



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

*We pray for the fragile ecology of the heart
and the mind. The sense of meaning.
So finely assembled and balanced and so
easily overturned. The careful, ongoing
construction of love.*

*As painful and exhausting as the struggle
for truth and as easily abandoned.*

*Hard fought and won are the shifting sands
of this sacred ground, this ecology.*

*Easy to desecrate and difficult to defend,
this vulnerable joy, this exposed faith, this
precious order. This sanity.*

*We shall be careful. With others and
with ourselves.*

Amen

A Common Prayer - by "Leunig"

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last Monday the Annual Community Meeting of the
College Board and the Annual General Meeting of the
Parents and Friends was held in the College Chapel.

The Board for 2009 consist of:

Mr David Hughes-Owen - Chairman

Mr Ray Chilton - Treasurer

Mr Mark Henson - Chair- Buildings and
Grounds Committee

Mr Jim Swann - Parent and Friends Representative

Mr Tony Monterosso - Board Member

Mr Rob Pulsford - Board Member

Mrs Andrea Parker - Board Member

Fr Rogasian - Board Member

Bradley Hall - Principal

Important Dates & Coming Events

Sat/Sun 29/30	Mon 1 December	Tues 2	Wed 3	Thur 4	Fri 5
	St Vincent's Christmas Appeal	Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	Yr 10 Musical Performance Evening 7.30pm College Chapel	JS Assembly 9am Gymnasium	Swim Club Lap-a- thon and Wind-up
Sat/Sun 6/7	Mon 8 December	Tues 9	Wed 10	Thur 11	Fri 12
		Uniform Shop Open 8.00-9.00am & 2.30-4.30pm	Thanksgiving Mass 9.15am HFC	Yr 4-6 Picnic Kindy Christmas Concert	Pre-primary Christmas Concert

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The Parent and Friends Committee for 2009:

Mrs Christine Annison - President

Mrs Sharon Berg Vice President

Mrs Nola Osborne Treasurer

Mrs Kylie Dallimore Secretary

Mr Jim Swann Board Representative

Mr Neil Annison Footy Tipping Coordinator

Mrs Mandy Swann Committee Member

Thank you to all of the above that have made a commitment to serve the College Community in these roles in 2009.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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Thanksgiving Mass

A special Mass to give thanks for all the wonderful people who helped make this year a fantastic year will be celebrated at 9.15am on Wednesday 10 December in Holy Family Church. All parents and friends of the College are invited to attend. A special morning tea will be held immediately afterwards in the Staff Room.

Mrs Susan Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

A Night of Great Music, Photography and Artwork

The Year Ten music class is hosting a musical evening next Wednesday night (3 December) in the College Chapel. The show promises to be a very entertaining one featuring solo, duo and group performances from the girls (and backing band), including a number of very good original songs which a number of them have composed over the Semester. The concert also features a guest performance by the Year Nine band playing a couple of well known songs.

To compliment the musical side of the night, we will also have a display of photography and printmaking which features the visually creative work of the Year Ten students this year. There will be some outstanding images on view, including work by students from Semester One and Two. If all this is not enough to

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whet your appetites, refreshments and nibbles will be provided to make it a night not to be missed. See the poster in this week's newsletter for details. Profits from the concert (after expenses) will go to the St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal.

Mr Steve Scanlon - Co-ordinator



St Vincent de Paul Society
Helps People



SVDP Christmas Appeal - 2008

The College's St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal commences next **Monday 1 December and continues until Friday 5 December.**

All donations are placed in Christmas Hampers which are distributed to needy families in the Albany district by St Vincent De Paul members. Support for this worthy appeal would be much appreciated.

Junior School

We would like to invite all families in the College to donate non-perishable food items suitable for Christmas Hampers. Food items can be sent to classrooms or to the College Office. Suggested food items for hampers include:



Christmas cakes, fruit mince pies, puddings, tinned fruit, canned ham, sweet or savoury biscuits, cool drinks, cordial, lollies, chocolate bonbons, potato chips, cheezels, long life custards, nuts, dried mixed fruit. Also other food items you deem appropriate.

Middle & Senior Schools

We will be running a 'Collecting Coins competition' amongst Homerooms on Wednesday, 3 December. The Homeroom with the most money will be allowed to buy food or presents for teenagers.



Support for this very worthy appeal would be most appreciated.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



The College will be offering
PIANO TUTORING

to students from
Year Three onwards in 2009

Beginners to Advanced
Keyboard owners are most welcome

Forms can be obtained from the College Office

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Saints Swim Club - Lap-A-Thon & Wind-Up

We'll believe it or not we are once again at the end of another great Swim Club year. Friday 5 December will be our Lap-a-thon/Wind-Up. Most swim club members will have received their sponsor forms and are busy getting together money for our well deserved cause, St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal.

Once again these days cannot go ahead without the support of many parents and we are looking for helpers for our day. If you can come along, even for an hour or two, and count laps, cook sausages, serve lunch or help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

In previous years we have relied on the Dads to cook our barbecue and hopefully there are a few willing to help again this year. Anyone who is able to help can they please let either myself or Steve Small know and we will make a list and advise times/jobs etc.

Many thanks again for everyone's efforts this year and let's make our Lap-a-thon and Wind-Up another great day to remember.

Clare Dolzadelli - President

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Pre-Primary Excursion

Last week Pre-Primary students went on an excursion to the Albany Museum to learn about "Frogs". Students were fully engaged in a range of activities with the highlight being in groups making their own environmentally friendly frog gardens. Thank you to Mrs Theodore for co-ordinating the excursion and Mrs Armstrong for assisting students to complete the different 'frog' theme activities.



Music Night!



Wednesday 3 December
College Chapel
7.30pm

Entry fee at the Door
Adults: \$5 Children: \$3
Family: \$10
All welcome!

Junior School Assembly

Our next Junior School Assembly will be held on Thursday 4 December in the Gymnasium commencing at 9.00am. The Year One class will be conducting the assembly.

Junior School Tutorials

This week is the final week for Junior School tutorials for the 2008 school year. The response to the tutorials amongst Years Four - Six students has been very pleasing with the number of students involved growing as the year progressed. The tutorials have provided students with an opportunity to complete homework tasks and to work on assignments and research activities.

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Pizza Cooking

This week the Year Six students had a pizza preparation and cooking day under the astute supervision of Mrs Powell and her helpers. Students worked in groups preparing the pizzas and then returned at lunch break time to sample their culinary delights. A big thank you to Mrs Powell and her friends for making the pizza cooking such an enjoyable experience for our students.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

St Joseph's Parents & Friends Association - AGM

On Monday 24 November the Parents & Friends held their Annual General Meeting at St Joseph's College.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again say thank you to the P & F Committee of 2008 and welcome the new committee of 2009. I would also like to say very big thank you to Mrs Helen Anderson. Although Helen stood down this year she has been a huge support to myself and is always there to help organise and do the work at hand. Helen, on behalf of the P & F Committee a very big thank you.

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The P& F Committee 2009

Mrs Christine Annison	President
Mrs Sharon Berg	Vice President
Mrs Nola Osborne	Treasurer
Mrs Kylie Dallimore	Secretary
Mr Jim Swann	Board Representative
Mr Neil Annison	Footy Tipping Coordinator
Mrs Mandy Swann	Committee Member.

On behalf of the P & F Committee I would like to wish everyone a safe, Happy Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Chris Annison President

St Joseph's College P & F

PARISH NOTICES

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 on 9844 1594.

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



PARISH NOTICES

Christmas Pageant 2008

**Saturday 6
December**

**7pm - 8pm
Christmas Float Parade
8pm-9pm Concert -
Alison Harman Gardens**



Hello Parents/Guardians

Angels and shepherds are required for the Holy Family Parish Christmas Float for this year's Christmas Pageant.

York Street will be closed from 4pm on Saturday so Angels and Shepherds need to access Stirling Terrace via Princess Royal Drive or Hanrahan Road through to Residency Road between 6.15pm - 6.30pm for a 7pm start. SES Volunteers will direct you to the Float.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Gloria Barnes 9844 1594.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Academic Taskforce

Transition Program for students entering Years Eight, Nine and Ten in 2009 Academic Task Force's holiday programme commences in late January 2009. It is designed to improve Years Eight, Nine and Ten students' approach to learning at High School. It includes a six hour Study Skills course which deals with time management, organizational skills, note taking and learning strategies. It also contains separate Maths and English courses.

We also have a separate HEADSTART Programme for students going into Year 11 or 12 which includes Study Skills, Essay Writing and specific subject courses.

For more information please contact Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam on 9317 4421.

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INFORMATION RELEASE

The WA Police Child Protection Squad is currently investigating an allegation that an Albany child was offended against after inappropriate mobile telephone messages were exchanged with an adult male who posed as a juvenile. While these allegations are currently the subject of a Police investigation this highlights the need for vigilance by parents in relation to mobile telephone use by children and teenagers.

The following information is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority in relation to safe and appropriate use of mobile telephones.

Mobile phones are no longer just a way to make voice calls when you're out and about. You can send text messages via SMS, pictures, sounds, video via MMS (multi-media messaging), access email, IM (instant messaging), and chat, as well as surf the web.

Many mobiles include cameras, sound recording capability and can also track where you are. While most content and services will be suitable for everyone, some may be unsuitable, even dangerous, for kids.

Bullying, people making inappropriate contact, as well as the possibility of kids accessing unsuitable adult content are risks that are always present. They can happen at any time, anywhere, and because parents can't always be there to supervise it is more important to teach kids how to protect themselves.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority provide detailed information in relation to cyber safety through their website www.cybersmartkids.com.au or information can be obtained directly by contacting the WA Police Child Protection Squad on (08) 9492 5444.

Gordon Fairman
Officer in Charge
Child Protection Squad
25 November 2008

Wheelchairs for Kids Inc.

Dear Mr Hall, staff and students of St Joseph's College, Albany.

Thank you all so much for your wonderful and generous donation to our Wheelchairs for Kids Project.

An official receipt will be sent by our honorary secretary in due course.

You have enabled another eighty disabled children to have a much better life by being able to have dignity and mobility instead of dragging themselves on the ground.

Once again many thanks to all those who participated in the College Missions Fun Run and also to Cunningham House for their extra fundraising.

May you all have a safe and happy holiday and a very happy Christmas.

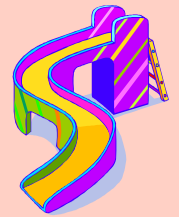
Yours sincerely

Bro. Olly Pickett

Schools Out!

Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



9.00am - 2.00pm

For Boys & Girls 7-12 Years old

Week 1 **12-16 January**
Week 2 **19-23 January**

Cost: \$15.50 per day
ALAC Members \$14 per day

\$66.00 per week
More than 1 child \$64.00 ea per week



Also introducing the new
"Adventure Climb" & Waterslide
Basketball, Indoor Soccer, T-Ball, Indoor Cricket,
Badminton, MAD-D & More



Limited spaces available - Bookings accepted
with payment at Reception