Dear Parents and students,

Throughout this week our Parent Information Sessions commenced with a gathering in the Junior School Undercover Area. Mrs Mielens and I addressed a range of matters relevant for our whole College and our Protective Behaviours focus for 2018. At the conclusion of the presentation, parents were involved in class meetings that outlined routines and planned teaching and learning experiences for this year. There was a positive response to the meetings and I thank parents for taking the time to attend. Appreciation is also extended to the Junior School staff for their input.

Next week the Secondary Parent Information Sessions are scheduled. I look forward to many parents being in attendance as there are some changes this year particularly in relation to our Assessment Policy and examinations.

This morning the students and staff gathered for our Opening Mass; an opportunity that enabled time to ponder the year ahead and to seek God’s blessing on all that happens at St Joseph’s College in 2018. The students displayed an extremely high standard of reverence throughout the Liturgy and thank you to the readers, altar servers, choir and to Mrs Palfrey who organised our celebration. We are also appreciative of our celebrant Father Randolf, our College chaplain. Thank you to the parents and parishioners who were able to join us; your presence at our liturgical celebrations was greatly appreciated!

After Mass there was a presentation of badges to our College leaders for 2018. To be selected as a leader is a great honour and a privilege. I certainly believe the students of St Joseph’s College have chosen excellent leaders who will initiate and coordinate a number of activities over the year. I also believe their standard of behaviour and personal grooming will be exemplary to others.

Lenten Prayer: Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Amen.
Principal’s Report

Congratulations to:

Junior School
- Caris Fisher (Head Councillor)
- Lucas Maffei (Head Councillor)
- Cassandra Swarbrick (Deputy Head Councillor)
- Santino Pietropaolo (Deputy Head Councillor)

Secondary School
- Sophie Lynch (Head Prefect)
- Aidan Dallimore (Head Prefect)
- Keren Conlan (Prefect Religious Education)
- Alyssia Fiegert (Prefect Arts)
- Meleiha Spouse-Nastasi (Prefect Academia)
- Joe Alvin (Prefect Sport)

Next week is Ash Wednesday as we begin the preparation for Easter, the most significant celebration in the liturgical year of the Catholic Church. There will be a Whole School Mass in the Holy Family Church at 9.00 am and parents are welcome to attend. The period of forty days, not including Sundays before Easter, is known as Lent where adults and children take time to reflect on their lives and make appropriate changes that emulate the example of Jesus. On Fridays during Lent and Ash Wednesday, there will be no meat available from the canteen other than fish. All students in the College are asked not to bring meat for lunch on these days.

St Joseph’s College has students with a range of talents and three Junior School students have been selected in the Under 12s Albany Representative basketball team playing on the weekend of the 17th and 18th in The Country Championships. They also represented Albany in December at the State Championships. These three girls show commitment to their chosen sport and always display excellent sportsmanship; qualities that are valued at St Joseph’s College. Congratulations to Tatum Whalley, Caris Fisher and Charlotte Clayton.

Over the school holidays St Joseph’s College, along with all other Catholic schools in the state, moved to a new computer platform known as Leading Lights. This has been a major challenge with all computers in the College needing to be re-configured. Mr Dave Polette, our IT Manager, has overseen this task and has ensured all has gone as smoothly as possible. All students in Year Seven to Year Twelve must have their own computer device and should there be a problem in meeting this request please contact me.

I look forward to seeing many families at our Sundowner this evening.

Make a difference in the coming week and see St Joseph’s College flourish!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal
From the Head of Secondary

Parent Information Evenings
Information evenings will be held next week as per the following schedule:
Monday 12th February  Year Seven  5.30pm
Tuesday 13th February  Year Eight  5.30pm
Tuesday 13th February  Year Nine  6.15pm
Wednesday 14th February  Year Ten  5.30pm
Wednesday 14th February  Year Eleven  6.45pm

All meetings will take place in the Junior School Under-cover area. I look forward to catching up with you there. Remember if you have any specific questions you would like answered please send me a direct message or contact the College Administration Office.

Year Eight Immunisation
Last week students in Year Eight should have brought home a form in regard to Immunisation. Immunisation will take place on February 28th at the College. In order to organise the administration side of this event please ensure that the required permission forms are returned to the College Administration Office no later than the close of business on Friday 16th February.

Absences
Parents and guardians are reminded that it is a legal requirement for parents to supply a written note to explain student absences. It is appreciated that you phone the College but a follow up note or email is still required.

Christian Service
This year the College will implement a Christian Service programme. Although not compulsory, all students will be expected to participate. Christian Service allows students to grow from a Christian faith perspective as people of service and justice. Christian service gives students the opportunity to be challenged and to grow in their understanding that their faith is not just about their response to the love of God but in response to the second of Jesus’ greatest commandments “to love your neighbour as yourself”.

Students will receive a ‘log book’ shortly in which to record their service to others both in the College, at home, in the Parish and in the wider community. Example of service may include: Liturgical singing, altar service, assisting at College functions, coaching a local team, surf life-saving patrols to name but a few.

Students will be acknowledged at various steps along the way, depending on number of hours and type of service. It is also envisioned that students will be able to make application to receive a St Joseph’s College Service pin or badge.

More information on Christian Service will follow in future newsletters.

“*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others*”. Mahatma Gandhi
Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary
Year Eleven and Twelve “Hollywood Glamour” Ball
Saturday 17th March - Albany Surf Life Saving Club
6.30pm photos with Year Twelves and families
7.00pm ball commences

Purchase of tickets has been extended until Friday 16th February 2018.
Permission slips must be returned with payment.

Year Twelve Leavers Jackets
Please confirm all purchases for leavers jackets by Monday 12th February.
There are samples in Pastoral Care Office to try on for size.
If you have any issues please let Mrs Tompkin know ASAP.
Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Year Seven - Twelve Pastoral Care Coordinator

National Questacon Invention Convention 2018 - Canberra Experience
In October 2017 I attended a Questacon Invention Convention at South Regional TAFE in Albany. This was a STEM workshop for students between the ages of 14 to 17 and went for three days during the school holidays. We had to create a prototype to help stranded people in the bush survive. The materials we had to use were old circuits from electronic toys that we had to pull apart ourselves. During the week they told us about the National Questacon Invention Convention located in Canberra. The National Questacon Invention Convention is held every year in January and if you are selected you get flown to Canberra all expenses paid, for a week. To get in you must fill out an application form answering some questions and come up with an idea that you could turn into a prototype. Only 25 people out of Australia get chosen to fly to Canberra and I was fortunate enough to be one of them.

There were five people who were chosen from WA (Albany, Denmark and Collie). We flew as a group of unaccompanied minors from Albany to Perth and then from Perth to Canberra. When we got to Canberra it was around 10:00pm but our clocks were at 7:00pm, it was going to take a while to get used to the time difference. The WA group got to Canberra a day before the rest of the 25, so during that time we got to go sight-seeing with some of the Questacon staff. We went to the National Museum of Australia, the Royal Mint and the Botanic Gardens. We also drove past all the Embassies and we went to the Questacon centre at night. At Questacon there was a free fall slide which was fun and exciting. I was happy to meet new people and we were all there for the same thing, so everyone felt more comfortable about the environment they were in.

We listened to some guest speakers (Michaela Jade, Brad Tucker, Niklavs Rubenis and Matt Lee) who were really inspiring and could change the way you look at things. During the week we worked on our prototypes for ‘Future Earth’ in the Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre. This used to be the old Mint which is a listed Heritage site, so they can’t permanently change anything in the building, e.g. the marble walls and floors etc. This is where all the Questacon staff work. Our prototypes had to fit the criteria of helping to overcome major problems, mainly in the environment, in ‘Future Earth’. We had 10 hours of building time and a limited amount of materials. This helped us to test our limits and get better at problem solving and finding items that represent materials to get the idea across to people. We learnt a bit about coding, circuits and using Arduinos circuit board.
We also had a visit from IP Australia (a Federal Government organisation which deals with patents and trademarks) and they taught us all about copyright and how to protect our ideas. To help us with our ideas we listened to some conferences about electronics, designs, usability, workshop fabrication and microcontrollers. We had to practice pitching our ideas because we had a networking session during which we had to pitch our ideas to young entrepreneurs. We were given 50 business cards, a satchel with guides and booklets to give us ideas and help us along the way and information about the mentors and other delegates.

On Friday we had a visit from the Governor General and we got to take a selfie with him. The three Ambassadors were awarded a medal from the Governor General as the Queen’s Representative. That night we had to present our ideas to 150 people and we received a certificate, a Swiss Peak multi tool (pocket knife) and an eco-friendly lamp/head torch. Sadly, the week was coming to an end, most of the 25 delegates left on Saturday and we (the WA group) left on Sunday.

I never knew that learning could be so much fun!
Jade Walker - Year Nine

Community Notices

Dental Therapy Centre News
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre provides free dental examinations, oral care advice, preventative, restorative and emergency treatment for children from Pre Primary to Year Eleven. The clinic is staffed by Kayleen (Dental Nurse), Susanne (Dental Therapist), Jaqui (Dental Nurse) and Michelle (Dental Therapist).

Enrolment forms will soon be issued to your child if he/she has recently changed schools or enrolled in Pre Primary, please make sure these forms are returned before the end of Term 1 if you wish to use our service.

Parents of enrolled students are reminded to contact the centre to update your details if you have moved in the last few years. All appointments are posted home and many of these are returned to us due to incorrect addresses, this means that your child misses out on their dental visit. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be taken up by someone else. You can call us on 9841 3967, drop in or send us an email to spencerparkdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au.

To keep your child’s teeth healthy during this important stage of growth we recommend brushing twice a day, parents should always assist with one daily brush and use adult strength toothpaste providing children are spitting it out. Teeth should be brushed for a minimum of two minutes and children are encouraged NOT to rinse after brushing. We hope to see you all in here soon.

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation
For further information on 2018 and 2019 Leeuwin Voyages please click on the links below:

http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/VoyageApplicationForm_July17_FINAL.PDF
If you are:
Aged between 13-17
Able to march, camp and fly as a passenger
An Australian permanent resident
And have Parental permission,
You can join the Australian Air Force Cadets

Contact:
0422 780 092 or email co.705sqn@aafc.org.au

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**Capture Nature! Photography Competition and Exhibition**

South Coast Natural Resources Management helps people to protect and improve our natural resources. This includes our beaches, forests, farms, paddocks and natural heritage and agricultural land. You are invited to enter our photography competition showing the places and things that you want to make sure we have for our future.

**Competition open from**
Monday 5 February to Friday 16 March, 2018

**Exhibition Places and Dates:**
Sunday 25 March 2018
The Cannery Arts Centre
Merimbula 2548
Exhibition Hours:
10am - 4pm

For further information, please contact
Kathy Julea
Regional Manager - South Coast RRM
5014 132 141
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**ENTRY FORM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER!**

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Looking to play Netball this season?

SUNCORP NetSetGo: NetSetGo is a 10 week program held on Mondays from 4pm to 5pm at ALAC, starting Term 2 2018.
There are two programs - Skills/Activities for 5 to 7 year olds and Skills/Game Play for 8 to 10 year olds.
Registrations will open in March, and further details will be available on our website and facebook page closer to this time.

PLAYING FOR A TEAM:
If you would like to start playing in a team during the fixed season which runs over terms Two and Three, you will need to make contact and triall for a club.
Clubs hold triall at the start of Term One in February.
All club contact details are available on the ANA’s website ('Contact Details' on the Menu Bar).
Please also like our Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest news.
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