



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

The Kiss of Spring

*Teach us, O Lord, the wisdom of Spring,
and release our souls from the
grip of Winter.*

*Give us the restlessness of the bursting bud,
the joy of bursting forth and bearing fruit.*

*May our beings thrill in harmony with
nature, with the vitality of new birth.*

*We make this prayer through Jesus your
Son, who brings Spring into our lives
and life into our Spring.*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The Fancy Dress Ball last Friday was a special evening. Thanks to the Parent and Friends Committee and the staff organising committee under the guidance of Mr Steve Small and Mr Mike Watson for their efforts.

Congratulations to our Middle and Senior Schools ACC Squad who successfully participated in the ACC Athletics last week with an overall second place. Special thanks to our students who gave their best against some tough competition.

This week Mr Mike Watson, Ms Jude Stringer, Mrs Susan Scanlan and I attended the Catholic Education Office Leadership Conference in Perth, joining nearly 500 participants from schools in Western Australia and Interstate. You will hear more about that in the coming newsletters.

Please keep our Year Twelves in your prayers as they move towards their final days of schooling. Year Twelve College exams are in Week Two of the coming mid-semester break.

Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat 27 September	Mon 29 Sept	Tues 30	Wed 1 Oct	Thur 2	Fri 3
Family Mass Holy Family Church 6pm	School Holidays Students return Tuesday 14 October				
Sat/Sun 11/12 Oct	Mon 13 Oct	Tues 14	Wed 15	Thur 16	Fri 17
	Pupil Free Day	Students Start Term 4 Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm			

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The TEE Practical exams begin next week and our TEE Physical Education studies' students are flying to Perth with Ms Jude Stringer for their exam.

Have a safe and restful break.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

REFLECTION

Australia is a rich country in many ways. It 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.

The challenge that Jesus presented to the rich young man in the Gospel of Mark (10:17-22) is the same we face in Australia today. Will we use our great wealth for the benefit of all and particularly for those who have been denied the benefits of prosperity? Will we act on the challenge Jesus offers, or will we too go away shocked at the challenge before us?

The 2008 Social Justice Sunday Statement considers issues of materialism, consumerism and the overall affluence of our nation against the circumstances of vulnerable Australians who have been denied a fair share of Australia's prosperity.

In 1992, towards the end of the last global recession, the Catholic Bishops of Australia warned of higher levels of serious poverty, unemployment and homelessness, and of the emergence of an underclass of gravely disadvantaged people. Now, the Bishops are renewing that call for justice for those afflicted by poverty in our affluent society. Some who are particularly vulnerable include Indigenous families and communities, single-parent families, low-paid workers, refugees and people who are homeless.

REFLECTION

Reflection Cont...

It is important that together we face the reality of poverty in Australia and seek ways to address it, however difficult that may be at a personal or societal level. As individual citizens, as families, parishes and as local communities, we can take the initiative to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need and be enriched by what follows. For in welcoming the poor, the outcast and the stranger in need, we welcome the living Christ, our God and our Creator into our hearts and our lives.

The Statement includes some practical suggestions as to how people can be involved in the social justice and charitable works of the Church.

For further details visit www.acsjc.org.au

COLLEGE NOTICES

ACC Carnival - Perry Lakes Stadium

The Years Eight-Twelve team for the ACC F Division Athletics carnival returned from a very successful event last Wednesday at Perry Lakes Stadium. The team managed second overall for the third year in succession after some outstanding individual efforts on the day. These included three new ACC records to the following students. Daniel Parker U/15 Boys shotput 12.78m. Kiara Atkins U/15 girls shotput 6.56m. Ketisha Gill U/14 girls Javelin 19.72m.

Congratulations also to the following students for their outstanding individual efforts:

Ketisha Gill U/14 girls Champion

Todd Cook U/14 boys Runner Up Champion

Kiara Atkins U/15 girls Champion

Sam Juers Open boys Runner Up Champion

The team also finished second in the junior girls division, second in the senior boys division, second in the senior girls division, second in overall girls and third in overall boys to complete a fantastic carnival.

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The team looks forward to the Years Eight - Ten Great Southern Inter-School Athletics carnival next term for another opportunity to showcase their talent.

The complete F Division carnival results can be viewed at the ACC website: www.accsport.asn.au

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher



*Above: Cara Baker - Open Girls High Jump
Below: Linda Opoku - Open Girls Long Jump*



Family Mass

A sincere 'thank you' to the families and children who have come together with the Parish to celebrate Family Mass this Term. A very special 'thank you' to the families who are now attending two masses on these weekends. Our final Mass for this term will be celebrated on Saturday 27 September at 6pm, which is also the Feast of St Vincent De Paul. The Parish looks forward to welcoming you.

Mrs Sue Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

COLLEGE NOTICES

Fancy Dress Ball

Last week's Fancy Dress Ball proved to be one of the social highlights of the year with students, teachers and parents dressed in a stunning variety of costumes to set the scene for the evening. Everyone joined enthusiastically in the dances with Steve Dougherty's "Big Men Working" band providing the music and direction.

Many thanks to:

- Mr Small who was the overall co-ordinator of the Fancy Dress Ball;
- Mrs Catherine Tassicker and Mr Steve Small for teaching the dances to students;
- Mr Steve Dougherty and his band for the entertaining music;
- The P& F Committee for providing fruit for students and supper for parents.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Football Awards Evening

With all the razzle dazzle of the prestigious Brownlow Award the St Joseph's College Middle and Senior School Football teams celebrated their end of season on Monday night with the Football Awards Evening at the Railways Football club.

The evening was a great success with more than 80 players and supporters packing out the venue to celebrate a successful season and to acknowledge the most outstanding players and contributors from each team.

A huge thank you to our coach, Gerard Cameron, who coached all three teams and gave generously of his time, knowledge and expertise. This was the third successive season that Gerard has taken on this role. The players have really developed during this time and are continuing to show development across all year levels.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Congratulations to the following players who were awarded medallions for their performances or contributions.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Smarter Than Smoking Cup Team (Yr 8-10)	
Best and Fairest - COM Medallion	Michael Betti
Best Team Man	Andrew Henson
Coaches Award	Todd Cook
AFL Sports Ready Cup Team (Yr 9-11)	
Best and Fairest	Gerry Reilly
Best Team Man	Rohan Cowcher
Coaches Award	Travis Hunter
AFL Sports Ready Cup Team (Yr 9-12)	
Best and Fairest - Dozza Medallion	Codie Thiele
Best Team Man	Cameron Newbold
Coaches Award	Gerry Reilly
College Football Awards	
Rising Star Award "Outstanding performance in a players first or second year of College Middle and Senior School Football"	Sam Baddeley
Mons. Cunningham Award "Contributions to College Football"	Codie Thiele



*Sam Baddeley and Michael Betti
with their winning medals*

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Thank You

To the many parents who have provided great support in the Junior School during this Term. The areas of support have been numerous including assistance with classroom activities, excursions, the Fun Run, Fancy Dress Ball, coaching sport teams after school and on weekends, and attending assemblies. Your support has been most appreciated.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

WISDOM

Year 10 Students... *Thinking of becoming a Leader....*

All Year Ten Students and parents are invited to begin a discussion at home with regard to your potential for becoming a Senior School Leader in 2009. Many of you have the desire, attitude and the capability to become an influential leader within our College community. Nominations for leadership positions will be called for in Term Four 2008. Therefore, I encourage you to reflect upon your abilities and enter into discussion with your parents about whether to take up the challenge. Below is an outline of expectations and duties to be fulfilled by College leaders.

Expectations of Commitment of Service:

- Nominees will be fully supportive of the Catholic ethos of the College in both principle and practice.
- Nominees will have a good relationship with both staff and students and be prepared to develop leadership qualities.
- Nominees will be articulate and prepared to speak at public functions.
- Nominees will be well groomed and ALWAYS wear the CORRECT school uniform, TO, AT and FROM the College.
- Nominees will actively and appropriately participate in all College events eg: St Joseph's Day, Fun Run, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, ANZAC Day and other College events.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Duties:

- Be a student ambassador of the College on formal occasions.
- Act as a role model for students in College activities.
- Provide leadership in the running of activities.
- Meet regularly with staff to plan College activities.
- Represent the College in Student Council planning and activities.
- Be available to attend Leadership Training Camps and Sessions.

Mrs Rumeena Wood - Year 10 Co-ordinator

WEEKEND SPORT

St Joseph's Junior Soccer

Congratulations to the Under 10 and 11 Teams who both won their cup on the weekend. Both teams played with great skill and spirit and are a credit to their coaches, Joe Genovese, Rory Lewis and Wally Adams. Thanks to everyone who came to support them.

Our AGM was held on Sunday and I encourage your ongoing support of new President - Sharon Berg, Treasurer - Helen Anderson and Property Manager - Carlo Bontempo. Thanks to the outgoing Treasurer, Jeff Barnes.

Mr Mark Henson - Retiring President St Joseph's Soccer Club

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Grandcare

If you are or you know a grandparent who has the fulltime care of their grandchildren you are invited to a support discussion group on Tuesday 7 October at 10am, Wanslea Family Services, Prior Street, Albany. Susan Thornton - Grandcare Advisor from Centrelink will be our guest speaker. For more information phone 9842 9998.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Albany Little Athletics Open Day for season 2008/2009: Ages 6-17 years Saturday 11 October

at the
Albany Athletics Club cnr North & Sanford
Rds 8.50am start, registrations can be done
on the day or after the season commences.
Come and enjoy family, fun and fitness

Enquiries Ph 98411319 or 98418851 A/Hrs

Its Showtime

**The 119th Albany Show
Friday 7 and Saturday 8 November 2008
Centennial Oval Showgrounds**

**Be part of the Show along with your farmyard
animal or pet. Enter the Junior Leader
Competition with any farm animal
under 20 months of age on a leash
but not a dog, pony or horse.
You will be very welcome.**

**Experience the fun and satisfaction of parading
your animal in public for not only your
enjoyment and pride but also that of the
visiting public.**

Competition Entry of \$2.20 is payable on day of competition. Some simple rules:

The animal must be **cared for by you**

The entrant must be of Primary School age

Know something about your animal as you will be asked questions by the judge about your entry.

The leader's competition will take place on Saturday 8 November to be followed later in the day by fancy dress for both yourself and your animal. This is for fun and there will be **no entry fee** for this event. It is hoped that all who take part in the Junior Leader competition will participate in the Fancy Dress event.

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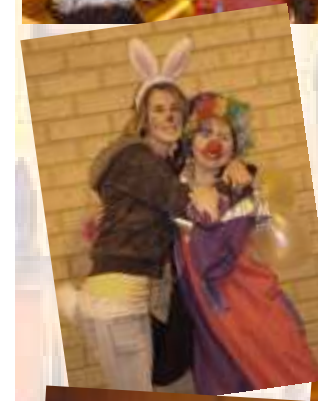
Down Under OM Australia
Last Ever Tour



Coming to Albany 4-8 October

Entry access via gate 1 on Princess Royal Drive
Open 10am - 9pm except
Sat 4 Oct 5pm-9pm & Wed 8 Oct 10am-5pm
Entrance by gold coin donation
*Bookshop, International Café, Guided Tours, Kid's
Holiday Programme, Open Day
Bookings: Albany Christian Book Centre*

Fancy Dress Ball 2008



ST JOSEPH'S COLEGE -TERM 4, 2008 – Family Calendar

W K	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT/SUN
1	13 Pupil Free Day Staff PD Day	14 Students Start	9	16	17	18/19
2	20	21 Yr 1&2 Class Lit- urgy	22 Sub Board Commit- tee Meetings	23 Yr 12 Graduation Assembly Graduation Mass – 12	24 Year 12 Breakfast	25/26
3	27 Immunisation – 8 to 10 Board Meeting	28	29	30 Presentation Night	31 Yr 9-10 Girls' Football	1/2 Novem- ber
4	3 Year 12 Exams Start TEE/WACE	4	5 Yr 4-6 Class Liturgy	6 Sacrament of Rec- onciliation Yr 3	7 Pupil Free Day – Show Day	8/9
5	10	11 Inter School Athlet- ics Super 8's Cricket	12	13 Outdoor Ed Final Expedition (10) Super 8's Cricket	14 Outdoor Ed Final Expedition (10) JS Swim Carnival (Evening)	15/16
6	17 JS & MS 2009 Orientation Day Yr 11 Study Day (do not attend school)	18 Yr 11 Exams Interschool Athlet- ics	19 Immunisation – 7 Year 9 Environmental Awareness Camp K & PP Class Liturgy	20	21 Year 8 Maximum Participation Soccer	22/23
7	24 Yr 11 Exams P&F AGM 7.30pm Board AGM Yr 10 Exams	25	26	27	28 YR 11 Students finish P&F Booksale	29/30
8	1 December	2 Inter School Lawn Bowls	3 Musical Evening Yr 10	4	5	6/7
9	8 Year 9 Max Par- ticipation Touch Rugby	9	10 Thanksgiving Mass	11 4-6 Picnic	12 LifeSkills Day - 10	13/14
10	15 7 – 10 Activities Day 1-3 Picnic	16 Students Last Day	17	18	19	20/21