

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
- **Business Manager**
Mrs Marion Leonhardt
School Fees & Direct Deposits

Important Dates Coming Up

WEEK 9

Mon 10 December

- Yr 1 -3 Picnic
- Yr 10 Life Skills Dinner

Tues 11 December

- Yr 4-6 Picnic

Wed 12 December

- Last Day for Students Term 4
- Final College Assembly 9.00am @ HFC
- Hey Hey It's Last Day Concert

Thur 13 December

- Uniform Shop Open
12noon - 3.00pm

Fri 14 December

Uniform Shop Open 9.00am - 2.00pm

Prayer

Lord God, may we, your people,
who look forward to the birthday of Christ,
experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast
with love and thanksgiving.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

From the Principal

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



This week the College celebrated the first week of Advent with our Thanksgiving Mass.

This Mass is an opportunity to give thanks and pray for all those in our College Community - and the wider Great Southern Community that give their time to make our College a better place to be.

The school year for students terminates Wednesday, 12 December at 3.10pm. It is a legal requirement that all children attend until the official finish time. More importantly, learning takes place to the end and those special activities for students in the last week add another dimension to school life.

At the final College assembly, next week, the P and F bike draw will be held and three students will have their new bike for the holidays.

Today we welcomed new Middle School students to the College for our Orientation Day. Special thanks to Ms Alderman and staff for their preparation and to our current Middle School Students and Senior School Leaders for assisting on this day.



Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

Notices

Monday 4 February - Term 1 2013

- Students Commence

Booklists

Booklists for 2013 for Years 7 - 12 are available on the College Website.

Booklists for 2013 for students in Years 1-6 are also available on the website.

Uniform Shop - Extended Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open on:

- Thursday 13 December 12.00-3.00pm
- Friday 14 December 9.00-2.00pm

Before School commences in 2013

- Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February - 9.00am – 4.00pm.
- Saturday 2 February 9.30am-12noon (no cash on Saturday only eftpos)

Music Enrolments

Music Tuition Enrolments for 2013 are now due. Please print off an Enrolment Form from the College Website and return to the College Office as soon as possible.

Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property at the College Office. Please check your child's clothing and ensure nothing is missing.

The Lost Property box will be cleared over the holidays. Please call in sometime next week to collect any missing items.

College Notices

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.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Reports for end of Second Semester

Reports for Junior, Middle and Senior Schools will be posted home at the end of this semester. It is envisaged that they will be posted on Monday 17 December 2012. Should you not receive your child's report (within a few days) please contact the College Office on the usual phone number.

Final College Liturgy and Assembly

The final College Liturgy and Assembly will take place on Wednesday 12 December 2012 in Holy Family Church at 9.00am. At this event students in Year Six will receive a certificate of Completion for completing their Junior School years at St Joseph's College. Similarly students in Year Nine will receive a certificate for completing their Middle School years at St Joseph's College.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

Cybersafety

Students from St Joseph's College were invited to participate in this year's Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG). YAG is a group of young Australians aged between 8-17 who provide a young person's perspective on cybersafety issues through a secure online forum. Students' contributions were acknowledged by Senator Stephen Conroy, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy. Participation certificates were awarded to: Kealen Oorschot, Sidney Pritchard, Megan Winter, Connor Pollard, Kyle Cluett, Devon Stoner, Jessica Cuthbert, Aaron Shields, Stella Tassicker, Ethan Blackburn, Tom Gorman, Hayley Williamson, Kirsty Battison, Andrew Henson and Lauren Wilson.

Free downloadable resources available to schools, parents and students include the Easyguide to Socialising Online and the Cybersafety Help Button. The Cybersafety Help Button is a one-stop-shop for cybersafety. Once downloaded, it serves as a constant companion that assists users of any age to take control of their online world.

Users have the option to **TALK** to someone about online issues that are of concern, **REPORT** inappropriate behaviour or content, and **LEARN** about how to be a good digital citizen. The Easy Guide can be accessed online at: <http://www.dbcde.gov.au/easyguide>. The Help Button can be downloaded at: <http://www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton>

Mr Mike Trafalski - Senior School Co-ordinator

Student Achievements

Silver Star for David

Congratulations to David Gill (Year Two) on receiving the first Silver Star Certificate, in the Junior School, for reaching the goal of 20 Individual House points this year.



Tour Down Under, Adelaide 2013

In January Hamish Anderson (Year Eight) will be in Adelaide to see the world's best cyclists in action at the 2013 Tour Down Under. On Friday 25 January he will ride 92kms from Kersbrook to Tanunda in the Bupa Challenge Tour. This is Hamish's third year riding and he will again "Ride for a reason" to raise money for the Cancer Council. The 2013 ride is dedicated to the memory of Mr Steve Small. We wish Hamish all the best for his ride.



College Notices

Lap-a-thon - Smallies Swim for Charity

On Monday 57 students from Years Three-Twelve participated in the annual Swim Club Lap-a-thon. This was the inaugural year of Smallie's Swim for Charity in honour of the hard work and dedication Mr Small put into both the Swim Club and the Lap-a-thon. The students managed to swim a total of nearly 96 km in the two hour Lap-a-thon which was very close to last years' record of 101km. The students also raised nearly \$1000 towards this years charity, the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Thanks to the Swim Club Committee for their work in organising the day and thanks to all of the coaches for all of their dedication throughout the year.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Senior Swim Coach



Lap-a-thon participants enjoyed their day swimming and celebrating the end of year with a wind-up
Top: Caitlin Williams and Jemma Pouwelsen swim together



Jenny Small (centre) with Senior and Junior Swimming Coaches - Paul O'Donnell, Sharleen Cavanagh, Sam Jones, Trish Hines and Kate van Hulssen

School Immunisation Programme

The Year Seven school immunisation programme will be moving to high school.

2013 - Years Eight, Nine and Ten boys will be offered the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine – Australia is the first country to offer it free to boys.

2014 - the Year Seven immunisation programme will now be offered to this years Year Six students in Year Eight. So if your child is in Year Six this year they will not receive any vaccines until they are in Year Eight.

If you have any queries in regards to the school immunisation programme, please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number or via email as below.

Anne Taylor

Public Health Nurse – Disease Control/Immunisations

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Parish Notices

Youth of the Holy Family Parish

You are Invited to:

A Youth Mass

on

Sunday 9 December 2012

New Camfield, Aberdeen Street

Mass Begins at 6.00pm

Young at heart, you are
very welcome.

Doors will be open at 5.15pm for a
youth get together and
mass preparation.

Any queries, please contact
Simone Meuzelaar - Youth Minis-
ter Mobile: 0429 995 232

Christmas Eve Family Mass

As we prepare in Advent for that
special Christmas night, we are
inviting the children of the Parish
(5 years and over) to participate in
our **Christmas Eve Family Mass**,
dressed as shepherds or angels.
These shepherds and angels will
help remind us of that very special
night more than 2,000 years ago
when Jesus our Saviour was born.

The story of that special night will
be re-enacted by the children at
6pm followed by the celebration of
the Eucharist.

There will be two prac-
tice sessions to prepare
for this special event:

- Thursday 20 December
- Friday 21 December

Both sessions will be held at Holy
Family Church at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing par-
ents/guardians with your children
to help us celebrate the true
meaning of Christmas.

For further enquiries, please call
Gloria Barnes: 0427 703 693.



Junior School News

Inter-School Athletics (Years One - Seven)

The inclement weather meant an early finish for the Years Four - Seven students competing at last Friday's carnival.

Well done to all students who were selected to represent St Joseph's College in the field and track events. A particular thank you to Mrs Cavanagh who co-ordinated our students participation in the carnival and to College prefects Ashley Wilson, Hayley Williamson, Marni Smith, Chloe Thornton and Ethan Blackburn who cheerfully assisted as officials in the morning despite receiving a thorough 'drenching'.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Junior School Teacher Staffing for 2013

Junior School Staffing for 2013 is as follows:

3 Year Old Programme - Ms Peta Curtin

Kindergarten (Blue/Gold) - Mrs Deb Neil

Pre-Primary (Blue) - Mrs Elizabeth Bain

Pre-Primary (Gold) - Mrs Kelly Theodore

Year One - Mrs Sarah Sloan

Year One - Miss Eloise Wilson

Year Two - Mrs Christine Harrison

Year Three - Mrs Colleen McGlade

Year Three/Four - Mrs Sharleen Cavanagh

Year Four - Mrs Christine Palfrey

Year Five - Mrs Jessica Cramer

Year Five/Six - Mr Jim Morcom (also Assistant Head of Junior School)

Year Six - Mr Paul Romeo

Education Support (Years One-Three) and Music - Mrs Catherine Tassicker

Italian - Mrs Jeanette Honnor (Pre-Primary-Year Three)

Italian - Ms Natalie Webb (Years Three-Six)

Physical Education - Miss Katherine Hancock

Education Support (Years Four-Six) Physical Education and Library - Mrs Trish Hines

Please note that class lists (Years One-Six) will be posted on the Cunningham Block window on the Friday (1 February) before school commences in 2013.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Parents of 4 Year Olds - Immunisations

Children who have turned 4 years of age are scheduled to receive 2 injections, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and DTP - IPV (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, and Polio) vaccines. These are booster doses to ensure good levels of coverage against these life threatening diseases. These immunisations can now be given as early as 3.5 years of age.

From 1 July 2012, families need to have their children fully immunized or have an approved exemption to receive the Family Tax Benefit Part A end-of-year supplement.

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The supplement, worth \$726 per child each year, will now only be paid once a child is fully immunised at one, two and five years of age, or has an approved exemption. This means that over the three immunisation check points, families will have an incentive of more than \$2,100.

If your child still requires his/her immunisations please see your usual immunisation provider or alternatively you are welcome to make an appointment for our Tuesday / Thursday Grey Street Albany immunisation clinic. This is a free service, and appointments can be made by phoning 9842 7500.

If you have any questions relating to immunisation please do not hesitate to contact me on the phone number below or by email.

Anne Taylor

Public Health Nurse – Immunisations/Disease Control

Southern Country Health Service

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Three Year Old Programme - Wind-up

On Monday the Three Year Old Programme celebrated their first early learning year with a wind-up for parents, relatives and friends. Children were pleased to receive their work portfolio from Ms Curtin and then very proudly presented it to their parents to show them the exciting learning journey they have had. Thank you to Ms Curtin and Mrs Dallimore for co-ordinating the wind-up and portfolios.



Senior School News

“Acting Up”

Edith Cowan University is hoping to bring “Acting Up” to Albany in 2013. “Acting Up” is a dedicated week-long drama workshop with a difference that will inspire students, staff and families.

This will be an exciting and informative week of drama and acting studies for students in Years Ten to Twelve which will likely be scheduled for April 2013.

“Acting Up” offers a rich experience encompassing acting, improvisation, movement and voice studies as well as a great opportunity for students to meet and socialise with others from around the South West.

WAAPA’s acclaimed acting staff will be teaching and entertaining your students in classes which will be run in the mornings. In the afternoons the participants will work with experienced industry professionals to create their own performance piece. At the end of the week, the students will present their performances on stage in front of family and friends.

There will also be an information session run by ECU and WAAPA staff which will provide your students with an opportunity to ask questions about the WAAPA courses on offer at ECU and the realities of pursuing a career as an actor.

The drama workshops (Approximately \$600.00 pp), meals will be fully-funded by ECU and accommodation will be provided for regional students.

For any further information, please contact Jude Stringer at the College.

Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum