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**A Valentine’s Day Prayer**

I said a Valentine prayer for you
And asked the Lord above
To fill your heart and bless your soul
With the precious gift of love.
I asked Him for sincere love
The kind that is meant to stay
Just like the generous love
You give to those you touch each day.
I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked the Lord
To give you His love ....
A love that knows no end.
Amen

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**Important Dates Coming Up**

**WEEK 4**

**Wed 21 February**
- Year 7 - 12 Inter-House Swimming Carnival

**Thurs 22 February**
- Queen’s Baton Relay Celebrations - 8.20am

**Fri 23 February**
- JS Assembly - Year 3, 8.45am

**Sat 24 February**
- Family Mass/Staff Commissioning Mass, HFC, 6.00pm

**WEEK 5**

**Tues 27 February**
- University Roadshow (Yr 11-12)

**Wed 28 February**
- Yr 6 Liturgy, Ave Maria Chapel, 9am
- Year 8 Immunisations
- University Roadshow for Parents, (Yr 11 & 12), 6.00pm

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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

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As of 2016, a student graduating from any high school in Western Australia must have either an ATAR score for university or have fully completed a Certificate II TAFE course.

VET Subjects offered: Religious Education, English (General), Mathematics (General), Certificate II Business, Fashion Design, Construction, Engineering, Sport and Recreation, Music, Working with Animals and Visual Arts. In addition, the student may opt to complete Work Place Learning or a School-Based Traineeship.

Our Year Twelve students worked very hard last year and achieved results that should make all in our community extremely proud. The details are as follows:

69% of our Year 12 cohort completed their ATAR with the hope of university entrance. Our median ATAR was 79.55 which was the second highest of all Senior High Schools located in the City of Albany.

Our highest individual ATAR score was 95.95 but when scaled for Curtin University for example became 99.4.

Over a third of our students achieved in excess of 90 – commendable!

96.8% of our Year 12 students achieved their WACE and secondary graduation.

70% of our ATAR students received their first university preference.

95% of our ATAR students received an offer to a university in the first round – commendable!

There are 148 Senior High Schools in Western Australia, we were placed at 68 – pleasing!

St Joseph’s College offers a broad number of subjects for students of all abilities (ATAR and VET). In terms of our ATAR (University) students, with wise subject choice and hard work exceptionally good results can be achieved as indicated by the achievements in 2017.

Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction and should always be treated as a medical emergency. Anaphylaxis occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is allergic. There are a number of students at St Joseph’s College who are anaphylactic and all in our community have a role to play in keeping these students safe. A copy of our Anaphylaxis Policy which I encourage all parents to read can be accessed via the following link: Click Here

Next Thursday 22 February, St Joseph’s College has the honour of hosting the Queen’s Baton Relay Opening Ceremony. Parents are very welcome to join us for this ceremony which commences at 8.30 am and will be concluded by 9.15 am. For this event to be successful, the support of parents is needed. The details are as follows:

Kindergarten and Pre-Primary will attend their classes as normal. Year One to Year Twelve students need to arrive at the College by 8.20 am. There are several road closures around the College and the main carparks will be unavailable.

Parents can drop-off their child(ren) at the roundabout in front of the Trade Training Centre which must be entered via Ulster Road then into Hardie Road.

The drop-off bay at the Ulster Road school site can be used and there is also parking available for parents.

Further information will be sent home just prior to the event.

P & F News

P and F Easter Raffle
It’s that yummy time of year again! As of Monday 19th February, we will be collecting Easter Eggs/Bunnies etc, to go into our big Easter Raffle. Last year we had over 100 winners! Tickets will only be $1 and will go on sale Monday 12th March. Winners will be drawn Tuesday 27th March. There will be a box at the College Office, canteen and in your child’s classroom for you to pop your donations in. Any donations would be greatly appreciated and go towards making this year bigger and better than ever.

Thank you!
Fiona Baker - P&F President

Car Park Raffle
Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets! The lucky winner of the P & F Car Park Raffle is Linette Angel.

Congratulations and enjoy your parking bay for Term One!
This week Ash Wednesday was celebrated and I really want to commend the students and staff for the outstanding reverence displayed. This liturgy required the entire student body to move twice; receiving the ashes and Holy Communion. This occurred beautifully with a number of parishioners amazed!

Next Wednesday 21 February, several of the trees located near the Administration Block need to have branches lopped for safety reasons. The carpark near the Administration Block will be closed while this occurs. Parents are asked to park in the main carpark near the Early Learning Centre and walk to the office.

This week our Junior School students had the opportunity to enjoy swim trials in Year Four to Year Six and the Beach Carnival for students in Year One to Year Three. Students at St Joseph’s College are indeed fortunate to have many extra-curricular activities. Thank you to Mr Scarterfield and the Junior School staff for making both these activities possible.

Thank you to the families who attended the Sundowner last Friday night. There was a positive and relaxed vibe.

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

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

Coles Sports for Schools is back!
The P & F have registered St Joseph’s College to take part in the Coles Sports for Schools program which started last week and will finish 11 May 2018.

This campaign is to provide additional sporting equipment for the College. Every voucher can help us select from the 800 quality sports items on offer.

For every $10 spent (excluding tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a voucher from the Albany and Orana Coles stores. If shopping on-line please select St Joseph’s College Albany for digital vouchers to be sent to the School.

Students can drop the vouchers collected from their family, neighbours and friends into boxes located in the College Office and Early Learning Centre. Vouchers at this stage can only be returned to the College but hopefully we will also have boxes in the stores in the next week or so, please keep an eye out for them.

Look for updates in the school newsletter. Thank you for your continuing support.
Cath McCracken M: 0403 011 892 P & F Co-ordinator

St Joseph’s P & F Easter Raffle!
Winners Drawn March 27th!
Heaps of Prized Over $100 last year!
Got Tickets Sales start March 1st
Tickets only $1 each!

Parent Evenings
Thank you to the parents who attended the Junior School Parent Information sessions last week. If you have any concerns regarding your child, please ensure that you contact your child’s teacher to discuss the issues. If you would like any further information on the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum please contact me via Direct Message on SEQTA.

Volunteers
We are very fortunate in the number of parents who make themselves available to come into the College for various events. This year we are planning on running a one-on-one intervention programme, Toe-by-Toe, for students in Years Four to Six who need support in developing some literacy skills. The programme will run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning before school (8:10am – 8:30am). You do not need any special qualifications, however, I will be running a short 30 minute training session on Monday 26 February from 2:30pm – 3:00pm. If you, an aunty/uncle or grandparent would like to volunteer to support these students, please contact me via Direct Message, or telephone the College.
Homework Club
Homework Club will begin again on Tuesday in the Junior School Library. With the change of finishing time for Junior School classes, Homework Club will finish at 3.45pm. Notes were handed out to students today, however if you require further information please contact me.

Swim Trials
In preparation for the Junior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 7 March, the Year Four to Six students participated in the swim trials on Wednesday. This year is shaping up to be a close competition. Thank you to Mr Scarterfield and the Year Four to Six teachers for ensuring that the swim trials were successful.

Beach Fun Day
As we go to print this week, the Year One to Three students will be participating in the Beach Fun Day. Make sure you check next week’s newsletter to find out what fun was had!

Student Leaders
Congratulations to the following Year Six students who have been selected for leadership positions:

**Full year positions**
- Head Councillors: Caris Fisher and Lucas Maffei
- Deputy Head Councillors: Cassandra Swarbrick and Santino Pietropaolo

**Semester One positions**
- Student Councillors
  - Year Six Blue: Rose Hunter and Smriti Keerthana Gowtham
  - Year Six Gold: Natchaya Boontavee and Thomas Williams
- Cunningham House Captains: Mikaela Lock and Maxwell Swarbrick
- De Vialar House Captains: Jessica Williams and Hervic Declarador
- McCormack House Captains: Georgia Gallagher and Ben Thomas
- Ozanam House Captains: Arna Franklin and Harrison Pearce

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School
Middle and Senior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival

The sporting year starts Wednesday 21 February with the Middle and Senior School Inter-House Swimming Carnival at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre. The carnival is set to run from 9.30am to 2.30pm and parents and supporters are invited to attend. The carnival is a combination of Championship swimming races to decide the Champions and Runners Up in each year group and fun based novelty events for the non-competitive swimmers. All races contribute to the overall House Championship Shield.

The students have nominated for their races during PE lessons or House meetings over the past week. Some of the keener ones have been taking advantage of the start of Saints Swim Club training to hone their skills for the events with training sessions every Monday and Friday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

The students are reminded that they are required to wear their College House sports uniform for the carnival. Should students choose to wear board shorts for their races they must change into them when they get to the Leisure Centre. Brief bikini bathers are not permitted.

The Physical Education staff would greatly appreciate the help of any parents who might be available to assist on the day. Please contact Mr Paul O’Donnell through the College Office if you are available to assist.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Endorsed Work Placement Programme

Last week students in Year Eleven and Twelve began their Endorsed Work Placement programme. Students must spend one day a week in a workplace, learning valuable employability skills for their future careers. The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) recognises the student’s achievement through the completion of a Log Book and Skills Journal. It is a wonderful, hands-on course that our students thoroughly enjoy.

The programme would not be possible without the ongoing support and commitment from local businesses. A huge thank you goes out to the following businesses as they have each taken on one or more of our students in 2018.

Gunn and Hawkins Builders
Jaguar Cabling
Cramer Plumbing and Gas
ACTIV Business Services
Tangles Hair Studio
Albany VET Hospital
Sumich Electricians
Albany Aluminium Fabricators
Spencer Park Primary School
Textile Traders
Clarence Estate Nursing Home
Star Sales and Service
Graham Manley Autos
BuildRite Homes
St Joseph’s College
Mira Mar Vet
Great Southern Grammar
Camp Quaranup
Albany Office Products
Baptist Care
ATC WorkSmart
Albany Engineering
DOME
Albany Primary School
Albany Toyota
Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre
Paul Hunter Stables

Please support these local businesses just as they have supported St Joseph’s College.
I still have a few students who are looking for placements in the areas of engineering and plumbing. Should you wish to find out more about this programme or offer a placement please do not hesitate to contact me via email jane.bennett@cewa.edu.au

Mrs Jane Bennett - Head of Curriculum

School Based Traineeships

School Based Traineeships (SBT’s) are an excellent opportunity for students in Year Eleven and Year Twelve to develop specific skills within their chosen industry, as well as achieve a certificate qualification. Typically, SBT’s arise from the Work Place Learning programme. Students demonstrate their capabilities and commitment to employers and, dependent on business capabilities, an SBT may be offered.

Each year the number of students involved in SBT’s increases at St Joseph’s College. This is a testament to the high standard of work ethic and skill demonstrated by our student body, as well as the valuable contribution of local employers to create a sustainable and viable future for our students. SBT’s allow students to access a greater variety and higher level of certificate qualification than would otherwise be available in the College environment.

This year the following students have accepted, or are continuing, an SBT:

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Congratulations to all these students and thank you to our local businesses who are supporting such an important initiative within our College community.

Should you be interested in offering one of our students an SBT please contact me via email. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Mrs Jane Bennett - Head of Curriculum
jane.bennett@cewa.edu.au

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Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the information evenings held this week. Should you now have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mrs Jane Bennett through the College Office. Over the next week or two I will make information available through SEQTA for those of you who were unable to attend.
Inter-House Swimming Carnival
This event will take place on Wednesday next week. This is a great opportunity for our sportsmen and women to display their skill in the pool. It is also an opportunity for Houses to build their team spirit particularly as we participate in a number of novelty events. I wish all students the very best for their events.
Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

Community Notices

Community Health Nurse
Welcome to the new school year. My name is Rochelle Klose and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child’s health or development, please contact me on 08 98427566.

Upcoming Events and Information Regarding Autism in Albany

2018 Albany Exam Boost Seminars - Academic Taskforce
For Exam Boost Seminar Timetable to be held at UWA Albany Centre, please click on the following link: [http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/2018AlbanyRevisionProgramFlyer.pdf](http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/2018AlbanyRevisionProgramFlyer.pdf)