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Our Student Leaders 2017 – Congratulations!

Junior School

Head Councillors: Madison Le Cerf & Will Morcom

Deputy Head Councillors: Kadee Walker & Rubimai Ward

Councillors (Semester One): Year Six Blue: Jacinta Le Cerf and Pia Lee
Year Six Gold: Tanisha Reed & Matteo Simon
Principal’s Report

House Captains: Will Morcom & Kadee Walker (CUN), Gabriel Ang & Erika Porritt (DEV), Logan Lionetti & Brooke Clarke (MCC) & Harper O’Donnell & Dixie Wyatt (OZA)

Middle School

Student Councillors: Tayah Dallimore (Year 7B), Georgia Clark (7G) Noah Gibson Year 8 (300) & Asha Wiegele Year 8 (308)

Year 9 House Captains: Madison Dallimore (CUN), Flynn Turton (DEV), Ellie White (MCC) & James Franklin (OZA)

Senior School

Year 10 House Captains: John Tran (CUN), Abbie Tucknott (DEV), Chrisitian Valenton (MCC) & Laura McEwan (OZA)

Year 11 House Captains: Hamish Walker (CUN), Joe Alvin (DEV), Tess Shields (MCC) & Sophie Lynch (OZA)

Year 12 Prefects: Georgia Babun, Michael Bales, Maddison Hines, Tayla Jones, Zara Leusciatti & Mark Weldon

A Year Twelve student completes their ATAR exams usually for the sole purpose of gaining entry into a university. Given this intention, the Year Twelve class of 2016 was very successful; 63% of our students were offered their first preference and 94% were successful in gaining one of their preferences. These statistics were also pleasing given that less university places were available compared to previous years. Two VET students also used their Certificate courses to gain entry into university as well. Tamara Lowry was our College Dux at Presentation Night and achieved the highest ATAR score. Ashleigh Smith, Megan Winter and Tamara Lowry were awarded Certificates of Merit from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority for their conscientious achievements over Years Eleven and Twelve. Well done girls!

Partnerships between home and school take many forms. I am currently heartened by parents making appointments to discuss a range of topics in a calm and positive manner with staff or myself. There are a number of other ways that parents can be involved in the education process at St Joseph’s College. At the present time, names of parents willing to assist in the following programmes are sought:

- **Work Experience**
  A number of students need to complete work placements; usually one day per week.

- **School Based Traineeships**
  There are students seeking extra qualifications to complement their studies.

- **Mentoring**
  Our Year Ten students require a ‘mentor’ for one hour per week for two months. Share your experiences of TAFE, university, employment history or life in general with them.
If any parents from Three-Year-Olds to Year Twelve are willing to assist with any of the above, please phone the College Office with your details or speak to me.

At regular intervals a school needs to take the time to review its current practices and be prepared to implement change where needed. This year St Joseph’s College has engaged the services of two consultants to review our teaching and learning programme in Kindergarten to Year Three and in Years Seven to Nine.

Mrs Jan Flemming is an Early Childhood consultant at the Catholic Education Office. At the conclusion of last year, she spent four days at St Joseph’s College viewing teachers in the classroom and making suggestions of new ways to teach our youngest students. Mrs Flemming will return at the beginning of March to view the teachers implementing new strategies with their classes such as guided reading and providing additional feedback.

Mr Terry Boland is a private consultant who will meet with a number of key teachers in Years Seven to Nine. Mr Boland’s brief is to assist staff in identifying the key characteristics of a Middle School student and how these characteristics can be used to better engage our students in the teaching and learning programme. Mr Boland will work with staff over the course of the year.

Our first P&F Meeting for the new school year is this coming Tuesday 14 February at 6.00 pm in the Administration Block. All parents are welcome to attend. St Joseph’s College needs parents to be involved in the P&F so additional resources can be purchased for students and staff. This year there is scope for groups of parents to coordinate new fundraising projects so why not get a few friends together and do one fundraiser for the College! Please keep Friday 24 February free for the P&F Sundowner. This event will be held at the Junior School Undercover Area commencing at 5.00 pm. Further details will be sent home following the P&F Meeting on Tuesday night. All families from Three-Year-Olds to Year Twelve are warmly invited to this social gathering.

Thank you to all parents who have returned their child’s Emergency Form and ICT Form; just a few stragglers to come!

I greatly appreciate the large number of parents who attended the Year Five and Six Parent Information Sessions last night. Thank you to the staff for their informative presentations. I look forward to meeting a lot of parents next week from Pre-Primary, Year One, Year Two, Year Three, Year Four and Year Seven at their Parent Meetings.

May the coming week be one of positive experiences!

Mr Mark Browning
Principal
College Notices

Last week, the College had a visit from the Western Force Development Coaches. Students in Year Three and Six were lucky enough to participate in the Rugby Union coaching clinic. Students were taught some of the basic techniques involved in Rugby Union, including dodging and holding a strong body position. They were also reminded of the importance of good sportsmanship and participation.

The Albany Junior Rugby Club will be conducting skills training on Saturday mornings throughout Term One and hopes to hold informal scratch matches against Great Southern Grammar.

For more information, go to: www.albanyjuniorrugby.club

Junior School News

Parent Evenings

The Junior School Parent Information Evenings have commenced. It is important that at least one parent from each family attends the meeting as the teachers will provide important information regarding the running and structure of the class. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet any new families in the College and to take the time to introduce yourself to them. You may also have some general questions that Mr Browning, the classroom teachers and I will be able to answer for you. The meetings will be held in the classrooms.

Tuesday 14 February
Pre Primary: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
Year Two: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Year Four: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 16 February
Year One: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
Year Three: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Beach Fun Day

The Year One – Three Beach Fun Day will take place (weather permitting) on Friday 17 February. Please ensure that you return the permission slip to allow your child to attend and to participate in the planned activities.

Chaplain’s Corner continued

More so, love is best described by Paul and I quote “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1Cor 13:4-7”

Happy Valentine’s day to all.

Running Club

Tuesday afternoons from 3.20pm - 4.20pm on the College oval.

Saints Swim Club

Every Monday and Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm @ ALAC.

Information and Membership forms are located on the College website.

Canteen News

Next Tuesday’s special

Caesar Salad $4.00

Cos Lettuce, boiled eggs, bacon, croutons, shaved parmesan in Caesar dressing.
Secondary School has once again been a busy place as students settle in to their new timetables.

Parents and students are reminded to check on SEQTA Learn and Engage as timetables are sometimes subject to change.

Students have been positive in themselves and in their interactions with others which is great to see.

Events on the horizon include Parent Information Evenings for Year Seven and Year Eight. Look forward to seeing you there.

This week the whole College celebrated Mass. At the Mass we acknowledge our Year Twelve students as they begin the final journey of the secondary schooling. Students received their Year Twelve Badges; for the girls this was a badge symbolising the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition and St Emilie de Vialar and the boys received a badge representing Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers. These religious orders are the foundation stone of St Joseph’s College. We trust the spirit of the Sisters and Brothers lives on in our students.

Our College leaders from across the years were also acknowledged at this time. Being selected as a representative of your peers is indeed and honour and I know our students will warrant the faith that has been placed in them.

I congratulate both our Year Twelve students, our prefects, house captains and class representatives.

“Leadership and Learning are indispensable to each other” John F. Kennedy
Our playgroup is facilitated by an Aboriginal Playgroup leader and provides families with a safe and supportive environment where babies and children can have fun and learn though play.

**When:** TBA (during school term)

**Where:** St Joseph’s College, Ulster Road

**Ages:** Babies to 4 years

**Cost:** Free of Charge, morning tea is provided

For more information or to register please contact:

Taryn Colbung – 9844 0222
Community Notices

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Jen McRae and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on 98427567. I work Monday and Tuesdays during school term time.

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NARRIKUP NETBALL CLUB INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR SEASON 2017

TEAM SELECTION TRIALS:

Sunday 19th February & Sunday 26th February at ALAC
Thursday 16th February at Flinders Park Primary (new juniors/modified rules)

** Please contact us (email or facebook) to register your interest**

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME. We look forward to seeing you then!

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