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

Performing to an audience is something that most people either love or hate. This past week there have been two wonderful opportunities where students who enjoy performing have demonstrated their talent to the school and wider communities.

Last weekend, the College production ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’ was performed at the Albany Town Hall. The actors were students from Years Five – Nine. From the moment I entered the building I was warmly greeted by students selling programmes or wanting to give me directions to my seat. Once the performance began, one could only be impressed by the students and how much time had gone into learning their lines and delivering them with confidence. This play was certainly challenging for the students but it was obvious that they had a lot of fun bringing it to fruition. Thank you to Mr Habal, Mrs Goodlad, Mr Long, Mr Benari and Father Randolf for the support and encouragement given to the students.

So much hard work and great energy went into preparing for and participating in the Primary Schools’ Music Festival. The students have been very excited in the leadup to the event and their singing was spectacular. When sitting at the Albany Entertainment Centre and the people behind you from another school comment ‘fantastic’ you know the students from St Joseph’s College have performed exceptionally well. I am certain there were many proud parents and relatives in the audience. The St Joseph’s Choir continues to go from strength to strength under the guidance of Mrs Findlay. Congratulations to the students on a stunning presentation!
A small cohort of senior Geography and History students from the College recently tested their history and geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia, in the 2017 Australian Geography and History Competitions. Over 100,000 students from hundreds of schools across Australia entered the Australian Geography and History Competitions, so the results give us an external benchmark as to how our students are going in certain aspects of Geography and History. These competitions aim to encourage student interest in Geography and History and to reward student excellence. A number of student Geographers and Historians at our school performed to a very high level in the competition this year. Year Ten Historians; George Ninte, Jared Wiegele, and Julia Walker each gained a Distinction, placing them in the top 20% in their year level across Australia and James Westle was placed in the top 10%, with a High Distinction. Year Twelve Geographer, Mark Weldon gained a High Distinction in the Geography Competition, placing him in the top 10% in his year level across Australia. Congratulations to these students and thank you to Mr Cole for coordinating this opportunity.

The Junior School students from Years Five and Six enjoyed the Multi-Sport Carnival at the North Road Complex. A beautiful day certainly enhanced the opportunity to play football, soccer and hockey. The Year Nine students assisted with the coaching and umpiring throughout the day. It was really lovely seeing them with the younger students, displaying such patience, enthusiasm and encouragement.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held from 5 - 10 December 2017. This event exists to:

- Provide a high quality formative and experiential opportunity for young Catholics to encounter Jesus Christ, in the context of the Catholic Church in Australia;
- Listen to and discuss the issues and challenges in the lives of young Catholics in Australia;
- Provide young people with local examples and connections of vocations, social action, liturgy and prayer, catholic music and catechesis.

There are nine students from St Joseph’s College attending this event with other young people from all around Australia. To assist these students to participate in this wonderful opportunity there will be a ‘Free Dress Day’ for a gold coin donation on Friday 22 September. Neat casual dress is expected to be worn by all students. Footwear must be enclosed shoes and the normal rules relating to long hair and jewellery still apply.

I would like to promote the P&F Meeting happening next Tuesday 12 September. This year meetings have been well attended and I hope as many parents as possible will again come along and be a part of the work our P&F does to support the school, our families and to build community. New ideas are always welcome! The meeting is held in the staffroom, which is located in the Administration Block, commencing at 6.00 pm.

In order to determine the number of staff (teaching and non-teaching) required for 2017, it is important to know if any students are not returning next year. Parents are required to give the College one term’s notice in writing if they are withdrawing their child(ren) from St Joseph’s. If a student is withdrawn without the proper notice, a full
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term’s fee will be charged. If a student is not returning for 2018, the last day to submit this information is Friday 22 September, 2017.

St Joseph’s College offers a Three-Year-Old Programme which caters for children who have turned three years of age but are not yet old enough to be in the Kindergarten Programme. At the present time I am interested in hearing the views of parents as to whether they would like the Three-Year-Old Programme to remain as two half days or one full day next year. For one full day, the students would commence at 8.40 am and conclude at 2.50 pm. This is purely canvassing our community at this stage to determine what suits families best. No decision to change days or times has been made. Please let me know your thoughts on this matter!

There are so many ‘good things’ happening in our school due to the efforts of so many people; seek to be one of those people in the coming week!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

College Notices

WA Schools Mountain Bike Championships

Last Thursday 13 students from Years Six—Ten travelled to Perth to contest the WA Schools’ Mountain Bike Championships. The team stayed at the School for Isolated and Distance Education in Leederville on Thursday night before heading to the event venue, the Goat Farm Mountain Bike Park in Greenmount on Friday morning. On arrival the team sorted their bikes before heading for a reconnaissance lap of the five kilometre course. The team were excited with the nature of the course which offered a variety of different challenges for competitors.

The first race was the Year Six to Eight students over two laps of the five kilometre course. There was a fast start with competitors vying for the best positions before the track narrowed. Jackson Poett was the first St Joseph’s competitor across the line in 8th position closely followed by Jack Thill in 10th and Harper O’Donnell in 11th. The team of Poett, O’Donnell and Olivia McEwan also won the Junior High Mixed team’s division.

The second race saw the Year Nine to Ten students compete over three laps of a six kilometre course. Conditions started to get more challenging as the rain had created a slippery track causing many competitors difficulty in some sections of the course. Lachlan Waldron, however, was having no such difficulties and flew around the track into second place. Laura McEwan also worked hard to finish second in the girls’ division. Lachlan, Laura and James Franklin partnered up to win the Middle High Mixed team’s division.

At the final presentations the students were delighted to be announced the third placed school overall. It was a dirty and muddy, but happy group who made their way back to Albany on Friday afternoon looking forward to a hot shower at home. Thank you very much to Mr Mitchell Poett who volunteered his time to join us on the trip.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Parish Notices

Second Meeting for PARENT - CHILD FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, 13th September, 6.30pm

To be held at St Joseph’s Church Aberdeen Street

Parent/s and their child who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this year are expected to attend.

We hope to see you all there.
William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream
2017 College Production

Directing a play may not be an easy task but seeing the students enjoying performing and developing their skills in acting is one of the reasons why I love doing it. This year’s College Production may be ambitious on my part as a director but I am really happy that we did this play and the actors and backstage crew accepted the challenge. Last Saturday 2 September, St Joseph’s Theatre Arts Guild performed William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream with matinee and evening shows. I am really proud of the guild members because despite their school work they still managed to memorise their lines and blocked time for the after school rehearsals since Term One. They did an amazing performance. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped us on and off the stage to make this performance successful, especially to my colleagues Julia Goodlad, Martin Long, Glyn Benari and Fr Randolf Subiaco. The club members are now looking forward to next year’s College production.

Mr Richard Habal - Director/ Drama Teacher

Below are random comments from the audience:

“The background/set/props were great visual spectacles.”

“The play was a good choice - very entertaining!”

“Music was great.”

“Was very entertaining. John Le and Seb Commons were particularly good. Seb’s animation and expression were great as was his voice projection. Sets were great and created the right atmosphere for the particular scenes.”

“There were a lot of lines to be learnt and for some of the students this was an excellent effort and shows what can be achieved when they are fully engaged in a learning task.”

“Well done on showcasing the abilities of all students. Big congratulations to Maria Saunders for her monologue - she was amazing.”

Secondary School News

From the Head of Secondary

This week we have seen a little bit of a slow-down in activities across the Middle and Senior Schools. I am sure this has been welcomed, by both staff and students as it has once again been a hectic term.

This week our Athletics Team travelled to our capital city to compete in the ACC Athletics Carnival. From all reports our team “did themselves proud”, with a few very good performances from individual students. No doubt we will hear more about that from Mr O’Donnell later.

Our Year Ten students participated in the final session of their Teen Mental Health Programme. This programme has given students the skills and confidence to recognise and help with mental health problems and crises in their friends and to get help off an adult quickly.
A big thank you to a group of our Year Nine students who assisted at the Albany and Districts Primary Schools Multi-Sport Carnival on Wednesday. This is an opportunity for our Year Nine leaders to step up to the fore in assisting our younger students in developing both their skill level and sportsmanship.

Students in both the Middle and Senior School have been busy with their academic studies over the past few weeks with assessments and tests to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. This is particularly so for our Year Twelve students as they are finalising their subjects and preparing for their mock examinations which will take place in the upcoming school holidays.

Parents are reminded to check SEQTA-Engage at least once a week so they can keep up-to-date with assessments and their child/ren’s achievements.

“Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement”.

Golda Meir (stateswoman, politician and fourth Prime Minister of Israel)

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

Secondary School News

Are you interested in studying engineering?
Our College is dedicated to education in engineering and technology. Like the universities, our Bachelor of Science degrees are accredited by the Australian government. Our qualifications are also recognised by a range of international authorising bodies such as the prestigious International Society of Automation in America.

We offer four BSc degrees: mechanical, electrical, industrial automation, and civil and structural engineering.

Our qualifications are all inspired by the real world of industry. We combine practical content and laboratories with a strong academic underpinning. Our lecturers and course designers are experienced engineers and academics to ensure our graduates are prepared for industry and a notable career in engineering.

We guarantee that our programs remain current in this world of rapidly changing technology.

Our learners have dedicated support because we are determined to give each student a valuable study experience and the greatest chance of success. Our small class sizes ensure personalised attention and assistance from our highly experienced academic and administrative staff.

Our campus is in beautiful East Perth, supported by a good network of public transport (including the free Cat buses) and is a short distance from the city centre.

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If you are looking for an alternative to University, or you did not get the ATAR score you needed to get into your chosen engineering program, we can assist you.

Please contact the Engineering Institute of Technology (EIT) by emailing Edwina Ross at edwina.ross@eit.edu.au or by phoning us on 9321 1702.

You can also visit us at www.eit.edu.au
Applications for our February 2018 intake are closing soon!

The University of Notre Dame
Course Advice Sessions
18-28 September | By appointment
Prospective Students Office, 23 High Street (ND23), Fremantle
Prospective students seeking course or application advice are invited to book a one-on-one appointment with a course advisors. This is a chance to go over Notre Dame’s undergraduate course options and the application process in depth.

Applications due 29 September
Undergraduate applications are due to the University by Friday 29 September. Although we will continue to accept applications after this date, those applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed to progress to the interview stage for admission into Semester 1, 2018.

The Admissions and Prospective Students Offices will be open until 7pm on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 of September.

ATAR Advice Day
Thursday 21 December | 9am-4pm
Admissions and Prospective Students Offices, 21-23 High Street (ND23), Fremantle
Our course advisors and Admissions Officers will be available to discuss applications, alternative pathways, and courses with your Year 12 students and their families once they receive their ATAR results. No RSVP necessary.

St Thomas More College (UWA)
Live on-campus at St Thomas More College at The University of Western Australia regardless of which university you are attending.

St Thomas More College (Tommy More) is a caring and respectful community where students feel supported while undertaking their university studies in Perth.

With the completion of a $48 million redevelopment, the College is now one of the largest and best equipped colleges in the country. Take a look for yourself on our website at www.stmc.uwa.edu.au. Follow the links on the website to check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

You can make enquiries on 9386 0111 or by emailing the College Registrar, Mel Carnachan, at m.carnachan@stmc.uwa.edu.au. Interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
Albany Basketball Association 2017-18

The Albany Basketball Association 2017-18 season is fast approaching. Now is a good time to start discussing and organising your teams for the new season.

Registration nights will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th September from 5.30pm - 7.30pm at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre (ALAC). More information is available on the ABA website.

Fees for the 2017-18 season will be:

- Juniors $115
- Seniors $145
- Team court costs will be $450 (15 weeks) for juniors and $480 (16 weeks) for A Grade men and women.

If a player is looking for a team for the 2017-18 season and cannot find one, the ABA has a ABA Wanted Facebook page where other players in the same situation can advertise or team teams looking for players may advertise.

This season the ABA has decided to trial Year Four competition on Saturday mornings from 10.30am.