



St Joseph's College Newsletter

11 February 2011

Term 1 - Week 2

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 14 Feb

- Kindy 1/2 group continue
- PP whole group 1/2 day

Tues 15 Feb

- Playgroup commences
- Yr 7 Parent Information Evening

Wed 16 Feb

- Kindy Whole group commence

Thur 17 Feb

- Yrs 4-6 Parent Information Evening

Fri 18 Feb

- SWL Induction Day Motel Le Grande 1-3pm
- Yrs 10-12 Boys Cricket

General Information

- **Uniform Shop**
Open every Tuesday
8.15am - 9.15am and
2.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Absentee Phone Line**
9844 0280
- **Principal** -Mr Bradley Hall
- **Head of Secondary School**
Mrs Sue Alderman
- **Head of Junior School**
Mr Mike Watson

Direct Deposits Welcome Bank Details:

Bank West - Bunbury
A/c Name: Roman Catholic
Bishop of Bunbury
BSB: 306 004
A/c No. 5309691

**Please quote School Code:
DDF226 & Family Name
with all deposits.**

PRAYER

A reading at the funeral Mass for John Simpson, past St Joseph's College Board Chair and tireless parish and community worker.



Excerpt from Tecumseh

Live your life that the fear of death can never enter your heart.
Trouble no one about their religion.

Respect others in their views and ask that they respect yours.
Love your life, perfect your life, beatify all things in your life.

Seek to make your life long and of service to your people.
Prepare a noble death song for the day when you go over the great divide.
Always give a word or sign of salute when meeting or passing a friend,
or even a stranger, if in a lonely place.

Show respect to all people, but grovel to none.

When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light,
for your life, for your strength.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Parking off Martin Road/Premier Circle

I have received calls from residents in these streets about the unsafe practice of parking here and crossing the road. Please exercise caution and patience. It would be much safer for parents to park in the Church yard in the afternoon; students can then walk up safely on the footpath.

P&F

Thanks to our P&F Committee members that have volunteered to serve our Community in this way, our first meeting was held on Tuesday. Please support the Sundowner on Friday 25 February - details in this Newsletter.

The Footy Tipping, the biggest fundraiser, starts soon, please support this.

School Funding

This issue needs to be kept in our agenda for 2011, particularly as the Commonwealth is reviewing school funding.

I have included below an article from the 2/2/2011 Catholic Weekly on this issue.

*'Come clean' call on school funding levels
06/02/2011*

The recently released Productivity Commission Report on government funding of schools has once again exposed the inaccuracy of the claims made by the Australian Education Union that public schools receive less funding than non-government schools, says the Catholic Education Office (CEO), Sydney.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The data presented in the report clearly shows that when State and Federal funding are combined, students in Catholic schools receive less money per capita than students in State schools, the CEO says.

The Productivity Report also shows clearly that funding per student to non-government schools has declined in real terms (down 1.6 per cent since 2004–05) while public funding per student to government schools has risen in the same period (up 1.2 per cent since 2004–05).

Dr Dan White, executive director of Catholic schools in the archdiocese, said it was about time the Australian Education Union was upfront in the way it explained to its members and the public how our schools are funded.

"We have known for some time that as a percentage of the total pool of funding provided by State and Federal governments, non-government schools receive substantially less," Dr White said.

"Even with the inclusion of the modest school fees charged by Catholic systemic schools, that amount is still less.

"It is a source of continuing frustration and disappointment that the Australian Education Union consistently chooses not to mention that government schools receive more than 90 per cent of all available State Government funding," he said. "It is time for openness and transparency in the debate.

"The continued success of our Catholic system of schools is due in large part to an ability to manage wisely the funding made available to it, and not because it receives more. We actually receive less."

Dr White said that he hoped that the outcome of the Gonski Review was a recommendation to the Federal Government for funding model that provided every young Australian with the very best possible educational opportunities.

"I would expect that this would be the outcome we all hope for," he said.

College Assembly

Our Opening College assembly was held on Monday and our Year Twelve students were commissioned as the Senior Class and given their special badges, an Edmund Rice for the boys and a Sisters of St Joseph for the Apparition for the girls. We look forward to working with the class of 2011 over the year.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

Liturgical Music Camp

The Liturgical Music group went to Denmark last week and a full report will be included in next week's newsletter.

First Sacramental Meeting for Parents

A very sincere 'thank you' to everyone who attended last Tuesday's meeting (and a special thank you to the parents who are now on their sixth or seventh time around)! If you were unable to attend and your child is receiving one of the Sacraments you will need to collect a schedule of Important Dates from the College Office. Our first celebration will take place on Saturday 26 February when families and children will be presented to the Parish during the 6.00pm Family Mass. If you would like any further information about the Sacramental Programme running in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 7 please feel free to speak to myself or your child's classroom teacher.

Mrs Susan Scanlon - Religious Education Coordinator

Middle and Senior Schools Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The sporting year gets started on Thursday 24 February (week 4) with the Middle and Senior School Inter House Swimming Carnival at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre. The carnival is set to run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and parents and supporters are invited to attend.

The carnival is a combination of Championship swimming races to decide the Champions and Runners Up in each year group and fun based novelty events for the non-competitive swimmers. All races contribute to the overall House Championship Shield.

Years 7-10 students have nominated for their races during their Physical Education or Recreation lessons this week and Years 11 and 12 students will nominate on Thursday next week. Some of the keener ones will be taking advantage of the start of Saints Swim Club training to hone their skills for the events with training sessions every Monday and Friday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Students are reminded that they are required to wear their College House sports uniform for the carnival. Should students choose to wear board shorts for their races they must change into them when they get to the Leisure centre. Brief bikini bathers are not permitted.

COLLEGE NOTICES

The Physical Education staff would greatly appreciate the help of any parents who might be available to assist on the day. Please contact Mr Paul O'Donnell through the College Office if you are available to assist.
Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Violin Lessons

The College has vacancies for violin lessons during school Terms. If you are interested in your child learning this instrument, either in group or individual lessons, please contact Renae St Jack at the College Office to find out more details. The following article has been sent in from our current Violin Teacher - Jude Iddison.

Violin is fun

The violin is a graceful instrument. It can be an extension of our body. The strings our vocal chords, the movement of the bow our breath. I would like to offer the children the experience of extending their musicality, creativity and self expression by learning the violin.

The programme I offer at St Joseph's College covers areas of technique, repertoire and performance.

I offer individual lessons or lessons in pairs.

The benefits of an individual lesson are

- Freedom of individual creativity, expression and musical growth
- Individual attention in areas of specific violin technique [violin and bow hold, positioning of fingers for correct pitch, tone production]
- Tunes can be learnt at a pace that suits the individual
- Individual ear training
- Students will learn quicker and become more confident players with one on one attention

The benefits of a group lesson are:

- The joy of playing music together
- The safety of playing and performing in a group
- Playing in two, three and four part harmony
- Children can inspire and encourage each other.

Violin repertoire

The violin repertoire I offer is largely folk based. Familiar tunes that the children have already sung or played on the recorder can be transferred to the violin easily. I will also teach simple tunes that the children will get to know.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Performances

Performances opportunities for violinists may include:
School functions: Concerts at the school for open day, graduation, seasonal festivals and other days of celebration. Involvement in school plays.

Non school functions: Busking in the community with other violinists, violin teachers and local musicians. Performances at the Denmark Markets, Denmark Christmas Festival and other community events. Concerts with other violinists, violin teachers and local musicians. Involvement in the Albany Eisteddfod. Involvement with Albany based Just Fiddling

Reading music

I teach the violin by ear until a certain level of technique is gained. I may introduce elements of reading music in the lessons and can certainly do so if there is a request.

Caring for the Violin

Learning the violin involves a responsibility to care for the violin.

Practising

Practising can be a fun, creative activity that can be enjoyed out of lesson times with friends, family or individually. I suggest at least ten minutes of practice a day to reinforce what we learn in lessons and to ensure progress is made.

Contact me

I can be contacted through the College or privately
Phone 98451370 or 0409110645
Email jude.iddison@gmail.com

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Night

Thank you to parents for the very good attendance at this week's parent meetings for Years 1-3 classes.

A reminder that the meetings for Years 3/4G, 4B, 5B and 6B will be held next week on Thursday 17 February at the following times.

- 6.30pm - 7.00pm Year 3/4G, 4B class meetings.
- 7.00pm - 7.30pm Parents meet in the College Chapel for a general information session.
- 7.30pm - 8.00pm Year 5B and 6B class meetings.

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Tutorials

Tutorials commence for Years Four-Six students in Week Three on Wednesday 16 February. The tutorials will be held in the library from 3.05pm - 4.00pm. Students who may need assistance with some areas of their work or who wish to spend time completing homework or working on research assignments are welcome to attend.

Early Learning

Our Three Year Old Programme commenced this week in the former Pre-Primary building on Ulster Road. A big thank you to Peta Curtin for all of the work put into preparing the classroom for our first intake of three year old students.



Also to ground staff John Scheepers and Dave Pickering who have provided great support setting up furniture in the classroom.

The Julia Cabaginol Early Learning Centre has also been a hive of activity with two Kindergarten classes operating for the first time in many years. Mrs Neil has been very busy preparing for the double Kindergarten intake and again a big thank you to Mrs Neil for all of the extra time that she has put in over the holiday break to ensure a smooth entrance for our new Kindergarten students.



Junior School Swimming Carnival

Miss McFarlane is looking for parent volunteers to help out with the Junior School swimming trials on Wednesday 23 February (12.30-3.00pm) and 16 March (9.00am-12.30pm) and also on the carnival day Friday 25 March. If you can spare some time to help out, please contact Miss Emily McFarlane at the College.

Playgroup

Playgroup will resume on Tuesday 15 February at the Ulster Road site at 9.30am.

All old and new members most welcome. If you have any queries please contact the College Office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Evening

I encourage parents of Year Seven students to attend an information evening to be held at 5.00pm on Tuesday, 15 February. An information letter with an attached reply slip has been sent home with your child. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 11 Information Night

This week the College welcomed parents of Year Eleven students to an information evening. The meeting provided useful information with regard to expectations of students at the College, keys to academic success and requirements for graduation and entry into University and TAFE. Thank you for your attendance and supporting your child and the College.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

PICSE Scholarship Program

During the last summer holiday's Alex Brooksbank and myself travelled to Perth on three separate occasions, chasing our future as part of the Primary Industry Centre for Science Education (PICSE) Scholarship program. The program was designed to encourage and show year eleven and twelve students from across Australia what a job in Agricultural and Natural Sciences can be like.

The first part of this program was the camp, a week at St Catherine's filled with many trips to UWA, as our university that sponsors and runs the program in W.A, and many other places such as ChemCentre, CSIRO and Karakamia (a nature reserve where we went to for a dusk bush walk).

The second part of the program was the Industry Placement, the week of work experience in something to do with Agriculture or Natural Science. Alex and I were assigned with our mentor Laura Fagan at UWA working in the Entomology (study of insects) Lab. The best thing, I thought, about our placement was that it was not like normal work experience; we got in there and conducted actual research that at the end of the week we graphed to see our results. Our research helped the team working in the lab, as they are going to use our graph for a presentation they have to make later on.

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The third part of the program was the reporting back session. Each of the 25 students in WA who completed the program gave a speech of their experience, what they learnt during the program, to dignitaries such as the Vice Chancellor of UWA, Professor Alan Robson, and also parents and mentors. At the session we were presented with a certificate to show we completed the program and our \$300 scholarship money.

The entire experience was extraordinary and a genuine insight into the Primary Industries and what a week in the life of a scientist is like; Alex and I both earnestly recommend this program to any year eleven and twelve students who are not sure what they want to do and are considering Agriculture or Natural Sciences and would like to thank the College and everyone who prepared us for this experience.

Emily Barnes - Year 12

National Youth Science Forum

The National Youth Science Forum, NYSF, was an experience of a lifetime. It is a program run across the country with sessions in both Canberra and Perth designed to bring together like minded students who feel passionately about their area of science. The mixture of outgoing personalities created an intimate, energized atmosphere and because we were all similar we became friends really quickly.

At the camp we were placed in different interests groups which covered different aspects of science. With these groups we visited labs, museums, wineries, fossil sites, being showed exciting demonstrations such as with lasers, and other places and activities associated with our interests. We also participated in activities such as debates on important world issues related to science. Also there was three formal occasions; where we got dressed up and got to meet dignitaries in science from around the globe. These occasions, the speeches and mock interviews collectively, assisted us in gaining confidence and contacts.

A large benefit of the forum was introduction into leading universities around Australia and university life. The forum was a staggering, unforgettable experience which we will both take with us for the rest of our lives. We would like to thank the College, Rotary and everyone who supported us along the way.

Emily Barnes and Daniel Bontempo -Year 12

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Book Club

Please note that all Scholastic Book Club orders are due in to the College Office by Monday 14 February.

P&F Sundowner

Save the date: Friday 25 February for the Sundowner to be held at the Early Learning Centre from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. BYO Dinner and Drinks. This is a social evening and is a great opportunity for new families to meet some new people.

A flyer with more information is included with this Newsletter.

P&F Footy Tipping Competition

The Footy Tipping Competition is the P&F's largest fundraising event. Registration forms are included with this week's Newsletter.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Self Defence for All Ages

While training at Taekidokai Martial Arts your children will have fun and developing an attitude that refuses to give up.

We have separate Junior (ages 5-11) and Senior (ages 12-up) classes at:

- Albany PCYC - Sundays at 4pm and 5pm
- Flinders Park Primary School – Mondays at 5pm and 6pm
- Yakamia Primary School – Wednesdays at 5pm and 6pm, and
- Little Grove Primary School – Fridays at 5pm and 6pm

Pay as you go – No Contracts – No Direct Debit
Call or SMS 0433 51 44 55 or visit www.tkma.com.au for more Information.

Education Tax Refund

The Australian Government is helping you with the costs of education your kids.
Refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school.

For more information go to:
www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund

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albany public
library

Information session starts at 4pm :
Wednesday 23 FEBRUARY
At the Albany Public Library

Want a part time job after school?

Do you like being busy and enjoy working with people? Are you fit, active with good literacy and numeracy skills?

The Albany Public Library is looking to employ part-time Library Officer-Shelvers, age 16-18. Applicants must be available to work after school and on Saturday mornings, including School Holiday periods.



Want to know more? For further information and a job-kit all interested applicants are required to attend an Information session being held at the Albany Public Library. Enquiries – Youth Services Librarian Dora Adeline

LAWLEY PARK TENNIS CLUB
Social and Central in the City
Brunswick Road, Albany
JUNIOR CLUB COACHING



Lawley Park Tennis Club offers tennis coaching to juniors of all levels. From October through to April each year we run up to 7 sessions for all ages and tennis abilities. Term 1 coaching starts this week and runs for 8 weeks.

For "Pee Wees" (absolute beginners) aged 5 - 8 and beginners up to 10 years old, contact Emma Russell - 0424 853 476 or 9846 1390.

For all intermediate, advanced coaching or Saturday morning junior club which is designed for players ready for match play, contact Glenn Thompson - 0439 904 691 or 9841 7312.

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES
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Are you a parent or carer of a child from 0—18 years?

We are here to support you in building your knowledge & confidence in parenting. A little help can go a long way!

It's a Free service!

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Parenting WA
Albany Family House
219 North Road, Albany 6330 WA
(08) 9841 0790



ANNUAL CONFERENCE
25 & 26 March 2011

"We are one, we are many"

OPENING DINNER: 25 March at the **WACA** from 5pm

Dr Elizabeth Constable MLA, Minister for Education— Official Conference Opening

Mr Ben Wyatt MLA - Guest dinner speaker

CONFERENCE: 26 March Trinity College Chapel for Mass

followed by the Opening address and Conference

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Maggie Dent is an author, publisher, professional speaker and consultant specialising in building personal and professional resilience and is the author of: "Saving Our Children From Our Chaotic World", "Nurturing Kids Hearts & Souls", Real Kids In An Unreal World", and "Black Duck Wisdom".

Brendan Spillane from Catholic Education Office will talk about "Quality Catholic Schools"

Holly-ann Martin from Safe4Kids will talk about "Building resilience and empowering children"

"Due to some very generous sponsorship we are delighted to offer free registration for all affiliated schools, including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea."

Registration forms and all other information can be found on the PFFWA website www.pff.wa.edu.au



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