



# ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## REFLECTION

### Reflections from a Working Dad:

#### Fathers and Sons

*My father saw his 50 year-old father leave early mornings for his job loading box cars during the depths of the Depression. Grandpa took two long bus rides across the length of the city just to get to the yards.*

*I saw my father put on the uniform of a policeman for 33 years. When he'd come home, he'd wrap his gun and holster belt into a neat ball and store them in a locked drawer.*

*My son sees - what?*

*My briefcase? My story in the newspaper? Me on the telephone, talking to the office?*

*What will he recall of me when he looks back?  
What stories will he tell his son?*

The righteous walk in integrity - happy are the children who follow them!

Proverbs 20:7

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Included in the newsletter is a link to the Parent and Friends' Federation Newsletter which includes the summary of the 2008/09 State Budget comments and Funding submission for Catholic and non-government School Students.

This document makes interesting reading. For instance: in the last seven years enrolments have increased from 32.7% to 33.4% of total school enrolments in WA.

Despite this increase in numbers, the share of recurrent budget spending on non-government schools has remained at 9.1% of total state recurrent spending on schools. There is now a gap which averages \$8,641 between what the government spends on each state school student (\$10,786), and what it spends, on average, for each Catholic, non-government school student (\$2,145).

## Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 6/7 Sept	Mon 8 Sept	Tues 9	Wed 10	Thur 11	Fri 12
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	Immunisation Yr 7	SS Information Night Yr 10 2009	Missions Fun Run
Sat/Sun 13/14	Mon 15	Tues 16	Wed 17	Thur 18	Fri 19
	In-Term Swimming Yrs 1-7	ACC Athletics Travel Day  Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	ACC Athletics		→ Fancy Dress Ball Gymnasium 6.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Even allowing for an off setting "favourable gap" in Commonwealth funding of around \$3,000 per Catholic/non-government school student, the total funding gap now averages \$5,500 per pupil in favour of government school students.

As the newsletter states: "... unless grassroots parents, electors, taxpayers in our Catholic (and non-government) school sector speak up, more strongly in defence of their children's public funding entitlements, this unjust trend will continue and the public funding gap will continue to widen."

Remember, it's your tax dollars too.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### ICT Use by Students

A number of students have recently had computing privileges withdrawn for inappropriate use of the College's ICT resources. Some students are using College email for social purposes and others have attempted to play web based computer games on the College computers. All parents and students are reminded that such breaches will result in students, from any year level, losing their ICT access, which could have serious consequences as students need to use the Internet and the College network to complete their school work.

Parents are reminded to discuss this with their children by going through the agreement in the College diary.  
Mr John Bova – Head of Middle and Senior Schools

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### In-Term Swimming Lessons - Years 1-7

Lessons are coming up in Week Nine & Ten of this Term from Monday 15 September to Thursday 25 September.

The lessons will be held at the following times:

Year	Lesson Times
7B & 4B	11.00 am - 12 noon
7G & 2B	12.50pm - 1.30pm
6B & 3B	1.30pm - 2.10pm
5B & 1B	2.10pm - 2.50pm

Permission forms to participate in lessons have been sent home with students. Please return the forms by Friday 12 September.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

### Fancy Dress Ball

Friday 19 September  
Kindergarten - Year 12



6.30pm - 8.30pm

College Gymnasium

Tickets: \$4.00 each

Tickets will be available from  
the College Office

between 8-19 September

Entertainment by: Steve Dougherty's band  
"Big Men Working"

### Canteen News Next Wednesday's Special

Eagle Boy's Pizza  
and Bottled Water  
\$3.50



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### WHEEL CHAIRS FOR KIDS PROJECT

Year 12 students visited Br. Ollie pickets workshop as part of their retreat earlier in the year, where they attained a valuable insight to the great work that takes place and the enormous influence this project has on improving the quality of life for many children around the world.

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**PARENTS** If you could assist @ the Fun Run between 1.45pm-3.00pm Please contact Erica Cooper at the College Office on 9844 0222.

Return your **PERMISSION Slips** and **Fundraising Money** **W E E K** **AFTER** the Fun **Run**.

Raise minimum \$5 or  
\$100 for **ONE Wheel Chair**

Our **TARGET**  
**\$ 10,000** for  
**100 Wheel Chairs.**

### ACC Athletics

The team for the ACC F Division athletics carnival has been selected based on the results of the recent Inter-House carnival. The students have been informed of their selections this week. The team will travel to Perth on Tuesday 16 September to compete in the carnival at Perry Lakes Stadium on Wednesday 17 September. Students will be competing in age divisions U14, U15, U16, and OPEN with the cut-off birth date for each division being the 31 December. We wish the team the best of success in their efforts for the carnival.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Saints Swim Club

It's that time of the year again, AGM time. The AGM for Saint's Swim Club will be held on Wednesday 24 September at 9am in the College's Conference Room.

All Committee positions are once again up for nomination, so please come along and put your hand up to help out in the Club. We will also be discussing our Lap-a-thon and Wind-Up for the year which will be here before we know it. We look forward to seeing lots of parents there.

Please note there will be no Swim Club on Friday 12 September due to the College Fun Run and also no Swim Club on Friday 19 September due to the Fancy Dress Ball that night.

2008 Saint's Swim Club Committee

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Senior School Information Night – Year 10 in 2009

There will be an Information Night for parents/guardians of students currently in Year Nine next Thursday 11 September at 7.00pm in the College Chapel. Information about Subject Selection for 2009 will be presented at this important meeting and all students and parents/guardians are expected to attend. A letter/reply slip about the night was sent home this week; please complete and return it to the College Office, even if you are not able to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr John Bova – Head of Middle School

### Girls in Years Seven and Nine – Scoliosis Check

All girls in Years Seven and Nine were given a brochure this week, encouraging them to complete a check for signs of Scoliosis. Please ask your daughter for the brochure and have a look at it with her. Information is also available online at <http://www.scoliosis-australia.org>.

Mr John Bova – Head of Middle School

### **Year 8 Cultural & Learning Experience Camp** (25 August – 29 August 2008)

The Year Eight camp had been a hot topic of conversation in the days prior to the event. So it was fifty seven excited students that jumped aboard two coaches eagerly anticipating an exciting week in Perth away from College and Albany.

The coaches arrived at the Department of Sport & Recreation Camp at Point Walter in Bicton around four thirty on Monday afternoon. The students had been organised into groups of four prior to leaving Albany so they were told which was their room and who they would be sharing the room with for the week. The students were soon making themselves comfortable in what was to be their dorm for the rest of the week.

After the evening meal the students were handed the worksheets for the following day's activities and given time to prepare their journals for the week. The expectations of students were outlined and they were encouraged to settle down with lights out by 10 o'clock so that they were ready for the busy days to follow.

Tuesday morning was spent at the zoo finding out what could be done to 'Save our Species'. The students were taken to a lecture theatre where they were given an interesting and interactive presentation about the role of modern zoos in sustaining the numbers of threatened species. The presentation concluded with all the students being given the opportunity to touch and feel a snake. Not all the students took up this offer! The follow up activity required the students to walk along four trails at the zoo to identify threatened, endangered and critically endangered animals in the zoo.



After a picnic lunch in warm and sunny conditions at the zoo it was off to the Perth Mint. Here an enthusiastic guide graphically described what it was like during the Gold rush days and the hardships the pioneers had to endure walking from Perth to Coolgardie in search of gold. Students were able to watch the minting of gold, silver and platinum coins which has been undertaken at the mint for the last twenty years. No doubt the highlight of the visit was the pouring of gold in the original Melting House which began operating in 1899. This was a spectacular display which captivated the attention of the students.

Wednesday dawned with warm sunny weather and a visit to Scitech beckoned. Here the students had the opportunity to work in a realistic laboratory research situation. 'Investigators 101 Scientists at Work' involved students conducting closed investigations and learning how to conduct a fair test. From swinging pendulums, launching rockets to rubber band drag racers and solar cells the students spent an hour investigating their hypothesis by working through the scientific method steps they had been exposed to in their science classes. The students enjoyed these activities as they not only had the opportunity to use different scientific equipment but they also had the background from work they had done in class. The final hour with the theme of 'Use the Force' allowed students to use the interactive displays focusing on forces and energy. The Kinetic Contraption, Forces and Magnets, Patterns of Life and Electric Power provided hands on experiences to the students and helped them to understand some of the difficult concepts involved.

Judging by the reluctance of some students to leave the displays they obviously enjoyed the opportunities they experienced here.

The students climbed aboard the buses for the trip to Fremantle and the Esplanade for a leisurely lunch enjoyed in the continuing warm sunny weather. The visit to Fremantle Gaol proved to be interesting, exciting and spine chilling as students got to hear about the history of the prison. From the building by the convicts in 1852 to the riot in January 1988 and the



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closure in 1991 these events were covered in an interesting and engaging way which had all the students listening attentively. The students were also captivated by the legend of Moondyne Joe. Visiting the cells in the Main Cell Block, solitary confinement, the gallows and the triangular frame for flogging not only created a chilling atmosphere despite the warm weather but made it seem very real for the students.



*Students were shown the flogging frame at the Fremantle Gaol*

Any lingering tension in students there may have been because of the gaol visit was quickly dispelled in the evening with the students displaying their many creative skills and talents in the Australian Idol Competition.

Thursday morning was spent at the Electoral Education Centre and Parliament House. Again an excellent presenter together with the opportunity to participate in a mock election made for an interesting and engaging activity which all students thoroughly enjoyed at the Electoral Education Office. The students should be well informed about the process of the coming State Election and the preferential voting system.



*A visit to the Electoral Centre and Parliament House was very interesting*

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The visit to Parliament House provided the students with the opportunity to enact the Second Reading of a Bill – A Testing Time for Athletes – Sports Drug Testing Bill 2001. This was done in the Legislative Assembly where the students got to sit in the seats of the various Parliamentarians. The students enjoyed this role play but probably got more thrill out of sitting in the seats of well known Parliamentarians such as local member Peter Watson and Premier Alan Carpenter! The tour also included looking around the Legislative Council.

The fine sunny weather allowed a leisurely lunchtime to be spent in King's Park where the final activity of the week was carried out. The afternoon was spent in King's Park. There were two activities for the students to cover here. 'Walk Back to the Future' is a new activity organised by the King's Park Educational Centre for which we were the first group to trial. It was a self-discovery walk of Western Australian Culture, Heritage and Memorials. From the arrival of the first Europeans and Federation to the Great War, Kokoda, Vietnam and finally to present day with the 750 Year Old Boab Tree, the students were able to trace some of the significant historical events. The second activity provided the students the opportunity to experience the Lottery West Walkway and the Botanic Garden – with the students finding the answers to a variety of questions on an activity sheet – testing their observational, map reading, mathematical and English skills. The weather was warm and sunny and thus provided a fitting end to the activities organised for the week.

The week's activities concluded with a fish and chip dinner at Cicerello's Fish Shop and a very energetic and noisy two hours spent in Qzar the laser centre. Fifty seven tired but cheerful students climbed aboard the two coaches at 8 o'clock on Friday morning for the trip back to Albany. The general consensus was that it was a great camp – thoroughly enjoyed by all.

My thanks go to Mrs Rosanna Page, Mr Steve Small and Mr Phil McKechnie who gave me fantastic support throughout the week.

Mrs Ann Heward - Camp Co-ordinator

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### **Trial Tertiary Entrance Examinations**

Year Twelve students will be completing their Trial Tertiary Entrance Examinations beginning Monday 6 October and finishing on Monday 13 October. All exams will commence at 8.50am and finish at 12pm. Students enrolled in Physical Education Studies 2A/B will travel to Perth on Tuesday 30 September,

accompanied by a staff member, to complete the Practical Examination for this Course. For all examinations, students are expected to be at the College at least fifteen minutes before the examinations commence and to have all of the necessary materials that they require for each examination. Water bottles with no writing or images on are permitted.

Timetables have been distributed to all students together with the key points to ensure that each candidate maximises their opportunities to get the best results. A timetable is included in this newsletter. Teachers are available to assist and support students with their preparation for their final examinations before the Tertiary Entrance Examination to be held in November.

The College must be notified if a student is unable to attend an examination. In the case of illness a medical certificate must be obtained to avoid any penalties and forwarded to Ms Jude Stringer.

Parents/guardians can support their child by being available to assist where needed and by giving their son/daughter the encouragement to give their best efforts in all of their examinations. If you have any queries you are most welcome to contact Jude Stringer at the College.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### **PFF of WA Newsletter**

The latest Parent's and Friend's Federation of WA Inc newsletter, Parent Focus, can be accessed from [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au)

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### **Footy Tipping**

Congratulations to our Round 22 winners:

Denise Amato \$50.00

Civic Video \$5.00 voucher Damian Ryan

Civic Video \$5.00 voucher Tony Jackson

### **Fancy Dress Ball**

We will be providing a fruit/vegetable break during the Fancy Dress Ball and selling cakes/slices. We are asking families with students in the following year groups to bring the following on the night:

- Cakes/Slices - Year 3
- Fruit & Vegetables - Kindy, Pre-Primary, Years 1, 2, 6

Please bring fruit/vegetable whole as we will cut up fresh on the night.

Volunteers are required to help cut fruit etc on the night and sell cakes. Please contact Helen Anderson on 9844 1750 if you can offer your time.

P & F Committee

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **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.

An information session will be held on Monday 22 September at 7.30pm at Albany Family House, 219 North Road, Albany. This session will provide information on fostering and an experienced Foster Carer will be in attendance to share some of their experiences.

Contact Anita Barber on 9841 0777 at Albany Office, Department for Child Protection for more information or to register your interest in attending the session.

**TRIAL TERTIARY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS 2008  
YEAR TWELVE**

DAY	DATE	TIME	SUBJECT YEAR TWELVE
Monday	6 October	8.50am – 12pm	E504 Applicable Mathematics E502 Discrete Mathematics
Tuesday	7 October	8.50am – 12pm	English Course 2a – 2b English Course 3a – 3b
Wednesday	8 October	8.50am – 12pm	E406 Human Biology E403 Chemistry
Thursday	9 October	8.50am – 12pm	E200 Accounting E402 Biology E506 Calculus Physical Education Course 2a – 2b
Friday	10 October	8.50am – 12pm	E630 Art E305 Geography
Monday	13 October	8.50am – 12pm	E306 History E409 Physics

**Any student who is absent from any examination must notify Jude Stringer at the College prior to the examination and a medical certificate must be forwarded to the College to ensure no penalty is incurred.**