



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

Advent Two: Prepare the Way

*Lord God, may we, your people, who
prepare a way for the Lord, experience the
joy of salvation and celebrate the feast of
Christ with love and thanksgiving.*

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Special thanks to Mrs Tassicker and the Choir for their singing and assistance at the Christmas concert held in our College Gymnasium last Sunday.

On Wednesday the College held the annual Thanksgiving Mass, where we take the time to thank - and pray for - the many people who volunteer their time to make this College a thriving Community. Special thanks to Mrs Scanlon for co-ordinating and Mrs Tassicker and Choir and Mr Scanlon for the music at this Mass.

Our 2008 Year Book is being printed and is on schedule for distribution next week. Thanks to Mrs Page for her assistance and in particular I acknowledge the huge effort by Mrs Simone Gatti for her Chief Editorial role in producing this annual.

The Yearbook will be distributed to the Youngest in each family.

Staffing for 2009

Kindergarten	Mrs D Neil
Pre-Primary	Mrs K Theodore/Mrs J Boston
Early Learning	
Teacher Assistants:	Cheryl Romeo, Leonie Stevens, Gloria Barnes and Colleen Armstrong
Year 1	Ms Sarah Manolas
Year 2	Mrs Amanda Piercey
Year 3	Mrs Christine Palfrey
Year 4	Ms Jacinta Brampton (Sem. 1)
Year 5	Mr Paul Romeo
Year 6	Mr Jim Morcom
Junior School Music/ Choir Support	Mrs Jo Pulsford (Term 1)

Important Dates & Coming Events

Mon	15 Dec	Yrs 7-10 Activities Day Yrs 1-3 Picnic (Eyre Park)
Tues	16 Dec	K-Yr 10 Last Day for Students Hey Hey Last Day Concert (JS)
Wed	17 Dec	Teachers Finish
Fri	19 Dec	Office Closes
2009		
Mon	19 Jan	College Office Re-Opens 9am-3pm
Tues	27 Jan	Uniform Shop Open 9am-4pm
Wed	28 Jan	Uniform Shop Open 9am-4pm
Mon	2 Feb	Term1 2009 Commences
Fri	6 March	Pupil Free Day - Staff PD day

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New Middle/Senior Schools Staff:

Physical Education	Ms Megan O'Leary
English	Mr David Hanna
Science	Ms Janine Trethowan
Mathematics	Mrs Grace Chipangura
Year 7	Mrs Kelly Meyer

New Administration Staff:

Business Manager	Ms Glenise Tutt
Payroll	Mrs Nancy Keys

The final Newsletter/Information Bulletin will be posted with the College's end of year reports and the 2009 School Year Calendar will be sent home at the beginning of Term One 2009.

School performance data for 2008 will be published in 2009.

If parents have any concerns or queries regarding 2008 issues, they should phone the office to make an appointment with the head of the school or myself to discuss the issue.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

Reading Tips During the Holidays

- Make time for reading. The holidays are a great time for traditional Christmas stories and Australian and New Zealand writers.
- Let children read the recipes while you cook holiday treats. Teach them to read measurements and measure out ingredients.
- Make up silly holiday rhymes and word games. Learn songs to sing together in the car.
- Let children read holiday cards to you so they learn to decipher handwriting, and help them make their own cards and write messages in them.
- Create a 'book nook', a special place for a stock of holiday books and magazines.
- Insist on handwritten thank-you notes for gifts, staying at someone's house or a treat.

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- Visit the public library every week during the holidays and keep a stock of books to read alone or read aloud. Help children sign up for their own library cards.
- Give book vouchers as presents and share the fun of choosing a book to buy. Giving book gifts sends the message to children that you value reading. Books last much longer than toys.
- Have a special reading time when the TV is turned off, the answer phone is turned on and the whole family enjoys reading.
- Look closely at illustrations with your children and ask them to describe what they can see. Talk about colours, perspective, the artist's point of view.
- When you are reading aloud, bring the story alive by using your voice as dramatically as you can. Ask the children to make sound like the wind howling, dogs barking etc.
- Read aloud to older children too and expose them to language, ideas, and adventures beyond their own reading skills.
- Sometimes, stop and ask what the children think will happen next.
- Relate the story to the children's own experiences. Ask them if they have ever felt the way the character feels.
- Read the same book over and over again, even if it drives you mad. Children love the repetition and can learn a story by heart and then progress to finding words on the page.
- Select a variety of books. Stories come first but find books about interests, or start new interests together. Read about different countries and cultures. Read poetry together and learn some simple verses by heart.
- Find books about big events in children's lives like grandparents coming to stay, a new baby, starting school or going to a new place. Discuss any hopes and fears they relate to.
- Make a yearbook for the summer with stories, photos, artifacts and captions. Involve the whole family. Keep the yearbooks in the family archive to enjoy in future years.

Acknowledgement: Antoinette Konz, The Courier-Journal

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Final House Results 2008

After a very close tussle particularly during Term Four, Ozanam House ended up winning this year's Champion House title by the slender margin of 16 points.

Final results were:

Ozanam	1835 points
Cunningham	1819 points
De Vialar	1818 points
McCormack	1743 points

A big thank you to House co-ordinators Simone Gatti (Cunningham), Colleen McGlade (McCormack), Phil McKechnie (De Vialar) and Jude Wiegele (Ozanam) for all of their work co-ordinating their respective Houses and collecting House points each week. The big 'bicycle draw' for the top House points earners in the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools will be conducted at next Tuesday's final College Assembly.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Lap-A-Thon

Last Friday's Lap-a-thon was very successful with one hundred students from the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools participating. Students swam a total of 218 kilometers and raised approximately \$2,325.00 which was a fantastic effort! All money raised will go towards the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal. Thank you to Mr Small for co-ordinating the Lap-A-Thon ably assisted by Mr Jim Morcom, Mr Phil McKechnie, Miss Kate van Hulssen and Mr Paul O'Donnell.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Swim Club

Well, we are at the end of another great year for the Swim Club.

On Friday we held our Lap-a-thon and Wind-up. Once again this was a huge success and a very enjoyable day.

These sorts of days do not happen without the help of many people and the Committee would like to thank

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the parents who came down to help out on the day, the dads that cooked the barbecue lunch and the senior school students who counted our laps.

A special thank you also to Civic Video for their donation of lollipops for all the kids, Caltex York Street who donated some ice for our drinks and the Time Out Café for their donation towards coffees for the helpers and the wonderful staff at ALAC for helping our day to run smoothly. Once again we would like to take time to thank our coaches for their time, effort, encouragement and support they show our members.

As President I would like to thank the Committee members, Anthea Offerman, Grace Monterosso and Tiffany Dew for their support throughout the year.

Next year all positions on the Committee will be up for nomination, we ask all parents to consider putting their hand up and helping out the Club and the children.

We will be holding a meeting to elect the new Committee early in first Term, date to be advised, and we look forward to welcoming the new Committee then. Have a very happy and safe holiday and see you all back on the pool deck in February.

Mrs Clare Dolzadelli - President

St Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal

Mrs Edwards' Year Nine class baked some Christmas cakes to put in hampers for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. A fantastic effort by all students!



*Year 9 Students with their class baked Christmas Cakes
Thomas Palfrey, Kimberly Hall, Amy Maddy*

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Science Stars Reap Awards at St Joseph's College

This December St Joseph's did its bit to encourage science in Western Australia by awarding two of its bright young students for their enthusiasm in all things scientific.

Ethan Blackburn and Gabrielle Ruttico will receive the Woodside Scitech Science Award at the College's final assembly.

According to Scitech Science Events Coordinator Kelly Dawson, through this award Woodside and Scitech seek to recognise and support science in the community by providing a greater awareness of the critical role science plays in today's society.

"The Woodside Scitech Science Awards present a unique opportunity to reward graduating primary students who demonstrate a passion for science," says Kelly.

"The recipients of these awards have shown a curiosity about the world around them and a desire to experiment and investigate".

"We hope that through this award, students will be encouraged to continue studying science and become the next generation's Noble Prize winners, Barry Marshall or Robin Warren or Fiona Stanley, and go on to achieve great things".

"It was also great to see so many of our primary schools support these Awards, with 75 per cent of all Western Australian Primary Schools participating in the Awards."

This award, given to one male and one female student from each participating school, consisted of a large book about science, an official certificate, a family day pass to Scitech and Horizon – the Planetarium and a year's membership with the CSIRO Double Helix Science Club.

The Woodside Scitech Science Awards is a joint venture between Woodside Energy and Scitech.

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2009 Music Programme

If your child would like to learn an instrument in 2009, forms are available from the College Office.

The College is offering:

Year 3 upwards	Piano, Violin
Year 4 upwards	Guitar
Year 5 upwards	Wind instruments

New and re-enrolment forms are due by the end of Term 4 to the College Office.

Defence Technical Scholarships Year 10 and 11 Students and Parents

What is the Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS)?

DTS provide financial assistance to Year 11 and 12 students interested in pursuing a technical trade career in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). The Scholarships are designed to support and encourage students to undertake specific mathematics and vocation/technical subjects and complete their senior education certificates. The DTS is for students planning a trade career, not for students intending to apply for university entry, ADF Officer Entry or the Australian Defence Force Academy. There is no obligation on the recipients of a DTS to join the ADF at the completion of their studies, although students are encouraged to apply for entry if they remain interested in an ADF technical trade career.

What are the benefits of a DTS?

Successful Year 11 DTS recipients will be awarded a total of \$2000 through two semester based payments. Successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000, also as two semester based payments.

Can anyone apply?

Anyone who is currently a Year 10 or Year 11 student and meets the DTS selection criteria is eligible to apply. Applicants must be enrolled in specific subjects and demonstrate (in their own words) why they are considering an ADF technical trade career. Students in Year 11 studying Year 12 subjects will not be eligible for the Year 12 DTS, but may apply for the Year 11 DTS.

In order to be considered for the DTS the student **must** lodge an application form through their school before the closing date specified. Application Forms are available from the College Office.

Further information may be accessed from the website: www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS

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Lost Property

The Lost Property box has been sorted and items with labeled names have been returned to students. There are a number of items that are not clearly marked, so if your child is missing any of the following items, that are not marked, please collect from the College Office by the end of Term 4:

- Rugby Jumpers Sizes 10 and 12
- Saints Hoodie Size 8
- St Joseph's Parasilk Track Jack Medium
- 3 x College Jumpers (no size)
- 4 x School Hats
- 1 x navy scarf
- Various beach towels
- Plain polar fleece jacket - Size 14
- 1 sleeping bag

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Junior School Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Amanda Piercey and Miss Jacinta Brampton who are taking up teaching positions in the Junior School in 2009. Amanda will be teaching in Year Two and Jacinta will be replacing Mrs Colleen McGlade in Year Four for Semester One while Mrs McGlade is on Long Service Leave.

Both Amanda and Jacinta are former students at St Joseph's College. Welcome also to Mrs Jo Pulsford who will be taking over from Mrs Catherine Tassicker while she is on Long Service Leave in Term One and Mrs Colleen Armstrong who will be an Education Assistant in Pre-Primary.

Class Teachers for the 2009 school year are as follows:

Kindergarten	Mrs Debra Neil
Pre-Primary	Mrs Kelly Theodore
Pre-Primary	Mrs Jude Boston
Year 1	Ms Sarah Manolas
Year 2	Mrs Amanda Piercey
Year 3	Mrs Christine Palfrey
Year 4	Ms Jacinta Brampton (Semester 1) Colleen McGlade (Semester 2)

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Year 5	Mr Paul Romeo
Year 6	Mr Jim Morcom (also Assistant Head of Junior School)

Specialist Staff:

Physical Education	Mr Steve Small
Education Support/Drama	Mr Phil McKechnie
Education Support/Music	Mrs Jo Pulsford (Term 1) Mrs Catherine Tassicker (Terms 2, 3, 4)
Library	Mrs Jude Wiegele/ Mrs Debra Neil
Italian	Mrs Marnie Fitzpatrick and Mrs Belinda Powell

Education Assistants:

Pre-Primary	Mrs Cheryl Romeo
Pre-Primary	Mrs Colleen Armstrong
Pre-Primary	Mrs Julie Blackburn
Kindergarten/Pre-Primary	Ms Leonie Stephens
Kindergarten	Mrs Gloria Barnes
Junior Primary	Mrs Sharon Jendrzczak

Best wishes to Mrs Colleen McGlade and Mrs Catherine Tassicker who are both taking well deserved long service leave breaks.

Peter Watson's Christmas Concert

Well done to our Junior School choir under the direction of Mrs Tassicker for supporting this year's concert held last Sunday in the College Gymnasium. The choir sang three Christmas theme songs at the commencement of the concert and later helped distribute afternoon tea to our senior citizens. The choir members are great ambassadors for our College.

Thank You

To the many parents who have provided great support in the Junior School throughout the school year. The areas of assistance have been numerous. Your support has been greatly appreciated by both staff and students. Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Year 9 Dance Performance

Last Wednesday, the Year Nine Dance class performed for the Junior School. After many weeks of preparation, learning their steps and preparing outfits, most were excited to finally perform for an audience.

The students were also lucky to have a group of dancers from a Dance School outside the College (that consisted of several of our Year Ten girls) also perform two impressive dances. No doubt they provided some inspiration.

All dances went off without too many dramas, and the Disco Dance group are to be commended for last minute alterations to their routine due to reduced numbers on the day.

Special thanks go to Kyra Murphy who has provided invaluable expertise and enthusiasm for the girls throughout the Semester, as well as the guest dancers on the day.

Ms Kate van Hulssen - Physical Education Teacher

PARISH NOTICES

Kids Club

Kids Club is this Sunday from 10.30am to 12 noon at Holy Family Church. Please bring a plate to share.

Miss Sarah Manolas - Co-ordinator

Youth Group Wind Up

Celebrate the end of a year, bring a guitar, music, friend and a plate to the Shack, behind New Camfield (Aberdeen Street) on Friday 12 December at 3.30pm



PARISH NOTICES



Holy Family Catholic Parish

Christmas Mass

Christmas Eve
Wednesday, 24 December 2008

6pm - Holy Family Church
(Children's Mass)
Martin Road, Albany

11pm - Holy Family Church
(includes Carols and reading from 10.15pm)

Christmas Day
Thursday, 25 December 2008

7.30am - St Joseph's Church
Aberdeen Street, Albany

9.30am - Holy Family Church
Martin Road, Albany

6.00pm - Bremer Bay

Friday, 26 December 2008
Feast of Stephen

New Year's Day
Thursday, 1 January 2009

9.00am - St Joseph's Church
Aberdeen Street, Albany

