



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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REFLECTION

God our Father, open our eyes to the wonder of all your creation - from the beauty of all that is close to us, to the fascination of far-away places on our own planet and far beyond.

Heighten our awareness, deepen our understanding, and extend our horizons that we may have respect for all that is around us and discover your kingdom deep within us.

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

On Monday of this week we welcomed the students who are coming to the College in 2009. This Orientation Day will help to demystify what the College is about and students will begin 2009 knowing some familiar faces and will know the geography of the College.

Thank you to Mr John Bova and Mr Mike Watson for their co-ordination of the day and to the various staff that assisted on the day.

Special thanks to Mr Steve Small, Junior School Staff, Parent helpers and swimmers and family support teams who, combined, allowed for a very successful Junior School House Swimming Carnival last Friday evening. Congratulations to Ozanam House on their win.

Year Nine students have been involved in the Environmental Camp this week and we thank Ms van Hulssen, Co-ordinator, and the staff involved. This camp

Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 22/23	Mon 24 Nov	Tues 25	Wed 26	Thur 27	Fri 28
	Yr 11 Exams Yr 10 Exams Board Meeting & P&F AGM 7pm Chapel	Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	World of Maths Incursion (Yrs 7-8)	→	Yr 11 Students Finish P&F Book/Uniform Sale Parent Information Day (K/PP/Yr1)
Sat/Sun 29/30	Mon 1 Dec	Tues 2	Wed 3	Thur 4	Fri 5
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	Yr 10 Musical Performance Evening	JS Assembly 9am Gymnasium	Saints Swim Club Lap-A-Thon

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

is an opportunity for the students to display the many skills they have acquired over the year in Environmental Awareness, Digital Photography, Outdoor Education and Bush Cooking.

Year Eleven students have been doing exams this week, Year Ten Exams begin Monday.

Don't forget the P&F Uniform and Book Sale is next Friday morning, 28 November, commencing at 8am until about 10am in the College undercroft.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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Saints Swim Club Lap-A-Thon

Friday 5 December

9.00am - 12 noon

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre

The money raised this year will be going to:

**St Vincent de Paul
Christmas Appeal**

Please support our swimmers and give generously to this worthy cause.

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Awesome Night of Music Promised!

It's great news for music lovers, because for one night only, the Year Ten music group will be hosting an exclusive music night for all to enjoy.

The night will include:

- Original pieces written by a number of class members;
- Some covers you may have heard before;
- Instrumentals;
- A few songs by the Year Nine music students.

The Year Ten music group has performed at Lions Community Care open day recently where they got a very good response. *Kihocara*, a band formed by a few of the class, has performed at places such as Centennial Hall with *Just Fiddling* and the Great Southern Distillery. Holly King has also recently performed on 100.9 community radio where she presented a number of her own songs.

The night of Wednesday 3 December promises to be a very entertaining one so keep it free and come along to hear great music at the College Chapel!!

Watch this space for further details next week!!

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Next Assembly

The next Junior School Assembly will be held on **Thursday 4 December** at 9.00am in the College Gymnasium. The Year One class will be co-ordinating this assembly. Please note the assembly scheduled for 28 November is cancelled due to the Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year One Parent Information Day.

Junior School Swimming Carnival

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival (for the Years Four-Six students) held last Friday evening proved to be very successful with the highlight being the high level of student participation in individual and team events. It was very pleasing to see such a large number of parents supporting the students in their various events.

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Final team results were:

Ozanam	283 points
De Vialar	246 points
McCormack	203 points
Cunningham	183 points



Ozanam House Captains: Keely Anderson & Harrison Joy with the winning shield

Kindergarten Orientation Day

Last Friday morning Mrs Neil held a “Kids Session” at the Early Learning Centre to welcome our new Kindergarten students for 2009. Mrs Neil organised a variety of activities to keep the young students (and their parents) fully engaged. I did hear that some of the new recruits were so engaged that they were reluctant to leave at the conclusion of the two hour session. Promising signs for the future! Many thanks to Mrs Neil and Mrs Barnes for organising the “Kids Session” and making it an enjoyable experience for our new Kindergarten students.



Parent Meetings

A reminder to parents/guardians who have children going into Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year One in 2009 that the parent information meetings are next Friday 28 November at the following times:

Year One	8.50am
Pre-Primary	9.50am
Kindergarten	10.50am

If you have any queries about the meetings, please contact Mike Watson or the appropriate Year Level teacher.

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Year Ten Outdoor Education Final Expedition Report

It's that time of the year again...nearly the end of Semester.... Year Ten 10 Final Expedition...and a fairly poor weather forecast. That latter is one thing that never changes when camp time rolls around!

Individual Champions		
Year	Champion	Runner-up
4 Girls	Emmerson Robb	Tahlia Putland
4 Boys	Addison Dew	Declan McNamara
5 Girls	Keely Fitzpatrick	Claudia Monterosso
5 Boys	Ben Osborne	Corey Rogers
6 Girls	Jemma Pouwelsen	Chloe Hammond
6 Boys	Michael Offerman	Brodie Branderhorst



Year Four students Maddy Jones and Anita Onions enjoy their first Swimming Carnival. Year Four Boys 50m backstroke event

A big thank you to Mr Small who organised the carnival and to staff and parents for providing the support necessary to ensure the carnival ran smoothly.

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The troops were well organised overall....only a few glitches with lack of waterproofing...and had the weather forecast been correct, there may have been some issues if the teachers were not kind enough to ensure impending disaster would be averted.

Anyway, considering the weight of the packs and the distance walked over a couple of days from Shelley Beach to Sandpatch, the team spirit was outstanding.

Campcraft skills were pleasing overall, with *most* tents well set up and some students testing previously unchartered and original recipes including nachos cooked on the Trangia (very tasty – well done!).

Minimal impact ethics were also generally good, first aid skills were generally not required (always a bonus), a dozen black bream were caught, and there was swimming and body surfing on offer at Cosy Corner and at the mouth of Torbay Inlet, and the weather was simply perfect for hiking.

Overall, a fabulous couple of days (apart from the middle of the night wake up call) with a great group of students.

Well done all!! Hopefully some of you will be inspired to continue using some of the skills you have learned this semester and continue to enjoy the outdoors in the future.

Special thanks to Mr O'Donnell and Mr Scheepers for their assistance on the trip.

Ms Kate van Hulssen - Outdoor Education Teacher



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PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Parents and Friends Reminder

**Annual General Meeting
Monday 24 November
7.00pm**

Ave Maria Chapel
St Joseph's College

Everyone Welcome!

Nomination Forms:
- P & F Committee member
- St Joseph's Class Representatives
Can be obtained from the College Office

Your children benefit from your participation!
Mrs Chris Annison - President

PARISH NOTICES

Kids Club

Kids Club will meet this Sunday 23 November following the 9.30am Mass at Holy Family Church. Please bring a plate to share. The session will conclude at 12 noon.

Miss Sarah Manolas - Co-ordinator

Christmas Eve Family Mass Holy Family Church - 6.00pm

Our traditional Christmas Eve Family Mass will need the assistance of **angels and shepherds** to help us celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and bring it to life.

So please bring your angels and shepherds to our Christmas Eve Family Mass.

Practice days and times:

Thursday 18 December 11am - 12noon
Monday 22 December 11am - 12 noon
Tuesday 23 December 2pm - 3pm

Any further enquiries please phone Gloria Barnes before 5pm on 9844 1594.



Hope to see you all there for a wonderful Christmas celebration!



Christmas Pageant 2008

Saturday 6 December

7pm - 8pm Christmas Float Parade
8pm-9pm Concert - Alison Hartman Gardens

Hello Parents/Guardians

If your child would like to join the Parish Float as an angel or shepherd for this year's Christmas Pageant, please contact Gloria Barnes (before 5pm on 9844 1594).

Angels and Shepherds need to assemble on Stirling Terrace between 6.15pm - 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

Thank you, Gloria Barnes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Murdoch University Offers Scholarships to Help With Accommodation

Scholarships are once again being offered to students from rural areas to attend Murdoch University in 2009.

The George Alexander Foundation Rural Scholarship Program supports five students from rural areas by providing assistance of approximately \$5000 in annual accommodation costs for each student.

Scholarship recipients will live on campus at the Murdoch University Village and have their accommodation costs taken care of for the first three years of their study.

This scholarship offers students an incentive to apply for a degree and provides much-needed support while they are studying.

The George Alexander Foundation Rural Scholarship Program will be offered by Murdoch University for the next four years.

Applications close Friday, 28 November. For more information, contact Murdoch University's scholarship office at cls@murdoch.edu.au or 9360 2733.

Invitation to a Youth Festival

Sunday 30 November
St Mary's Hall and Church
Columba Street, Bunbury

2pm and concluding with the 6pm Mass

Share your WYD 08 impressions, Activities and games, Reflection opportunity, Discuss the youth survey findings, Afternoon Tea, Sausage Sizzle,
Music Practice for Mass

What to bring: Sunsmart gear, water bottle and musical instruments

RSVP: by Monday 24 November for catering purposes to Sue Barton on 97210500 or email: sueb@bunburycatholic.org.au

P&F Annual General Meeting and the College Community Board Meeting

Monday 24 November 2008

Commencing at 7.00pm
in the
College Ave Maria Chapel

A light supper will be provided afterwards

Nomination Forms are available from the
College Office for both
the P&F Committee and the College Board for 2009



Friday 28 November

Second-hand Book and Uniform Sale

8am - 10am
College Undercroft area

Everyone Welcome to come along to Sell or Buy!

Please Note: The College Uniform Shop will also be open

Parents/Guardians wishing to sell any
second-hand text books or College Uniform clothing items
can bring them along to the Undercroft area
by 7.45am to set up a table for \$2 (tables provided)

Enquiries to Chris Annison - 0407 779 442

