



St Joseph's College Newsletter

6 November 2009

Term 4 - Week 4

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

Mon 9 Nov

- Yrs 8-10 Football

Tues 10 Nov

- Inter-house Athletics
(Field events) (Yrs 4-6)

Thurs 12 Nov

- Inter-House Athletics
(Track events) (Yrs 1-6)
- Sacrament of
Reconciliation 6.30pm
HFC

Fri 13 Nov

- Pupil Free Day
Albany Show Day

Mon 16 Nov

- Yr 11 Study Day
- Yr 9 Special
Programme

Tues 17 Nov

- P&F Meeting 7pm
Conference Room

General Information

- **Uniform Shop**
Open every Tuesday
8.15am - 9.15am and
2.30pm - 4.30pm
- **Absentee Phone Line**
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- **Principal**
Mr Bradley Hall
- **Head of Middle and
Senior Schools**
Mr John Bova
- **Head of Junior School**
Mr Mike Watson



Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our nation. Teach us to respect all cultures.

Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged.

Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit.

May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families, our communities and our nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Last week we concluded the Mentoring Pilot programme, run in Year Ten for a little over a Term. This programme, funded by the Federal Government, through the local Great Southern Employment Development Committee, has been very successful (full details in an article in this Newsletter).

I would like to publicly acknowledge the mentors, who took time out from their work and businesses to mentor our students. Thanks also to Mrs Rumeena Wood, who co-ordinated the school end very smoothly. We hope the programme can continue into 2010, for all of our new Year Ten students.

Special thanks to College Staff who assisted with the Parish farewell to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition held last Sunday. A lovely Eucharist was followed by lunch in the College Gymnasium and I can report the Sisters, though sad to farewell us, enjoyed the occasion very much.

Good luck to our Junior School Athletes for their House Athletics Carnival next week.

Mr Bradley Hall - Principal

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COLLEGE NOTICES

Years 8 - 10 Football

The Years Eight - Ten Football team will play its final match in the series against the Great Southern Football Academy next Monday as an away game at North Albany Senior High School. The game will commence at approximately 3.45pm and conclude by 5.00pm with players returning to school by 5.15pm. With the last game being a solid win to the Academy side, St Joseph's will have to have a solid win next week to take a percentage win to claim the inaugural shield.

Years 8 - 10 Inter-School Athletics Carnival

The Inter-School Athletics Carnival takes place in week six on Thursday 19 November. Selections for this event are based on the results from last Term's Inter-House Athletics carnival and will be announced to the students next week. St Joseph's College are in the B-Division against Bethel Christian School, Katanning Senior High School and Denmark High School.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Years 8 - 10 Boys Basketball

The St Joseph's College boys B Division Basketball got off to a great start easily beating Albany Senior High School in the first game of this week's Inter-School competition. Bronson Leo kicked the game off with some great turn-around jump shots. Tom Palfrey assisted, driving the ball solidly all day and chipping in with the odd three-pointer while Jacob Crowe also hit some great outside shots. The game against Katanning really tested the boys abilities but Jack Horrocks stood tall, taking a huge hanger which he is usually known for in Football. Whilst this one unfortunately resulted in a foul it was still the highlight of the day. Mason Bassett also contributed with some great shots and steals proving to be very valuable throughout the whole day. Ryan Nabilon was Mr Peter Bassett's (Coach) secret weapon in defence, stealing the ball on regular occasions. Travis Hunter made some good movement to the hoop getting a few good baskets.

Over the whole day, St Joseph's remained undefeated to take the B-Division title with ease. Jack Horrocks was awarded the Most Valuable Player award. The players would like to thank Mr Peter Bassett for coaching the team, Mr O'Donnell for co-ordinating the event and Daniel Rajewski who was the referee for the boy's team.

Travis Hunter - Year 10 Student

COLLEGE NOTICES

2009 Wheelchair for Kids Fun Run

Congratulations to the following students who raised the highest amount of money in either the College or their respective sub-school. In each case, each student raised enough money, individually, to purchase at least one wheel chair. A fantastic effort! Finally, a special thanks to Mr Ron Siemiginowski and the team at Orana Cinemas for supporting the College with the prizes. All prizes will be awarded at the student's school assemblies.

Mr Mike Crow and the College Fun Run Team

Section	Name	Amount Raised
College	Ashley Wilson	\$201
Junior	Evelyn Weldon	\$131
Middle	Travis Fage	\$125
Senior	Sarah Tagliaferri	\$200

Action! Action! Action!

It has been a hive of activity on the building site this week.

A large front end loader, with a shovel crane attached, has been busy digging up the old concrete pipes, from the storm water drain, to make way for new heavy duty plastic ones.

On Monday, four cement mixers arrived. The builders, with wheelbarrows at the ready, collected the concrete as it was poured down a chute from the mixer. They tipped it over the meshing and levelled it off. We now have the first stage of the foundations for the Early Learning Centre.

Brendan Kay - Year 12



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

2010 Year Twelve students, Kiersten Fage and Carly Annison are studying Music with the Australian Music Examination Board. Kiersten is currently studying fourth grade cello, sixth grade piano and fifth grade theory and will complete her examination in 2010. Carly plays the violin and she will complete her examinations in seventh grade violin and fourth grade theory at the end of next year. Both students are studying five WACE courses and their sixth course will be their Endorsed Programme, a very demanding music programme for both girls.



Carly and Kiersten are gifted and talented musicians whose performances at formal College functions, liturgies, masses and at Lyrical Lounge are enjoyed by all. This timetable flexibility allows them to continue with their love of music while completing the demands of a challenging university entrance course. This opportunity also supports their plans to study music at a tertiary level.

The College encourages students to take the opportunity to include recognised Endorsed Programmes as part of their WACE achievements. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jude Stringer at the College.
Ms Jude Stringer - Head of Curriculum

Year Ten and Eleven Examinations

All students in Years Ten and Eleven have received a copy of the Semester Two Examinations. The timetables for each year group are as follows:

Year 11: Tuesday 17 November – Thursday 26 November

Year 10: Monday 23 November – Friday 27 November

Parents and guardians are encouraged to support their child through their examinations as this can be challenging for some students. Teachers will continue to offer support and assistance to any student who needs that little bit extra. Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any concerns relating to the examinations.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Parents and guardians are reminded that the College must be notified of any absences from examinations and a medical certificate must be provided to avoid any penalties.

We wish all students success with their examinations.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Jude Stringer if you have any queries.

Farewell to our Mentors

For the past twelve weeks of the Second Semester, two class groups of Year Ten 'Careers in Action' took part in the Federal Government Pilot program *Mentors for Our Students*. It was a trial program designed to provide students with the chance to meet with wiser, more experienced individuals from a range of professional and para-professional industries within the Albany region. The mentors themselves were from a variety of industries and have had many different working experiences. We were all matched with mentors who had similar careers to that of our interests.

The first session was an introduction in which Mr Ray Closesel of the Great Southern Employment Development Committee of Albany briefed us with the agenda for the course of the programme. We were then introduced to our mentors and informed of each of their careers and personal qualities to begin the process of building trust with our mentors. Through the following weeks, groups of two to three students were allocated a mentor who became our coach for the length of the programme.

We then began to understand that they had given up their personal and professional time to help us develop skills that we can use in our own careers. We furthered our skills in addressing possible employment issues such as interviews, resume writing and cover letters, as well as workplace communication and relationships. We found the discussions with our mentors useful in not only workplace issues but also in everyday society. In workbooks we completed a range of helpful questions which added to our knowledge of dislikes and likes for future careers. We could then talk to our mentor, who could give us added help from a perspective of someone out there in the workforce, whose industry we might be interested in.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The general vibe among the students is that we have received some valuable advice and guidance as well as the much needed confidence to go out into the workforce and achieve our goals as well as fulfil our dreams.

As this was a Pilot programme, the federal government evaluated our progress through the course of the programme as we were one of the sample schools from across the state who participated. We were often asked to give our opinion of the programme and the general feeling from the students was that it was a worthwhile experience.

We thank our teacher, Mr Colgate for facilitating the programme and Mrs Wood for coordinating the programme from the College front. Our gratitude is extended to Mr Ray Closel, Great Southern Employment Development Committee Co-ordinator for the programme as well as all our mentors for their commitment and contribution to this programme to enrich our personal development.

Emily Barnes – Year Ten



Inter-School Basketball Tournament

On 2 November, two teams made up of Years Eight - Ten students made their way to the Albany Leisure and Aquatic centre to participate in the Great Southern Inter-School Basketball Tournament. The girls team had their first game against Albany Senior High School and started convincingly with a goal in the first 5 seconds. That set the tone for the rest of the game with each girl contributing to the thorough beating, 18-6. Each player played a part in the victories our team experienced, with Eilish giving an all round effort, Katie and Jacinta being strong in defence, Chloe and Koby showing promise for future years, Erin magnificent under the ring and Kiara using her majestic height and skill to our better advantage. With such a stunning team like this, it was inevitable that we would win our division, which we did.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

We would like to thank Mr Colgate for “inspiring” us to greater heights and for Mr O'Donnell for organising the day for us. It was a stellar day for St Joseph's basketball.

Mia Page and Kiara Atkins - Year 10

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Wine and Cheese Night

27 November 2009

6.00pm - College Gymnasium

Wine tasting from various wineries,
Wide selection of nibbles, Souvenir wine glass,
Door prizes & auction
All for \$15 per ticket

Phone: Sharon Berg 0400 742 766

Nicole Hueppauff 0419 853 753

Bring a group of friends or take this opportunity to make a few more friends. This is a social evening and we would like everyone to enjoy themselves.

P&F AGM

The Parents and Friends Committee will hold their AGM on 23 November at 7.00pm following the College Board Meeting in the College Chapel. Please find attached to this week's newsletter a flyer detailing more information.

Mrs Chris Annison – President P&F

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the P & F Committee will be held on Tuesday 17 November in the Conference Room at 7.00pm. All welcome!

INVITATION

To all interested parishioners

To the Presentation to the Parish by the Parishioners who travelled to Tanzania with Fr Msami recently.

A Group Presentation will include a video, photos on screen and the recounting of some memorable personal observations and experiences in the Villages of the orphans that we sponsor.

Sunday, 15 November 2009

Holy Family Church

Commencing at 2.00pm

Afternoon Tea will be provided - See you there!

COLLEGE NOTICES

P&F Annual General Meeting and the College Community Board Meeting

Monday 23 November 2009

Commencing at 7.00pm
in the
College Ave Maria Chapel

A light supper will be provided afterwards

Nomination Forms are available from
The College Office for both
The P&F Committee and
the College Board for 2010

Saints Swim Club News

Saints Swim Club members have been put through their paces at training lately, ensuring that they are well and truly prepared for the upcoming Lap-a-thon on Friday, 4 December. Well done to the many eager faces showing up each week to finish the year so strongly!

The proceeds for the Lap-a-thon will be donated to St Vincent De Paul. To kick-start this worthy fundraiser, the Saints Swim Club will be running the drinks van at our Junior School Athletics Day next Thursday, 12 November. If you are able to help out, please write your name down on the roster outside Cunningham Block - your support would be appreciated.

A reminder to all swimmers that they must be paid up members to participate in the Lap-a-thon. Members must also have attended at least 4 training sessions this Term.

Mrs Jo Pulsford - President Saints Swim Club



COLLEGE NOTICES

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at Holy Family Church on Thursday, 12 November, commencing at 6.30pm.

Mrs Sue Scanlon - Religious Education Co-ordinator

E-Tips

Ways to protect your privacy:

- Examine privacy policies and seals.
- Remember that YOU decide what information about yourself to reveal, when, why, and to whom.
- Use encryption!

Mrs Rumeena Wood and AIT Students

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

St Joseph's Cup

Junior School students had a lot of fun on Melbourne Cup Day with the running of the St Joseph's Cup in the afternoon. The Year Six students were the horses and the Year One students were the jockeys. After some exciting races the eventual winning combination was Livia Bonavita (horse) and Elizabeth Speldewinde (jockey).



As part of the celebrations we conducted a class "creative hat" competition and also an Inter-House "Tug of War" competition. McCormack House was the eventual winner of the "Tug of War" after some titanic struggles. Thank you to staff and parents for making it a very enjoyable afternoon for the Junior School students.



JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations....

To Mitchell Hughes-Owen who was baptised at the Holy Family Church this week in the presence of his family and Year Four class mates. Thank you to Mrs Colleen McGlade for co-ordinating the Baptismal Liturgy which was a joyful celebration for Mitchell, his family and his friends.



Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Field events for Years Four-Six students will be held next Tuesday morning (10 November) and the Main Carnival will be on Thursday (12 November) for Years One-Six students. If you are able to assist on either Tuesday or Thursday (or both) please contact Mr Steve Small at the College.

Mr Mike Watson - Head of Junior School

Parent Meetings

Information has been sent home to parents about meetings to be held on Friday 20 November for parents who have students attending Kindergarten, Pre-Primary or Year One in 2010.

The meetings will be staggered over hourly intervals to cater for parents who may need to attend more than one meeting.

If you have any queries about these meetings please contact Mr Mike Watson.

Junior School Athletics Carnival

***More help is still needed for
Thursday 12 November***

- Years 1-2: All students participate in a 50m race and team games.
Year 3: All students participate in a 70m and 200m race, plus team games.
Years 4-6: All students participate in 100m, 200m and 400m race plus team games.

If you are available to help on the day - please contact Steve Small ASAP.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Year Nine Special Programme

Today, the Year Nine students were introduced to the next phase of their special learning programme. They spent their Home Room period finding out about the various components of the programme and what the requirements are. Next Thursday, 12 November they will spend the afternoon organising tenting arrangements for the camp which takes place in Week 6 from Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 November at Camp Kennedy. **Please note arrangements for Thursday 12 November: Students are to bring the tents they plan to use the following week to school; and, students are to wear their College House Sports Uniform to school on this day.** The Year Nine Special Programme Camp involves a number of activities. Students will be involved in, amongst other things, canoeing, surfing and a scientific study of the beach environment. Students will also nominate and vote for 2010 House Captain positions during the programme.

All students are required to attend the Special Programme Camp as it is a central part of the Year Nine Curriculum. The emphasis is on enjoyment, participation and building social and life skills amongst the students and staff. Please complete and return the Permission Forms as soon as possible and feel free to contact Ms Simone Gatti or myself if you have any questions about your child's attendance at the camp.

Mr John Bova – Head of Middle School

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

More Choice for Secondary Students

Learning opportunities for Secondary Students are more flexible than ever. With the introduction of Endorsed Programmes, students are offered a range of exciting activities not covered by traditional school subjects or courses.

In conjunction with schools, Endorsed Programmes can be delivered in or out of school time by community organisations, universities, workplaces and organisations. Students enrolled in recognised Endorsed Programmes can provide evidence of learning and this will contribute to their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).