions and passing deftly to the forward line. The game was marred with a finger injury from one of the side's key defenders, Heath Blakers, who was unable to continue playing in the carnival. The final score was St Joseph's 12.6.78 defeating Denmark 5.2.32.

The third game versus Mt Barker was moved to a different oval that had struggled to deal with the recent rain and more resembled a muddy paddock at times. Despite the conditions the St Joseph's side played some impressive football lead by Todd Cook (4 goals) who was dominating from centre half forward. Jason Green (2 goals) was creative up forward as was the clean handling Tom Palfrey (2 goals), Jack Horrocks (2 goals) and Jake Smith (2 goals). The St Joseph's defence held tight against an accurate Mt Barker side to run out winners in the end 12.5.77 to 8.1.49.

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In the final game versus the undefeated Albany Senior High School, St Joseph's had to create an upset win to force the final result to a tie and have the winner decided on percentage. ASHS kicked with the wind in the first half which had been strong all day and created plenty of opportunities for them early. Daniel Parker was dominant in defence in the first half to continually rebound out of the ASHS forward 50 and send St Joseph's into attack. He took the game and the ASHS players on during the second half with many bursting runs leaving the ASHS players fallen in his wake and booted a monstrous 60 metre goal from the centre square. Jack Horrocks continued to apply physical pressure with two bone crushing tackles to win free kicks. The crowd were whipped into a frenzy when the St Joseph's side, who played their best team football for the day, took a 2 point lead with less than five minutes to go. Unfortunately the lead slipped from our grasp with two late goals sealing the win for ASHS 7.2.44 to St Joseph's 5.5.35.

Congratulations to the St Joseph's side for outstanding team football all day and to Daniel Parker who was awarded the WA Football Commission's prize as the best St Joseph's player for the carnival.

The team will now take on the Great Southern Football Academy next Wednesday afternoon at home in the first of two games to decide the inaugural St Joseph's vs Great Southern Football Academy Cup.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Coach



Daniel Parker clears the ball

Inter-School Cross Country

Next Tuesday 18 August the Years Eight - Twelve Cross Country team will contest the Inter-School event at Great Southern Grammar. The team was chosen based on the results of the Inter-House event earlier this Term. A full report on the event will follow in next week's newsletter.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Immunisation - Year Seven

The Immunisation Team will be visiting your school on 9 September to immunise Year Seven students whose parents have given consent for their child to be immunised.

If you have any queries please contact me on the phone number below.

Anne Taylor

Public Health Nurse - Immunisations / Disease Control
Population Health Unit

WA Country Health Service - Great Southern

125 Grey Street West, Albany WA 6330

Phone 98427511

Scoliosis and Colour Blindness

Year Seven students will be bringing brochures home soon on colour blindness and scoliosis. Please have a look at these brochures as they alert parents on what to look out for as their children grow and develop, and instruct on what can be done if they are concerned their child may have one of these conditions.

Leona Stephens

School Health Nurse

WA Country Health Services - Great Southern

Phone 0898920605 or 0898427562

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

AFL Sports Ready Cup

Next Wednesday 19 August the College Football Team will contest the AFL Sports Ready Cup for Year Ten students in Mt Barker against Albany Senior High School, North Albany Senior High School, Great Southern Grammar and the Mt Barker Community College. A reminder to parents and players that the bus will depart at 8.00am on Wednesday morning to enable us to arrive in time for the first fixture. We wish the team the best of success in their endeavours for this event.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Year Twelve Semester Two Examinations

Year Twelve students enrolled in E Code Examinations and Stage 2 and/or 3 WACE Courses will complete their final examinations during the second week of the Term Three holiday break. Examinations will be held at the College commencing Monday 5 October and will continue through until Friday 9 October.

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All examinations will commence at 9am and students are required to arrive at least fifteen minutes before the commencement of each examination. A Semester Two Examination Timetable is enclosed with this newsletter.

Students are responsible for bringing all materials required for each examination as outlined by the Curriculum Council. Neat casual dress including suitable footwear may be worn to each examination. The College must be notified of any absences due to illness or unforeseen circumstances prior to the commencement of examinations. A medical certificate must be forwarded to the College to ensure no penalty is incurred.

Volunteers - Year Twelve Semester Two Examinations

We are seeking volunteers who currently possess or who are willing to apply for a Working with Children card to assist with the Year Twelve Semester Two Examination supervision. If you are able to offer assistance or you wish to know more about the role of a supervisor please contact Jude Stringer at the College.

TAFE and University Applications

All Year Twelve students have been briefed on the application timetable and the process in place to apply for courses at both TAFE and University. Students wishing to apply for direct university entry will apply on line through TISC. All students enrolled have received their TISC Information Booklets together with their personalised log on information. Students who wish to apply to TAFE can only access course information via www.jobguide.deewar.gov.au and can lodge an on line TAFE application from 4 September via www.tafe.edu.au. Students are encouraged to spend some time looking at the range of courses on offer at all universities and TAFE campuses before making their final selections and lodging their application.

During week five all Year Twelve students will meet with Jude Stringer to discuss course options for 2010. Parents/guardians are most welcome to arrange a suitable meeting time to come along and to be involved in your child's selection process.

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Curriculum Council Final Examination

The timetable for the Curriculum Council Final Examinations commencing Monday 2 November is available on the CC website. All Year Twelve students have been informed of the timetable. The final venue for each examination has not been published; however, each student will receive a personalised timetable listing dates, times and venues for each examination by the end of this term. **Students must sit all examinations.**

Students enrolled in the Practical Physical Education Examinations will be notified of arrangements as soon as the College receives this information from Curriculum Council.

I would like to thank all parents/guardians of Year Twelve students for their efforts to work together with us to support and encourage each student to be the best they can in their final school year.

You are welcome to contact the College if you have any queries.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

Pregnancy

Year Eleven students explored this topic at the College last Thursday as part of their Human Biological Sciences Course. Mrs Catherine Tovey-Murray, a midwife at the Albany Regional Hospital, presented an entertaining and highly informative talk on the various aspects of the final stages of pregnancy and birth techniques. She concluded her talk answering many student questions.

Mr Michael Crowe - Year 11 Human Biological Sciences Teacher

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Footy Tipping

Results for Round 19: Winner is Trevor Janitz - \$50.00 and winner of Civic Video \$5.00 voucher is Michael Offerman. Well done!

Only three rounds to go and leading the ladder is Leith Fitzpatrick and Trevor Grove on 114 points. There was no winner of the "zero tips" jack-pot, so it moves to \$200 for Round 20!

Mr Neil & Chris Annison - Co-ordinators

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

P & F FUNDRAISER

Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough



All orders due to the College Office by
Tuesday 18 August.

Every order receives a prize!
Additional Order Forms available from the
College Office

Enquiries: Sharon Berg Ph: 9841 5836

WEEKEND SPORT

St Joseph's Soccer Canteen Roster

Canteen Helpers Required Saturday 15 August

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

St Joseph's Basketball News



Nomination Forms for the Albany
Basketball Association and
Information from St Joseph's Basketball Club will
be available from the
College Office from **Monday 17 August.**

Registration days:

Wednesday 26 August & Thursday 27 August

College Undercroft between 8.15am - 8.45am
Completed forms and all fees/monies will be
collected by:

Tania McLeod Ph: 0423 115 042 and
Annette Genovese Ph: 0428 448 132

There are still a number of Shirts that have not
been handed in from last season - please return to
College Office ASAP

PARISH NOTICES

Kids Club

Kids Club will be held on Sunday 16 August following the 9.30am Mass. Commencing at 10.30am - 12 noon at Holy Family Church. Please bring a plate of food to share. Enquiries: Helen Anderson 9844 1750

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Albany Little Athletics Registration and Information Day

Saturday 5 September 2009
10am - 1pm at McDonalds Family Restaurant,
90 Albany Highway

Season begins Saturday 10 October - 8.50am start for a family fun day. Registrations can also be done after the season commences.

Come and enjoy family, fun and fitness for children ages U6 to U17 yrs of age

Enquiries: Phone Anne 98411319 or Owen 98446076 after hours.

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

REUNION

LA SALLE COLLEGE - CLASS OF 1989 (YEAR 8 1985 AND YEAR 12 1989)

A reunion for La Salle College Class of 1989 will be held at The Deen, 84 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge on Saturday 12 September from 5pm to 10:30pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each (includes entrance, finger food and discounted drinks) and need to be purchased no later than 29 August by contacting Deborah A'Vard (Flemming) enquiries@anodiserswa.com.au, Deanne Johnston (Scarfone) 0419190697 or Matthew Ford Fordbuild@bigpond.com. Old friends of facebook, please look up Facebook – Group & Communities La Salle. Midland WA 20 Yr Reunion 2009.

Scholarships for Children of Veterans Intending Tertiary Studies in 2010

In 2010 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistant 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 and close on 31 October each year.

To receive an application form register interest on 1800 620 361.

More information is available from the web site: www.accsoft.com.au/-vvt

Curtin South West Roadshow 2009

Curious about coming to Curtin?

Don't miss your opportunity to ask us about courses, entry requirement, career paths, scholarships, accommodation, campus life and more. For more information call 9266 1000 or visit: curtin.edu.au/roadshow

Tuesday 25 August Denmark High School 11am - 1pm
Wednesday 26 August Albany TAFE 3.30pm - 6.30pm



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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

LET US PROTECT PARENTS' RIGHTS

I write to you again about the protection of our young people from internet porn intruding into their homes against their parents' wishes. Currently, there is a battle between the Commonwealth Government and most pornographic Internet Services Providers (ISPs) over this matter.

The Government is trialling an internet filtering system to prevent internet porn providers breaking through home internet filters. On Australia Day 2009, I made a statement encouraging all in the Diocese to do what they can to support the Commonwealth Government in this battle.

The current media campaign

Recently, *The Australian* newspaper reported (14 July page 25) on a media campaign to generate public opposition against the Government's efforts to filter pornographic ISPs. This campaign is being conducted by a political activist group called GetUp. One has to wonder who are behind GetUp. The campaign consists of satirical advertisements for a product called Censordyne.

The Australian reports that the basic objection by GetUp to the Government's initiative to protect parents' rights in their own homes is that 'the Government can decide what we can and cannot do online'. By ignoring the Government's intention, such an argument is very misleading. It ignores the fact that the Government *seeks to protect* people, *not to control*.

GetUp also seems to support the particularly strange argument that to attempt to filter pornographic ISPs is futile because no filter can resist the technology of websites. If the Government efforts are futile, why be concerned about them?

The internet brings responsibilities to us all. This includes deterring predators who seek to exploit the young and to violate the rights of parents to protect their children.

Qantas airline has refused to run the GetUp advertisement. However, according to *The Australian*, some television channels will cooperate with this effort to undermine Government efforts.

Violation of basic parental rights

Research shows that the vast majority of Australian parents do not want their children exposed to internet porn. Many attempt to prevent this in their homes by the use of computer filters.

In my Australia Day Statement, I outlined how, while some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) self filter, many more predatory ISPs have developed, and are continuing to develop, other technology to break through home internet filters used by parents.

This is an obvious violation of the rights of parents in their own homes. It shows contempt for parents' rights to decide the values they want to hand on to their children, and what their children should not see in the home.

GetUp is pressing for internet porn to be free of the normal censorship requirements even of TV programmes and movies. Taken to its logical conclusion, the GetUp position would mean that there should be no control of media whatsoever – including against racial and religious discrimination and hate crimes.

How porn sites can capture the young

The Australia Day Statement described how a child or a young teenager can be led unexpectedly to porn sites, while searching innocently for internet sites related to popular sports stars, movies and movie stars. While I have never done so, it seems to me quite easy for a curious underage teenager to register at a porn site, claiming to be over eighteen.

Parents since the Statement was issued have given other examples. One father told me of his fear at his young daughter wanting to look up 'Barbie Dolls'.

It is deeply disturbing when young people cannot safely follow innocent interests. It is wrong that they should need protection against predatory porn sites whose sole interest is profit.

Some effects of pornography

Pornography causes considerable harm to people. For many, it is addictive. It is all too common also that criminals guilty of grave sex crimes, including those against children and young people, have been porn addicts.

Porn also promotes depersonalising attitudes towards others. It encourages their use as 'sex objects'. It nurtures tolerance for one human person using another for purposes of sexual gratification. This violates attitudes needed for a democratic society, such as respect for the dignity and equality of every member.

It is a perverted frame of mind that leads pornographic websites to work to destroy internet filters parents use to try to protect children in their homes from this evil addiction.

I have referred previously in the Australia Day Statement to my pastoral experience of the sufferings of New York homeless young people forced into prostitution, which included grave abuses by the same porn industry that now is being defended by GetUp. The young people I encountered directly ranged from a nine year old boy to young adults who usually were unemployed.

Any parent who is indifferent to the GetUp campaign should remember that the porn industry would be just as happy to exploit their child, teenager or young adult as it was to exploit those I met personally while studying in the United States. It is the children and young people I have come to know over the decades of my priestly ministry that has led to me to continue to follow and to research this issue so closely.

For all practical purposes, GetUp is seeking really to undermine parents' attempts to protect our young by dressing up its objection as support for freedom of speech. GetUp would be better named CoverUp, for this effectively is what they are trying to do. They are not telling the full story.

What can we do?

Evil grows in society when good people do nothing to prevent it. If we do nothing, while groups such as GetUp agitate on behalf of porn websites, we will be failing in our social responsibility, especially to families and our young.

I urge you to consider the following:

- discuss with others the predatory efforts of the porn industry to corrupt our young
- discuss the effects of the internet porn industry on both participants and viewers
- raise with others the issue of the internet porn industry working to destroy parental efforts to protect their young from internet porn
- inform others of the Commonwealth Government's efforts to protect children and young people from internet porn coming into their homes
- write a brief letter of support to:

Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy
Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy
Suite MG70
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
or email minister@dbcde.gov.au

or send a fax to 03 9650 3251

The letter could be as simple as:

Dear Senator Conroy

I wish to express my support for your initiative on behalf of the Commonwealth Government to filter pornographic Internet Service Providers.

Yours sincerely

Send copies of your letter to Senator Conroy to your Federal Member of Parliament and Western Australian Senators (Page 273 of the White Pages section of the 2009/10 South Western (WA) Yellow Pages or alternatively go on line <http://australia.gov.au/directories/parliament-of-australia-contacts> for Federal Government contacts and <http://wa.gov.au/guidetogovernment/> for State Government contacts).

Again, I urge you all to do everything you can to resist the efforts of predatory internet porn providers to undermine the efforts of parents to protect their families.

God bless you all

Most Rev Gerard J Holohan
Catholic Bishop of Bunbury

5th August 2009



**AUSTRALIAN VETERANS'
CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST**

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

- a. Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full- time education.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to veteran's service exist.

The largest scheme is the Long Tan Bursary funded by the Australian Government. There are 50 new bursaries each year. They are valued at \$9,000 each which paid at \$3,000 per year for three years. There are selection number targets for each State and Territory. To apply you must be the child of an Australian Vietnam Veteran, be resident in Australia, be entering any year of tertiary study, having not previously received a Long Tan Bursary.

The other national schemes are the AVCAT Bursary, the two RSL Scholarships, three Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Scholarship and the Defence Force Welfare Association Scholarship. George Quinsey Scholarships directly pay tuition fees for economics, commerce and accountancy studies. There are also regional scholarships. In NSW, there are three from Brisbane Water Legacy covering Gosford/Wyong NSW and two from the NSW TPI Association. Some private donors offer two scholarships to resident NSW applicants. In SA, the VVAA also offers a scholarship.

Schemes vary between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per year each. Some are restricted to location of residence or studies Most require veteran service in Vietnam but others are broader. Most schemes continue payments for later years of study. All scholarship schemes but one pays monthly instalments. That scheme helps with tuition costs for courses in commerce, economics and accountancy. One scheme is for indigenous students doing substance abuse or related studies. For this scheme there is no upper age limit nor a need to be related to a veteran. In addition to the above there is one grant per year to assist an handicapped eligible veteran's child or grandchild with special extra costs of transition to tertiary studies or employment

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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**SEMESTER TWO
EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2009
YEAR TWELVE
Venue: St Joseph's College**

DAY	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT YEAR TWELVE
Monday	5 October	9am – 12.10pm *9am – 11.40am (2.5 Hours)	E406 Human Biology E403 Chemistry *E630 Art
Tuesday	6 October	9am – 12.10pm	English Course 2AB English Course 3AB
Wednesday	7 October	9am – 12.10pm *9am – 11.40am (2.5 Hours)	E306 History E409 Physics E305 Geography *Physical Education Course 2AB
Thursday	8 October	9am – 12.10pm	E504 Applicable Mathematics E502 Discrete Mathematics
Friday	9 October	9am – 12.10pm	E200 Accounting E402 Biology E506 Calculus Applied Information Technology 2AB

Students enrolled in Physical Education Studies 2AB Practical Examination will be notified by Curriculum Council regarding the venue and time of their respective examinations. All students can expect to complete their practical examinations between 26 September and 4 October 2009.

Any student who is absent from any examination must notify Jude Stringer at the College prior to the examination and a medical certificate must be forwarded to the College to ensure no penalty is incurred.