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

A well-known song 'Wind of Change' contains the following lyrics:

The future's in the air
I can feel it everywhere
Blowing with the wind of change

These lyrics currently sum up St Joseph's College. Over the past fortnight a number of parents have attended Parent Information Sessions and their support has been greatly appreciated. I value the number of parents and students that say good morning when on the College campus not only to me but to others in our community. I am enjoying having parents make positive suggestions about ways that St Joseph's College can become an even better community. I welcome these suggestions which will be given every consideration; bearing in mind some require time to implement and for others extra money will need to be found. As parents see positive change at St Joseph’s College please do take a few minutes to affirm the staff member.

Last Tuesday night was the first P&F Meeting for the year; my how things have changed! This was the best turn out of parents since I arrived at the school twelve months ago. There were a number of parents from both the Junior and Secondary
The Uniform Shop will be placing an order for Girl’s Trousers next week. These trousers are not held as stock and need to be pre-ordered and paid for. There is a sizing kit available for use during Uniform Shop opening hours. If you wish to place an order please get an Order Form from the Uniform Shop or the office and return with payment by 4pm Wednesday 22nd February. Girls sizes are $30 and Adult sizes are $35 each.

Aboriginal Play Group

If you have children or have family members that maybe interested in attending the Aboriginal Play group, please come along to the information session.

Date - Tuesday 7th March
Time - 10.30am - 11.30am
Where - St Josephs College, Ulster Road campus

Morning tea will be provided

Hope to see you there.

Principal’s Report

Schools present and the new faces were greatly appreciated! I hope even more parents will make an effort to attend the next meeting on Tuesday 14 March at 6.00 pm in the staffroom which is located via the College Office. This meeting will focus on the ‘wish list’ items recently submitted by staff. Currently the P&F has one position to fill on their Executive and that is the role of Secretary. Please do let me know if you are willing to fill this vacancy.

The P&F are having their first social event next Friday 24 February at 5.00 pm at the Junior School Undercover Area. The Sundowner is for all families from Three-Year-Olds to Year Twelve. The P&F will provide the sausages and rolls so for catering purposes please ensure the slip is returned to your child’s class/homeroom teacher or ring the College Office. Families need to bring a salad to share and their own drinks. If all in our community could make an effort to attend this event and further develop our sense of being a welcoming community.

This week Mr Terry Boland (private consultant) worked with a group of Middle School teachers. During this time, a review of St Joseph’s Middle School was completed and priorities were established aimed at improving student engagement. Mr Boland will continue this process next term with a further visit to St Joseph’s College.

There are a number of 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.

Our Year One to Year Three students had a wonderful time at Emu Point today for their annual Beach Fun Day. With lots of activities to complete, there was plenty of excitement evident along with great behaviour; well done kids!
Our students are very fortunate to have special days that seek to build teamwork and friendships. Thank you to Mrs Jefferis for coordinating the event and to class teachers for their assistance. A number of parents offered their time and once again this was greatly valued by students and staff.

Overall the vast majority of students from Year One to Year Twelve are wearing their uniform well. I thank parents for their on-going support in relation to this matter. A few reminders are:

- Long hair is to be tied back for both male and female students.
- A boy is required to wear his shirt tucked in unless playing on the courts or the oval. Please ensure the length of the shirt is such that it will remained tucked in when general movement occurs.
- Senior School boys must be clean shaven each day.
- The only jewellery to be worn in school uniform is a wrist watch, one pair of sleepers or studs and a metal necklace. No other body piercings are permitted. All other jewellery will be confiscated.
- Extremes of hair style are not accepted at St Joseph’s College. This includes shaving sections short and the wearing of dread locks. Using excessive hair gel to create a ‘grunge’ look is also not considered appropriate personal grooming.
- Hair may be dyed providing the entire head is one colour e.g. all black, brown or blonde. Streaks or patches of pink, green, purple, blonde etc are not to be worn.
- Students in Kindergarten to Year Twelve must wear a College wide brim hat or cap when playing outside at recess/lunchtime and during Physical Education lessons. Where no hat is present, a student will be required to remain on the veranda.
- Black leather lace up school shoes are to be worn. Black cloth sand shoes have never been acceptable.

May the coming week be one of many positive experiences!

Mr Mark Browning
Principal
Chaplain’s Corner continued

I attended an art class with the Junior School students. Their activity was to create a name tag with a colourful and beautiful design. In my reflection, it is the same thing in our journey in faith. To make a colourful and beautiful design of our being in relationship with our creator. A journey of art, of awe and wonder as the Divine Being constantly amazes us of His colourful mystery in the sacraments or daily life. The question is how courageous are we to stand out in our own colourful uniqueness to serve Him and begin a loving relationship with Him?

Canteen News

Tuesday’s special will be

Open Sandwich
$ 4.00

Turkish Bread, Spinach, Roasted Sweet Potato, Feta, Red Onion & Balsamic Glaze.

Junior School News

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Dear Parents of Year Five and Six ICT (Information and Communications Technology) classes,

On Friday an email was sent inviting you to join ‘Seesaw’, an online portfolio your child will be using in ICT classes this year.

Once you have responded you will be able to periodically see your child’s work and the progression of the skills being practised.

PLEASE enrol in SEESAW by either responding to the email or follow the written instructions sent home with your child this week.

For those parents who have already responded well done, there is nothing more you need to do. You can ignore the note.

Looking forward to sharing your child’s work with you.

Mrs Wiegele (Teacher Librarian)

Secondary School News

On Monday evening the College hosted a Parent Information Evening for parents and caregivers of Year Seven students. Thank you to those parents who attended; should you have any further follow-up questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

On Wednesday 22 February we will host an information evening for parent and caregivers of Year Eight students. This will take place in Ave Maria Chapel at the College commencing promptly at 7pm. The information session will focus not only on Year Eight but what lies beyond in Senior School years. I look forward to catching up with you there.

I am particularly looking forward to our Middle School and Senior School Inter– House Swimming Carnival on Thursday 23rd February. I remind parents and students that all students are expected to attend even those who are not great swimmers - come along and support your house and be involved in volunteering. Best wishes to all teams

Susan Alderman

Head of Secondary.
**Year Twelve Students**

Are you interested in pursuing a career in Medicine, Dental Science, Dentistry or Clinical Science?

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses need to sit the UMAT test on 26 July 2017. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. MedEntry offers discounts of 30% for groups, and numerous scholarships.

For more information, please visit www.MedEntry.edu.au and speak to Mrs Bennett.

**MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL INTER HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The sporting year starts Thursday 23rd February with the Middle and Senior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre. The carnival is set to run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and parents and supporters are invited to attend. The carnival is a combination of Championship swimming races to decide the Champions and Runners Up in each year group and fun based novelty events for the non-competitive swimmers. All races contribute to the overall House Championship Shield.

The students nominated for their races during House meetings last week. Some of the keener ones have been taking advantage of the start of Saints Swim Club training to hone their skills for the events with training sessions every Monday and Friday from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

The students are reminded that they are required to wear their College House sports uniform for the carnival. Should students choose to wear board shorts for their races they must change into them when the get to the Leisure Centre. Brief bikini bathers are not permitted.

The Physical Education staff would greatly appreciate the help of any parents who might be available to assist on the day. Please contact Mr Paul O’Donnell through the College Office if you are available to assist.

Thank you,

Paul O’Donnell

**MIDDLE AND SENIOR SCHOOL INTER HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - MESSAGE FROM THE PREFECTS**

At this year’s Swimming Carnival, a new event will be added to the programme, an 8x25m relay. The 2017 prefects are looking for eight willing parents to join in the fun of a Year Twelve students versus staff and parent’s teams. This is not a competitive event, so anyone can participate. We only have eight spots, so first in best dressed. Contact Mr O’Donnell if you are interested.
STEM Elective

This year, students in Year Seven and Eight are participating in a new course “STEM”. STEM is an Acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and is a bit of a buzzword in education at the moment.

The Australian Government has committed to restore the focus and increase student uptake of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects in primary and secondary schools across the country. The Innovation Agenda is about ensuring Australia’s young adults are equipped with the necessary skills for the economy of the future.

Our students have been working with the Engineering Design Process to achieve a variety of challenges. Initially they were tasked to make a boat - out of a single piece of aluminium foil - which would hold the most number of marbles. Students had to design their boat, make a prototype, test and refine their design and then apply their learning to making a boat from a different material.

The next challenge was to make a balloon powered car, which would travel 1.5 metres in a straight line. Among the hilarity and mess, important Engineering skills began to emerge, as well as Group Collaboration skills.

In the coming weeks, students will look at the Scientific Method, and compare it to the Engineering Design Process. Coding and computer programming are planned for later in the year.

Kirsten Hunter
Science Teacher

P&F Car Park Raffle

We will be Raffling off the P&F parking spot again, which the winner will get to use for the whole of Term Two! Tickets are $2 and go on sale with the Easter raffle tickets on Monday 20th March (near the staircase at the Cunningham block) The winner will be drawn Wednesday 5th April.

Thank you all for your support.
Kylie Leusciatti - President P&F

P& F SCHOLASTIC

Thank you to everyone who placed an order from the first catalogue of the year, we had a great response. The orders have been collated and sent through and should be received in the next two weeks. Remember that at any time you can go online and place an order using the LOOP system. There are two catalogues a term that you can order from, although we only run one through the College. All orders earn the school credits which go towards resources for the classrooms and Library.
Want to play hockey in 2017?
Come along and join the Lower Great Southern Hockey Association

Registration dates for all players are as follows:

Saturday, 25 February at Albany Leisure & Aquatic Centre. 11am – 3pm
(Part of the Multi-sport Registration Day)

Thursday, 2 March at Albany Hockey Turf Clubrooms. 4pm – 6pm

Challenging Behaviour
A WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

The Side by Side team from Developmental Disability WA are pleased to invite parents and family members to come along to this workshop and explore:

✓ Common myths about challenging behaviour.
✓ Why people behave in challenging ways.
✓ What is Positive Behaviour Support.
✓ Understanding each other (when challenging behaviour is in the way).
✓ What effective behaviour support plans look like.

This interactive workshop is being presented by Jaquie Mills and Bron Pike who have been working and living with challenging behaviour for many years and will share what they have learned so far about the ways of understanding and thinking about behaviour which are most likely to have lasting results.

Attendees will receive a FREE COPY of ‘What is your child’s Challenging Behaviour trying to tell you’.

9.30AM—2.30PM  FRIDAY 10 MARCH 2017
ALBANY
Healthy Bodies – for Families

FREE nutrition program for 5 – 12 year olds who are above a healthy weight

Sessions are held after school including:

- games and activities for children,
- interactive discussions for parents
- information on healthy foods, portion sizes, label reading, and effective ways to improve your child’s nutrition and physical activity.

Children must be accompanied by an adult family member/carer

Presented by a Dietitian, Physiotherapist & Allied Health Assistant from Population Health, Albany.

3 week program commences 14th March 2017 (Tuesday Week 7, Term 1)
All sessions are held 3:30pm-5:00pm at the Child Parent Centre in Mt Lockyer.
Bookings essential – please call 9892 2499