



St Joseph's College Newsletter

25 March 2011

Term 1 - Week 8

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Sat 26 March

- Family Mass and Commitment Mass - Confirmation 6pm HFC

Sun 27 March

- Travel Day ACC Swimming 10am

Mon 28 March

- ACC Swimming Carnival - Perth

Sat 2 April

- College Ball

Tues 5 April

- Inter-School Swimming Carnival (Yrs 8-12)

PRAYER

Open Our Hearts

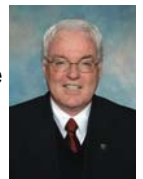
*Creator, open our hearts
to peace and healing between all people.
Creator, open our hearts
to provide for and protect all children of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts
to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.
Creator, open our hearts
to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.
Thank you for the gifts of this day and every day.*

Amen



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



Thank you to our Parents and extended members of our College Community that supported us on St Joseph's Day. This support, combined with a great effort by students and staff, enabled us to have a fun-filled day and also raise money for those in greatest need.

General Information

- **Uniform Shop**
Open every Tuesday
8.15am - 9.15am and
2.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Absentee Phone Line**
9844 0280
- **Principal - Mr Bradley Hall**
- **Head of Secondary**
Mrs Sue Alderman
- **Head of Junior School**
Mr Mike Watson

Direct Deposits Welcome Bank Details:

Bank West - Bunbury
A/c Name: Roman Catholic
Bishop of Bunbury
BSB: 306 004
A/c No. 5309691

Please quote **School Code:**
DDF226 & Family Name
with all deposits.



Congratulations to our Student Leaders, who were presented with their badges at the St Joseph's Day Mass and received a special blessing from Fr Concord.



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Middle and Senior School

Interim Reports are being written and will be posted next week. I urge parents to discuss progress with your children and to make an appointment with teachers for follow up at the coming Parent Teacher Meetings.

Good luck to our ACC Swim Squad, they depart Sunday for Perth. Details of performances in next week's newsletter.

B Hall

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

COLLEGE NOTICES

St Joseph's Day Fair

A big thank you to staff, students and parents for making the Fair a very enjoyable, interactive day for the whole College community.

A particular thank you to:

- Grounds staff: Mr John Scheepers and Mr Dave Pickering for their work setting up the infrastructure for the day on the oval;
- College Office Staff: for co-ordinating the distribution and collection of money;
- College canteen staff: for helping co-ordinate food requirements;
- Ms Jenny Kershaw & Ms Deb Korn: for providing ponies for the Fair;
- Mr Terry Eaton from PCYC for providing the apparatus for the pillow fight;
- Mr Michael Radivorjevic from "Coffee to Go" for operating his van and providing a donation;
- The Bevan family from Bevan's Transport for continuing to sponsor the \$100 Golf "Hole In One" competition;
- YMCA for bringing the surf board rider, the computer caravan and the sumo wrestling apparatus to the fair;
- Sue Crosby & Lien Nguyen for organizing the preparation and cooking of the hot chips and spring rolls;
- Norm Gill from the Albany Police for organizing and operating the reader gun for the speed bowling;

COLLEGE NOTICES

All money raised from the Fair will be directed to Project Compassion, our Term One focus.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Duty of Care

Parents and guardians are reminded that students are not to be on the school grounds before 8.15am, as they will be unsupervised.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Fathers Enjoy a Night at Kindy

Last Tuesday and Thursday Kindergarten Blue and Gold groups enjoyed a special evening when they brought their dads for a play at our first Fathers Nights for this year. The children showed their dads around the playroom and playground, and they shared some fun 'one to one' time. All the dads had a chance to meet and get to know each other, and to chat with the Kindergarten staff. The dads were happy to 'get in touch with their inner child' - to play and explore their child's new learning environment and to share the special time with their pre-schooler. Thanks to all the dads who set aside this time for their children after a busy day at work. Thanks also to the Kindergarten staff who attended these Fathers Nights. We look forward to another Fathers Night later this year.

Mrs Debra Neil - Kindergarten Teacher



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Interim Reports

Interim reports for students in Years Seven, Eight and Nine will be posted home just prior to Easter.

Following the holidays parents are invited to a parent/teacher interview evening. This will take place in the College Library on the evening of Thursday 12 May. Please make a note in your calendar.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

School Interim Reports

Teachers have been busy completing these reports this week and they will be posted to parents/guardians early next week.

Accompanying the report will be a tear-off slip for parents to use to make interview times with teachers. Please take full advantage of this opportunity.

Interview slips should be returned to Home Room Teachers. Parent/teacher interviews for Senior School are scheduled for Tuesday 5 April and slips should be returned by Friday 1 April.

I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

Looking Ahead at University

On Thursday 17 March, students in Years Eleven and Twelve were given a very comprehensive overview of what lies ahead for them at University. There was something for students who intend to gain direct entry and other students who are not quite sure about their pathways. What was very evident from the presenters is that University access is also available for those students who have good English results in Stage Two or Three, good grades and a solid work ethic.

Representatives from Notre Dame, Edith Cowan, Murdoch, UWA and Curtin Universities presented information on the following key aspects:

- Undergraduate Courses
- Application Process and Deadlines
- Expectations
- Facilities
- Supports and Assistance for all Students
- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Social Opportunities

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

- Direct entry pathways – ATAR and other entry opportunities

The information offered all students a better understanding of the enrolment procedures and requirements to gain entry into a variety of courses at university and avenues of assistance if required.

We would like to extend our thanks to all university representatives for their valuable and informative presentations.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum



PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Saturday 26 March at 6.00pm

A Commitment Mass for all Confirmation candidates will be held at our next Family Mass on Saturday 26 March at 6.00pm. All Confirmation candidates are encouraged to attend with sponsors, if possible, and family. Hope to see you all there.

Mrs Gloria Barnes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The following Community Notices can be viewed on the College's Web site at: <http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au>

- Master Mind Australia - Academic Pathways
- Host Family Request and Scholarship Opportunities
- Southern Cross Cultural Exchange
- Academic Taskforce - School Holiday Programme
- The Dinosaurs are Coming - WA Museum
- AusKick Football Registration Day - Denmark-Walpole
- Trash and Treasure - Albany Scouts 26 March



St Joseph's Day



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Master Mind Australia - Academic Pathways

April Revision Programme

Master Mind Australia will be conducting revision programs in the April school holidays for all Year Ten students and Year Eleven and Twelve WACE students. The classes are subject-specific teaching programs that focus solely on the syllabus and reinforce the work students do at school. Class sizes are small and aimed at improving the individual's academic performance. They offer students a structured learning environment that will prepare them for success in first semester examinations.

For more information contact Dr Robert Hallam on 9486 1377

Host Family Request and Scholarship Opportunities

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

In June/July 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, the USA and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

Each year we offer over 26 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win.

Learn About Yourself !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist, wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Host an international high school student in July through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500 501, email scceaust@scce.com.au or visit our website (www.scce.com.au) to be part of this rewarding experience.