



St Joseph's College Newsletter

10 June 2011

Term 2 - Week 6

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Tues 14 June

- P&F Meeting 7pm
Staff Room
- Yrs 9-12 Football vs
ASHS

Wed 16-17 June

- College Photo Days

Fri 17 June

- Yr 10 Careers Expo
2pm

Sat 18 June

- Yr 11 Dalai Lama
Harmony Visit

Tues 21 June

- STS Football Yr 10-12
- Eagles Cup Football @
Albany Primary School

Thurs 23 June

- JS Assembly 9am Gym
- WAFC Yrs 9-12 Football

General Information

• Uniform Shop

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Tuesdays

8.15am - 9.30am and

Wednesdays

2.15pm - 4.00pm

• Absentee Phone Line

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• Principal -Mr Bradley Hall

• Head of Secondary

Ms Sue Alderman

• Head of Junior School

Mr Mike Watson

Direct Deposits Welcome

Please enquire -
Business Manager
Mrs Marion Leonhardt

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.



This week the Senior School students conclude their Exam period. Most students have prepared themselves well for these exams and are to be commended on their approach to study. Our reports will give details of areas where students need to pay a particular focus to.

Tonight is the P&F Quiz Night in the College Gymnasium. Thanks to parents who support this and particular thanks to the hardworking organisers from our Parent and Friends Committee.

With the Federal Government Review of school funding, the Gonski Review, the funding debate continues and there is a lot of misinformation being put out about this issue. In this newsletter we have reprinted an article from the West Australian newspaper by Ron Dullard, Director of the Catholic Education Office.

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Kids deserve a fair schools debate

Any claims that non-government school students get more government funding are wrong, says Ron Dullard

Ron Dullard is the director of Catholic Education in WA

The Australian Government review of funding for schooling, led by David Gonski, is engaged in a review focused on funding for all schools.

There will be much debate about the role of governments and the priorities for funding over the coming months.

Our children deserve a constructive and honest debate on future funding arrangements and as such fair, reliable and accurate information will be fundamental to the debate.

The article by Robert Fry (Fairer education funding overdue, The West Australian, May 30) raised several concerns about perceived inequitable funding of government schools.

Unfortunately the selective nature of the information in the article did little more than continue the divisive "public versus private" debate of old.

The following facts in terms of schools funding are sourced from the Deloitte's analysis of MySchool data for the Government.

The data shows that nationally the average net recurrent income per student for government schools is \$11,100 compared with \$10,000 per student in a Catholic school and \$13,700 per student in an independent school.

These figures include school fees and other private income.

What is indisputable is that when all forms of government funding are considered (that is both Federal and State) non-government school students receive substantially less government funding per student than government school students.

Any claims that they get more government funding are transparently wrong.

In WA, the student averages demonstrate a similar picture, but with independent averages slightly lower (\$12,756) and slightly higher averages for government (\$13,585) and Catholic (\$10,722) schools.

This reflects the higher cost of providing education across a geographically diverse State and illustrates the significant point that the Catholic system of schools parallels the government system as a provider with similar geographic and socio-economic diversity.

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In the case of eight Catholic schools in the Kimberley there is no other provider. In many respects there is more commonality between the two systems than difference.

But funding is only part of the story.

The standard of resources and buildings in government schools is an important issue that is often cited as part of the funding debate.

The concerns are legitimate, but in making comparisons it needs to be recognised that non-government schools fund their facilities predominantly through loans which require significant debt servicing out of the funds available. Government schools are not required to service such debt.

Catholic schools are servicing diverse communities and take their social responsibilities seriously.

While Catholic families are given priority, there are places available for non-Catholic students. The enrolment of healthcare card holders in WA Catholic schools reflects the proportions in the wider community.

These and many other families have access to significant fee concessions. There are many refugee and indigenous students enrolled in Catholic schools free of charge. According to the Index of Community and Socio Educational Advantage, only 3 of the 10 most educationally disadvantaged schools in WA are government schools. Conversely, eight out of the 10 most educationally advantaged schools are government schools.

Similarly the implication that non-government schools do not have appropriate accountability arrangements is fallacious.

Catholic and other non-government schools have the strictest financial accountability requirements through State and Federal government agencies.

All schools are required to submit externally audited financial accounts to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Individual government schools are not required to meet such demands.

Furthermore, the school registration and ongoing audit process through the Department of Education Services ensures that non-government schools meet all other requirements as stipulated under the Education Act.

Choice in education is important for all parents and is a vital part of Australian democracy.

The Catholic sector in Australia is a big and genuinely national enterprise and has provided an accessible and affordable choice for the past 170 years. There are 1700 Catholic schools in Australia equating to one in

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five Australian school students being educated in a Catholic school.

The most recent OECD Program for International Student Assessment data indicates that Australian Catholic schools achieve high quality outcomes while maintaining high standards of equity.

Supporting this choice with appropriate funding is vital. Factual information which enables parents to make such choices is also imperative.

Equally important for our nation is identifying the real issues in schools and determining how the Review of Funding for Schooling can address them. So what is the real issue?

The real issue is about improving the educational and life outcomes of students and in so doing, recognising the way that schools can autonomously address the needs of their communities.

Recent moves to create independent public schools, similar to a governance model used by Catholic schools, has the potential to empower local communities and lead to real educational change.

All educators would agree that government schools need more funding but it would be a mistake to just give more funding to keep doing the same thing.

Equally non-government schools require a proportionate share of increased funding.

The teachers in our schools are the nation's greatest asset. Research shows that the single most important factor in schools for improving student outcomes is the quality of the teacher.

Any major increase in funding therefore should be aimed at getting the best possible teachers in front of our students whether they be government or non-government students.

Raising the status of teaching, establishing salaries that provide appropriate reward for effort, providing opportunities for growth and professional development, will all be significant elements of any reform process.

The National Catholic Education Commission has made a submission to the Review of Funding for Schooling calling for certainty in future funding arrangements.

In so doing there is a call for increased funding to assist indigenous students, students with disability, schools in regional and remote areas and new arrival and refugee students to achieve better educational outcomes.

At the same time the maintenance of existing funding levels in real terms is essential if Catholic Education is to continue to provide a high quality and high equity education.

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In a recent statement Federal Minister for School Education Peter Garrett outlines his desire for a "mature debate on funding arrangements" and a move away from the "unproductive and divisive public versus private debate".

All should be working towards this goal and that of a better future for the students in our schools.

COLLEGE NOTICES

College Photography Day

The College Photography Days will be held next week on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June.

The following requirements will need to be met on these days:

- Junior School - Full College winter uniform (no sports uniforms on the day) Note: girls to wear tights in Years 1-6;
- Jumpers are not to be worn for photographs;
- Middle and Senior Schools - Full College winter uniform ie. tights for girls, ties for both boys and girls and blazers for Senior School students. Jumpers are NOT to be worn for photographs.
- All forms to be brought along on the day of photos, even if students are not placing an order.

The following is a time schedule for all classes:

Thursday 16 June

Kindergarten Gold (am)

Years Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine and Ten

Sibling/Family Photographs will be taken at 1.00pm

Kindergarten Blue (pm)

Friday 17 June

Years Eleven, Twelve, Student Leaders, Liturgical Choir, One, One/Two, Two, Three, Three/Four.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary



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Tour de Ozanam

Ozanam House will be running a fundraiser on Thursday 23 June to support the Saint Vincent de Paul Society's "Winter Appeal". The fundraiser will be a bike riding lapathon, similar to last year, on the school grounds at lunch time.



Students who wish to participate will need to bring their bikes to school on Thursday. Helmets are compulsory. In order to support the appeal participating students will be asked to seek sponsors. There is a minimum sponsorship requirement of \$5.00 for students to enter. Parental permission will be required for students to participate in the lapathon.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Eagles Cup Vs Yakamia

St Joseph's hosted Yakamia Primary School in Round Three of the Eagles Cup Competition on Tuesday. In a replay of last year's Grand Final, St Joseph's started the game full of running but were very wasteful on the scoreboard. Yakamia struggled to gel well as a team in the first quarter but goaled to lead St Joseph's during the quarter. A major to Kynan Brown saw St Joseph's reclaim the lead at the first break.

The second quarter saw Yakamia begin to work together kicking the first two goals to lead. Ned Turton worked well in the ruck in the absence of Stewart Davies whilst Jack Steel and Lincoln Joy were strong through the midfield. Brianna St Jack was lively up forward but was unable to finish off her work with a goal.



Behind at half time, St Joseph's looked vulnerable. Declan McNamara's move to centre half forward saw him impose himself on the game kicking three goals for the quarter. Nathan Griffiths was busy in defence as St Joseph's held a slender 6 point lead at three quarter time.

The final quarter saw St Joseph's tough it out in a tight contest. Mitchell Thornton was resolute in defence, well supported by Jordan Genovese, Isaac Lott and Myles Jackson. The experienced trio of Lincoln Joy, Declan McNamara and Jack Steel did enough to keep Yakamia at bay until Jacob Oostdam goaled in the dying minutes to hold off a gallant Yakamia by 12 points.

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Final Scores:

St Joseph's	7	16	58
Yakamia	6	10	46



Goals: Declan McNamara 3, Jacob Oostdam 2, Jack Steel and Kynan Brown 1 each.

Better Players: Declan McNamara, Lincoln Joy, Jack Steel, Mitchell Thornton, Ned Turton, Nathan Griffiths

Next Game: Will be held on Tuesday 21 June away to Albany Primary.

Mr Jim Morcom - Coach

OPEN TO ALL JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Zumba

Our Years Four - Six students are really enjoying the Zumba classes being run on Friday afternoons during regular sport time. Students are quickly discovering that the Zumba dancing can be physically challenging as well as being great fun.

Thank you to Kay from Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre for teaching the various dance routines and to Miss McFarlane who organised for the Zumba classes to be held at our College.

Mother's Night at Kindergarten

The Kindergarten was a hive of activity last Tuesday and Thursday evenings with Mother's Nights being held for both the Blue Group and the Gold Group. Our Kindy students really enjoyed having some "one on one" time with their mothers. At times it was difficult to know who was having the most fun! A big thank you to Mrs Neil who organised the evenings activities ably assisted by Mrs Barnes and Ms Stevens.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

WEEKEND SPORT

Members Netball

Congratulations to all the Netball players from St Joseph's College who represented Albany last weekend in the Members 2011 Netball Championships held at Matthews Netball Centre in Perth. Many students from our College competed in all age divisions from Under 12s - Under 17s. Well done!

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When Wednesday 15th June 5:30pm - 8:00pm

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Light refreshments will be provided

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