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Teachers’ Prayer

Jesus, you were also known as, and called a teacher.

As a teacher, you performed miracles.

Although we do not have your qualifications, we know that being teachers has made a difference to many lives.

Bless us as we continue to encourage all with whom we come in contact.

For encouragement is but a pathway to life’s great miracles.

Amen

From the Principal

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For 2019, the status of the College Board in terms of membership is: Mrs Marina Pietropolo, Mrs Amanda Thompson, Ms Megan Diver, Mrs Gemma Larham, Mr Mike Trafalski, Mrs Jo Gilbert, Mrs Amanda Harris-Hawkins (P&F Representative), Mrs Janet ten Seldam (co-opted), Mrs Rachael Duffield (co-opted), Father Christian (Parish Priest) – ex-officio and Mr Mark Browning (Principal) – ex-officio. St Joseph’s College therefore has a Board at maximum capacity in terms of membership which is an extremely positive situation.

Next Friday (30 November) our Year Six students will celebrate their Graduation Mass at 9.00 am in the Holy Family Church. This is a very significant event for each student and I ask parents and family members to make a special effort to be present. Following the Mass there will be a morning tea for students and their families in Matheu Block.

There was a hive of activity across the College due to the Transition Morning in the Junior School and Orientation Day in the Secondary School. There are a number of new students joining our school next year and today they had the opportunity to meet their peers and some of our staff. Despite the lateness in the year, one could be forgiven for thinking it was the first day of the new school year with all the energy and enthusiasm that was present. Thank you to staff for organising the various activities for the students.

Below are several important dates for the 2019 school year:

- Monday 21 January  The College Office opens
- Thursday 31 January  Teaching staff return
- Monday 4 February  Pre-Primary to Year Twelve students commence
- Tuesday 5 February  Kindergarten students start
- Thursday 7 February  Three-Year-old students begin

At this late stage of the year I am still conducting school tours for families seeking enrolment of their child(ren). The overwhelming feedback I receive from these families is to do with how welcoming our students, staff and families are. My thanks to all who have made someone new feel accepted at St Joseph’s College.

Thank you to the families who have sent in items for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal; your generosity is greatly appreciated! Christmas is a very magical time especially for children, so I encourage any family yet to donate an item to please do so for all children in our region to enjoy this special day. Items particularly needed include Christmas puddings, Christmas cakes, Fruit mince pies, packets of custard, biscuits (all types), jellies, tinned fruit, canned meat, pasta, cool drink, general canned food and primary school items of stationery (pencils, coloured pencils, textas, rulers, sharpeners, pencil case etc). Food or Christmas items can be sent to the Junior School classrooms and Secondary Homerooms.

On Friday 7 December there will be a Thanksgiving Mass in the Holy Family Church commencing at 9.00 am. Following the Mass there will be a morning tea in the Junior School Undercover Area for any parent or family member who has assisted at the school in any way throughout 2018. The Junior School ‘Hey Hey It’s The Last Day’ will commence at 10.30 am. All parents and friends are encouraged to stay for the morning tea in between these two celebrations as the College thanks you for your thoughtfulness and assistance this year.

Thank you to all families who have settled their fee accounts or continue to make regular payments.
payments. Where families are experiencing difficulty in paying their fees – I ask you to make an appointment with me to discuss your situation, there is always a solution and we are committed to working with our families to ensure Catholic education remains affordable for all families in Albany. School Fee Accounts do need to be paid by Friday 30 November.

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 News

Multicultural Day 2018

A big thank you to all who supported us to make this year’s Multicultural Day successful. The food preparation and distribution would not have been possible without Mrs Palfrey’s organisation and Mrs Trahair and her Year Nine Home Economics students’ help, and also to our dear parent-volunteers like Mrs Pietropaolo, Mrs Trichilo and Mrs Oraliza who have been cooking for us for the past few years. Amazing performances also added to the celebration on this event. I would like to acknowledge Mr Dougherty’s Year Eight music students performance, Mr Habal’s Year Seven and Eight Drama extension students puppetry performance and, lastly, our Filipino students, namely Julianna Villanueva, Sophia Villanueva, Aerith David, Vanessa Hunter, Lyra Tagamacruz and Ayeisha Garcia who have rehearsed since the start of this term to have a wonderful Filipino dance presentation. We hope you all enjoyed the food and performances!

Mr Habal and Mrs Palfrey
Multicultural Day Coordinators

Coordinated Costumes
College News

St Joe’s WOW

(St Joseph’s Warriors on Waste)

Last Saturday 15 AMAZING children and their parents did another wonderful clean-up job at Emu Point, ridding the beach of many different types of plastics and general rubbish. In the big scheme of things our efforts may seem small, but it is “from little things, big things grow”. Our efforts will have a positive effect on the marine life at the beach. Throughout the Newsletter are some responses from the children about our efforts on cleaning the environment.

We look forward to next year to continue our mission of ridding our local beaches of as many plastics as we can. Remember, for EVERY piece of plastic we don’t use, we are helping our environment.

Lara— I feel kind of a little bit weird because people just drop things in the ocean and you could actually reuse them such as the tennis ball.

Bella— If you throw plastic out a little bit of plastic a seagull might get it and choke and die.

Tarkyn – people are so dumb because they chuck this stuff into the ocean and a shark could die.

Shylah – When people chuck the cigarettes in the water a shark could just eat it and they could die because of the toxins will kill them.

Flynn – People are weird because they don’t use their brains and put the rubbish in the bin.

Billy – I feel funny inside of my tummy because people throw rubbish on the ground and lots of animals get killed and if you chuck things on the floor cigarette but releases a chemical. Think before you chuck things away.

Melina – I actually feel quite sad because everyone is just chucking stuff in the ocean and it is just not good for our environment.

Smarkia - I feel bad that one girl left her hat because maybe the wind blew it off and she dropped.

Isla - I actually feel quite sad because people left their glasses and there is a perfectly good ball that has probably been left once or twice.

Polly - I feel bad because people just dropped their food on the ground and didn’t care about it.

Willow - I feel sad because they dropped the ball on the beach because .

Fergus – It is a waste of money throwing all of this stuff on the beach.

Keith - People don’t care about the environment because they just throw rubbish everywhere.

Jess – People are silly because they throw glass and hooks in the water.
St Joe’s WOW

Ava – I think it is terrible for all of the fish, because if it gets to high tide and the rubbish gets into the rocks, it could affect the fish and they do not deserve it. I feel upset that a lot of fish die, but we all got together and cleaned it up.

Reuben – A shark or a fish could think the car freshener is a jelly fish, and also in the bags and the cups little creatures could actually get their heads stuck in those bags and bottles.

Zack – I think it is bad for all of this rubbish to be in the ocean because lots of fish and sharks could die. All the rubbish could go down the stream and sit there and the sea creatures could swim into it and get stuck.

Ruby – I feel sad because all the rubbish might get out to the ocean and some of the fish could die.

Abigail – I feel sad because there are fishing lines and fishing hooks and they just throw it away, the fishing lines can get tangled in animals and the hook can damage creatures.

Heath – Good because collected all the rubbish from the beach in case animals could die.

Lewis – I feel sad that people are not caring for our environment.

Aaron – I feel bad that people just chuck the rubbish all over the place and then animals just think it is prey and eat it.

Carmon – The rubbish can get in the water and the sharks and the jelly fish could die.

Junior School News

Reading Buddies in the Library

The Junior School library was buzzing last week when Pre-Primary B and Year 6G visited and held a buddy reading session. The Year Six students helped the Pre-Primary students to choose their books, then found a spot in the library to read to each other. Judging by the excitement and the smiles on everyone’s faces it was a very enjoyable experience for all!

Mrs Strophair
**College News**

**Junior School Choir**

The Junior School Choir is performing with one hundred musicians, singers and dancers in the ACWE Family Christmas Concert. This is a gala variety performance that will be opening at the Entertainment Centre next weekend. Sunday afternoon was the Choir’s first chance to hear the pieces put together. The sound was incredible and everyone listening had goosebumps on their goosebumps. The Choir will be accompanied by a forty-five piece band as they sing and dance in two very special concerts that are selling out quickly.

Sue Findlay
Music Teacher

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**Junior School News**

**Junior School Choir**

Semester Two Performance Evening for Year Four Guitar Students, the Year Eight Music Class and Year Nine Music Elective Students

The Drama Room was packed out on Friday evening to see an enthusiastic collection of young musicians perform, some for the first time in public or in a group. Many students played more than one instrument over the evening as well as enthusiastically joining in the singing.

The Year Fours were by no means the (musical) lightweights of the evening and charmed friends, family and fellow students with their confident pieces.

The Year Eights and Nines showed that their diligent preparation was well worth the effort with smooth changeovers of musicians between songs and sets as well as, of course, plenty of smooth music.

Even the audience was encouraged to ‘perform’ by joining in with clapping and stamping of feet to a stirring rendition of Queen’s ‘We Will Rock You’ as a fitting finale.

Thanks to parents and students for coming out on a Friday night, I’m sure that you all enjoyed the occasion.

Steve Dougherty
Music Teacher

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**St Joe’s WOW**

Mikayla – I feel sad because all of the fish can die from the rubbish and they don’t get to live.

Isabelle – I feel sad because the fish don’t deserve to have rubbish in the ocean because you could see a fish with plastic wrapped around its neck when you go snorkeling and it could die.

Mason – My feelings right now are if I was at the beach I would tell everybody to put their rubbish in the bin right now because sea creatures can die. **SO DON’T LITTER!**

Charisma – I feel very sad that fish die from rubbish. So please STOP littering NOW!

Elsie – I feel bad that a turtle can eat all the small rubbish when they are a baby, if they eat that they could get really sick and die and won’t have a happy life.

Lewis – I don’t think any of the sea creatures deserve this, including the shark because the shark could pretty much eat all of this and get sick, including the hook.

Lachlan – **DON’T LITTER!** When you go to the beach next time, pick up all the rubbish you see and if you see a golf ball put it in the bin.

Mitchell – Don’t put stuff in the water or fish will eat it.

Archie – Don’t litter because if lots and lots of litter goes into the water and whales could eat it and get very, very sick. If some whales eat the fish and the fish have eaten a cigarette butt then once it is eaten it can get sick.
Secondary School News

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL LIST
November 5—November 30
- Christmas Puddings
- Christmas Cakes
- Fruit Mince Pies
- Fosters Packet Custard
- Savoury and Sweet Biscuits
- Jellies
- Tinned Fruit and Fruit Salad
- Canned Meals
- Packets of Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cool Drinks
- any general canned food.

Primary School items in preparation for the 2019 school year e.g.
- Pencils
- Textas
- Erasers
- Sharpeners
- Rulers etc..

College Notices

Homework Club and Tutorials - Secondary School

Homework Club and Tutorials are cancelled in the Secondary School for the remainder of the year.

2019 Student Leadership

Over the next couple of weeks current Year Seven to Ten students will nominate, deliver speeches (to their year group) and vote for their 2019 student leaders. Student leadership is a great way for students to improve their public speaking, build their confidence, become a fantastic listener and be a representative for their peers at the College. I like to believe that every single person is a leader in some way, but sometimes we do need a representative that individuals can go to if they need help or have a concern.

I will be talking to each of the year levels about student leadership for 2019, and look forward to encouraging students to step up and have a go!

Timelines for year groups are as follows:

- **Year Seven and Eight (Year Eight and Nine, 2019)**
  - Nominations are due 9am, Friday 30th November, 2018.
  - Student speeches will occur on Monday 3rd December, 2018.
  - Link to voting online will be sent via direct message at completion of speeches.

- **Year Nine (Year Ten, 2019)**
  - Nominations are due 9am, Monday 26th November, 2018.
  - Speeches and voting will occur on Year Nine Camp, next week.

- **Year Ten (Year Eleven, 2019)**
  - Nominations are due 9am, Tuesday 27th November, 2018.
  - Speeches will occur Friday 30th November.
  - Voting link will be direct messaged to students after 4pm that day.

Nomination forms can be collected from either the main administration office or Mrs Tompkin in the Pastoral Care Office.

All nomination forms are to be returned to the Pastoral Care office. Late nominations cannot be accepted.

Caroline Tompkin
Teacher
Year 7-12 Pastoral Care Coordinator

WELCOME!

Orientation Day
**St Joe’s WOW**

**Nigel** - I feel bad because fish might eat all of the litter, they might die or get sick.

**Willow** – Don’t litter because if you think about it and you were a poor little sea creature and you were surrounded by rubbish, would you like that at all. I feel very upset for the sea creatures when they swallow this rubbish.

**Katherine** – I feel bad when all of this rubbish is at the beach because if you were a little sea creature and you accidentally swam into a plastic bottle you may not be able to get back to your family.

**Parent and Friends News**

**Coles Sports for Schools Vouchers**

Just an update on all the great new sports gear the whole school will be able to use. Our Coles Sports for School vouchers were used for swim caps, ice packs, a new electronic sports gun & amplifier, elastics, cricket stumps, cricket gloves, basket balls, and a set of resistance bands. A set of pop goals was also donated to the St Joseph’s soccer club. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the vouchers so we can continue our efforts to support our students and our College.

Cath McCracken
P&F Committee

**Parish Notices**

**Calling all**

**Angels and Shepherds!**

Join us on Saturday,

1st December

for the 2018 Albany Christmas Pageant.

The Holy Family Parish together with St Joseph's College will have a Nativity Float in the pageant and would love you to join us.

*Please phone: Alex Plunckett on 0428 066034*

*or email Catherine Naughton if you are interested or need more details: catherine.naughton@cewa.edu.au.*
Wanslea Youth Camps

Wanslea is excited to announce we will be running 2 camps in the January school holidays for teenagers aged 13 - 17 years who live in the full time care of grandparents. The camps will be lots of fun with heaps of different activities for young people to try, including:

- Badminton
- Surfing lessons
- Kayaking
- Photography
- Film Making
- Music
- Bush survival skills
- Drama/Comedy
- Art
- Edding
- Ninja Sports

Please register your interest ASAP

These camps are FREE!

Transport to and from the camps will be provided. Places are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment. You can nominate which camp you would like to attend.

- License Myall Pine Cottages Camp, Myall 14 - 17 January 2019
- Camp Geelong, Albury 21 - 24 January 2019

If you are, or know of a young person who would like to attend please contact Camp Coordinator, Maddie McLeod on 0435 2841 or email mmcleod@wanslea.asn.au for further information and a registration form. Grandparents/grandchildren do not need to be connected to Wanslea to be eligible to attend.

These camps are part of the Wanslea Grandkids Research Project. The camps will be evaluated by Edith Cowan University.

* Please note: activities are not yet finalised and may vary between camps. If you have suggestions for activities please let Maddie know ASAP. We will do our best to incorporate suggestions.

Upcoming events at The University of Notre Dame

Twilight Tours
22 November & 6 December, 6.00pm

Ever wondered about the history of Freo’s West End? Explore our town university on a personalised twilight tour. You can find out about the secrets of times past and discover our historic buildings which are now home to Australia’s #1 university for quality of educational experience.

1-on-1 Advice Sessions
26 November to 6 December

Considering your uni options but unsure of the right degree for you? Meet 1-on-1 with our advisors, who can introduce you to a range of programs, pathways and study options that align with your strengths and interests.

Register today at www.notredame.edu.au/events
For further information, contact Notre Dame on future@nd.edu.au or 9433 0533
Community Notices

Uniform Shop

Extra Opening Hours—2018/2019

All Families

Tuesday 11 December
8.15am - 10.00am

Wednesday 12 December
2.00pm - 4.00pm

January 2019

Tuesday 29 January 2019
8.30am - 12 noon, 12.30pm - 3.30pm
4.00pm - 6.00pm (EFTPOS Only)

Saturday 2 February 2019
9.00am - 1.30pm (EFTPOS Only)

Appointments Only

Appointments Only: For newly enrolled students and 2018 Pre-Primary students who are entering Year One in 2019

December 2018 Appointments

Monday 10: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Tuesday 11: 10.00am - 3.45pm
Wednesday 12: 8.30am - 1.00pm
Thursday 13: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Friday 14: 8.30am - 11.30am

January 2019 Appointments

Monday 7: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Tuesday 8: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Wednesday 9: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Monday 14: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Tuesday 15: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Wednesday 16: 8.30am - 3.45pm
Thursday 17: 8.30am - 3.45pm