

General Information

- **Uniform Shop**
Opening Hours
Tuesdays
8.15am - 9.30am and
Wednesdays
2.15pm - 4.00pm
- **Absentee Phone Line** 9844 0280
- **Absentee Email:** absent@sjc-albany.wa.edu.au
- **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

School Holidays

16 December - 29 January 2014

College Office

Closed between

23 December - 1 January

Re-Open

2 January

8.00am - 4.00pm

Thurs & Fri 30 & 31 January 2014

- Uniform Shop Opens 9am - 4pm

Sat 1 February 2014

- Uniform Shop Open 9.30am - 11.30am (EFTPOS Only)

WEEK 1, 2014

Mon 3 February

- Students Commence Term 1



Prayer for Second Week of Advent

Dear Lord,
Through the darkness, I look for your wisdom.
I want my heart to be open to you.
But sometimes in these days, it seems that
so many things come between us.
Help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life.
Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends.
Let me be a peacemaker in my own life and in the world.
Let me pray especially for this difficult world
and those who are so in need of an end to violence.
My heart begs for this as my Advent prayer today.

Amen

From the Principal

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



This week our Term finished with a variety of events including a Lap-a-thon, Three Year Old Programme morning teas, various class windups, Year Ten Life Skills Day and Dinner, Champion House Picnic, final College assembly and "Hey, Hey it's the Last Day": no wonder students need a holiday! Thanks to all staff involved in the organisation of these events and to the parents who assisted.

Our Canteen Committee has met twice and changes will be made to the menu for Term One, 2014. The Canteen will be in line with the "Traffic Light Policy". Mrs Thomas, Committee Member, bravely volunteered to make strawberry sorbet with the Year One class as an alternative to the jelly cups: samples were well received at Recess on Tuesday.

Staff are finalising reports this week, they will be posted home next week. Please advise the College if you change address over the holiday period.

There has been a nice Advent feel about the College these last two weeks as we head towards the celebrations of the birth of Christ.

I wish all families a happy and holy Christmas and our students a restful and enjoyable holiday: don't forget to encourage some reading and incidental lessons for your child though - we don't want the neuron pathways to totally shut down over the summer break.

God bless!

B Hall

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal



Toby's Building Report

From Small beginnings.....

Readers, this is my last report for the year. Today I was fortunate to be able to go inside the new classrooms! I think that the Year Six classes will feel very special in their new home.

Today the painters were varnishing the backboards for the bag hooks.

The sprinkler was working overtime to keep the sand wet, so that it does not create dust in the wind and stick to the varnish.

Before I sign off. I would like to wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy holiday.

From your young roving reporter,
Toby Wiseman - Year 3B



Above: Toby Wiseman stands on the soil where the new Matheu Wing is to be built and

Below: Nearly complete, Toby stands on the verandah



College Notices

St Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all families for the generous support given to our food hamper appeal. All collected food items will be put in hampers by St Vincent de Paul Albany members over the next fortnight and then distributed to needy families just before Christmas.



St Vincent de Paul members are always very appreciative of the support given to their annual appeal by the College community.

Mr Mike Watson - Head Junior School

Orientation Day

On Monday 2 December the College was inundated by nearly 70 fresh young faces abuzz with the impending excitement of meeting the students and staff who will join them in their educational journey into the Secondary section of the College in 2014. Many of these students are coming up from the Junior School and others came from other schools throughout Albany and the Great Southern. Whatever their origins, they were all in the same boat in not knowing what to expect on Orientation Day 2013.

Proceedings began in the Chapel, where Mr Hall, Mrs Palmer and Father Christian welcomed the students to St Joseph's. They were also introduced to the College prefects and a carefully selected bevy of current Year Seven students who would help guide them through the challenging day in front of them. They began in blazing sunshine with the helter skelter of the scavenger hunt, where groups of students raced around the College collecting clues and getting to know vital landmarks and people along the way.

Following recess, the new students followed their timetables through a mini school day. They rotated between Science, English, Home Economics and the Trade Training Centre. At various stages they would be up to their elbows in effervescence experiments and chocolate muffin mix, creating wooden noughts and crosses set and partaking in online literacy testing. Feedback from each activity was overwhelmingly positive and the efforts of the various departments to provide an enjoyable and educational first experience of College life was much appreciated by the students.

The day wound up with the students exchanging contact details with new and old friends to allow friendships to flourish over the summer break so that students will not be overawed at the start of next year. Many thanks to the Year Eight band who provided an acoustic aural backdrop to the windup of the day.

Thanks must also go to all the staff involved in the planning of the day, especially Mrs Bennett, whose organisational expertise enabled events to proceed smoothly and each student to have a very positive, personal experience. The Year Seven students were fantastic ambassadors for the College, along with the prefects, who actually returned from their holidays to welcome the new students, an indicator of the quality of the student leadership at St Joseph's.

Uniform Shop Extended Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will open on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January 2014 from 9am - 4pm and also on Saturday 1 February from 9.30am - 11.30am. EFTPOS facilities only will be available on Saturday.

Next week the uniform shop will be open normal operating times:

- Tuesday 8.15am - 9.30am
- Wednesday 2.15pm - 4.00pm

From 2014 all students will be required to wear the new College sports socks.

Mrs Helen Anderson - Uniform Shop

Big Rock Sandwich

Last Friday during extended lunch, the school yard came alive with Mr Dougherty's students performing classic rock songs for students and staff. A total of four bands have been rehearsing and this lunchtime concert gave them the opportunity to perform in front of a large crowd. Well done to Mr Dougherty and his students.



College Notices

The level of enthusiasm of the participants is all the evidence needed to show the value of the contributors' collective efforts and prove the success of Orientation Day 2013. The College looks forward to welcoming all the new members of our community in 2014.

Mr Greg Cranwell - Year Seven Teacher

School Reports

School reports will be posted home during the week commencing 16 December. Junior School Booklists will be included in the report package and Middle and Senior School Booklists are available on the College's website.

Inter-School Athletics

Last week the Years Eight to Ten Athletics team competed in the Great Southern Inter-School Carnival at the North Road Athletics track. After winning the Division Two Carnival last year the team was ready for the challenge of the bigger schools in Division One this year.

Despite some pleasing performances including Casey Shields finishing 3rd Year 9 Girls overall and Declan McNamara finishing 3rd Year 9 Boys overall, St Joseph's could only manage 5th place in the final standings. Congratulations to those students who stepped up to replace students who were unable to complete their events.

Thanks to Year Eleven students Keely Anderson and Tahlie Larosa who volunteered their time to assist with the smooth running of the event. Thank you also to the coaches who have been training the students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Running Club in preparation for the carnival.

We look forward to more students taking up the training offered at Running Club in preparation for next year's carnival.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Junior School News

Farewell and Thank You

We are sorry to be losing one of our most experienced staff members Mrs Christine Harrison at the end of the school year. Mrs Harrison is retiring from full time teaching but will be available to do relief work in 2014. Mrs Harrison has been an outstanding teacher at St Joseph's College over a long period of time and her valuable contribution has been appreciated by all members of the College community.



Ms Natalie Web our Year Three - Six Italian teacher will also be stepping down at the end of this Term. Natalie has been an excellent Italian teacher over the past two years and will be missed by students and staff. We wish Natalie all of the best for the future.

P&F News

Final Newsletter

The end of the school year is here - and it has come around far too quickly yet again!

From all involved in St Joseph's College Parents and Friends, I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas.

Enjoy your break and see you in 2014 - maybe even as part of the P&F :-) Merry Christmas!

Mrs Amanda Thompson - President

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 celebration, dressed as shepherds or angels.

All the children involved in the re-enactment will 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 presented by the children at 6.00pm followed by the celebration of the Eucharist.

There will be two practice sessions at the Holy Family Church to prepare for this special event:

- Wednesday 18 December 3.45pm
- Friday 20 December - 9.30am

Junior School News

Staff for 2014

Junior School staffing for 2014 is as follows:

Three Year Old Programme -	Ms Peta Curtin
Kindergarten (Blue/Gold) -	Mrs Deb Neil
Pre-Primary (Blue) -	Mrs Judy Boston
Pre-Primary (Gold) -	Mrs Kelly Shepherd
Year One (Blue) -	Mrs Elizabeth Bain
Year One (Gold) -	Ms Eloise Wilson
Year Two (Blue) -	Mrs Alexis Mercado
Year Two (Gold) -	Ms Lauren Clark
Year Three (Blue) -	Mrs Colleen McGlade
Year Four (Blue) -	Mrs Sharleen Cavanagh
Year Four/Five (Gold) -	Mrs Christine Palfrey
Year Five (Blue) -	Mrs Jen Grimes
Year Six (Blue) -	Mr Paul Romeo
Year Six (Gold) -	Mrs Susan Scanlon
Music -	Ms Vanessa Paterson
Physical Education -	Miss Katherine Hancock
Education Support (Years 1-3) -	Mrs Kelly Meyer
Education Support/Library (Years 4-6) -	Mrs Trish Hines

Mr Mike Watson will be taking Long Service Leave during Semester One 2014. Mr Jim Morcom will be taking over as Acting Head of Junior School for Semester One and Mrs Trish Hines will be the Acting Assistant Head of Junior School.

Three Year Old Programme - Party

The Three Year Old Programme concluded this week with class parties. The young children were proud to present their parents with their wrapped portfolios then they shared viewing their clever pieces of work with them. Ms Curtin and Mrs Dallimore were also presented two very special handcrafted gifts made by some clever parents and children. I am sure they will be put to good use for many years to come.



Thank You

Thank you to the many parents who have provided great support in the Junior School during the 2013 school year. Your assistance has been appreciated by staff and students. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very joyful Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

We look forward to seeing parents/guardians with your children at the practices to help prepare for the celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. Any enquiries please contact: Gloria on 04277 03693.

Class-E-Fides

FOR SALE

Text Books

Maths 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D – A J

Sadler

Christian Mission to the world 1C

Yr 12 RE Semester 1

Christian Vision of Life 1D Yr 12

RE Semester 2

Ship Breaker (Novel)

Dictionary of Biology – Penguin Reference

Biology, An Australian Perspective (2nd Edition) Huxley/Walter

Yr 11 Biology Student Workbook

WACE Study Guide Biology 2A &

2B – Peter Walster

Biology – A Contextual Approach

Physical Education Studies 2A-2B

– Regina Gaujers

Outdoor Education 1C-1D Froude

& Various

Sustainable Planet – Geography

for Snr Students – Tamara Boyer

Hazards, Impacts and Responses

– Geography 2A – Snell

Catholic Youth Bible

Edible English (4th Edition)

Living Religion (4th Edition)

Due to a change in course, many of these books are hardly used!

Uniform Items

Blazer, Skirt – Size 10C, Jumper,

Tie, 3 x Shirts, School Bag

Open to offers on all items.

Don't want to see them go to waste.

Contact Louisa on 041 796 1743.

Middle School News

Year Nine Camp Report

On 27 November the Year Nine students began their camp at Camp Kennedy, Perkins Beach. Throughout the three days everyone was broken into four groups: Starfish, Sharks, Dolphins and Turtles.

In these groups we took part in various activities such as surfing, canoeing, leadership development games and activities, marine biology, fishing, photography and environmental art.

Most students had never surfed before but it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Tony Harrison, our surf instructor, had most of the year group standing on their boards by the end of the session.

Canoeing on Torbay Inlet was challenging and taught some important team work skills. Luckily the water was warm because many people capsized frequently!

Using the natural environment, groups produced some interesting art works which were then photographed. People also made giant sand sculptures on Perkins Beach.

Mr Habal organised some fun leadership activities which developed team working skills and pride.

In marine biology, some people went snorkelling while others enjoyed looking for marine life among the rock pools. Sea stars, sea cucumbers, a small fish and sea urchins were the catches of the day. While two groups were participating in this activity, the other two went beach fishing with the help of Tahryn Thompson from the Fisheries Department.

On the first night we had a sausage sizzle at Cosy Corner before heading back along the beach in the dark for a game of fox holes. On the second night, we listened to speeches by potential 2014 House Captains and then enjoyed a challenging and interesting (but long!) quiz night organised by Mrs Heward.

Throughout the camp we were lucky enough to have great weather. Although it was a tad windy, there was sunshine for the majority of our stay. Thank you to all the teachers who came and helped out, especially Miss van Hulssen for organising the three days.

The camp was thoroughly enjoyed and new skills and great memories were taken back home.

By Megan Winter, Tamara Lowry and Grace Charles - Year Nine



**Life Skills Dinner
@ Motel Le Grande**



Senior School News

Life Skills Day

On Tuesday 10 December the Year Ten students were privileged to be involved in the Year Ten Life Skills Day, 2013. All students began the day together and received a summary of important life skills from Alison Teede. We then separated into two groups by gender and attended multiple workshops for the remainder of the day. Guest speakers included John and Nilla Spark, Scott Leary and Jeremy Stewart. John and Nilla Spark gave an intriguing presentation about the travelling. Scott Leary presented a workshop discussing the appearance of the boys and Jeremy Stewart gave an engaging presentation regarding the first job interview. At 5:30 that night, all the Year Tens went to Motel Le Grande for a Dine In Night, where they all got to show off their table etiquette, dance steps and interpersonal skills learnt during the day. A great day was had by all involved and a big thank you goes out to Mrs Page for organising such a successful event.

Josh Bennett - Year Ten

White Rabbit Patisserie is Coming

As part of the College's continued efforts to improve student learning experiences and provide them with practical, real-life workplace scenarios, I am pleased to announce the introduction of the first ever St Joseph's College virtual enterprise (VE) – White Rabbit Patisserie's. Through the everyday running of the VE, students will work towards the completion of their Certificate II in Business over a two year period.

A virtual enterprise (VE) is a simulated business that students run as a hands-on way of learning about business practices. The students are responsible for the success of their VE business, they undertake all the functions needed for their business to compete in a virtual economy that is run by students – for students! This virtual economy comprises VE's across Australia and internationally. Australian students can trade their virtual products for virtual money, with over 5,000 VE's throughout the world.

The current Year Eleven Business students created possible logo's for their new VE and then put them to the staff for a vote. It was agreed that the VE would be called White Rabbit Patisserie, with the slogan "Great cakes in a hurry". After a week of voting a clear winner became evident. Congratulations to Jasmine Edwards for the creation of the winning logo.

Mrs Jane Bennett - Business Teacher

