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- being caring and considerate towards their teachers and peers,
- being punctual to school each day and to their classes.

From the Principal

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Dear Heavenly Father,

We come to you with thankful hearts for all those near and dear to us who are graduating from St Joseph’s College. We thank you for giving each graduate the talents, abilities and self-discipline required for this wonderful accomplishment. We are grateful to You for providing the teachers who have taught them, nurtured them and challenged them along the way.

Now that their minds have been well equipped with the basic knowledge of many different subjects, we pray that their hearts and spirits will also be well equipped for successful living. Add heavenly wisdom and discernment to their knowledge. Infuse their ambitions and dreams with Your love. Help them to desire Your good way for their future. Remind them that you are only a prayer away when they meet obstacles, heartbreaks and challenges. May they always be courageous enough to ask for help, advice and support when they need it. May they never needlessly suffer alone without reaching out to You and to others who care.

As they become independent adults, help them learn the secret of dependence on You. Give them a desire to know more about You. May they find you in the Scriptures, in the gathering of Your people, in the beauty of Your creation and in the strength of their youth.

For those preparing to write exams, may You be with them during this time. May Your blessings be theirs as they begin a new life full of joy and promise.

Amen

Important Dates Coming Up

WEEK 3

Sat 21 October
- Family Mass, 6.00pm HFC

Mon 23 October
- Youth Literature Day (Yr 9 - 12) @ GSG, 9am - 2.30pm

Tues 24 October
- Young Writers’ Day (Yr 6 - 8) @ GSG, 9am - 2.30pm
- Presentation Night - Year 7 - 12, 7.00pm, College Gymnasium
- Yr 8 - 10 Great Southern Inter-School Basketball Carnival

Wed 25 October
- Yr 6 Liturgy, 9am

Sat 28 October
- JS Choir “Sing for Watoto” Concert, 7.30pm, Free Reformed Church, North Road
being properly prepared for class and up to date with their school commitments,
seeking assistance from their teachers when necessary,
wearing their uniform with pride,
being positively involved in the various aspects of College life as a ‘participant’ rather than a ‘spectator’!

This week we recognised the milestone of Year Twelve as students finish their College life. The expectations, goals, dreams and aspirations of the future will ultimately start to bear fruit in the weeks and months ahead. Finishing school and the transition to the responsibility of individual careers, study and the civic and family responsibilities that lie ahead is an important step. As a College, our hope is that we have created the space for students to grow as people of faith and to become deep learners. Inherent in this aspiration are the tools and the skills to navigate the adult world. Skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and resilience, to name but a few, are what will be needed to be successful in individual pathways.

Unless parents have a child who has completed Year Twelve or currently in Year Twelve, they are often unaware of what is required in this final year of school. Below are the requirements from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority for official graduation to be achieved:

- Demonstration of a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy which means Band 8 or higher on Year Nine NAPLAN or passing OLNA testing in Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve.

- completion of at least 20 units (or equivalents) including:
  - a minimum of 10 Year 12 units
  - at least one pair of units from a Year 12 List A course and one pair of units from a Year 12 List B course
  - a minimum of four Year 12 ATAR courses including the external examination, i.e. be eligible for an ATAR, or a Certificate II or higher
  - two Year 11 English units and a pair of Year 12 English units

- achievement of a minimum of 14 C grades in Year 11 and 12 units including at least 6 C grades in Year 12 units (or equivalents).

For the final day at St Joseph’s College our Year Twelve students enjoyed a banquet breakfast, signing mementos for each other, a rehearsal for the Graduation Mass and a light hearted game of ‘Big Base’ Softball against their teachers. In the evening, the Graduation Mass was celebrated with a beautiful liturgy and a supper was provided by the Year Eleven families. This final day involved considerable organisation so thank you to Mrs Tompkin, Mrs
Trahair, Mrs Bennett and their staff helpers for a series of activities that were a fitting send off for our Graduating Class.

As one class leaves, the next group prepare to assume leadership for 2018. I spent all day on Tuesday interviewing twelve Year Eleven students who have nominated for a Prefect position in 2018. The standard of candidates was exceptional and it was a joy to hear their thoughts on St Joseph’s College and possible ways to make our school community even better. Thank you to: Hamish Walker, Tess Shields, Amelia Theodore, Sophie Lynch, Meleiha Spouse-Nastasi, Anusha Francis, Alyssa Fiegert, Kaitlyn Dickson, Keren Conlan, Aidan Dallimore, Jordy Morcom and Joe Alvin.

With the celebration of becoming a Prefect, which will be announced at Presentation Night next Tuesday, disappointment comes for those who nominated but were not successful. All students who nominated are congratulated for having the courage to put their names forward, deliver speeches and be interviewed. The Student Leadership will certainly be represented by a very strong and enthusiastic group of students next year.

One of the key skills for a student to learn is how to be reflective on their learning. This can be greatly enhanced by parents using some of the questions below to help support and guide a reflective conversation:

- In what ways do you think you need to improve?
- What problems did you encounter while you were working on this piece? How did you solve them?
- How do you feel about this piece of work? What parts of it do you particularly like? Dislike? Why?
- What were your goals in meeting completion of this piece of work?
- What does this piece reveal about you as a learner?
- If you were the teacher, what comments would you make about this piece?
- One thing you would like to improve upon is...
- What would you change if you had a chance to do this piece over again?
- What are some of the things you might want more help with?

In Term Four St Joseph’s College enforces our Sun Smart Policy. Students are not allowed on the Oval, the Courts or other open spaces without wearing a College hat. College hats and caps are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop. We hope that through this simple measure, our students will come to appreciate the importance of covering up when in the sun and that parents will also support this message at home.
Thank you to all families who have settled their fee accounts, or continue to make regular 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 that their children experience continuity of education.

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. In 2018 the programme will be delivered as one full day instead of two half days, although parents may choose one half day if they believe their child is not ready for a longer time at school. It is important that enrolment applications are lodged ASAP.

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
Talented Young Writers’ Programme for 2017 Term Four

A reminder to the students who are enrolled in the Talented Young Writers’ Programme for 2017, your last workshop is coming up.

Venue: Great Southern Grammar School (Library)
Author: Julia Lawrinson
Date: Years Nine - Twelve, Monday 23 October
Years Six - Eight, Tuesday 24 October

Information was mailed home to participants last year, however if you should need this information again please Direct Message me or see Mr Habal in Room 300 or in the Drama Room.

Mr Richard Habal - English Teacher

Running Club

Running club continues this term for those students keen to get extra training in for the end of year Athletics carnivals or develop general fitness. There will be a focus on track based running this term. Running Club is open to all Year Three - Twelve students and is held on Tuesday afternoons from 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Please change into comfortable clothes for running, bring a water bottle and meet Mr O’Donnell or Mr Scarterfield at the front of the gym for 3.20pm start.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Junior School News

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons start for our Pre Primary to Year Four classes on Monday. A couple of reminders:

- Students in Pre Primary to Year Four are to wear their Sport uniform each day for the next two weeks.
- Students are to wear their bathers under their uniform.
- Please ensure that your child’s belongings have their name on them.
- Students need to bring thongs or slip on shoes to wear to and from the pool.

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School
From Senior School Pastoral Care

We have had a busy start to the final term of 2017 in Senior school.

Last Friday night the Senior School leaders organised an 80's disco to say a final farewell to the Year Twelve students. The night would not have been possible without DJ's Jo and Sophie, who set the tone with songs that were pure blasts from the past, straight off cassettes some may have had the joy of owning in our youth.

Thank you to all the staff who helped out AND to the parents who let their children raid their wardrobe for the night!

Some costumes were the perfect flash back to the 1980's, which made the night even more fun.

Best costumes were: Callum Redshaw and Zara Leusciatti
Best dancer: Sean Orpwood

Farewell Year Twelve Students

Wednesday was the final day for the Year Twelve cohort. The day started with a special breakfast in the undercroft. It was a huge effort and a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Palmer, Mr Long, a small group of Year Ten students and the amazing Mrs Trahair who was the perfect coordinator. She had us cutting, cooking and preparing food, for the amazing spread of breakfast snacks the Year Twelve students had the pleasure of enjoying.

The students were in awe at the spread that was presented to them and memories and laughter were discussed as students reminisced on their years at school together.

Twelve o'clock is when the fun began!

Due to the weather, the big base softball was moved to the gym, but this didn't dampen the students' spirits, nor the teachers competitiveness. Miss van Hulssen was an awesome umpire who ensured all rules were adhered to and students didn't remove bases outside! There may have been some 'holding the man' tactics used by some, but it didn't matter. Cheering for students and staff was the order of the day from spectators, and some cheeky rule bending to ensure home base was reached.

Who won?? I'm not sure if anyone actually kept score, but I think all can agree the game was a huge success and a brilliant way to farewell high school!

Finally, we celebrated the Graduation Mass in the Church on Wednesday evening. This was a truly lovely celebration organised by Mrs Bennett. Students reflected on their years here at St Joseph's College and as a cohort, gathered together one final time at Holy Family Church.
We wish the Year Twelves all the best for their futures. Whatever they do, it will be bright, as they sure are a group of shining stars.

Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Acting Senior School Pastoral Care Coordinator

Saints Swim Club

Saints Swim Club’s annual Lap-a-thon will be held on Monday, 27th November and swimmers are reminded to attend at least three squad sessions to be eligible to participate. More information will be provided leading up to the event.

Mrs Sam Jones - Saints Swim Club

Community Notices

The Regional Athlete Travel Subsidy Scheme

The Athlete Travel Subsidy Scheme (ATSS) assists talented regional athletes with out-of-pocket travel and accommodation costs associated with competing at regional, state and national championships or events that fall within the performance pathway controlled by the recognised SSA / NSO.

Regional athletes apply online through the Department of Sport and Recreation website for Round 1 of 2017/18 from Monday 16 October 2017 to Friday 17 November 2017 for eligible events with start dates from 15 May 2017 to 15 December 2017.

The link to our website is http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/funding/individuals/athlete-travel-subsidy-scheme

Please note that Category 2 (national squad attending national team selection events) is no longer eligible for subsidy support.

Please refer to the Department’s website for further details, the Guidelines and sport specific pathway mapping documents to assist you understanding which of your sport’s squads/events are eligible.

Please circulate this email throughout your network to ensure that regional athletes are aware this funding is available.

This information is also accessible to view through a link on our facebook page Sport and Recreation, Great Southern.

Please direct enquiries to the Sport and Recreation - Great Southern Office on 9892 0100 or contact the dedicated ATSS enquiry email: travelsubsidy@dlgsc.wa.gov.au
Community Notices

Sing for Watoto

A night of music for the whole family

presented by About FACE

Directed by Sue Findlay

special guests St Joseph’s Junior School Choir

All proceeds support the Watoto Children’s Refuge, Uganda

October 28  7.30 pm Free Reformed Church North Road

$20 Adults  $10 Children under 17

$55 Family (2 adults / 2 or more chdn)

Tickets available Uptown Music, at the door & online at www.aboutfacechoir.com

The Arrival

Albany Entertainment Centre

Wednesday 15 Nov 17

10.30am & 6.30pm

Adapted from the award winning book by Shaun Tan

Spare Parts Puppet Theatre’s most visually stunning and emotional production

If you only take your child to one play... make sure it’s The Arrival

The West Australian

ALBANY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

10.30am & 6.30pm

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St Joseph’s College P & F

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St Joseph’s College Parent’s & Friends Association

Nomination Form 2018

The P & F is a positive way for all parents/guardians to become involved within the College Community and make a difference to student learning and participation. We rely on volunteers throughout the year to continue the great work that is done. We are asking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to put up their hand and join the committee. Please circle your areas of interest. For further information, please contact Kylie Leusciatti (College Office have contact details)

The AGM is on Tuesday 21st November 2017 along with the College Board AGM at 7.00 pm

PRESIDENT  VICE PRESIDENT  SECRETARY
TREASURER  P&F BOARD REPRESENTATIVE  COMMITTEE MEMBER
PARISH LIAISON  FAITH DEVELOPMENT  SCHOLASTIC BOOKS/FAIR

HOSPITALITY – HELP WITH SOCIAL EVENTS, FAMILY MASS + MORE
EASTER RAFFLE COORDINATOR OR HELPER  CAR PARK RAFFLE COORDINATOR OR HELPER
JUNIOR SCHOOL DISCO COORDINATOR OR HELPER
CLASS REPRESENTATIVE - (KINDY – YR 12 INCLUSIVE)

YR ____________________________

Attention: St Joseph’s College P & F Association
Please return the nomination form to the College Office by Monday 20 November 2017.

☐ I will be attending the AGM  ☐ I am unable to attend the AGM

Name: ___________________________________________  Phone: ___________________________

Child’s Name and Class: ___________________________  Email: ___________________________