



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Prayer

*May my horizon this day,
Lord, not be so foreshortened
that I notice little.*

*Instead, open my eyes
that I may see afar and above
as well as in front and beneath me.*

*Lead me to keep my life in perspective
and balance and discover that
the thread of your presence
is interwoven through the events and
People of this day.*

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

On Monday our World Youth Day pilgrims returned to Albany, having had an amazing experience in Sydney.

We will be hearing from the Pilgrims in the Newsletters to come but I know, from speaking to some, they found the Pilgrimage to be a wonderful opportunity to learn, share faith experiences and interact with like minded Catholics from around Australia and the globe.

In particular, I would like to express our thanks to Mrs Rumeena Wood. Her enthusiasm and willingness to give her time made this trip as smooth as possible for our St Joseph's College Pilgrims to World Youth Day 2008.



Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 26/27	Mon 28 July	Tues 29	Wed 30	Thur 31	Fri 1 August
		De Vialar Karaoke Fundraiser	De Vialar Karaoke Fundraiser	De Vialar Karaoke Fundraiser	JS Assembly 9am Gymnasium
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	Parent/Teacher/ Student Interviews (8-10)		Quiz Night 7.30pm College Gym
			STS Football Cup - Williams		
Sat/Sun 2/3	Mon 4 August	Tues 5	Wed 6	Thur 7	Fri 8
	MSE Testing Yr 9 RE Assessment Yr 7				→
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm		Parent/Teacher Student Interviews (8-10)	→

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I hope all of our students and families had an enjoyable break. For our Year Twelve students this is a crucial Term. We ask you to keep our graduating class in your prayers as they prepare for their final weeks at school.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

Saints Swim Club

Welcome back to all our swimmers. Finally we are in the new pool and by all accounts everyone is happy. The new times with the seniors and juniors swimming together is also working well. There are just a few items to bring to members and parents' attention.

Firstly, the permission slip that was handed out to all swimmers mentioned Thursday morning swim training for senior and competent junior squad members. This is something that in the past was an opportunity for our swimmers to get in some extra training for inter-house, inter-school and ACC carnivals. As the seniors have completed their swimming carnivals for this year and there will be no junior carnivals it has been decided not to commence the Thursday morning training and it will be reassessed in Term One next year.

Secondly, David Schober at the Leisure Centre would like to invite all Saints Swim club families to take advantage of their Corporate Membership. For \$799.00 a year, a family will get unlimited access to the Leisure Centre, pool, gym, and courts. For some families who are at the centre regularly not only with swimming but also netball, basketball, hockey or for parents who want to make use of the new gymnasium down there, this is an incredible saving. You need to get a Corporate Membership form for Saints Swim Club from reception, fill it in and get it authorised by a Swim Club Committee Member then you can make full use of the centre as many times as you like.

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It is also that time of year when we start thinking about our Lap-a-thon. This year we have pencilled in Friday 5 December for our day. Just a reminder to all students that this is a Saints Swim Club event and to participate in this day you need to be a paid up member of the Swim Club and attend swim training at least once a fortnight. We are still in discussions about a cause for this year's event and will advise everyone when this has been decided.

Swim Club will commence Friday 25 July Term Three and is on every Monday and Friday afternoons 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Mrs Clare Dolzadelli - President

Student Exchange Tour to Japan

The opportunity has arisen for two St Joseph's College students to join a combined schools tour to Albany's sister city, Tomioka, Japan. Tomioka is situated approximately with 100km north-west of Tokyo. The tour will take place during the last two weeks of the summer school holidays from approximately 16 – 29 January 2009.

The tour will provide the students with experiences in living and learning in the Japanese culture. Students will live with a Japanese family throughout their stay, attend a Japanese school for several days and participate in cultural and sight-seeing tours of the local area. Students will also have the opportunity to visit Tokyo Disneyland before returning home. The estimated cost of the tour will be between \$2000 and \$2500. Costs will be finalised once airfares have been booked.

For any further enquires or to collect an expression of interest package please see Mr Paul O'Donnell by the end of Week Two.

Canteen News Next Wednesday's Special



2 large spring rolls and bottled water for
\$3.50

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Smarter Than Smoking Cup Football

The city versus country final scheduled for Week One has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 30 July. The opposition Team is still to be finalised from the Perth area. Our Team will depart for Williams at 8.00am on the match day to have them ready for a 12 noon start.

The Team had their final training run this Wednesday with a scratch match versus the Clontarf Football Academy.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education

COLLEGE NOTICES

Call the Absentee Hotline on 9844 0280

If your child is absent from school leave a brief message stating your child's name, reason and date/s of absence and return

For an electronic copy of the
College Newsletter go to:
<http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au>

Back issues are available and
other useful information and photos.

QUIZ NIGHT

With a difference.....

Friday 1 August

St Joseph's College
Gymnasium
Commencing at 7.30pm
Tables of 8

Compere: Peter Watson, MLA
Musical entertainment provided

Tickets: \$8 each

Can be purchased from St Joseph's College Office
or the Naked Bean, Sanford Road

* BYO Drinks/Nibbles * Coffee for sale

Any donations would be greatly appreciated -
contact Kerry Oakley Ph: 9841 4141

All proceeds to go to the Jason Cull Westpac Trust



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome

Welcome back to Mrs Judith Boston who has been on long service leave during Term Two. Also a warm welcome to Mrs Christine Palfrey who will be teaching the Year One class in Semester Two.

Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

Thank you to all parents for the support given to the conferences held this week. The conferences provided teachers with an opportunity to discuss student progress in Semester One and also to explain the new format for reports. Hopefully the conferences have been mutually beneficial and parents have an understanding of how their children are progressing in the different learning areas.

Junior School Assembly

Our first assembly for Term Three will be held on Friday 1 August commencing at 9.00am in the Gymnasium. Students leaders will be conducting the assembly.



Mrs Julie Wood being farewelled at the last
Junior School Assembly for Term Two

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In-Term Swimming Lessons

Lessons for Years One-Seven students will be held during Weeks Nine and Ten of this Term from Monday 15 September to Thursday 25 September. Enrolment Forms for lessons will be sent home early next week. A reminder that all students are expected to participate in lessons unless there is a medical reason precluding them from doing so.

Constable Care

This week we had a visit from the Constable Care team. The team put on two performances.

The first performance for Years Two and Three students was titled "Left Out" and had a strong theme of anti-bullying and inclusion. The second performance for Kindy, Pre-Primary and Year One students titled "Getting to School" focused on road safety.

The students really enjoyed the performance and understood the messages being conveyed.

A big thank you to the P&F Committee who sponsored the Constable Care visit.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Library - Middle School Reading Programme

During this Olympic year, St Joseph's College have commenced a *Reading Olympics Programme* for all Middle School students. This programme is designed to encourage students to increase their reading and to read a wide range of books.

Students will have a choice of what they read in order to meet the criteria for each event. Some time will be provided in class for the *Reading Olympics*, but to compete successfully students will need to read regularly in their own time. The library staff will provide students with lists and displays of suitable books. Books can also be sourced from home or borrowed from local libraries.

We ask for the support of parents and families by:

- signing and returning the Parent Information Sheet that your child will bring home;
- encouraging your child to actively participate in this programme;
- asking questions about the books being read;
- ensuring your child has a quiet time in which to read each night.

Mrs Linda James - Librarian

Information for Parents/Guardians Bishop's Religious Education Literacy Year 7, WAMSE 7 and WAMSE 9

All students in Years Seven and Year Nine will have received information relating to the Bishop's Religious Education Literacy Year 7, WAMSE 7 and WAMSE 9 to be held in Week Three Term Three.

Bishops' Religious Education Literacy Assessment Year Seven

All Year Seven students will be participating in the Bishops' Religious Education Literacy Assessment beginning Week Three, Monday 4 August.

This assessment will be conducted as part of the normal school week and will take approximately ninety minutes to complete.

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Year Seven teachers will be administering this assessment programme and will ensure that your son/daughter is well prepared to participate in this programme. Parents and guardians can assist their child by supporting in a positive and encouraging manner.

This assessment programme offers all Western Australian Catholic schools results that will assist them to refine teaching and learning programmes.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Jude Wiegele, Mrs Simone Gatti (Year Seven Teachers) or Ms Jude Stringer at the College.

WAMSE 7 and WAMSE 9

All Year Seven and Year Nine students will be participating in the Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education in both Science and Society and Environment during Week Three, Term Three.

The assessment will take approximately two hours and will take place as part of the normal school week. All students will be thoroughly prepared for these assessments by their classroom teachers. Parents are asked to support their child in a positive and encouraging manner.

The WAMSE report will be a supplement to the Semester Two report issued by the College and the results will assist the College to refine teaching and learning programmes.

Please read the Information for Parents WAMSE 7/ WAMSE 9 information leaflet distributed to all students last Term.

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

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Year 11 Students' Retreat Celebrates Life and Community

Year Eleven students made the short bus trip to the beautiful surroundings of Denmark for a three day 'chill out' time to do some focused reflection and to meet the challenges that come with a Retreat. The theme for 2008, *Hallelujah – Celebrating Life and Community*, gave our young people the time and space to delve into the many challenges and questions that were presented to them throughout the three days.

The aim was to provide a discrete and unique programme to challenge the students to develop a more acute awareness of their many blessings so students can make life giving choices. Students were also encouraged to focus on celebrating the many opportunities that they were presented with in their lives and they were encouraged to take steps to put this into action as individuals, as a group and in the wider community. They were also encouraged to use the Retreat as a Celebration of Life and Community and to see themselves as very blessed people who have much to offer.

Our guest presenter, Brian Taylor, from the Palmerston Drug and Rehabilitation Centre, gave students some information and facts about the negatives of substance use and some realistic ways of making good choices about their lives, particularly when 'things get tough'. All students indicated that there was a real problem 'out there' and they recognised the need to develop and to practise resilience to make the right choices when confronted with serious decisions in their lives. All students responded positively and openly to the challenges offered in the programme and explored ways to become aware and to action their beliefs in small, achievable and practical ways. What was great about this day was the evidence presented by Brian Taylor that indicated that young people with a faith or spiritual base together with strong family, friendship networks and involvement in sport and or community were less likely to choose 'drugs'. This tied in nicely with the theme of our Retreat.

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On Thursday evening we celebrated a liturgy of the word – the ritual of Blessings. All students were involved and we were blessed to be a part of a rich liturgy prepared by and presented by the group. It was a very ‘feel good’ liturgy with commentary, readings, music, symbols celebrating NAIDOC Week, our families, friends and the many blessings they are fortunate to have in their lives. The Liturgy was a most reverent occasion and all students are to be commended for their generous contributions making this a meaningful experience.

Sessions focused on a variety of aspects of our theme. We began each session with an ‘ice breaker’ and then went into full swing with the session. There was also time to kick a footy around and to play basketball. Many students also found the free time a great time to sit and chat.

The evenings were taken up with a very competitive and enjoyable Quiz Night and a most entertaining Talent Night. We certainly have some very talented students in our Year Eleven group. On Friday morning we bussed students to Ocean Beach for ‘free choice’ activities ranging from a beach walk, group chats to climbing the sand hills or walking along the rocky coastline.

The Year Eleven Retreat was generally a positive experience for students and staff. There is always something special about getting away from the College environment and having the time and opportunities for reflection and self discovery through group discussions and through journal writing (quiet time). Overnight Retreats seem to add that all important dimension and always give more opportunities for having time to work together as a group.

Overall, the Retreat programme achieved a sense of community by offering well structured sessions that challenged students ‘head on’ to question their own faith journey, spirituality and personal choices at a more adult level of understanding.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Sharon Jendrzejczak who prepared our meals for the duration of the Retreat and Mr Mike Trafalski and Mr Peter Colgate, who generously gave of their time to organise sessions and to supervise at the Retreat. My thanks also to Ms Meghann Old and Mrs Ann Heward who attended for the day and evening Liturgy on Thursday, and to Mr Bradley Hall and Mrs Rumeena Wood who visited Thursday evening for our Liturgy and to share a meal with us. Visits by staff to support the Retreat is always appreciated by the students and the supervising staff.

Finally, I would like to commend the students for their willingness to engage in the 2008 Retreat and hope that they all gained something of value to ‘take away’ with them to assist them on their journey through adolescence. St Joseph’s Year Eleven students were a pleasure to take on Retreat.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum



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Seniors Look Forward to our Young Christian Community Servers

During Semester One three groups of Year Eleven Students went to visit the residents at Gwen Hardie Lodge, Lions Community Centre and Clarence Estate Nursing Home.

Students interacted with the residents in many different and varied activities ranging from board games, mini golf, skittles, card games, musical items and craft work. Some students assisted residents to write a journal of their lives with anecdotes, photos and items of memorabilia which proved a wonderful experience for both the young people and the older generation.

During Semester Two the remaining students in Year Eleven will participate in the Christian Community Service Programme, again visiting the residents at Gwen Hardie Lodge, Lions Community Centre and Clarence Estate Nursing Home. Students will be given a letter outlining all the details and time schedules and parents/guardians must complete the permission form attached and return it to the College by the due date so the necessary arrangements for transport and supervision can be organised.

The Christian Community Service Programme is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to get involved in the community. The residents really look forward to the regular visits by our students and they love interacting with young people.

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

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum



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PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Footy Tipping

Round 14 winner \$50 - Liana Annison

Round 15 there was no winner due to the storm on July 11 which due to power failure and downtime with the server meant many tippers were prevented from placing their tips so all tippers were given default tips to be fair.

Round 16 winner was D&C McGlade \$50 and the \$5 Civic Video Voucher winner was Simon MacKenzie.

Would all tippers please send new or updated email addresses to annos7@bigpond.com Good luck for round 17!

Mr Neil and Mrs Chris Annison - Footy Tipping Co-ordinators

Mitre 10 Mates Rates Club

Enclosed with this week's Newsletter is an application form for the Mitre 10 Mates Rates Club.

Your membership entitles you to receive a 4% discount on your purchases in the store and each quarter Mitre 10 will donate 1% of the dollar value to the College.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As part of the wider community response to the energy shortage, Western Australian schools have been playing an important role in reducing electricity and gas consumption. The Office of Energy, through the Sustainable Energy Development Office, has recommended a number of actions to assist in reducing energy use. This school has been implementing the recommendations for schools and encourages you to follow the initiatives suggested for home.

In schools suggested actions include ensuring that lights and equipment are turned off outside school hours and when not needed, reducing lighting in areas where there is sufficient natural light and turning down heating.

While some of these actions can cause minor inconvenience, nothing has been requested that would impact on the health or safety of staff or students, or on delivery of services.

In the home there are also many steps that can be taken to reduce electricity and gas use and the Government is appreciative of the efforts of householders during the energy shortage. The key recommendations for reducing energy usage in households over the winter period are:

Minimise use of heaters (dress warmly)
Take shorter showers
Turn off appliances and lights when you're out.

Further tips for reducing energy use are available from the Sustainable Energy Development Office's website: www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au/pages/simple.asp

Thank you for your understanding and support during this period. The actions being undertaken in homes, schools and workplaces are helping to reduce the impact of the energy shortage on many Western Australians.

Regular updates on the gas supply issue are available from www.energy.wa.gov.au.

Principal