



St Joseph's College Newsletter

10 November 2011

Term 4 - Week 4

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Fri 11 Nov

- Pupil Free Day - Albany Show Day

Mon 14-18 Nov

- In-Term Swimming Lessons (Yrs PP-7)

Tues 15 Nov

- Yr 10 Lawn Bowls Excursion
- P&F Meeting - 7pm Staff Room

Wed 16 - 25 Nov

- Yr 11 Exams

Thur 17 Nov

- Yr 10 Outdoor Ed. Camp

Fri 18 Nov

- K/PP/Yr 1 Parent Meetings

General Information

• Uniform Shop

[Opening Hours](#)

Tuesdays

8.15am - 9.30am and

Wednesdays

2.15pm - 4.00pm

• Absentee Phone Line

9844 0280

• 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

Remembrance Day Prayer



*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts
they perform for us in our time of need.
I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.*

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



This Friday marks 93 years since the guns fell silent on the Western Front, 11/11/1918, signaling the end of World War One.

Tomorrow we will remember those who served Australia in the Armed Forces in the past - and we pray for those serving now. We especially remember in our prayers the families of those who have died while serving their country.



View from the Tower of the Australian War Memorial at Villers Bretonneux

Congratulations to our Year Three students who receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this evening.

Tomorrow, Show Day, is a Pupil Free Day. The College will have a booth in Centennial Hall, drop by and say hello if you are at the Show.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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Ben's Boat - A Winner

The *Albany Boat Show* was an exhibition of sculpture put together recently by artists Sandy and Michael O'Doherty at the Vancouver Art Centre and the *Off the wall* gallery. Boats and their associated meanings were the inspiration for the works by a large number of local artists and some well known Perth artists. As part of the project, Mick and Sandy visited local schools to involve students in creating ceramic sculptures for the exhibition. Twenty-eight of our Year Eight students contributed work which went on display, mainly at the *Off the wall* gallery (outside Coles), while a smaller number were shown in the main exhibition at the Vancouver Arts Centre. While there were a number of very creative pieces from our students, Ben Donkin was awarded a \$50 prize as the second best student piece in the exhibition. Ben's work was singled out because of the care he took with the finish and the sensitive use of colour in the piece. Congratulations to Ben on his efforts!



Mr Steve Scanlon - Art Teacher

Letter from Hope of Tarakea

"On behalf of the "Hope of Tarakea" committee, I would like to acknowledge the fundraising efforts of McCormack House at the recent "The Smurfs" school film evening.

I note that an amount of \$1609 was raised and deposited into the nominated account. What a wonderful effort by all concerned.

We acknowledge with thanks the teachers and student leaders of McCormack House who arranged the sale of the tickets, organised the catering and other associated tasks. Also all the parents and students of the school community for their support of the event.

I would especially like to acknowledge Mrs Sarah Sloan who, I believe, was the fundraising co-ordinator and Mr Ron Siemiginowski from Orana Cinemas.

Thank you once again to all concerned for achieving such a wonderful outcome in helping to finance the education of the orphans in Tarakea, Tanzania.

Yours sincerely

Mike Matusiak

For and on behalf of the "Hope of Tarakea" committee"

**P&F
Annual General Meeting
and the Annual Community Meeting**

Monday, 28 November 2011

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 2012

Australian Mathematics Competition

In August, 115 students from St Joseph's College from Years Seven to Twelve took part in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The competition involves the completion of a 30 question multiple choice problem solving paper. The questions cover a wide range of topics and mathematical skills appropriate to their year level and no calculators are used.

Ten students were awarded Distinction certificates and 32 were awarded Credit certificates. Distinction certificates are awarded to students who score within the top 15% of their year group and Credit certificates to those who finish in the 50% of students. Schools throughout Australia generally select only the more capable students to participate.

- The following students were awarded Distinctions
- Year 7 - Karl Jamieson, Tamara Lowry, Tahlia Putland
 - Year 8 - Jackson Hines, Karlee Anning
 - Year 10 - Matthew Barnes, Jasper Brooksbank, Katrina Dong
 - Year 11 - Ethan Ellul
 - Year 12 - Emily Barnes

Jackson Hines was also awarded the Prudence Award for the College's highest number of consecutive correct answers.

Another 44 students were also awarded certificates of proficiency, which are awarded by the Australian Mathematics Trust to students who have achieved a satisfactory level of mathematics and problem solving by Australian standards.

COLLEGE NOTICES

Congratulations to all students who took part and thank to the Mathematics teachers of the various years.

Mr Michael Trafalski - Acting Senior School Coordinator, Mathematics Teacher

Lost Property

There is a large amount of Lost Property located at the College Office. If your child is missing any clothing or other items, please collect them from the Lost Property box. All items will be donated to charity by the end of the Term.

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parent Meetings

Information has been posted home to parents about meetings to be held on Friday 18 November for parents who have students attending Kindergarten, Pre-Primary or Year One in 2012.

The meetings will be staggered over hourly intervals to cater for parents who may need to attend more than one meeting.

Please note the times for meetings:

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

If you have queries about these meetings, please contact Mr Watson at the College.

Reconciliation

Best wishes to our year Three students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time at the Holy Family Church on Thursday evening. This is a very special time in the life of each student and their families.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Occupational Therapy Week in Kindy

To acknowledge National Occupational Therapy Week, (31 October – 4 November) the Kindergarten children had a visit from a Therapy Assistant from Child Development Services. Mrs Ritchie brought some fun games which focus on fine motor development in young children. Strong fine motor skills are essential for good writing in future years.



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The children learned the story of Peter The Pencil Pilot, which helped them use the correct grip when drawing and writing, as well as the Handwriting Rhyme which reminds them to sit correctly when writing. Everyone had a chance to practice this grip while colouring a special picture.



A Visit to Barker's Farm

Last week both the Kindergarten groups enjoyed a visit to the Barker family's farm on Ulster Road. Our Year Six buddies led us safely across the busy road, and then we started our tour of the farm. We fed and patted goats, sheep, cows, a pony, chooks, and a goose. We watched Grant shear a sheep and Steve bale the wool. We were able to touch the soft skin of the sheep afterwards – if we wanted to! Some of us tried to catch trout in the dam while others explored the farm machinery. We helped Kelly pull the marron pots out of the dam and watched the marron crawl backwards to the water. We loved toasting marshmallows and eating cupcakes in the garden. It was amazing to see the farm animals up so close, to smell them and listen to their noises, and the rain didn't bother us at all. Thanks to Grant the shearer and Kelly and Steve Barker for welcoming us to your wonderful home.

Mrs Debra Neil - Kindergarten Teacher



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Semester Two Examinations 2011 - Years Ten and Eleven

Included in this week's Newsletter is the Semester Two Examination Timetable for 2011 for Years Ten and Eleven students. If you require any further information regarding the timetable please contact Jude Stringer through the College Office.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

Senior School

Year Ten 'Keys for Life' Health Education

Year Ten students explored the good and bad driving habits of the Albany Community today as part of their Keys for Life Safe driving Programme. Students were assigned to a College Bus and recorded the following aspects: Road Signs, Speed Limits and Drivers behaving badly. Will McSweeney rated the Albany drivers as a 7.5 out of 10 with 'some room for improvement'. The RAC and SDERA Teams will give a parent's workshop next Tuesday (15/11). Parents will learn about the new licensing system, how they can help their child get their L and P plates and their role as a driving supervisor. An information form and reply slip was given to Year 10 students this week.

Ms Biedenweg, Mr Crowe and Mr O'Donnell

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the P&F Committee will be held on Tuesday, 15 November in the College Staff Room commencing at 7.00pm. All welcome!

PARISH NOTICES

St Joseph's College/Holy Family Parish Business Directory 2012

If you are the owner or part owner of a business and will have children attending St Joseph's College in 2012, or are a member of the Holy Family Parish, you are invited to be a part of the 2012 Business Directory using the Registration Form included in this week's Newsletter or you can collect one from the College Office. It is **FREE** to enter and will be distributed to College and Parish families during first Term in 2012. Please return all completed forms to the College Office in person or via facsimile on 9844 0223 by **Thursday, 8 December 2011**. For more information or enquiries please contact Maria Jackson on 9842 6810.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Family Christmas Concert

The Albany City Wind Ensemble is presenting "A Family Christmas Concert" at the Albany Entertainment Centre on 19 and 20 November.

This will be a night of wholesome family entertainment celebrating the Christmas season.

Children from right across Albany will be joining with the Albany City Wind Ensemble to present this great variety concert. Tickets \$27 \$22 \$14 available from the Albany Entertainment Centre.

You are warmly invited to a
Charismatic Rally,
especially if you feel the need
for healing in any way.

The theme will be:

"Behold, I will make all things new"
(Revelations 21:5)

Presented by the Holy Spirit of
Freedom Community, Pemberton,
at St Joseph's College in Martin Rd **Saturday,**
December 3rd, 2011.

Rally Commences at
9.00am - Mass

Followed by
9.45am - Morning Tea
10.30am - Praise and Worship - Talk
1.00pm Lunch - Please bring a plate to share.
2.30pm - Talk, Prayers for Healing
4.30pm - Cuppa
Thanks giving

For more information and registration ring
Hans and Agnes Fleck on 9841 7767