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While there are no new staff at the College this year, we have three staff returning for the 2017 school year after various lengths of time away. These staff are:

- Ms Sue Alderman (Head of Secondary)
- Ms Jude Boston (Year Three)
- Mr Steve Scanlon (Religious Education, Art and Music)

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**Prayer**

Loving Father,

I stand before You in the midst of confusion and complexities of life.

My future sometimes seems distant and unknown.

Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me.

Grant me the courage to follow Your way, that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring Your life and Your love to others.

I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother.

Amen

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**Important Dates Coming Up**

**WEEK 2**

- Mon 6th February
  - WPL Student Induction 1.30pm - 3.00pm
- Tues 7th February
  - MS / SS Assembly
- Thurs 9th February
  - Whole School Mass, HFC 9.00am
  - JS Parent Teacher Info Sessions Years 5 & 6
- Fri 10th February
  - Yr 1-3 Beach Fun Day

**WEEK 3**

- Mon 13th February
  - Yr 7 Parent Info Session - 7pm
- Tue 14th February
  - JS Parent Info Sessions PP, Yr 2 & 4
  - P&F Meeting 6pm
- Wed 15th February
  - Year 6 Liturgy 9.00am
- Thurs 16th February
  - JS Parent Info Sessions Yr 1 & 3

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**General Information**

- Uniform Shop
  - Opening Hours
  - Tuesdays 8.15am - 9.30am and
  - Wednesdays 2.15pm - 4.00pm
- Absentee Phone Line 9844 0280
  - (Leave a message as requested)
- Absentee Email: absent@sjc-albany.wa.edu.au
- Principal
  - Mr Mark Browning
- Head of Secondary
  - Ms Susan Alderman
- Head of Junior School
  - Mrs Erica Mielens
- Business Manager
  - Mrs Marion Leonhardt

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**From the Principal**

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All in our school community are asked to be welcoming and helpful to our returning teachers.

At various events at the conclusion of last year, I highlighted that 2017 was going to be a year of strong partnerships between home and school. When St Joseph’s College and our families work together, students have a much better chance of not only being successful in school but being successful in life as well.

There are three Rs to building and maintaining this effective partnership; respect, responsibility and relationships. These are the qualities that we want evident throughout our school and every parent and staff member have a role to play in making this a reality.

Respect is where both the parent and the school are valued and trusted. Parents and staff are partners in the decision making process and there is a climate that welcomes parents and expresses concern for their needs as well as the child’s needs. There is an underlying belief that both the school and the parent really want the best for the child. I want parents to come to the school for various events or to assist in classrooms or to discuss the needs of their child rather than on the periphery purely as a spectator. You are always welcome at St Joseph’s College.

Responsibility is where neither the school nor the parent blames the other for what’s not working but instead they claim responsibility for shared success. This means that St Joseph’s College has a responsibility to stay connected with parents and vice versa. Constructive conversations need to be on-going and responsible partnerships accept the need for parents and the school to stay informed. I have an open door policy where parents are welcome to come and see me and have a conversation. From this discussion a plan will be developed and monitored so the pre-determined goal is achieved.

Relationships build trust and trust sustains quality partnerships. The keys to building relationships are we need to feel we belong, we need to trust and we need to believe we are valued. Relationships nurture the collaboration that is so necessary for partnerships to survive and to help our children succeed in school. In 2017 let us work together for the common goal which is a quality education for all students at St Joseph’s College. Please be affirming of what is done well and if issues arise let us meet and resolve them.

Next Thursday we come together as a faith community to celebrate our Opening College Mass which commences at 9.00 am in the Holy Family Church. All parents are welcome to join us for this special celebration. Please remember on entering the church, reverence in the form of quietness is the displayed protocol for students, staff and parents. As a part of
our Mass, Father Randolf will bless the badges of our College leaders in the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. A special leadership this year will be the installation of six Special Ministers of the Eucharist. Maddy Hines, Zara Leusciatti, Isabella Mannolini, Lena Nguyen, Amelia Theodore and Sophie Lynch completed the necessary training prior to school commencing. I congratulate each of these students for accepting such a special leadership role in the faith life of our College.

Earlier this week, one of our Junior School students found a large sum of money in the carpark. To his credit he found me doing crosswalk duty and handed the money in. The display of honesty is a quality that is deeply valued at St Joseph’s College. Well done Beau; your parents and teachers are very proud of you! If anyone did lose a large sum of money, please speak to the staff in the College Office.

Parent Meetings play a key role in ensuring all are informed about the goals, procedures, expectations and the teaching and learning programme for each year level. Over the coming fortnight these meetings will occur from Pre-Primary to Year Eight. I appreciate that parents are busy but I encourage you to support your child’s teachers by being in attendance. The dates and times are on the calendar received by all families.

Towards the end of the holidays a bulk mail out of information was sent to all families. Several forms needed to be completed; Emergency Form (all students) and the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Policy (Years Three to Twelve). These forms were due today. Thank you to the many families who have returned this documentation so promptly. If the forms are yet to be returned, this needs to occur on Monday.

Our first P&F Meeting will be held in the Administration Block on Tuesday 14th February at 6.00pm. The P&F plays an integral part in building community and raising much needed funds to facilitate extra resources and facilities for the students of our school. All families (new and old) are most welcome as it is a good way to meet other parents and learn about the school.

May the coming week be one of positive experiences!

Mr Mark Browning
Principal

Royal Saints Netball Club

Netball trials will be held this Saturday 4th February from 11.00am - 12.30pm at ALAC for all primary aged students from Year Two (or if you were previously in a D grade team). Cost is $5 per child.
Previous A & B grade trials are this Sunday 5th and 12th February at ALAC from 9.30am. Cost is $5.
All new players welcome!
Contact Sam Loveridge for enquiries 0418 448 320.

IT Policy Form
(Year Three – Twelve)

An Information Technology and Communication Policy was sent to all families with children in Years Three – Twelve. It is important that all forms are signed and returned by Friday 3 February and given to the class/homeroom teacher. After this date, the internet will be switched off for those students who have not returned the form. If you have lost your form please collect another from the Front Office.

Mr Mark Browning
Principal
Chaplain’s Corner
Fr Randolf, OSJ

Welcome back dear students and especially all new students. This is a new beginning for everyone. We must try to be better than last year, remember there is always room for improvement. We need to grow and learn, to be more independent and more mature in aspects of spiritual, emotional and intellectual development. If last year we failed in something or had not tried to do good things that would help us develop, now is the time. It is never too late. In everything that we do we must give our very best for the greater glory of God. And more importantly we must enjoy our stay here in school. This is our home and we must enjoy being here. Have fun, make some new friends and discover a lot of new things in the field of sports, science, religion and history. This will help us to know more about who we are as a person.

I hope you enjoy your stay here and have a great year. God, bless you! Cheers! Cool bananas!

College Notices

Music Tuition

Music tuition enrolments are available for 2017 in
- Violin (Year Three-Seven) - individual lessons ($1,440 for the year) or in pairs ($900 for the year) with Mr Michael Hyder.
- Piano (Year Three-Twelve) – individual lessons ($1,440 for the year) with a teacher to be announced.
- Guitar (Year Four-Twelve) – individual lessons ($1,440 for the year) or in small groups ($780 for the year) with Mr Steve Dougherty.
- African Drumming (Year Three-Twelve) – small group lessons ($780 for the year) with Mr Tuaari Amor-Kuiti.
- Rock Drumming (Year Seven-Twelve) – individual lessons ($1,440 for the year) with Mr Tuaari Amor-Kuiti.

More information and enrolment forms are available on the College website and at the College office. Please have these into the College office by Wednesday 8th February.

Saints Swim Club

Saints Swim Club commences this Friday 3rd February from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Swim Club runs every Monday and Friday 3.30pm - 4.30pm. All new swimmers swim only on Fridays due to limited lanes. Membership forms are available on the College website http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/SwimClub.asp

Running Club

The College Physical Education staff are excited to welcome students from Year Three to Twelve to a new season of Running Club. Running Club is a group of runners of all abilities who train Tuesday afternoons from 3.20 - 4.20pm on the College grounds. Students train for a variety of reasons; to gain pre-season fitness for upcoming sports seasons, to improve their results for Cross Country or Athletics, to train up for an event or just because they love running! As well as getting fit for College events, members of the Running Club are encouraged to enter in some of the many Fun Runs held in Albany throughout the year.

Running Club commences in Week Three on Tuesday 14th February. Meet at the College gym at 3.20pm with appropriate running clothes (PE uniform not required), running shoes and a water bottle. Please contact Mr Paul O’Donnell or Mrs Katherine Jefferis through the Front Office for further details.
Junior School News

Welcome

Welcome back to the Junior School for 2017. We are very fortunate that this year we have not had to rush around moving into new buildings and the teachers have had the opportunity to prepare the classrooms for the students. We are all looking forward to a rewarding school year.

Parent Evenings

The Junior School Parent Information Evenings will commence next week. It is important that at least one parent from each family attends the meeting as the teachers will provide important information regarding the running and structure of the class. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet any new families in the College and to take the time to introduce yourself to them. You may also have some general questions that Mr Browning, the classroom teachers and I will be able to answer for you. The meetings will be held in the classrooms.

Thursday 9 February
Year Five: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Year Six: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Tuesday 14 February
Pre Primary: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
Year Two: 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Year Four: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Thursday 16 February
Year One: 3:15pm – 4:00pm
Year Three: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Secondary School News

Welcome

A big WELCOME BACK to all for another school year. A special welcome to our Year Sevens who have joined the Middle School for the first time and to those new students to the College. It promises to be a busy year.

Classes began relatively smoothly following an opening assembly in Period Two. On the whole students were well presented and groomed in correct uniform...thank you.

The introduction of Certificate courses in Year Ten adds a new depth and for some a new challenge as students’ grapple with competencies and assessment. I urge students to make the most of these opportunities, indeed all the opportunities presented to them

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child’s start to 2017, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As much as I enjoyed my leave last year, I look forward to being a part of the St Joseph’s College Community once again.

Saw this quote on a wall in Handorff, South Australia on my travels....

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**Year 8 School Vaccination Program.**

The 2017 WA School Based Immunisation Program will be offered at your school by the local community school health immunisation nurses. These vaccinations are offered free to all Year Eight students. A three dose course of Human Papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine, Terms One, Two and Four and one dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine given in Term One. If there is any doubt whether your child has had the chickenpox illness in the past he/she should be immunised. One dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) will be given in Term Two.

These vaccines will be offered over three visits. Vaccination Consent forms will be sent home with students early in term 1 2017. Parents/legal guardians are asked to complete and sign the forms and return them to the school. Even if you are not consenting to your child receiving the vaccines, please return the form.

If you do not receive a Vaccination Consent form from your child, please ask at the school office for one. An information pamphlet is included in the envelope. We need all the immunisation forms returned to school as soon as possible for checking. If you have any queries regarding the immunisation program please contact me on 9842 7526.

If your child is not vaccinated at school they can come to our immunisation clinic at the Albany Health Campus. No cost is involved. Phone 9842 7500 for an appointment.

_Sally Moir_ | School Nurse | Immunisation

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