



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

The prayer below was used at the ANZAC Day Service. It is a very appropriate Blessing for Christians and it is the Blessing we give to our Year Twelve students on their Graduation - the last prayer they have at School.

Go forth into the world in Peace.

Be of good courage.

Hold fast to that which is good, render to no man evil for evil.

Strengthen the faint hearted, support the weak.

Help the afflicted, honour all people.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and the blessing of God Almighty.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last week the College joined in the ANZAC day services in Albany.

Head Girl Rhea Gliosca and Head Boy Sam Juers represented the College at the Dawn Service on Mt Clarence, where they laid a wreath.

The student leaders represented the College very well in the ANZAC Day parade and Rhea and Sam also laid a wreath at the ANZAC monument during this service.



IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Wed	7 May	Photo Day - Rescheduled to 25 June
Wed	7 May	First Holy Communion Meeting New Camfield - 7pm
Thur	8 May	Middle School Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thur	8 May	Junior School Assembly 9.00am - Gymnasium
Fri	9 May	Inter-School Triathlon (Yrs 6-7)
Sat	10 May	Commitment Mass - Confirmation Holy Family Church - 6pm
Sun	11 May	Mother's Day
Tues	13 - 15 May	National Testing (Yrs 3, 5, 7, 9)
Wed	14 May	Middle School Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wed	14 May	Belt Up Cup Football St Joseph's Oval - 3.45pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope students and families had a restful break and have come back refreshed for Term Two. The Senior School staff had professional development workshops on the new Year Eleven and Twelve Courses for 2009. The rest of the staff had an Accreditation Workshop presented by Sr Christine from the Bunbury Catholic Education Office.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

Reflection

This week's reflection features various thoughts of Mother Teresa of Calcutta

I never look at the masses as my responsibility. I look at the individual. I can love only one person at a time. I can feed only one person at a time. Just one, one, one. You get closer to Christ by coming closer to each other. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me".

So you begin.... I begin.

I pick up one person - maybe if I didn't pick up that one person I wouldn't have picked up 42,000.

The whole work is only a drop in the ocean. But if I didn't put the drop in, the ocean would be one drop less.

Same thing for you same thing in your family same thing in the church where you go just begin... one, one, one.

(Mother Teresa, Words to Love By, p. 79
Ave Maria Press. Norte Dame. IN 46556)

Mother Teresa's Challenge to Us

Each person's mission is a mission of love... begin in the place where you are, with the people closest to you.

Make your homes centres of compassion and forgive endlessly.

Let no one ever come to you

Without coming away better and happier.

At the hour of death

When we come face-to-face with God,

We are going to be judged on Love;

Not on how much we have done,

But on how much love we put into the doing.

Love Seeks to Serve

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received how much money we have made how many great things we have done.

We will be judged by; "I was hungry and you gave me to eat I was naked and you clothed me I was homeless and you took me in."

Hungry not only for bread - but hungry for love

Naked not only for clothing - but naked of human dignity and respect

Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks - but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise.

- Mother Teresa of Calcutta

MEET THE STAFF

Jo Pulsford

Jo is a parent to three students in Junior School and has also been working as a relief teacher during the past year.

You will now see her face in the Year Three Classroom during

Term Two whilst she relieves Judy Boston's Long Service Leave period.



Jo is currently acting in three roles in the Albany Light Opera and Theatre Company's production of Les Miserables.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Rescheduling of Academy Photo Day

All families are advised that College photographs will now be taken on

Wednesday 25 June (Week 9 of this

term) instead of next week as previously scheduled.

All information and purchasing envelopes will be distributed several weeks before the photographs take place.

Mr John Bova – Head of Middle and Senior Schools



Maths Olympiads

A team of thirty Year Six and Seven students will be participating in this year's Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiads competition. The competition focuses on developing students Mathematical problem solving skills in a challenging but enjoyable contest environment. There are five separate tests which extend over two Terms. Approximately twenty four thousand students and over a thousand schools will participate in the APSMO awards.

First Holy Communion

The first meeting of parents will be at New Camfield, Aberdeen Street on 7 May at 7.00pm.



Electronic Copy College Newsletter

Some people are experiencing difficulties opening up the College Newsletter due to having an older version of software.

The Newsletter is in PDF format which requires Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you cannot open the Newsletter, a link has been set up on the College Web Site to download a FREE up-to-date version of Acrobat Reader.

Due to maintenance demands of the email data base, the Newsletter will no longer be emailed directly to your email address. It will be available every Friday afternoon on the College web site:

<http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au>

Back issues of the Newsletter are also available on the website.

Please add the above address in your Favourites or Bookmarks

Regional Idol Winner

Our Congratulations go to one of our students Mitchell "Fingers" Cullen for winning the title and a \$500 recording contract at Uptown Music. Also well done to Joe Amato and his band Under the Landslide for an outstanding performance.

For your opportunity to see Mitchell "Fingers" Cullen play guitar, slide didgeridoo, stomp box and Banjo - he will be performing on 6 June at the Town Hall. Tickets are on sale now from the Town Hall.

National Assessment Programme - Literacy and Numeracy

WISDOM

Information for Parents/Carers

You will have received some information about the change from State Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy to a National Assessment Programme. The following will outline some important information about this process.

It is important to keep these assessments in perspective and to assure you that your son/daughter will be given an opportunity to practise sample papers to assist with preparation. It is important to encourage students to complete all assessments so we are encouraging parents/carers to assist by making sure their son/daughter attends school on the assessment days as timetabled below.

The national tests will assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as they have been done in the past. Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer.

The main difference is that all students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will be doing the same tests on the [same days in May 2008](#).

Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Mass of Commitment

The Mass of Commitment for the children who are receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** later this year will be celebrated in Holy Family Church commencing at 6pm on Saturday 10 May, the Feast of Pentecost. We look forward to welcoming all of you at this very special event.

Premier's Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following St Joseph's College students who participated in the Premier's Summer Reading Challenge: Evie Dupuy (Year One); Luke Dupuy (Year Four); Mitchell Hughes-Owen (Year Three); Mikaela Hughes-Owen (Year Seven); Tahlia Putland (Year Four).

Each of the above mentioned students will be receiving a certificate from the Premier acknowledging their commitment to reading over the summer school holidays.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

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National tests will provide information on how students are progressing against [national benchmarks](#) and support improvements in teaching and learning.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. They can assure their children that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

Timetable for National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy 2008 at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

Year Level	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total) Non-Calculator test to be scheduled first, followed by Calculator -Allowed test
Year 9	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total) Non-calculator test to be scheduled first, followed by Calculator Allowed test.

It is also very important to understand that the NAPLAN (National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy) results are only a part of the total collection of assessment information that is used to determine student's overall achievement. The flow chart below will assist parents/carers.

Further information is available on the following websites: www.det.wa.edu.au/education/naplan or www.web1.ceo.wa.edu.au

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If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mike Watson or Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

Assessment is the collection of information for a purpose

Less formal

More formal

<p>Unstructured</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •chance meetings •conversations 	<p>Slightly structured</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •questionnaires •observation •student self-assessment 	<p>More structured</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •classroom tests •checklists •practical work •project work •case studies 	<p>Most structured</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •examinations •standardised tests •published aptitude tests •State-based or jurisdiction-based testing programs •NAPLAN
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The Bishop's Religious Literacy Assessment 2008 Year Nine Students

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment for all Year Nine students in Catholic Schools throughout the Perth Archdiocese and the Bunbury and Geraldton Dioceses will be completed during the week commencing Monday 19 May (Term Two, Week Four).

All students will be prepared for this assessment by their Religious Education teachers. Parents/Carers can assist by ensuring that their son/daughter attends school during this week.

If you have any queries please contact Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

Canteen News Next Wednesday's Special



Pumpkin Soup with Bread Roll
and Bottle Water \$3.50

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Les Miserables

If you have managed to get a ticket to the Albany Light Opera Theatre Company's production of Les Miserables this month, be sure to look out for some familiar faces in not so familiar roles including past and present students and teachers.

Mick Vertigan stars as Javert. He has a very commanding presence on stage! Jake Smith also stars as Gavroche, you should see him fearlessly leap around the barricades! Ben Anderton plays a student and Joanne Pulsford sings in the chorus taking on a variety of parts.



Jake Smith and Ben Anderton perform in Les Miserables

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Junior School Assembly

Our next assembly is on Thursday 8 May commencing at 9.00am in the gymnasium. Student leaders will be conducting the assembly.

Tutorials

Tutorials for Years Four-Six students are on each Wednesday from 3.10pm - 4.00 pm in the College Library. Students are very welcome to attend if they need assistance with some areas of their work or wish to spend time completing homework or working on research assignments.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Nights

Interim Reports were mailed home to all Middle School families the week before Term One holidays, with an attached letter inviting parents and guardians to request interviews with teachers. These will take place on **Thursday 8 May, 3.45 – 6.30pm OR Wednesday 14 May, 3.45 – 6.30 pm.**

These interviews provide an opportunity for parents, teachers and students to meet and discuss student strengths and areas for development, in specific subjects. Home Room teachers are also available to discuss your child's progress. The Interim Reports also indicated where teachers requested interviews with parents.

Please complete the reply slip that came with the letter and return it to the College office by **Monday 5 May**. The slip must be returned to the office even if you are unable to attend the Parent-Teacher meeting.

Mr John Bova - Head of Middle School

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year Ten-Twelve Football

The Years Ten - Twelve team for the Belt Up Cup Inter-school Football competition have their first training run next Tuesday 6 May with a scratch match versus the Clontarf Football Academy. The match is to be played at St Joseph's College starting at 3.45pm. The game will be followed by a sausage sizzle and drinks provided by the Clontarf Academy.

Supporters and spectators are invited to come and barrack for the team in their pre-season campaign.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Parent and Friends Federation (WA) Newsletter

Please note the Newsletter for the Parent and Friends Federation (WA) 1/2008 can be downloaded at: www.pff.wa.edu.au

PARISH NOTICES

Youth Group

Welcome Back Everyone!

After a well earned rest we are now full steam ahead with preparations for the **World Youth Day Cross & Icon Visit On 1 and 2 June**

We need to:

- Make our Youth Group Banner;
- Work out a Chant to drums for procession of Cross & Icon;
- Work out Prayers of the Faithful for Mass on 2 June;
- Practice WYD Song.

NB: *Please bring a black or dark coloured windcheater and or T-Shirt for this Friday 2 May for Youth Group Logo to be imprinted (white imprint)*

See you at New Camfield - 3.30-6.30pm

If you have any enquiries please contact:

Mrs Karen Quain on 98417034

Rest of Term: Friday 13 June - Ten Pin Bowling
Friday 27 June - Movie Nights

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Grandcare

Grandparents who have fulltime care of their Grandchildren would be most welcome to attend a morning tea to be held at Wanslea Family Services, Prior Road, Albany on Tuesday 6 May 10.00 am.

Further information please phone 9842 9998 by Monday 5 May.

Speak Up for Kids!

Just a reminder to those of you with tickets that our fabulous Speak Up for Kids! Programme begins next Tuesday 6 May with Mem Fox's Storytelling session at the PCYC, Sanford Road at 9.30am. Mem will be performing some of her best loved stories in person, whilst they are simultaneously projected onto the big screen. Please remember that your children's

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behaviour is at all times your responsibility and that no sharp objects can be brought onto the PCYC gym surface (no stilettos please!). Prams will need to be "parked" at the back of the gym.

The programme then continues with:

Mem Fox - An evening with Mem Fox, Albany Town Hall, Tuesday 6 May 2008. 7.00pm. Please note: this session is NOT for children to attend.

"Devils, Darlings and Discipline - Better Parenting with Michael Grose", Albany Town Hall Lesser Hall, Tuesday 13 May 2008, 7.00pm.

"Powerful Nutrition - Helen Frost" Albany Senior High School Performing Arts Theatre, Tuesday 20 May 7.00pm.

"Raising Boys - Steve Biddulph's Interactive DVD"

A number of community groups have arranged viewings and information about these sessions can be gained by contacting Greg Barber at YMCA Great Foundations on 9842 1457.

Remember too that all speakers will be interviewed on ABC Radio South Coast and Great Southern so stay tuned for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope you enjoy Speak Up For Kids! 2008.

Karen Nicoll - Communities for Children Initiative

Facing Up to Suicide

Two Free Public Seminars on

Friday 9 May 6.30 - 8.30 pm Scots Church, York St

Saturday 10 May 12.30 - 2.30pm Vancouver Arts Centre, Vancouver Street

Guest Speakers:

Rev Dr Tony Byrne (Director Awareness Education Office, Dublin, Author and Lecturer)

Sr Kathleen Maguire MA, (Facilitator Awareness Education Office, Dublin, Author and Lecturer)

RSVP: Dave Hosking - Uniting Church Minster

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