Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

At my opening address to staff at the beginning of the week I highlighted this is the year we go M.A.D at St Joseph’s College. M.A.D is the acronym for Make a Difference! This theme is relevant to all in our community. If staff, parents and students seek to Make a Difference then all our hopes and dreams will be achieved! Five parents also gave presentations to our staff on why they chose St Joseph’s College as their school of choice. These presentations were outstanding and their purpose was to ensure home and school are on the same page. I am extremely grateful to the parents who completed these presentations.

The school year started on Wednesday with the students genuinely excited to be back at St Joseph’s College. There was also a calmness and enthusiasm amongst our parents as they arrived with their sons and daughters and a genuine spirit of welcome to all they met. There are 51 new students from Pre-Primary to Year Eleven joining us, along with our new kindies and Three-Year-Old children, so please make them welcome and included in all aspects of our school life. 2018 is the 40th anniversary of St Joseph’s College as we know it today and it should be a year of learning, fun, meeting new people and living out the Spirit of St Joseph of loving one another and achieving our Personal Excellence.

This year we welcome Miss Michelle Vale and Mrs Danielle Macaulay to Pre Primary, Mrs Joanne Lock to Year Three, Mr Chris Charlton to Year Five, Mr Peter Findlay will

A Student's Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

We give you praise, O God,
for everything that is new and beautiful,
for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.
Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers
Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh.
May we show love to one another and to all.
May the new beginning of this school year
remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.
Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.
Help us to learn and to work together.
Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak
and when it is better not to speak.
We thank you for our friends
Help us to be good friends this year.
Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.
Bless St Joseph’s College and keep us safe.
Be with us as we travel each day.
Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.
Bless all those who care for us
In school and at home.
Amen
Principal’s Report

teach Music in the Early Years and Mr Graeme Rutherford is our Head of Mathematics in the Secondary School. Mrs Elizabeth Bain returns from twelve months leave and will be working across the classes in the Early Years. It is never easy beginning in a new school with many names and procedures to remember. Please be supportive of our new teachers and assist them to settle into St Joseph’s College.

Our parent information sessions will commence next week for the Junior School with a gathering in the undercover area from 5.30pm. Mrs Mielens and I will address topics relevant to all year groups. At the conclusion of this presentation parents will then move to the class teacher presentations. I strongly encourage attendance at these sessions as important information is provided that will support your child’s progress at school. It is a chance to meet key members of staff and to ask any questions you have at this stage of the year. Dates for the events are as follows:

Monday 5 February Year One and Two Parent Information Session
Tuesday 6 February Year Three and Four Parent Information Session
Wednesday 7 February Year Five and Six Parent Information Session

All staff have worked hard over the holidays to have the school ready to start the year. My thanks to all on staff for your efforts and thanks to Mr West for his work on the grounds. Over the past weeks there has been an endless number of parents purchasing uniforms and Mrs Anderson and her assisting staff have done a wonderful job of ensuring our students could start the year with very high uniform standards.

Next Friday 9 February, we celebrate our Opening Mass at 9.00am in the Holy Family Church. With a new year before us and no idea of what lies ahead, we gather to seek God’s blessing on the students, staff and families of St Joseph’s College. At the conclusion of the Mass badges will be presented to our student leaders and Year Twelve students will receive a special blessing. Parents are very welcome to join us for this special occasion. In the evening there will be a Sundowner at 5.00pm in the Junior School Undercover Area. St Joseph’s College seeks to be a community rather than just a school that exists from 8.40pm until 3.00pm/3.10pm. The College will provide meat and rolls and families are asked to bring a salad to share and their own drinks. Please return the slip with the number of people attending from your family or email/phone/text this information to the College Office ASAP.

Over a week ago, a bulk mail out was done to all families. Please read carefully the information supplied and return all completed forms to your child’s class/homeroom teacher by Wednesday 7 February. If any family has not received this information, please contact the College Office and another copy will be supplied.

At St Joseph’s College, the expectation is that parents and staff work in partnership to achieve the best experiences for our students. I believe we have left behind the days of car park gossip or inappropriate comments on social media. Where the need arises, parents and staff sit down together and have a respectful and honest conversation to arrive at a common approach to addressing the matter at hand. I ask all in our community to adopt this philosophy throughout the year.

Make a difference in the coming week and see St Joseph’s College flourish!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal
Junior School News

From Head of Junior School
We have excitedly welcomed the new school year with a number of new families joining the Junior School. The Kindergarten and Three-Year-Old Programme children have joined our community with very few tears. We are all looking forward to an exciting 2018 school year.

Parent Evenings
The Junior School Parent Information Evenings will be held as follows:

- Year One and Year Two: 5:30pm Monday 5 February
- Year Three and Year Four: 5:30pm Tuesday 6 February
- Pre Primary, Year Five and Year Six: 5:30pm Wednesday 7 February

The meetings will commence in the Junior School Undercover Area for a general information session regarding the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum and then you will be invited to your child’s classroom to be given specific information appropriate to each year level. Please take this opportunity to introduce yourself to your child’s teacher. If you need to have a more in-depth conversation with regards to your child, please make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

Year One – Three Beach Fun Day
The annual Year One – Three Beach Fun Day will take place on Friday 16 February. This is always a very enjoyable event. Next week you will receive a permission form for your child to participate in this event. Mr Scarterfield will be looking for parents to assist with activities on the day and you will have an opportunity to state this on the form. Let us all pray for a nice warm day for this event.

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School

Secondary School News

Clean-Up Day
On the last day of 2017 students were involved in an “Emu Stalk” to clean-up the College grounds...... a great job!
After the clean-up students were involved in the multi-sport trophy competition. The competition for 2017 had equal winners being Cunningham and De Vialar. This day is a great opportunity for students to interact positively in a variety of activities. 2017 saw students compete in netball, super 8 cricket, volleyball, speed art, bocce and a quiz.

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

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**Year Eight School Vaccination Programme**

The 2018 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 two dose course of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to be given in Terms One and Four. One dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) given in Term One.

These vaccines will be offered over two visits. Vaccination consent forms will be sent home with students early in Term One 2018. 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 for your child, please ask at the College Office for one.

**Please return all immunisation forms 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 9892 2499 for an appointment.

*Sally Moir* | School Nurse | Immunisation

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Scholastic Book Club
Welcome back to school everyone! Our first Scholastic Book Club issue will be sent home this week. The order is due back no later than the 15th February.

There are three ways you can order:
- Sending the back page of the catalogue
- Online through Scholastic
- Using the ‘LOOP’ App

Online and the App are very straightforward and easy to use, please see the ‘How to’ poster adjacent. There are so many amazing new books to check out!
Fiona Baker
P & F Committee - Scholastic Co-ordinator

Narrikup Netball Club invites you to Join us for Season 2018

TEAM SELECTION TRIALS:
Sunday 11th February & Sunday 28th February at ALAC
Thursday 15th February at Flinders Park Primary (new juniors/modified rules)

** Please contact us (email or Facebook) to register your interest **

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME.
We look forward to seeing you then!

CONTACT US:
Email: narrikupnetball@outlook.com
Facebook: Narrikup Netball Club
Phone: 0439 520 183 (Latrice) or 0407 060 208 (Andrea)
P & F SUNDOWNER

Come and join us to celebrate the new year and meet parents and staff of St Joseph’s College.

When: Friday 9th February 2018
Time: 5.00 pm
Where - St Joseph’s College Junior School
Undercover area

RSVP - Monday 5th February 2018

Meat & Rolls provided
Please bring a Salad to share
BYO Drinks

I will be attending the P & F Sundowner on Friday 9th February 2018

Total of people attending

Please return this slip to the College Office by Monday 5th February.