



# ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## PRAYER

*Lord, when we look at all of life around us,  
may we see the world  
as You see it.*

*Lord, when we hear others speak,  
may we listen to them  
as You listen to them.*

*Lord, when we speak to others,  
may we use the words of respect  
and kindness.*

*Lord, when we use our hands,  
may we place all of our energies  
into Your service.*

*Lord, as we live each day,  
may we walk always in Your presence.*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

A very special thanks to our staff, students, parent supporters and the Water Corporation for their assistance with our Mission's Fun Run.

Despite the blustery conditions students ran strongly over the 5 km course. We were blessed with the rain holding off and though windy, serious runners were not slowed.

Special thanks to chief staff organisers Mr Paul O'Donnell and Mr Mike Watson for their co-ordination, also to Mr David Hughes-Owen, Water Corporation Regional Manager, who presented medallions to the winner and runner-up from each year level. The Water Corporation also supplied water bottles to the students.



## Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 20/21	Mon 22 Sept	Tues 23	Wed 24	Thur 25	Fri 26
	In-Term Swimming (Yrs 1-7)	Life Skills Yr 7 (SLS - WA)  Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm		Last Day of Term 3	School Holidays  Students commence Term 4 Tuesday 14 October

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thanks also to staff and Parent & Friend members who have been planning the social event of the year, the St Joseph's College Fancy Dress Ball. A full report will be included in the next newsletter. The excitement is building and the only question to be answered is: Does Mr Watson have the magic to be the most fancy dresser at the ball?

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

### **REFLECTION**

*We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 28 September. The subject of this year's Social Justice Sunday Statement, 'A Rich Young Nation', is the challenge of affluence and poverty in Australia.*

*Australia has experienced spectacular economic growth and prosperity in recent years, and increasingly our international economic status has become a symbol of our national identity.*

*Yet in Australia there are many who are wealthy, but live in spiritual poverty, and there are those who have been bypassed by the economic growth and live in material poverty.*

*For further details about the Catholic Bishops' Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website ([www.acsjc.org.au](http://www.acsjc.org.au)) or call (02) 8306 3499.*

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### **Wheelchairs for Kids Fun Run**

On Friday 12 September the Students from Years One-Twelve participated in the annual College Fun Run. The focus of the 2008 fun run was to raise funds for Brother Ollie Picket's Wheelchairs for Kids project.

*'Every \$100 will allow a Wheelchair to be built for a needy child; there are more than 100 million wheelchairs needed by children worldwide'. Keeping this message in our hearts and minds all students were asked to raise a minimum of \$5.00 towards the cause.*

The College would like to extend its gratitude to the Albany business community, members of the College community, parents, staff and students and especially the Water Corporation for donating bottles of water for participants in the Fun Run. We acknowledge the great effort by Mr Mike Watson and Mr Paul O'Donnell for their contribution to organising the logistical aspects of this event.

There was a significant amount of organisation behind this project, although on the day the event appeared to be an afternoon where nearly 600 students took to the streets of Spencer Park for fun. Year Twelve students who visited Br Ollie Picket's workshop as part of their Year Twelve Retreat brought back the message that there was a significant need for our students to act and serve those in need. Following the Catholic ethos and the spirit of community, St Joseph's students did their best to ensure a successful, fun day for us all. We congratulate our winners and thank all students for their enthusiasm and commitment.

Mrs Rumeena Wood



## COLLEGE NOTICES

Congratulations to all Years One - Twelve students who participated in the Fun Run. The Results were:

### 2008 National Assessment Programme – Literacy

Year	Champion	Runner-Up
3 Boy	Jacob Oostdam	Gregory Lewis
3 Girl	Havanna Gill	Jasmine Green
4 Boy	Jack Steel	Declan McNamara
4 Girl	Tahlia Putland	Emmerson Robb
5 Boy	Kyle Cluett	Jeffrey Ledwith
5 Girl	Adele Offerman	Keely Fitzpatrick
6 Boy	Tristan Taylor	Michael Offerman
6 Girl	Jemma Pouwelsen	Chloe Hammond
7 Boy	Matthew Barnes	Joshua Watson
7 Girl	Koby Taylor	Chloe Turton
8 Boy	Jacob Crowe	Todd Cook
8 Girl	Ketisha Gill	Angela Wolfe
9 Boy	Carden Taylor	Daniel Bontempo
9 Girl	Jacinta Barrett	Eilish Fage
10 Boy	Aarron Attwell	Michael Betti
10 Girl	Brianna Gibson	Rachel Jennings-Tovey
11 Boy	Michael Adams	Wally Adams
11 Girl	Rebecca Ladner	Danica Andreotti
12 Boy	Joe Amato	Sam Onions
12 Girl	Rebecca Baddeley	Gina Soumelidis

### and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

In May 2008, all students throughout Australia in Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine participated in The National Assessments Programme in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy using common national tests.

The report displaying your child's achievements in the NAPLAN tests will be posted to your home address together with an 'Information for Parents' brochure during the final week of this Term. We encourage you to take time to read the information brochure in conjunction with your child's report.

Please contact Mr Mike Watson or Ms Jude Stringer if you have any queries.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Portfolios

Term Three portfolios will be sent home with students on the final day of Term, Thursday 25 September. It would be appreciated if parents could spend time with their children perusing the portfolio work samples and discussing completed work. Please sign and return portfolios to class teachers early in Term Four.

### Bush Tucker Garden Project

Students from the Junior School who have an indigenous family background were involved in an art/craft activity with Trish Robinson and Larry Blight from the WA Museum last week. Members of the Noongar community in Albany are constructing a Bush Tucker Garden on a block adjacent to our local museum. All primary age indigenous students in Albany have been asked to assist in the construction of a giant snake within the garden. Our students really enjoyed contributing to this project by painting indigenous designs on comment paving blocks with the assistance of Trish, Larry and Mrs McGlade.

The snake and the Bush Tucker Garden will look quite spectacular when completed.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Drinkwise Campaign Helping Parents to Deal with Issues Related to Kids and Alcohol

A social change campaign launched in June this year by DrinkWise Australia is offering support and advice to parents who want to positively influence their children's future drinking behaviours.

Jointly funded by DrinkWise Australia and the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing, the campaign aims to shift Australia's culture of 'drinking to get drunk' through a program of generational change. Although 76 percent of Australian parents agree that it is their responsibility to show their teenage children how to drink responsibly\*, DrinkWise recognises the many pressures facing parents today and has provided parents with advice from an expert panel of contributors, including leading child and family psychologist, Dr John Irvine. A key element of the campaign is the DrinkWise website ([www.drinkwise.com.au](http://www.drinkwise.com.au)) which provides practical tips and guidance to parents with children of all ages. For parents of young children, the website offers expert tips for being a positive role model as children learn their behaviours and attitudes towards drinking long before they've had their first drink. For parents with teenagers, practical tips and strategies are given to help delay the onset of drinking or negotiate boundaries if a teenager is already drinking. Dr Irvine provides the following useful tips to parents in a downloadable format on the website:

- Drink responsibly. Your child will learn that this is the right way to drink.
- Consider why you drink in front of your child. Is it out of habit or to combat stress?
- Convey appropriate attitudes and behaviour; glorifying or laughing about drunken behaviour by yourself or others gives your child the wrong message.
- Use news events, TV episodes, advertising or personal events as triggers to discuss what are appropriate or inappropriate drinking behaviours.
- Consider whether alcohol needs to be part of every family gathering or social activity.
- Be prepared to explain to your child the sorts of questions that he or she will ask you about alcohol.
- Make the time to talk to your children about alcohol.

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Further advice for parents of young children and teenagers go to [www.drinkwise.com](http://www.drinkwise.com).

\* *NCETA, Young People and Alcohol: the Role of Cultural Influences, 2007.*

### Tennis Coaching Term 4



### Lawley Park Tennis Club

Enquiries:

Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced

Glenn 9841 7312 or

Justin 9844 6104

Nippers - Wally 9842 5669

### Albany Junior Cricket Registration Days

Saturday 20 September  
9am - 12 noon

Wednesday 24 September  
3.30pm - 5pm

Norman Pavilion  
Centennial Oval



### Albany Surf Lifesaving Club

invites you to join us for 2008/2009

Registration Day: **Sunday 21 September**  
at

Albany SLSC Rooms Middleton Beach

**Time: 9.30am to 11.00am**

The club has a range of activities for all age groups, abilities and interests

Juniors start from 6 years

For further information contact  
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