



# St Joseph's College Newsletter

9 December 2011

Term 4 - Week 8

## IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

### Mon 12 Dec

- Yr 1-3 Picnic
- Yr 10 Dinner

### Tues 13 Dec

- Yr 4-6 Picnic

### Wed 14 Dec

- Last Day Term 4
- Final College Assembly

### School Holidays

15 December - 31 January

### Term 1 2012

### Mon 30 Jan

- Pupil Free Day

### Tues 31 Jan

- Pupil Free Day

### Wed 1 Feb

- Students Commence Term 1

## 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

## Thanksgiving Prayer



*Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day  
We bow our hearts to You and pray.  
We give You thanks for all You've done  
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.  
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see  
For joy and health, friends and family,  
For daily provision, Your mercy and care  
These are the blessings You graciously share.  
So today we offer this response of praise  
With a promise to follow You all of our days.  
Amen*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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



As the summer break approaches it is important that students do not go into total withdrawal over the next six weeks.

While some staff have set specific tasks, the 2012 Year Eleven and Twelve English reading for instance, all students should be doing some reading at their level over the holidays. There are many opportunities within the family to do incidental (Christmas cooking for instance) learning: to keep the brain stimulated.

In 2012 the College will be expanding the Italian course into Years Seven and Eight and we hope it will eventually become a selection for students with their WACE courses in Years Eleven and Twelve. Dr Runco will be teaching the course in Middle School. I would hope we can reach a point where there are enough Italian students to tour Italia and really test their use of the language.

Special thanks to families who have supported the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal through the food collection, money chain and the Saints Swim Club Lapathon present donations. This generosity will make a significant difference to many families in Albany and the surrounding Great Southern area.

*Students help load a ute full of  
food items for the local  
St Vincent de Paul Society's members*



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

On Thursday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we had our Thanksgiving Mass. At this Mass we prayed for and gave thanks for the numerous people that have volunteered their time over the year to make the College a better place for your children.

*B Hall*

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Uniform Shop - Opening Hours

#### Next Week

Tuesday, 8.15am - 9.30am

Wednesday, 2.15pm - 4pm

Thursday, 15 December 9.30am - 2.30pm

#### Before School 2012

Monday, 30 January 9am - 4pm

Tuesday, 31 January 9am - 4pm

#### School Term Normal Opening Hours 2012

Tuesdays, 8.15am - 9.30am

Wednesdays, 2.15pm - 4pm

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you to all families for the generous support given to our food hamper appeal. All collected food items will be put in hampers by St Vincent de Paul Albany members over the next few weeks and then distributed to needy families just before Christmas.

St Vincent de Paul members are always very appreciative of the support given to their annual appeal by the College community.



## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Lapathon

Last Monday's Lapathon at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre was a hive of activity with students busy swimming laps and parents busy wrapping Christmas presents for needy families.

All of the presents will be given to the St Vincent de Paul local conference to distribute at Christmas time with their Christmas hampers. Well done to all of the students and parents involved and to Mr Morcom, Mr O'Donnell and Ms van Hulssen for co-ordinating the Lapathon.



### 2011 Carols World Record Attempt

This week the Junior School choir participated in a world record attempt at assembling the largest group of carol singers to sing simultaneously across multiple venues. The rules for this carol singing event were quite strict and required the presence of two Justices of the Peace to count students and verify that the conditions for participation were adhered to. A particular thank you to the Junior School Choir for their beautiful singing, Mrs Tassicker for organising our choir's participation, to Mr Scanlon and Kiersten Fage for their musical accompaniment, to Mrs Piercey for videoing the choirs attempt and to JP's Peter Watson (MLA) and Mike Brown for assisting on the day.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Inter-School Athletics

St Joseph's College students performed strongly at last Friday's Inter-School (Albany District Primary Schools Sports Association) Athletics Carnival winning both the Years One - Three Shield and the Years Four - Seven Shield.

Overall team results were:

St Joseph's College	1077 points
Great Southern Grammar	971 points
Bethel Christian School	875 points

There was a number of outstanding individual performances on the day.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year	Gold	Silver	Bronze
4 Girls	Jenna Onions	Grace McLeod	
4 Boys			Leith Fitzpatrick
5 Girls	Madeline Joy		Van Nguyen
5 Boys		Harrison Cooper	Lewis Hammond
6 Girls		Havanna Gill	
6 Boys		Jacob Oostdam	
7 Girls	Tahlia Pulland		Brianna St Jack
7 Boys	Declan McNamara		

Well done to all students who represented St Joseph's College at the Carnival. A particular thank you to Miss McFarlane who co-ordinated the carnival and encouraged all students from the three participating schools to do their very best.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School



*Kyle Smith and Maddy Dallimore accept the Junior School Shield (Years 1-3)*

*Medallion and Shield Winners for Upper Primary (Years 4-7)*



## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Saints Swim Club - Another Successful Year

I am pleased to say that the Lap-a-thon held on Monday 5 December was a huge success. For the first time we asked the swimmers to bring presents instead of gaining sponsorship money and the response was overwhelming. It was fantastic that the students could see the results of their hard work in a big pile of Christmas presents. I am sure that St Vincent de Paul Society will also appreciate this wonderful donation towards their Christmas Appeal.

Thanks to Rechelle Wright, Jenny Grimes, Alex Wells and Glenda Bakker for helping wrap and label the presents. Of course that wasn't the only work they had to put in. Students swam with determination to achieve

the swimming goals that had been set. The combined total was 100 kilometres for both Senior and Junior swimmers.



The Lap-a-thon is a day of achievement but also a day of fun. After the hard work was completed the swimmers got the chance to be involved in games, fun water activities and were rewarded with pizza, a drink and some lollies to replace the energy they had used.

The lap-a-thon and the running of Saints Swimming Club could not be achieved without dedicated coaches and committee members. Now that the year has come to an end I would like to thank the coaches, Jim Morcom, Paul O'Donnell, Kate van Hulssen, Emily McFarlane, Phil McKechnie and Mrs Sam Jones who also regularly assisted. Regardless of how many swimmers turned up on a Monday or Friday, they volunteered their time and were also committed to attending meetings and dedicated to providing this great service.

I would also like to thank Saints Swimming Committee members. Renae St Jack as Secretary, Shane Keys as Treasurer, Sue Crosby as Property Manager and Committee Members Sam Jones, Nola Osborne, Peta Curtin, Nancy Keys and Helen Anderson. These members have worked tirelessly to keep the Club running smoothly and I couldn't ask for a better team.

## COLLEGE NOTICES

We are always looking for new members to join the committee. With two wind-ups and a few committee meetings a year it is minimum commitment for maximum reward. If you would like to be part of the team or would like more information. Please contact Renae St Jack at the College Office.

For me, it has been a truly rewarding experience.  
Mrs Julie Hughes-Owen - President



## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Junior Staffing for 2012

Junior School Staffing for 2012 is follows:

3 Year Old Programme - Ms Peta Curtin

Kindergarten (Blue/Gold) - Mrs Deb Neil

Pre-Primary (Blue) - Mrs Jude Boston

Pre-Primary (Gold) - Mrs Kelly Theodore

Early Learning Teacher Assistants: Mrs Cheryl Romeo, Ms Leonie Stevens, Mrs Gloria Barnes, Mrs Julie Blackburn, Mrs Jenny Grimes, Mrs Samantha Loveridge, Mrs Marinella Matuloy Vanni

Year One - Mrs Sarah Sloan

Year Two - Miss Rachel Pearson

Year Two/Three - Mrs Amanda Piercey

Year Three - Mrs Colleen McGlade

Year Four - Mrs Chris Palfrey

Year Four/Five - Miss Jessica Banner

Year Five - Mr Jim Morcom

Year Six - Mr Paul Romeo

Education Support (Years 1-3) and Music - Mrs Catherine Tassicker

Italian - Mrs Rose-Anne Leoni (PP-Yr 3)

Italian - Ms Natalie Webb (Years 4-6)

Physical Education - Miss Emily McFarlane

Education Support (Years 4-6) and Drama - Mr Phil McKechnie

Teacher Assistants (Special Needs) - Mrs Julie Blackburn, Mrs Jenny Kershaw, Ms Tayah Jindrich

## MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Years Eight-Ten Inter-School Athletics

Last Thursday eight schools from as far as Esperance and Katanning converged on the Mike Biddulph oval at St Joseph's College for the Years Eight-Ten Inter-School Athletics carnival. The 49 competitors from St Joseph's College worked valiantly all day to finish in 6th position very close behind both the 4th and 5th placed schools. Our most outstanding competitor was Keely Fitzpatrick who was awarded the medallion for Runner-Up Champion Year Eight girl. Thank you to the parents on the P&F for running their fundraising food and drinks stall, the Groundsmen for their assistance in preparing the oval and to Matt Wolfe and Will McSweeney (Year 10) for taking on the role of team managers for the day.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher



## MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Electives for 2012

As we come to the close of the year, it certainly doesn't get any less busy. The final touches are being put to the timetable for 2012 and students in Years Eight and Nine will be informed of their electives for next year along with their annual reports.

### Money Chain

On Monday the Middle and Senior Schools will hold its annual Money Chain competition. Each Home Room will attempt to make the longest Money Chain with all proceeds going to the St Vincent de Paul Society. This is a great cause - so bring along those 'pennies' on Monday. This will take place during Home Room.



## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

### Year Ten Keys For Life (Safe Driving) Program

Year Ten students completed the final stage of their 'Keys for Life' journey last week by attempting their Learners Permit test. Each student answered thirty questions (under test conditions) and were aiming for a score of 80% or higher. It's our pleasure to announce that most students achieved this score range and received their learner permits certificates this week. Fortunately, a re-test was immediately available for some students and this will be finalised next week. Students with an official Learner's Permit Certificate can now automatically receive their Learners Permit when they turn sixteen years of age. Chloe Thornton was the first member of the Year Ten Class to get a Learners Permit this week. Well done Chloe!

We would like to congratulate all students on their cooperative and positive approach to the course this year and thank the RAC Perth, PBF and SDERA for their support this year. Finally, on behalf of the students, a huge thank you to Mr Paul O'Donnell for facilitating this course as the College's accredited 'Keys for Life' Presenter.

Ms Biedenweg and Mr Crowe



### Leadership Forum

On 21 November and 2 December Year Ten students attended an Inter-school Leadership Forum, on the topic of Ethical Decision Making run by the Great Southern Employment Development Committee. Held at Le Grande, one session was for girls and one for boys. The Hon. Mia Davies, MLC, one of the youngest members of State Parliament, Parliamentary Secretary to the National Party was the keynote speaker for the girls and on 21 November the Hon. Mr Colin Holt, MLC, Deputy Chair of the Rural and Remote Educational Advisory Council was the speaker for the boys. Both Parliamentarians outlined the processes they use to make ethical and wise decisions on our behalf.

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

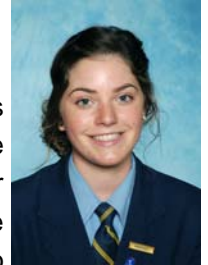
Alana Andreotti, Mikaela Hughes-Owen, Chloe Thornton, Ashley Wilson and Thomas Gorman were our representatives, accompanied by Ms Hill and Mr Trafalski. They were helpful, cooperative, considerate and genial in company with students from other schools and with the adults they met. Mr Holt's Research Officer is Sam Harmer, a lively former St Joseph's student who also spoke briefly about his career path and interests. All the groups were required to present a report, after discussing a scenario which presented some dilemma or possible controversy such as water security, land development, or refugee resettlement in a country town. The St Joseph's students were calm and poised in their delivery, which is a credit to them. This experience was designed to foster their leadership qualities and discussion is underway for possible follow up opportunities so that the groups can further develop their skills.

It was a pleasure to accompany students who were so well-presented and amiable into the public arena.

Ms Selina Hill - Senior School Coordinator.

### UWA Welcomes Shae Stoltze

Year Twelve student Shae Stoltze has been awarded a UWA Excellence Award Scholarship to support her University of WA Undergraduate Studies in 2012. Shae has applied to UWA nominating her first preference Bachelor of Philosophy and her second, Bachelor of Arts.



Shae was awarded this scholarship based on her consistently high academic record throughout her Senior School years at the College. She is a self-motivated and independent learner who has approached all of her WACE Courses with commitment and determination to achieve the highest results possible. Shae demonstrates all of the attributes necessary for her to be a successful University student as recognised by UWA and guarantees her a place at UWA based on her ATAR results.

We congratulate Shae on her achievements and wish her well in her future endeavours.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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### Thank You and Well Wishes

It has been just over one year since I started my involvement in the St Joseph's College P&F and what a great year it has been. I was told that we would "hit the ground running" at the start of the year and I'm not sure if we have actually stopped yet! Yes, it is busy being involved in the P&F Association, but mostly it is a really enjoyable time. I have met some great people, got to know some of the College's extremely dedicated staff and have learnt a lot more about the College than what I previously knew.

There are a few people that I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge, starting with Sharon Berg, President of the P&F 2011. Sharon was one of the two ladies responsible for me being involved this year and for this I am most grateful. Also, on behalf of the P&F Association of St Joseph's College, I would like to thank Sharon for everything that she has done in her time with the P&F. The other members that regularly give up their time are Helen Anderson, Angela Williams, Sue Crosby, Sam Loveridge and Jody Leonard; to come to meetings and always lend a hand where and when needed, thank you. Your advice and support never goes unnoticed and is always welcomed.

To the College Parents, Teachers and Students that help throughout the year at events, assemblies and functions, without you the P&F would not survive. We rely on your support, whether it be - baking a cake, making sandwiches or barbequing some sausages and we so very much appreciate everything that you all do.



*P&F Committee Co-ordinated the Sausage Sizzle for the Senior Inter-school Athletics Carnival last Thursday*

Mr Bradley Hall and Mr Mike Watson, thanks to you also, for your time to come to meetings and to guide us in the right direction with decisions that we have to make. This is often extra time that you give and if you mind, you never let it show!

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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The fabulous ladies in the College Administration, Estelle and Jan from the canteen, your help and knowledge are invaluable and we couldn't do any of this without you. Thank you.

Two of the College's most important men are our amazing groundsmen. Not only do they keep the College looking beautiful, but they are forever being called on to lift, carry, move, change, bring or get something or other and I know the P&F really are grateful for everything that you do for us. Mr Dave Pickering and Mr John Scheepers, you guys rock! Thank you so much.

To everyone else that I have failed to mention, you are not forgotten. We know and remember all that you do and a very big thank you goes to you as well.

From the P&F Association of St Joseph's College, we would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Merry Christmas everyone.

Amanda Thompson - Treasurer P&F

### Junior School Assembly

The final coffee for 2011 was poured on Friday 9 December.

On behalf of the P&F Committee we would sincerely like to thank the McSweeney family from The Naked Bean for their generous donation of cups and coffee for the year. Also thanks to the Ford family from Banksia Gardens Resort for keeping us sweet (sugar supply).

Thanks to Chrissie Delane for her barista skills during the year and her helpers and to all who have supported us. We look forward to seeing you at Junior School assemblies in 2012.

P&F Committee

## PARISH NOTICES

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### Parish Christmas Get-Together

To all children of the Parish including:

Altar Servers, Members of the Joseph Marello Choir and Liturgical Music Group, Children who attend the Children's Liturgy on Saturdays/Sundays and students who take part in Catechism lessons after school at New Camfield are invited to a Parish Christmas Get-together on Sunday, 18 December 2011 at Holy Family Church grounds after the 9.30am Mass until about 1pm.

## PARISH NOTICES

There will be a bouncy castle, ball games, sausage sizzle and other treats to enjoy.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office on 9841 1129 or Gloria Barnes on 0427 703 693 by Wednesday, 14 December for catering purposes.

We look forward to seeing you there.



### It's Christmas Time

**Angels and Shepherds are needed for  
Christmas Eve Family Mass at  
6pm at Holy Family Church**

There will be two practice sessions on:  
Wednesday, 21 December at 11am  
Friday, 23 December at 11am  
at Holy Family Church  
Hope to see you there.



### Albany Christmas Pageant Middleton Beach Saturday, 17 December

Angels and Shepherds are needed for the Parish Float to create the Nativity Scene of Jesus Christ's Birth

Christmas Pageant participants will need to be at the assembly area of Surfers Beach Car Park (to the left of Middleton Beach Caravan Park) by 4.30pm for a 5pm start of the parade.

Enquiries: Gloria Barnes 0427 703 693

### 2012 Albany Open Water Swim

**Sunday, 8 January 2012**  
**Ellen Cove**  
(in front of Albany Surf Lifesaving Club)

*Distance: 1.25, 2.5 and 5KM*  
*\$200 prize for first overall*  
*Male and Female swimmer*  
*in the 5km event*

*Thankyou*  
Enquiries: Janet McArtney  
Ph: 98464211

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Sport 4 All** is a new \$20 million state government initiative, which aims to build stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities. The initiative has four parts, KidSport, Community Volunteer Project, ClubTalk and Nature Play WA.

KidSport will assist eligible families to receive up to \$200 annually for each of their children aged between five – 18 years, to subsidise fees to join a sport and recreation club.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension concession card, or those referred by other community groups, such as schools, juvenile justice teams, government agencies and health practitioners. These groups are known as referral agents.

The eligible student or parent/guardian can obtain an application form from their participating local government office or their website, or from a sport or recreation club, a referral agent or anywhere local governments make them available. The parent/guardian fills in the application and takes it to be validated at the local government they reside in. A photocopy of the health care card or pension concession card must be attached.

Alternatively school teachers, acting as referral agents, may assist in filling out the application, complete their section on the back and give it to the parent/guardian to sign. The parent/guardian will take the voucher to the sport or recreation club for processing when registering their children. The club will then invoice the local government.

Schools can obtain KidSport application forms for students from their participating local government. Not all local governments have signed up for KidSport yet, so you will need to check with them.

Parents can also benefit from participation as a club volunteer, taking on roles such as coach, secretary or help in the canteen. The Community Volunteers Grants are now available for clubs to apply for. This initiative will ensure the next generation of volunteers is trained and motivated to serve the community. Volunteers will be trained with the life skills needed to be a coach, an umpire and help administer clubs.

For more information regarding KidSport and the Community Volunteer Grants go to the Department of Sport and Recreation website <http://clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/sport4all> or contact your local government.

**DONATE YOUR UNUSED SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO A WORTHY CAUSE!**



....pens, pencils, exercise books, textas, crayons, erasers, coloured paper, sticky tape, glue sticks...etc.

At the end of the school year, materials purchased by parents but not used during the year are generally returned to our students.

The Speldewinde family will be visiting the children at **Tuka Franciscan orphanage in Bali** over the holiday break and are accepting donations of unused school supplies to give to the orphanage for education.

If you would like to donate some or all of the school supplies returned to your child, please give permission to place them in the box provided in each classroom. Permission can be given through a note in your child's diary or speak to the classroom teacher. Enquiries to Ruth Speldewinde 9842 9883

