

## 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

## Important Dates Coming Up

### WEEK 8

#### Mon 3 December

- Saints Swim Club - Smallie's Swim for Charity - Lap-a-thon and Wind-up

#### Mon-Fri 3-7 December

- St Vincent De Paul's Christmas Appeal

#### Thurs 6 December

- Thanksgiving Mass 9.00am HFC and morning tea.
- Kindy Christmas Party
- Champion House Wind-up (McCormack)

#### Fri 7 December

- Orientation Day - New students
- Pre-Primary Christmas Party
- JS Performance Assembly 9.00am Gymnasium

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,  
please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude  
in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings.  
You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage.  
Our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another,  
our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and  
blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother.  
Amen

## From the Principal



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

This week, our Inter-School Athletics Teams (Junior School and Years Eight to Ten) participated in uncertain weather conditions at the Inter-School Carnivals. Thanks to Mrs Cavanagh, Mr O'Donnell and Ms van Hulssen for their work.

A special thank you to Mr West, our Groundsman, for preparing the oval. Although Great Southern Grammar was host, they requested the use of our oval for the Carnival.

Thank you to Board Members and P&F Members that attended our Board Annual Community Meeting and our P&F Annual General Meeting last Monday. Special thanks to Helen Anderson, standing down as President, though we are pleased Helen will continue as a P&F Committee Member. Mark Henson retires from the Board: we thank Mark for his support over the years.

The P&F is still seeking Executive Members; please consider if you can assist here.

Last weekend I attended the Commissioning Mass for the new Director of Catholic Education and new WA Principals. Dr Tim McDonald spoke very well about his role and how delighted he was to accept this position. We wish Dr McDonald well and will keep him in our prayers as he embarks on this new journey.

## Important Dates Coming Up

### WEEK 9

#### Mon 10 December

- Year 1-3 Picnic
- Year 10 Life Skills Dinner

#### Tues 11 December

- Year 4-6 Picnic

#### Wed 12 December

- Last Day for Students Term 4
- Final College Assembly

### NOTICES

#### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on:  
Orientation Day Friday 7 December  
From 3.00-5.00pm – by appointment only.

13th December 12.00-3.00pm

14th December 9.00-2.00pm

Before School commences in 2013

Thursday 31 January and 1 February  
- 9.00am – 4.00pm.

Saturday 2 February 9.30am-12noon  
(no cash on Saturday only eftpos)

#### Smallies Swim for Charity

##### Saints Swim Club Lap-a-thon

The Annual Lap-a-thon will be held on Monday 3 December at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre followed by the Swim Club's wind-up. Proceeds raised by swimmers will be added to the St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal. Good luck to all swimmers and enjoy your well deserved wind-up.

#### Music Enrolments - Reminder

Enrolment in the Music Tuition Programme for 2013 is due by Friday 7 December. An electronic Enrolment Form can be obtained from our website or collected from the College Office.

## Principal's Report

Congratulations to McCormack House, winners of the House Shield for 2012. McCormack members were very excited to have achieved winning House for the first time. House members will enjoy their well deserved picnic next week. The P&F Individual House Point Draw for the three bikes will be held at the final assembly on the last day of Term for students.



**Mr Bradley Hall - Principal**

## College Notices

### St Vincent De Paul Society's Christmas Appeal

#### Monday 3 December - Friday 7 December

All donations are placed in Christmas Food Hampers which are distributed to needy families in the Albany district by St Vincent De Paul members just before Christmas Day.



Boxes will be placed in classrooms and around the College (Library and Office) Suggestions for the hampers include: Christmas cakes, fruit mince pies, puddings, tinned fruit, canned ham, biscuits, cool drinks, cordial, lollies, chocolate bonbons, potato chips, cheezels, long life custards, nuts, dried mixed fruit.



Junior School students also have the option of taking a 'tag' home from a basket in Cunningham Block. Each tag contains the name of a required food item for the Christmas hampers. Items are then purchased and returned to school during the week.



Any family support for this worthy appeal will be most appreciated.

### Cadets Strive for Success

Congratulations to two Year Nine students Joshua Bennett and Matthew Ellul who won the following awards with the Air Force Cadets 705 Squadron, Albany.



Joshua was awarded Dux of  
Basic Stage 2012



Matthew won the  
Leadership Award for 2012

## Parish Notices

### Christmas Eve Family Mass

As we prepare in Advent for that special Christmas night, we are inviting the children of the Parish (5 years and over) to participate in our **Christmas Eve Family Mass**, dressed as shepherds or angels. These shepherds and angels will help remind us of that very special night more than 2,000 years ago when Jesus our Saviour was born.

The story of that special night will be re-enacted by the children at 6pm followed by the celebration of the Eucharist.

There will be two practice sessions to prepare for this special event:

- Thursday 20 December
- Friday 21 December

Both sessions will be held at Holy Family Church at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing parents/guardians with your children to help us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

For further enquiries, please call Gloria Barnes: 0427 703 693.

### Christmas Pageant

The Parish is looking for little Angels and Shepherds to participate in the Holy Family Parish's Christmas Float.

The Pageant will be held on Saturday, 1 December. Enquiries: Gloria Barnes on 04277 03693



## College Notices

### Home Room Changes for 2013

In 2013 Home Rooms for students in Years Eight to Twelve will be vertical. This means that a number of students from each Year will be in the same Home Room. Home Rooms will be organised according to Houses. Vertical Home Rooms will give older students the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their Leadership Skills and at the same time provide assistance to younger students. It is envisaged that the change in Home Room will invigorate the House system. Please note there will be no change to Year Seven Home Rooms.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

### Junior School News

#### Early Learning Parent Meetings

Last week's parent meetings for children going into Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year One in 2013 were very well attended. The meetings were informative and provided parents with an opportunity to ask questions about class learning programmes in place for 2013 and other matters pertaining to school life.

A special thank you to teachers Mrs Sloan, Mrs Neil and Mrs Boston for the presentations at the meetings and to Helen Anderson and Sam Loveridge for their input about uniforms and the work of the P&F. Parents who were unable to attend the meetings are very welcome to pick up an information booklet from the Early Learning Centre.

#### Assembly

Our final performance assembly for 2012 will be held on Friday 7 December (not on the usual Thursday morning). This change is due to the Thanksgiving Mass being held on Thursday 6 December. The assembly will commence at 9.00am in the Gymnasium. Parents are cordially invited to attend the assembly.

#### Thank you - Year Five Cake Stall

The Year Five class held a cake stall last Thursday during recess to raise funds for the Anandaniketan Orphanage Refugee in Katwa, India. Thank you so much to Mrs Harrison, the Year Five students and all the generous Year Five parents for making cakes and biscuits for the stall. I am so grateful to you all. It's a busy time of year and I really appreciate the amazing effort. We raised \$439 which is absolutely awesome. The money will be put to very good use buying soft helmets for children with epilepsy, cricket bats, some goats and other resources for the residents of Anandaniketan Orphanage and Refugee in Katwa, India.

Thank you again.

Mrs Ali Dupuy - Year 5 Parent



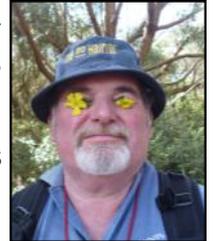
### Year Nine Camp Report

On Wednesday 21 November, the Year Nine students travelled to Camp Kennedy at Perkins Beach for their camp. The day began with the setting up of tents (a great exercise in teamwork and communication to commence the camp), explanation of camp rules and lunch. The students were expected to bring and prepare their lunch for three days with no access to cooking or refrigeration.



*Svarah Lembo catches a wave*

Then the activities started, with a rotation through four fun and challenging sessions that the four groups (Turtles, Dolphins, Sharks and Starfish) would rotate between on that day and the next. These activities were: surfing, environmental art and photography, team-building activities and canoeing. Many of the students had never experienced some of the things done on camp and were able to learn many new skills.



*Mr Palmer takes part in Environmental Art*

On the first night everyone gathered on the beach at Cosy Corner after a sausage sizzle and walked back to camp along the shore for a couple of games of foxholes in the dark.

The next day saw everyone being woken up at 6:00am and having breakfast, then continuing their rotation of activities from the day before. That evening after a BBQ there were leadership speeches and elections for 2013 followed by a Quiz Night, and the winners were the creatively named "Table One's". By 10:30pm the quiz had ended and everyone was exhausted and went straight to sleep.

On the last day the students did two new activities: fishing and marine biology. Marine biology included snorkelling, crabbing and netting of marine animals which were placed into a beach aquarium for identification prior to release. After this, it was back to the campsite to do some final cleaning up before the return trip to school.



All in all, it was a great few days for the Year Nine class that everyone gained something from.

By Sarah Jaboury - Year Nine

Special thanks to the following people who made the camp happen: Dani Lynch (canoeing), Roz Dekker (Surf Instructor), Bruce Wilson, Tony Harrison (Marine Biology), Mr Pickering and Mr West, Mrs Heward, Mr Palmer, Mr O'Donnell, Mrs Goodlad, Mr Crowe, Mr Wiegele and Mrs Page. Without the energy, help and support of these parents, providers and staff, activities like these cannot happen.

Ms Kate van Hulssen - Camp Co-ordinator



Senior School

Year Ten Keys For Life (Safe Driving) Program

Year Ten students completed the final stage of their 'Keys for Life' journey today by attempting their learner's permit test. Each student answered thirty questions (under test conditions) and were aiming for a score of 80% or higher. It's our pleasure to announce that most students achieved this score range and received their learner permits certificates this week. Fortunately, a re-test will be available for some students and this will be finalised next week. Students with an official learner's permit certificate can now automatically receive their learner's permit when they turn sixteen years of age. Chloe Hammond was the first member of the Year Ten Class to get a learner's permit this week. Well done Chloe! We would like to congratulate all students on their co-operative and positive approach to the course this year especially during the traditional 'Magical Mystery Tour'. Finally, on behalf of the students, a huge thank you to Mr Paul O'Donnell for facilitating this course as the College's accredited 'Keys for Life' Presenter.

Mr Crowe - Science Teacher



Community Notices



ALBANY LEISURE & AQUATIC CENTRE  
SWIM<sub>2</sub>SURVIVE SWIM SCHOOL

TIMETABLES & ENROLMENT FORMS  
FOR TERM 1, 2013 WILL BE AVAILABLE  
FROM MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2012

For further details please contact  
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