



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTION

***Family Prayer for Lent
- an ideal starter for any meal -***

*Lord, God, the whole human family
is yours and in your care.*

*Help us to understand how precious
each human life is.*

*And teach us to willingly share
the gifts of this earth with our
brothers and sisters in need.*

*May our Lenten self-denial bring
them comfort, help and renewed hope
for the future.*

*We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord.
Amen*

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon	22 Feb	Pre-Primary (whole group/whole day)
Mon	22 Feb	Immunisation (Yrs 8-10)
Wed	27 Feb	Parent Information Night - Middle School
Thur	28 Feb	Outdoor Education Excursion (Yr 10)
Thur	28 Feb	P&F Meeting - 9.30am Conference Room
Thur	28 Feb	Movie Night - Fundraiser Relay for Life - Albany 3 Cinemas 5pm
Fri	29 Feb	Sunsmart Cricket Carnival
Fri	29 Feb	Emu Point Fun Day (Yrs 1-3)
Mon	3 March	Public Holiday - Labour Day
Thur	6-7 March	Student Leadership Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last Monday I attended a forum of Bunbury Diocese Principals run by the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Ron Dullard.

Among the issues dealt with was an in depth analysis of our TEE Results. Of the five Colleges in the Diocese who had TEE Cohorts, all had exceptional results for the cohort and, across the schools, TEE performance had improved for the majority of our students.

The exercise is an important one because we continually need to look at our academic performance and ensure that our students have the best opportunities after graduation to choose a pathway that suits them.

The two most significant highlights from 2007 for me are: A 100% Secondary (Year 12) Graduation and a University offer for every TEE student.

Schools at the Forum also looked at the WALNA data (published in our end of year newsletter) and we will continue to study this to make the most of our teaching and learning in the Kindergarten - Year Ten years. Whilst we have performed consistently well in the WALNA, the good results are due to our teachers being informed about the strengths and weaknesses of individuals and taking every opportunity to maximise effective teaching.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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Leadership Camp

The Year Four - Twelve Leadership Camp for newly elected leaders will be held on Thursday and Friday (March 6 and 7) at the Denmark Sustainability Centre.

Fifty students will be attending the camp which will provide leaders with an opportunity to interact and work on goals and House projects for the 2008 school year.

Permission forms for the camp need to be returned to the College by Friday 29 February.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Middle and Senior Schools Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The Year Seven – Twelve students contested the Middle and Senior Schools Inter-House Swimming Carnival last Friday in the new format of an evening carnival at the Mt Barker Pool. With a beautiful windless night greeting us on arrival in Mt Barker the swimmers were in for a great night of competition. The students competed in championship races only contributing towards the Inter-House shields. Congratulations for the fantastic efforts of all students including the outstanding achievement of the following students who were individual champions or runners up in their respective year groups. Many of these students and the other top swimmers from Years Eight to Twelve will be selected to represent the College for the ACC swimming carnival.

Year 7 Champion Girl	Callie McNamara
Year 7 Runner Up Girl	Chloe Turton
Year 7 Champion Boy	Myles Gibson
Year 7 Runner Up Boy	Hayden Cluett
Year 8 Champion Girl	Lauren Wilson
Year 8 Runner Up Girl	Ketisha Gill
Year 8 Champion Boy	Jacson Robb
Year 8 Runner Up Boy	Darcy Cameron
Year 9 Champion Girl	Kiara Atkins
Year 9 Runner Up Girl	Sara McNamara
Year 9 Champion Boy	Daniel RajECKI
Year 9 Runner Up Boy	Nathan Woods
Year 10 Champion Girl	Jessica Spry

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Year 10 Runner Up Girl	Sharnee Weaver
Year 10 Champion Boy	Aarron Attwell
Year 10 Runner Up Boy	Brendan Crosby
Year 11 Equal Champion Girl	Ruby Shennan
Year 11 Equal Champion Girl	Phoebe Brown
Year 11 Equal Champion Boy	Rory Lewis
Year 11 Equal Champion Boy	Cameron Newbold
Year 12 Champion Girl	Verity Page
Year 12 Champion Boy	Nick Culloton
Year 12 Runner Up Boy	Robert Regan

Special congratulations to the following swimmers who broke College records in the following events:

Yr 8 boys 50 freestyle	32.31sec	Jacson Robb
Yr 8 boys 100 freestyle	1.10.78sec	Jacson Robb
Yr 8 boys 50 backstroke	38.40sec	Jacson Robb
Yr 9 girls 50 backstroke	36.91sec	Kiara Atkins
Yr 10 girls 100 freestyle	1.12.93sec	Jessica Spry
Yr 10 girls 50 freestyle	32.19sec	Jessica Spry
Yr 10 girls 50 breaststroke	43.59sec	Sharnee Weaver

The final results for the Middle School Inter-House Shield were:

Cunningham	391 points
DeVialar	267 points
Ozanam	243 points
McCormack	186 points

The final results for the Senior School Inter-House Shield were:

Cunningham	209 points
McCormack	177 points
DeVialar	145 points
Ozanam	128 points

Congratulations also to Dean Newbold, Year Nine, winner of the Steve Dowie award and Brendan Crosby, Year Ten, winner of the Tom Hinds award for their efforts as the most outstanding swimmers in their respective sections of the College.

A special huge thank you to the many parents, guardians and staff who kindly donated their time to assist with various duties on the carnival evening or came along to cheer and support.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education

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Liturgical Music Camp – Denmark

Our College has been fortunate enough in recent years to have a group of singers and musicians who freely give their time and talents to provide music at both College liturgies and family masses at the Holy Family Church. As the College community and the Church congregation are both very appreciative of the students' efforts, we decided to run a liturgical music camp at the start of Term One. The aim of the camp was twofold: firstly it gave us time to learn and properly rehearse some new songs and hymns and secondly it rewarded students for the time and effort put in previously while acknowledging that they need time set aside for such rehearsals.

The camp was held at *The Cove* in Denmark on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 February (week one of term) and included a number of students ranging from Years Eight to Twelve working with me. The students learned a number of new liturgical songs and rearranged a few old standards. By the time Mr Vertigan arrived on Friday to help polish the vocals, everyone was in fine voice and really got into the spirit of the occasion. A highlight of the camp was a rousing and spontaneous version of *Day by Day* (from the musical *Godspell*) in which we were joined by Mr Paul Raven who had called in to see the students and was obviously thrilled to be back among them.



The cost of the camp was largely subsidised by the parish and the College and we would like to thank the parish for its generous contribution. The first benefits should be heard by the Holy Family community at our youth mass this Saturday when the group has its first chance to sing this year. I would also like to thank Mr Vertigan for his help on Friday and Mrs Scanlon

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who spent Thursday night with us and made sure nobody went hungry.

Mr Steve Scanlon - Camp Co-ordinator



Family Mass

The first Family Mass for 2008 will be celebrated on Saturday 23 February in Holy Family Church at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming all families and, in particular, the families of students preparing to receive Sacraments this year.

Mrs Susan Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

St Joseph's College Relay for Life Team Presents



The Albany Movie Premiere: **'No Country for Old Men'**

Thursday 28 February 6pm
at Albany 3 Cinemas.



Beer, wine, soft drink and nibbles from 5pm.

Tickets \$20
Available from the College Office

All proceeds to Relay for Life!

St Joseph's College's Major Fundraiser



* * Footy Tipping * *

Registration Forms are enclosed
with this week's Newsletter

Books will be available from 28 February and
also at St Joseph's Day Fair

ONLY \$50 /book for 22 weeks of Fun!

New Format:
Tips are to be entered on-line
through St Joseph's College web page.

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Canteen News Next Friday's Special



Cheese or Egg or Tuna and
Salad Pittas & Water for \$4.50

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Information Nights

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Parent Information Nights held this week on Monday 18 and Thursday 21 February. We trust that the meetings were informative and provided parents with an insight into the learning programmes and student management plans in place in classrooms as well as the curriculum initiatives being undertaken in the Junior School, in particular the RAISe Literacy and Primary Connections Science programmes. Both of these programmes are in their second year of implementation and provide structures that will be of direct educational benefit to all of our students.

Tutorials

Tutorials commenced last week for Years Four - Six students. The tutorials are held each Wednesday from 3.05 - 4.00 pm. Students who would like assistance with Homework or other areas of their schoolwork are welcome to attend the tutorials.

Years One - Three Beach Fun Day

This eagerly anticipated event is on next Friday 29 February at Emu Point. Mr Small is looking for parents to assist with the tabloid sports which are held between 10.30am - 12.00 noon so if you are able to assist please contact Mr Small. Also Mr Small is keen to have a group of parent helpers for our Inter-House Athletics carnival coming up in Week Eight, so please let him know if you can assist.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

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Vyner Brook 66th Anniversary

On 15 February 2008 we went down to the museum to honour the nurses who died in World War II. We started off by singing the Australian National Anthem. The John Calvin Choir then sang a hymn called "How Great Thou Art". We then listened to how most of the nurses died, what happened and their bravery. After that we watched and laid the wreaths; we laid one flower for each nurse that was captured by the Japanese.

Jo Briggs then read the Ode followed by one minute silence for all those nurses who died. John Calvin Choir then sang their final song "The Captive Hymn". Rev. Judy McKechnie finished off with the Benediction. It was a very moving service.

By: Sarah Jamieson and Tristan Taylor - Yr 6B



*Sarah Jamieson and
Tristan Taylor
at Vyner Brook
Anniversary service*

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Year Eight Information Meeting

An Information Meeting for parents/guardians of Year Eight students will be held on Wednesday 27 February. The purpose of the evening is to provide students and families **NEW** to the College with important information about the Year Eight learning programme in 2008. All other Year Eight students and families are also most welcome to attend if they wish.

The meeting will commence at 7.00pm in the College Chapel and will be conducted by Mr Jason Cull, the Year Eight Team Leader. The meeting should take approximately one hour.

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Year Seven Information Meeting

An Information Meeting for parents/guardians of Year Seven students will be held on Wednesday 27 February. The purpose of the evening is to provide you with important information about your child's education programme in 2008.

The meeting will commence at 7.00pm in the Year Seven classrooms and will be conducted by your child's Year Seven teacher, Ms Simone Gatti or Mrs Jude Wiegele. The meeting should take approximately one hour.

Mr John Bova - Head of Middle School

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Koorong Kids Book Club

A catalogue has been sent home with your child this week. All orders and payment are due back to the College Office by no later than Friday 29 February.

P & F Meeting

A meeting of the P & F Committee will be held on Thursday 28 February at 9.30 am following the Junior School Assembly in the Conference Room.

PARISH NOTICES

KIDS CLUB

All Primary school aged children are invited to join us for Kids Club on
Sunday 24 February

Where: Holy Family Church

Time: 10.30am to 12 noon (after 9.30am Mass)

Please bring a snack to share.

For more information please contact Sarah on 0413 000240 or starah_30@hotmail.com

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Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience is running a weekend programme, designed to assist and support people in learning to close the door gently on a relationship that has ended, in order to get on with living.

People who have had similar loss experiences themselves facilitate the programme. If you feel that this programme could benefit you or someone you know, you are invited to contact us.

The next weekend programme dates are:

Friday, 7 March to Sunday 9 March 2008

For further information please contact:

Bev Ph: 9332 7971 or Margaret Ph: 9294 4892

Junior Soccer Registration Day

Saturday 23 February

9am - 2pm

at North Road Soccer Clubrooms

Football West will be on site to co-ordinate games and activities between 10am - 12 noon. Students are asked to bring football boots and shin pads if they would like to participate.



Any enquiries please call Mark Hensen on 9842 3593

Southern Districts Junior Football

**Registration Day
Sunday 24 February**

Centennial Oval
9am - 12 noon

Auskick - Under 17s

Come along and register so team lists can be determined.

Enquiries: Tim Hunter 9841 7937

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Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is URGENTLY seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2008 from Germany, Austria, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Holland, Ireland, Brazil, the USA and Canada. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, schools, transportation, insurances and support systems. Call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email sceaust@scce.com.au

Thanks for your assistance.

Robert Lindsay - National Business Development Manager

Act Belong Commit Albany Bicycle Treasure Hunt

When: Sunday 9 March

Where: Middleton Beach

Cost: \$15 per team

Registrations close Wednesday 4 March.



Teams of 4 are invited to register their interest to join the Act Belong Commit Albany Treasure Hunt. Teams must include 1 x novice rider and will attract bonus points for children under the age of 16. There will be two different routes (Open and Family Friendly). A limit of 50 teams can enter. Bike hire available on the day. Great prizes- Prizes for Best School Team.

For more information please contact the Event Coordinator, Tracy Blaszkow on 98448 364 or 04288 75503

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STRIKE

Strike is a fortnightly youth programme which is open to all high school aged youth. Continues this Friday 22 February at 77 on Sanford @ 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Regular activities include basketball, soccer, pool table, music and art corners, play stations and skate park. Come and try out your skills on the Air Rifle range this week.

Run by Troode Street Youth. For more information call Paul on 0417947563. Cost \$2.

Free Outdoor Cinema Night

Monty Python and the Holy Grail

**Saturday, 1st March
8.45pm start**

Grassed area next to
Town Hall, York Street

Great family night
out under the stars!

BYO Chair, picnic basket

Enquiries: Tammy Flett - 9841 9294
Community Development Officer

PARENT & FRIENDS MEETING

Thursday
28 February
9.30am

following the Junior School Assembly

Conference Room

Meet in the College Office Foyer

We welcome new and existing families to come along and be part of our meetings either as a Committee Member or an observer.

The Committee still has the following positions available:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Board Representative
- Fundraising/Social Events Committee
- Committee Members
- Year Group Representatives (2 per year)
- Book Fair Co-ordinators

This is a great opportunity to become involved in the College and meet new friends

Your children really benefit from the efforts the P & F Committee contributes.

For enquiries or more information please do not hesitate to contact Helen Anderson on 9844 1750



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

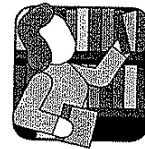


Last year we were very lucky to have help and support from a number of parents, friends, guardians and associates volunteering within the College. It is hard to imagine how we could manage without them.

If any of you have some time to give (even just an hour here and there) and are interested in helping out, please fill out the form below, stating your preferred day and time and return to College as soon as possible.

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Library



Yes I would like to help out in the Library

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Day/s available _____ Time _____

✂-----

Canteen



Yes I would like to help out in the Canteen

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Day/s available _____ Time _____

FOOTY TIPPING

**St Joseph's College P & F Assoc.
Get your registration form in for
Albany's best footy tipping !**

Major Prizes:

- 1st \$3600 Travel voucher**
- 2nd \$250 Cash**
- 3rd \$100 Cash**

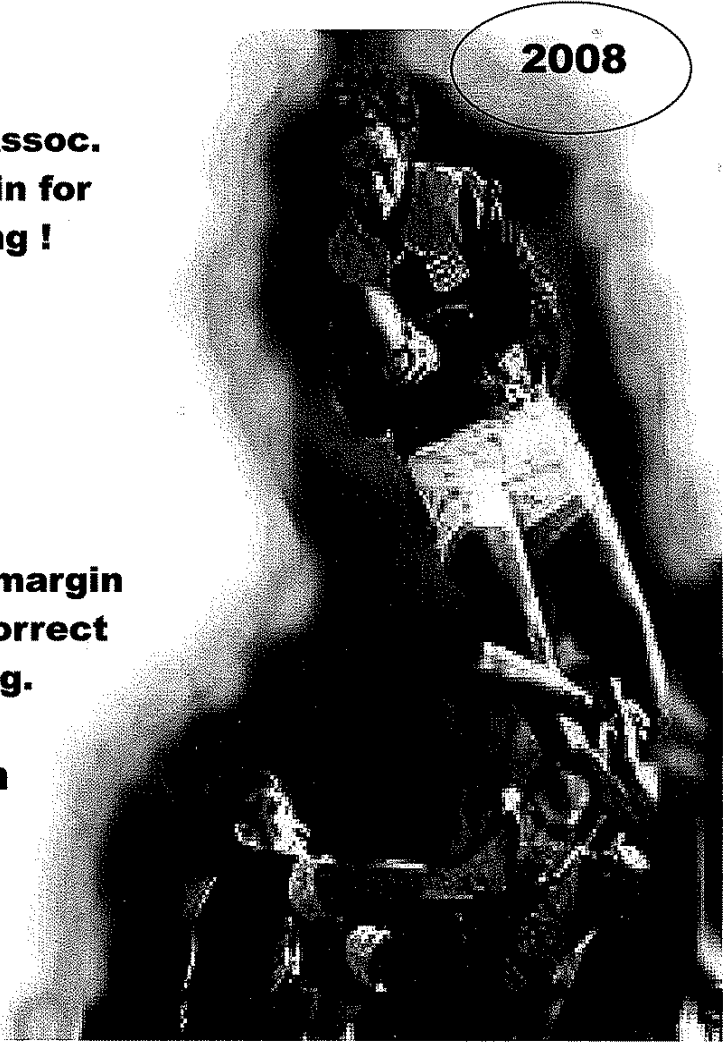
Weekly Prizes:

- \$50 most correct, nearest margin**
- \$5 Video Voucher, least correct**
- \$10 no winners, jackpotting.**

Tipping starts 20th March

Thanks to our Sponsors:

**Lyn Meads Travel World,
St Joseph's College P & F
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ONLY \$50 a book for 22 weeks of FUN !

2008 Footy Tipping Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

No. of Books: _____ Total Paid: _____

Books can be purchased with Cash/Cheque/Eftpos at College Office, cheques made payable to **St Joseph's College P & F**. Register at College Office or post to: Footy Tipping Committee, St Joseph's College P & F, Martin Road, Albany.

Office Use Only Received by _____ Date _____

Tips are to be entered on line through St Joseph's College web page only.