



# St Joseph's College Newsletter

3 August 2012

Term 3 - Week 2

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

### Mon 6 - 10 Aug

- WAMSE Testing Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9

### Tues 7 Aug

- Mock Crash (Yr 11-12)

### Wed 8 Aug

- Yr 10 boys AFL Sports Ready Cup

### Thur 9 Aug

- Parent Information Night (Yr 11 in 2013)  
5pm Ave Maria Chapel

### Fri 10 Aug

- Science & Engineering Challenge (Yr 9)

### Mon 13 Aug

- Yr 7-12 Athletics Carnival

## General Information

- **Uniform Shop**  
[Opening Hours](#)  
**Tuesdays**  
8.15am - 9.30am and  
**Wednesdays**  
2.15pm - 4.00pm
- **Absentee Phone Line**  
9844 0280
- **Principal** -Mr Bradley Hall
- **Head of Secondary**  
Ms Sue Alderman
- **Head of Junior School**  
Mr Mike Watson
- **Business Manager**  
Mrs Marion Leonhardt  
School Fees & Direct  
Deposits



## PRAYER



*Jesus, as I contemplate your face:  
Let me experience your great love for me.  
Reveal your saving grace and give me a  
grateful heart.*

*Heal me of my weaknesses and sin  
And fill me with compassion for others.*

*Gift me with the wisdom of the Spirit  
And encourage me to be a faithful witness to the gospel.*

*I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



## Community Action Grant

Late last week the College was notified of the success of our Community Action Grant Application lodged by the P and F. This funding of \$16,750 is for "Weed Annihilation, Rehabilitation and Education" for St Joseph's College. It will be a major step towards reducing the feral plants on the College site. Special thanks to Helen Anderson, P and F and particularly to Sandra Maciejewski, the City of Albany Reserves Officer, for her great assistance in compiling the application.

## Ongoing Rollout of Tablets

In 2013, Years Seven and Eight will have Tablets as part of the take-home computer scheme. The Year Seven classes have had enormous usage from their Tablets and particularly enjoy using the Edmodo Learning Management System that allows student to student and student to teacher (outside of school) communication. Staff teaching Year Eight in 2013 will be work-shopped on the Tablets as of the beginning of Term Four.

## Year Ten Mentoring Programme

The Year Ten Mentoring Programme concluded this week. There is a report in this Newsletter. My special thanks to the very generous mentors that gave their time each week to work with a small group of Year Ten students. Also, a big thank you to Ray Closel, Great Southern Employment Development Committee (GSEDC) Co-ordinator and the GSEDC for their sponsorship of the programme, now in its third year. We also thank Mrs Page who co-ordinated the programme at the College.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr Jeremy Stewart, Principal of Merrifield Real Estate, talked about his appreciation of the programme. His involvement spans three years. He is still pleased to be mentoring some of his first group of Year Ten students, several years on.

### Primary Schools Curriculum Conference

On Monday, Mr Watson, Mrs Tassicker and Mrs Sloan attended the conference and also ran a workshop on St Joseph's College collaborative process of planning and professional development through the Professional Learning Community meetings at the College. The presentation also provided an opportunity to showcase the College and some of the delights of the Great Southern. Well done to our team of presenters!



### First Communion Meeting

Thanks to parents that attended this meeting for children preparing for First Holy Communion and to our staff involved: Mrs Palfrey, Mrs Scanlon and Ms Banner.

### Football

As our football season draws to a close, with the final Seniors Game Tuesday, we acknowledge the time and effort of our Senior's Coach, Gerard Cameron, ably assisted by Tim Hunter. Our Managers, Mr O'Donnell and Mr Crowe, once again put a great deal of time into the team; thank you all for your dedication.

### Year Eleven 2013 Information Evening

This meeting is very important for all students entering Year Eleven in 2013. It will be held in the College Chapel at 5.00pm, Thursday 9 August.

*B Hall*

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### **Children's Book Week 2012**

Children's Book Week will be held in Week Five, 20 - 24 August 2012. The theme this year is "Champions Read". Junior School classes will be able to participate in activities during lunch time and also in their library classes. The Years Three - Nine students have been invited to participate in the "Reading Olympics". This is a series of "Olympic reading events" which, once completed can result in a variety of prizes.



Students from Junior School, Years One - Six will be going on an excursion to the City of Albany Public Library to participate in their Book Week activities. The traditional Book Week Parade will be held 9.00am, Thursday 23 August. An amazing amount of creativity by our students (and their parents) went into last year's costumes of book characters and we eagerly await even more participants this year. Adding to the general festival atmosphere will be the musical accompaniment provided by our Middle and Senior School students under the guidance of Mr Scanlon.

Mrs Jude Wiegele - Librarian

### **August Monthly Reading Challenge**



**National  
Year of  
Reading  
2012**

**The Reading Hour** will be happening around Australia on Saturday 25 August between 6.00pm and 7.00pm. The Reading Hour is both a focal point for the National Year of Reading 2012 and also a call to action for families - "share a book with your child for 10 minutes a day, an hour a week".

We know it's not always possible for parents to share a book at bedtime with their children, but if you can manage 10 minutes most nights, your child will have the best chance of becoming a good reader, with all the social and educational benefits that brings. Most of our brain development happens between birth and three years of age, so it's not enough to assume that your children will learn to read when they get to school. Parents need to share stories and rhymes right from day one. Parents with older children are also able to participate by promoting regular reading for pleasure time.

Mrs Jude Wiegele - Librarian



### Steve Dougherty's Guitar Students Concert

Week Seven  
Friday, 7 September

Session One: 5.50pm - 7.00pm  
Session Two: 7.15pm - 8.15pm

Ave Maria Chapel - St Joseph's College

Parents, family and friends  
are welcome to attend.

Cost is Free - although a gold coin donation  
will go to "Relay for Life"

### Inter-House Athletics

Students have commenced preparation for the Years Seven - Twelve Inter-House Athletics scheduled for Monday 13 August. Students will also be completing some events prior to the carnival day during lunchtimes. The schedule for these events are listed below.

- Monday 6 August - Years 7 - 12 800m
- Tuesday 7 August - Years 7 - 12 1500m
- Wednesday 8 August - Year 11 and 12 Long Jump
- Thursday 9 August - Years 11 and 12 Triple Jump

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

### Cunningham House

#### 2012 Fundraising Event

The Cunningham House fundraising event for 2012 will be held on Wednesday 8 August with all proceeds going to the Mary Mackillop Foundation's Shoes & Socks 4 Kids in Regional Australia Programme. The day will begin with a House Liturgy in Ave Maria Chapel at 9am. During recess and lunch students will have the opportunity to buy green and gold jelly-cups from the canteen (kindly supplied by Cunningham House parents). During lunch, the whole College will take part in a tunnel-ball activity on the Oval organised by staff and student leaders. Our main way of raising money will be through students wearing green and/or gold on Wednesday 8 August and making a gold coin donation. It would be great to see as many students as possible throughout the College supporting this very worthy cause. Research carried out by the Mackillop Foundation suggests that chronic absenteeism from school is often related to something as simple as young people being ashamed to turn up in shoes that are too big or falling apart.



The aim of the foundation is to supply disadvantaged children with one pair of quality school shoes and three pairs of socks at the beginning of each school year. Please note, this is NOT a FREE DRESS DAY. Students may wear all green and gold, or something green or gold with their College sport uniform. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Susan Scanlon, Coordinator Religious Education and Cunningham House Leader

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Junior School Inter-House Cross Country

This event will be held in Week Four on Friday 17 August for Years Three - Six students. Students have commenced training for the Cross Country under the direction of Mrs Cavanagh.

The Inter-School Cross Country will be held during Week Six on Wednesday 29 August. St Joseph's College will be hosting this year's event.

### Primary Curriculum Conference

Earlier this week two of our teachers Catherine Tassicker and Sarah Sloan were key presenters at the Catholic Schools Primary Curriculum Conference held at the Perth Convention Centre. Their school presentation was titled "Following The Collaborative Learning Model" and was based on the work Junior School staff have completed over the past four years in our PLCs (Professional Learning Communities).

The presentation was very informative and engaging and well received by the audience of fellow teachers. A big thank you to Catherine and Sarah for all of the hard work put into preparing the presentation and then for delivering the presentation in such a professional manner. You were both great ambassadors for our College!

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent Information Evening - Year Eleven in 2013



Parents/guardians and all 2012 Year Ten students are invited to attend an information evening on Thursday, 9 August commencing at 5pm and concluding at 6pm in the College Chapel. Important information will be presented about Year Eleven 2013 pathways, including WACE, TAFE, University and Workplace Learning. The process for course selections will be outlined to ensure all students are in pathways that they will enjoy and be successful.

All students have been given a letter which outlines the key points to be presented on the night and the importance of attendance at this meeting. We ask parents/guardians to complete the reply slip attached to this letter and return it to the College Office by Monday, 6 August.

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's choices for their final two years of schooling at St Joseph's College. If you require any further information please contact Ms Jude Stringer.  
Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

### Senior School Football

The Senior School Boys Football Team finally played their last representative game against the Great Southern Football Academy last Monday at home. St Joseph's kicked the first two goals inside the first few minutes with some great forward pressure from William McSweeney and centre clearances from Jacob Crowe (C) and Darcy Norman (VC). GSFA hit back quickly to take a slender lead into the half time break. Part-time College football coach, Mr Gerard Cameron then delivered one of the most inspirational half time speeches ever delivered on the College Oval and this inspired the players to keep the pressure on the GSFA. Unfortunately the forwards couldn't convert several inside fifty opportunities and the GSFA rebounded quickly to kick away and seal the win. William McSweeney and Patrick Norman managed to kick a couple of late goals to reduce the margin to 30 points. Better players on the day included Nathan Smith, Stuart Parker, Matt Barnes and Patrick Norman.

As mentioned previously, we witnessed Jacob Crowe, Andrew Henson, Harry Leo, Darcy Norman, Shannon Nielson-Bishop and Nathan Smith play their last game for the College.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to these students for your outstanding contributions to College football over the past five years. Also thanks to the Great Southern Regional Football Academy (Clontarf) for the game, parents, all players, Ned McSweeney (goal umpire) and Lauren Wilson (scoreboard attendant).

Mr Crowe and Mr O'Donnell

### Mentors Provide Great Guidance

Our time with the mentors was highly fulfilling and provided students with valuable information and knowledge regarding our future. Our mentors have shown us what we need to study in school to achieve either University, Technical and Further Education or to acquire an apprenticeship or traineeship and worked closely with us to determine what subjects it is we should be choosing in order to get there. They have used their knowledge to help us explore the different pathways and directions we can take when we leave school and the opportunities that will open up for us in the future.

The small group sessions were rewarding, giving students the opportunity to focus on future career pathways and what was needed to get there. Our mentors have provided individual support and guidance, having willingly given up their time to teach, guide and encourage us onto the path to achieve the career we want in the future. Overall the mentor programme was a positive and extremely fulfilling experience, which has left all of the students with a broader knowledge and a stronger more focused idea of what it is our future holds.

Shantay Brown and Aaron Shields - Year Ten



2012 Mentors Programme Members

### Mock Crash

Students in Years Eleven and Twelve will be attending a Mock Crash Road Safety Event next Tuesday. This event is hosted by the Great Southern Police in conjunction with the City of Albany and Roadwise and aims to provide young people who are using the roads as drivers or passengers with a realistic view of the potential outcomes of unsafe driving behaviour.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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### P&F Meeting

The next meeting for the P&F Committee will be held on Tuesday, 14 August commencing at 7.15pm in the College Staff Room. All welcome!

Mrs Helen Anderson - President



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB Orders for TERM 3** are due this **Monday 6 August 2012**.

Please return completed order forms and payment to your child's classroom teacher or the College Office. Please ensure the correct money is enclosed with the order as no change is given, thank you.

For more information please contact Maria Jackson on 0431 158 037.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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### Spine Society of Australia

Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). In the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic; screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure. When school screening for scoliosis was abandoned we introduced the self-detection programme as a practical alternative. Our policy on the matter is fully explained on our website [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org). The brochure can be accessed directly via a link on the Scoliosis Australia home page.

The online discussion forum launched in October 2009 continues to gather momentum and the website report for the year ending in May is available. Through the forum girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. This is a useful addition to the healthcare system. In our fashion forum, girls are able to ask our fashion consultant for advice and tips on how to best dress a spinal curvature.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Enquiries concerning the NSDP in each state and territory should be directed to the state and territory representatives as detailed above whose contact details can be found by typing into a search engine 'Scoliosis Australia self detection program' (or via the direct address - [www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/self\\_detection\\_prog.html](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org/scoliosis/self_detection_prog.html)).

### Take Home a Big Brother or Big Sister

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Canada and the U.S.A. will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au), email [scceast@scce.com.au](mailto:scceast@scce.com.au) or call us toll free on **1800 500 501**, request our little booklets of international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

### Double Movie Premier Showing

**"Blessing"**

and

**"Journey from Zanskar"**

**Saturday, 15 September**

PCYC - 77 Sanford Road, Albany

Time: Blessings - 7.00pm

Journey from Zanskar - 9.00pm

All funds will help support orphans in India/Nepal.

Tickets available from: Civic Video - Lockyer Avenue, PCYC - Sanford Road, Infinite Earth Spirit - Peels Place, Vancouver Café - Vancouver Street  
Enquiries: Julia Kelly - 0429 959 993

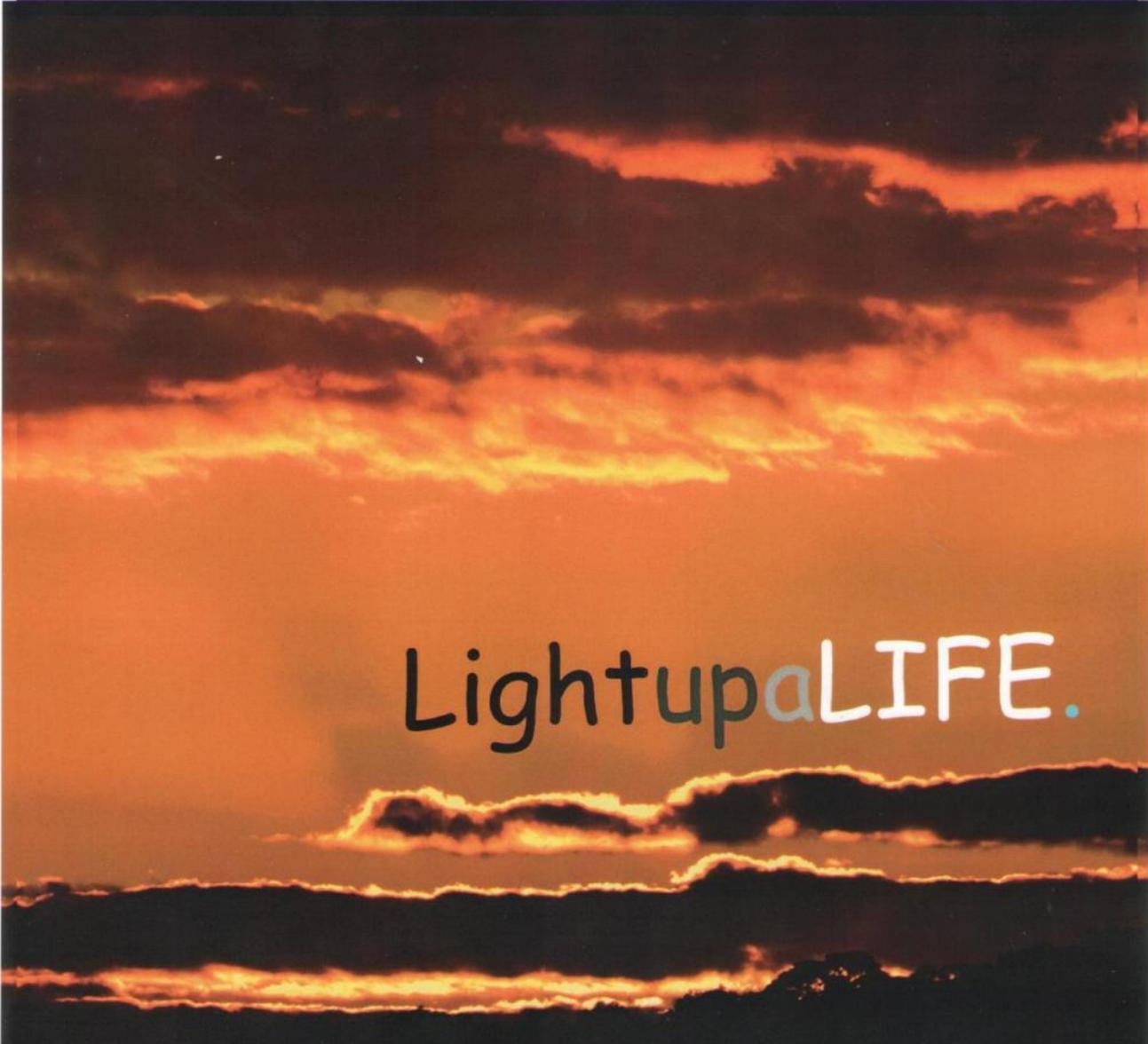
### Celebrate Love 25-26 August 2012

#### Calling All Couples That Have Great Marriages

This is NOT a weekend for troubled marriages, it is simply a way of enriching and deepening your strength and unity as a married couple. To book you can go online [www.celbratelove.com.au](http://www.celbratelove.com.au) or for further information call Basil or Kathy Musca 08 9302 2582.

# fundraising dinner & SILENT AUCTION

pregnancy  
problem  
house



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**What:** Fundraising Dinner - Formal Dress

**When:** Saturday, 25th of August - 6:30pm

**Where:** Emu Point Sporting Club

**Cost:** \$50 pp

**Includes:** 3 course meal & entertainment.

Drinks will be available for purchase.

**Tickets:** By 20<sup>th</sup> August - 98411 444 or 14 Peels Place

Pregnancy Problem House or Albany Christian Book Centre

