



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTION

Many students say they want a good education. How can you tell if they really mean it - that their "want" isn't just an "I wish" or "I feel like" or "I would like?" Easy. Just watch what they actually do. Do they get the work in on time? Are they constantly challenging themselves further? Do they read books even though they're not assigned? Do they actually do the holiday reading - before they come back to school to be reminded? Do they go to plays, museums, planetariums? If they don't, then "I want" is the wrong pair of words.

If, on the contrary, a student consistently resorts to alibis, does the minimum, copies lab reports, asks for extensions, then what he does shouts so loudly the claims to "want" an education are meaningless. There's objective evidence of that. Such students are dishonest - with themselves.

The most essential honesty is to be honest with yourself. If that's not true, the whole operation's a shambles from the start. If you can't tell the bald truth to yourself, you are living an illusion. What's more, you deceive everyone else as well, telling them what you genuinely - and totally wrongly - would like to believe is the truth.

*(Taken from the book, 'Building Your Own Conscience'
by William O'Malley SJ)*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Next Term you will be hearing a lot about World Youth Day and the journey of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon.

The following information came from the World Youth Day website: Check it out at: www.wyd2008.org

The Journey of the WYD Cross...

Since 1984 the WYD Cross has made its way around the world, throughout Europe, behind the Iron Curtain, and to parts of the Americas, Asia, Africa and briefly to Australia, being present at each international celebration of World Youth Day along the way. In 1994 the Cross began in earnest what has since become a tradition: its year long journey around the dioceses of the host nation of each international World Youth Day, as a means of prayerful preparation for the big event.



Heralding these international celebrations of young people, the Cross is now best known as "the World Youth Day Cross". The media have often called the Cross the "Olympic Torch" of the World Youth Day. It is a useful comparison. In each country that the Cross visits, it travels from cities to towns, parishes to prayer groups. Young people take charge of it, spend time in prayer with it, and encourage their peers to do the same.

....and Icon of Our Lady

In 2003, Pope John Paul II gave young people a second symbol of faith to be carried around the world,

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon	28 Apr	Pupil Free Day
Tues	29 Apr	Term 2 commences - Students First Day
Wed	30 Apr - 2 May	Year 6 Camp
Wed	7 May	Academy Photo Day - All students
Fri	9 May	Inter-School Triathlon (Yrs 6-7)

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accompanying the WYD Cross - the Icon of Our Lady, 'Salus Populi Romani', a contemporary copy of a sacred and ancient icon housed in the first and greatest basilica to Mary the Mother of God in the West, St Mary Major.

Today I also entrust to you... the Icon of Mary. From now on it will accompany the World Youth Days, together with the Cross. Behold, your Mother! It will be a sign of Mary's motherly presence close to young people who are called, like the Apostle John, to welcome her into their lives. Rome, 18th World Youth Day, 2003.



Pope Benedict XVI, continuing the WYD legacy of his predecessor, spoke at the hand-over ceremony of the WYD Cross and Icon from a group of young Germans to a delegation of young Australians on Palm Sunday 2006. He made clear why the Icon of Mary belongs on the pilgrimage of WYD Cross.

Our Lady was present in the cenacle with the Apostles as they waited for Pentecost. May she be your Mother and guide. May she teach you to receive the word of God, to treasure it and to ponder on it in your heart (cf. Luke 2:19) as she did throughout her life. May she encourage you to declare your "yes" to the Lord as you live "the obedience of faith." May she help you to remain strong in the faith, constant in hope, preserving in charity, always attentive to the word of God.

As we behold Mary in the Icon carrying her Son she teaches us how to carry him to the world.

Millions of young people over the past 20 years have attended the World Youth Days. Hundreds of thousands more have participated in the grace of the event through their encounter with the WYD Cross and Icon.

These symbols are presented most powerfully to the world by young people who carry them not only for a few moments or hours, but in the example of their daily Christian lives.

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The World Youth Day Cross and Icon will arrive in Albany on Sunday 1 June at approximately 4.30pm.

We are planning events now for Albany's stage of the journey and you are invited to join in these celebrations.

More details will be published closer to the event, in the meantime, mark the date on your calendar.

We wish all families a safe and restful holiday.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

A Prayer for the Journey of the WYD Cross & Icon of Our Lady

We make this prayer through the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father
who gives to all the gift of his love
through World Youth Day,
and who has entrusted to our nation
the sign of the Cross.

And of the Son,
who was crucified out of love
for us to bring us healing and mercy
and who teaches us to carry our cross
with courage and hope.

And of the Holy Spirit,
who makes us witnesses
of love to the ends of the earth,

We pray for the Journey of the Cross and Icon
throughout the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.
May this pilgrimage bless the lives of all who
encounter Christ in the Cross
and behold the image of Mary our Mother.
We ask that this Journey may truly prepare young
hearts and our nation for World Youth Day 2008.

Amen

MEET THE STAFF

Chantal Smith

I have lived in Albany all my life and have been working for Great Southern Regional College of TAFE during the past nine years. I have now commenced at the College in the Office as an Administration Officer and am looking forward to the challenges of my new job and working with all the great staff and students.



COLLEGE NOTICES

Inter-School Athletics Carnival

Well done to our Inter-School team for their enthusiastic participation in this week's carnival. Ninety Years One-Seven students represented our College Team. The results were:

- Juniors (Years One-Three) won the outright shield for the first time in more than ten years. An outstanding effort! Coaches Mrs Wood and Mrs Tassicker were delighted with this result.
- Seniors (Years Four-Seven) were placed third in the outright shield. Another very good result.

The most outstanding effort on the day by a St Joseph's student came from Tahlia Putland who was Champion Year Four Girl. Well done Tahlia!

Thank you to Head Coach - Mr Small for his work coordinating the team and to staff and parents who assisted at the field events on Monday and the main carnival on Wednesday.



Year 3 students with the Junior Shield

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Learning Journals/Portfolios

Students will be bringing home today samples of work that they have completed in Term One.

Years One - Three students will have their Learning Journal. Parents with students in these year levels have already seen some of the work in the Learning Journals as they have been sent home on a regular basis during this Term.

Pre-Primary and Years Four - Six students will be bringing home their Portfolios which contain samples of work from the different learning areas. I would encourage parents to take time to peruse your child's work and make comments in the appropriate places if you wish to do so.

Athletics Carnival Display

Thank you to Colleen Armstrong, Kylie Dallimore and Helen Anderson for setting up a very impressive display of photos from the recently conducted Inter-House Athletics Carnival. The display is set up in the entrance area of Cunningham Block.

Most of the photos on display were taken by Jo Pulsford who has been keeping her talents as a photographer well hidden. Thanks Jo! The display has created a lot of interest amongst students, staff and parents.

House Points Draw

Thank you to parents who donated small prizes and vouchers for our House Points Draw which was held this week. Junior School House Captains arranged the prizes and vouchers and conducted the draw which was very popular with students who had worked hard to earn points for their respective Houses in Term Two.

Thank you

Thank you to the many parents who have provided great support in the Junior School during Term One. Your support has been greatly appreciated by both staff and students.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Nights in Term Two

Interim Reports were mailed home to all Middle School families this week, with an attached letter that invites parents and guardians to request interviews with teachers in Term Two. Please go through the reports carefully with your child in preparation for the meetings next term.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a minor error on some of the Year Nine Interim Reports: Year Nine Society and Environment Class 2 has Mrs Page listed as the teacher when in fact Mrs McNeill is the class teacher. If your child is in this class and you wish to meet with the Society and Environment teacher, please request to see Mrs McNeill and **NOT** Mrs Page. My apology for the mistake.

Well Done in Term One

Well done to all the students for their efforts in this first term of the year, especially those who have joined the College in 2008. Parents and guardians should also be congratulated for supporting their children. I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr John Bova – Head of Middle School

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Senior School Parent Teacher Night

Thank you to the parents, guardians and students who attended the parent night on Wednesday evening to discuss the Term One Interim Reports. Senior School students, especially those in Year Twelve, should put into practice the strategies and suggestions discussed on the evening, during the Term One study break. During this time, students need to have a genuine break while putting a manageable and focused study plan in place. The school year is very short for Year Twelve students and they must capitalise on every opportunity available to ensure that their final year of school is as successful as possible.

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Lockers

Nearly all Senior School students have organised a lock for their lockers. Students were informed during this past week that if a lock was not provided by the end of the term, they would lose their allocated locker next term and their books would have to be stored in their school bag during the day. Lockers are a useful resource for students, and for security and safety reasons, students must keep them locked at all times.

Uniform and Grooming – Hair

Parents, guardians and students are reminded of the College Policy (Page 14 of Student Diary) in this regard and that any student who runs the risk of not meeting it needs to address it during the holidays. Long hair, especially, needs to be cut so as to meet uniform requirements. Students who return to school at the start of next term not meeting uniform or grooming requirements run the risk of being sent home so that they can fulfil the conditions of this important part of their enrolment agreement.

Mr John Bova – Head of Senior School

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

2008 Business Directory

The St Joseph's College P & F Association and Holy Family Parish Business Directory has now been completed and is included with this week's College Newsletter. Please look out for it and support the businesses within our College and Parish Community.

PARISH NOTICES

KIDS CLUB

Dates for Next Term:

4 and 25 May, 8 and 22 June, 6 July

Kids Club is on Sundays following the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church.

(between 10.30am - 12 noon)

Please bring a snack to share.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Don't Miss Out
These School Holidays



"SNAKES" Harmful & Harmless

- A unique education experience for all ages
- Snake handling twice daily (3 times on Thursday)
- Visitors can get personal and hold a non-venomous snake
- Various species of venomous and Non-venomous snakes

**At North Road Shopping Centre
Monday 14 April - Saturday 19 April**

Parents as Career Partners: *Free workshop*

A parents and caregivers guide to career advice. You helped them learn to walk and talk...Now help them explore the world of education, work and training. This workshop will give you up-to-date information on today's world of work and assist you to identify opportunities for your child to achieve his or her career goals.

Workshops will be held at Worklink, Corner Aberdeen Street & Serpentine Road, Albany.

Dates & Times available: Thursday 24 April 08, 6.30-8pm.

Contact Worklink to book your place on 9841 7741 or email admin2@albanyworklink.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES



PAUL RAVEN LAUNCHES CD

A very special invitation goes to all St Joseph's College Community, families and friends to attend the Albany Launch of Paul's stunning CD "**Second Chance**"

Paul has been channelling his energy into creating an ethereal album on which he plays 25 percussion and wind instruments.



The Colour Merchants at Albany Mitre 10 are very honoured to be hosting this event which also coincides with the start of a new Exhibition Opening of artwork by local artist Tania Morgan.

Tania's artwork draws inspiration from her indigenous roots and both her and Paul are excited about sharing this event as they feel that the combination of Tania's artwork and Paul's "world music" should make for a memorable afternoon.

Come along and support Paul who has inspired us and our children in so many ways on:

Sunday 27 April

at

The Colour Merchants
(inside Mitre 10)

Lot 1007 Chesterpass Road
between 3pm - 5pm.

Refreshments will be served and copies of the CD will be available for purchase.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Exhibition Opening **Thursday 8 May** **6pm**

Art on the More proudly presents to you
Impact & Fusion

An exhibition by new media artist
Bello Benischauer that begins its tour
of Western Australia here in Albany.

Presenting a dialogue between the wall objects
and audio-visual installation, the artist questions
the social impact of human beings on nature
through mass consumption and globally
increasing population.

All welcome! RSVP 9841 9260

Lower Great Southern Hockey Association

Hookin2 Hockey - Registration Day

Date: Saturday 3 May
Time: 9am - 10am
Venue: Grass Oval next to Hockey Stadium
Cost: \$50 (pack includes stick, ball, shin pads)
OR \$25 no pack
Contact: Judith Want - Hockey Development
Officer - LGS
Ph: 98920 158 Mob: 0429 895033

“Speak-Up For Kids” Programme

The response to the “Speak Up For Kids” programme
has been huge. The Town Hall is now sold out for all
sessions. The good news for those who missed out on
tickets is that all speakers will be interviewed on ABC
Radio South Coast. These interviews will be part of a
larger programme highlighting issues around 0 to 5
year old children.

Also the ABC will have a limited number of tickets to
give away to lucky listeners.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

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Fostering..... do it for our Kids!

The Albany office of the Department for Child
Protection is in need of more Foster Carers. We are
looking for single people, couples and families who
would be interested in caring for children and teenagers
for short or long periods of time. Carers are able to
choose the type of care they can provide based on their
own circumstances.

Contact Anita Barber on 9841 0777 at Albany Office,
Department for Child Protection for more information.

Junior Hockey Camp

When: 19 & 20 April 2008

Where: Narrogin Hockey Turf

Times: Saturday 1pm - 6pm
Sunday 9am - 1pm

Ages: 10 years to 15 years

Cost: \$40 per person

Coaches: Jono Charlesworth and Andrew Smith

Contact: Judith Want

Hockey Development Officer - LGS

Mobile: 0429 895 033

Work: 9892 0158

Due South Surfing Academy

Surfing & Ocean Awareness
Lessons

14, 15 & 16 April - 9am-11am
Middleton Beach Surf Club

19, 20 & 21 April
9am-11am - Blossoms Beach, Bremer Bay

23, 24 and 25 April
9am-11am - Mutton Bird Beach

Lessons run for 2 hours each day - equipment
supplied. Cost is \$110.

Bookings phone Tony Harrison on 9844 4263



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W K	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	28 Pupil Free Day	29 Students Start	30 Year 6 Camp	1 May	2	3 / 4
2	5	6	7 Academy Photo Day	8	9 Inter-School Triathlon (6-7)	10/11
3	12	13 National Testing – (3, 5, 7, 9)	14 Belt Up Football Cup (after school) National Testing- (3, 5, 7, 9)	15 National Testing – (3, 5, 7, 9)	16 GS Region Netball Cup (8-12) National Testing- (3, 5, 7, 9)	17/18
4	19 Immunisation (8-10) P&F Meeting Bishop's Religious Assessment (YR9)	20	21 Belt Up Football Cup (after school)	22 Year 10 Rugby Maximum Participation Carnival	23	24/25
5	26 Board Meeting	27	28 Belt Up Football Cup (after school) Outdoor Ed Final Expedition (10) Board Sub-Committee Meetings	29 Outdoor Ed Final Expedition (10) Board Induction	30 Pupil Free Day Staff PD Day	31/1 June
6	2 Foundation Day Public Holiday	3 Year 11/12 Exams	4 Belt Up Football Cup (after school)	5	6	7/8
7	9 Yr 10 Exams Year 11/12 Exams	10 Smarter Than Smoking Football Cup (8 & 9)	11 Belt Up Football Cup (after school) Immunisation (7)	12	13 Inter-House Cross Country (JS)	14/15
8	16 Year 12 Retreat P&F Meeting	17	18 Belt Up Football Cup (after school) Board Sub-Committee Meetings	19	20	21/22
9	23 Board Meeting	24	25 Belt Up Football Cup (after school)	26	27 Inter-House Cross Country (MS&SS)	28/29
10	30 Yr 10 Work Experience	1 July	2 Belt Up Football Cup (after school) Yr 11 Retreat	3	4 Last day of Term	5/6
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