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Prayer

Lent changes our lives once a year, overturning our tables. Lent challenges us to think about our interests, our positions, and our transgressions. Lent asks us to examine the way we live, and the integrity of our relationship with God. During Lent, we may uncover obstacles which keep us from living our faith to the fullest.

Jesus asks us, “What are we doing in our life to change?

Who in our life is particularly in need of respect, kindness, or compassion?

How can you make a difference to this person?

So we pray......

God of infinite love,
you shower me with limitless gifts in my life.
In my every thought and action today
guide me to the bright and loving light of your kingdom.
Help me to be aware of
the many ways you allow me
to share in your life so intimately today.
Thank you for the gifts you have placed in my life.
Let me be grateful every moment of this day.
Amen

Important Dates Coming Up

WEEK 8

Sat 17 March
• Year 12 College Ball

Mon 19 - 23 March
• Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons @ Emu Point

Mon 19 March
• St Joseph’s Day Mass, 11am
• Fete 1pm-3pm

Sat 24 March
• Family Mass / Sacramental Commitment Mass HFC 6pm

From the Principal

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**P & F News**

**Mothers Day Raffle**

Yes the P&F will be running a Mother’s Day Stall in Term Two.

As pot plants were very popular last year we would appreciate anyone with a green thumb to start thinking about potting up a plant or two to donate to this year’s Mothers’ Day stall. Please keep an eye out for updates as to when to bring them to school. We thank you for your support.

Mother Day Co-ordinators Toni-Louise Saunders 0403 286 704 and Cath McCracken 0403 011 892

**Car Park Raffle**

We are raffling the P&F parking spot again, which the lucky winner will get to use for the whole of Term Two! Tickets are $2 each and are NOW on sale with the Easter raffle tickets (near the staircase at Cunningham block). Winner will be drawn Tuesday 27th March.

**P&F Easter Raffle**

Easter tickets are NOW on sale and are only $1 each! They are available for purchase mornings and afternoons at Cunningham Block near the stairs or from the school office. We had over 100 winners last year!

We are off to such a great start with all your amazing donations, thank you! Please keep these wonderful donations (Easter Eggs/ Bunnies etc) coming, to help us make this year bigger and better than ever! There are boxes at the office, canteen and in your child’s classroom for you to pop your donations in. All donations are very greatly appreciated! Winners drawn March 27th

Fiona Baker - P&F President

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**Principal’s Report**

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Mrs Marion Leonhardt has officially begun her planned twelve months leave. She is wished a restful break and safe travels. Mrs Maria Jackson is her replacement. Mrs Julie Blackburn, Teacher Assistant in Pre-Primary Gold leaves St Joseph’s College today as she prepares to relocate to Queensland. I know the children, staff and parents have appreciated all the time, effort and dedication Mrs Blackburn has given to St Joseph’s College over the years. Mrs Blackburn’s position will be shared by Mrs Donna Fisher, Mrs Michelle Wright and Mrs Lisa Maffei.

Over the past few months, all Catholic schools have been involved in an upgrade of administration systems through the Leading Lights initiative as well as the move from Cash to Accrual Accounting. As with all changes, there are many opportunities of new learning. School fees will be sent out hopefully by the end of the month. Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your patience until we master the ‘newness’.

This Monday March 19 is the Feast of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus. This is a day of celebration for our entire community given St Joseph is the patron of our College. In the morning students will have presentations from religious who taught at St Joseph’s College prior to the amalgamation of Ave Maria College and Pius X College. There will also be memories from past students. These presentations are part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. At 11.00 am there will be a Whole School Mass in the Holy Family Church. Badges will be presented to the entire Year Six and Year Twelve groups as our graduating classes in 2018. Following the Mass there will be a communal sausage sizzle for all students from Kindergarten to Year Twelve. There will be NO cost for the sausage sizzle. In the afternoon there will be the fete on the oval which our students enjoy so much, with the money raised going to Caritas Australia; a relief organisation of the Catholic Church that assists people in need. On St Joseph’s day students from Year One to Year Twelve are required to wear their correct sports uniform and their House shirts. Parents are very welcome to join us for the Mass and the fete.

On Tuesday night there were a large number of parents in attendance at the General Sacramental Meeting with our guest speaker, Father Tony Chiera. As promised, Father Tony gave a reflective perspective on how the Sacraments link to daily life. For each Sacrament, there are two specific meetings still to occur that relate directly to either Reconciliation, First
Communion or Confirmation. On Saturday 24 March, parents are required to present their child at the Sacramental Commitment Mass. This commences at 6.00 pm in the Holy Family Church.

Our P&F had a very well attended meeting with over twenty parents and staff present. All quickly became aware that staff have many items on their wish lists that will enable new opportunities for our students. I am delighted that parents are coming forward to be involved and hope that all in our community will assist with the planned fundraisers so that these new resources become a reality soon. Please continue to send in Easter eggs for the raffle and purchase a couple of tickets in this fundraiser.

Families with siblings ready to start Kindergarten in 2019 (birth date between 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015) are asked to collect an enrolment form from the College Office and complete it as soon as possible. First places are given to younger brothers and sisters providing an application has been lodged. After this the remaining places will be offered to new families wanting their child to attend St Joseph’s College next year.

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

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

The Earn and Learn resources that were received
Thank you

Thank you very much to the St Joseph's Parents and Friends for gifting fifty four new books for the Secondary and Junior School Libraries. These books are provided through the reward programme with Scholastic. There are a variety of genres both fiction and non fiction. The books are greatly appreciated.

Mrs Wiegele (Teacher Librarian)

Talented Young Writers' Programme for 2018 Term 1

A reminder to the students who are enrolled in the Talented Young Writers' Programme for 2018, your first workshop is coming up.

Venue: Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver Street Albany
Author: James Moloney
Date: Year Nine - Twelve, Monday 19 March
      Year Six - Eight, Tuesday 20 March

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

Mr Habal - English Teacher

Light years is an astronomical unit to calculate distance, equivalent to the distance that light travels in one year, which is 9.4607 x 1012 km (google). It is 40 years since the birth of this noble institution St Joseph’s College, like a light year it went fast and has passed and survived the test of time. St Joseph’s College has been an agent of change for four decades. Students have been educated and transferred the Catholic faith and culture for three generations; the Generation X, Millennials and Post Millennials.

Some Alumni members I know have contributed to society and the Church here and overseas. Mr Steve and Mrs Stephanie Gorman, they are giving hope in Tarakea for less fortunate youth who cannot study. Capt. Aaron Porepski of the RAA has made some tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan to defend life, democracy and freedom. Mrs Caroline Tompkin, a student before and now a teacher, is dedicating her talents and efforts for pastoral care and teaching. Sem. Tyson King by God’s grace might be the first Priest who studied in St. Joseph’s College. Mr Lionel Houghton has an unwavering volunteerism for every church activity that would require a sound technician. Mr Tony Jackson was among the first group of students who went to St Joseph’s after the amalgamation. A professional surveyor who puts faith values in his daily life; good father and husband. Simone Meuzelaar is an active volunteer with youth work for the parish. She is dedicating ample time during Friday and other days to work for the youth.
ACC SWIMMING
The ACC Swim team returned on Tuesday night tired but successful, after their efforts at the ACC G Division carnival in Perth on Tuesday. The team performed fantastically at the carnival (despite the 38-degree temperature) placing third overall as well as second in the Junior Girl’s Division and second in the Overall Girl’s Division.

The team were greatly appreciative to Trinity College who provided accommodation in their school gym on Monday night as well as breakfast for the team on Tuesday morning. The swimmers were amazed at the facilities, especially the 50-metre pool, which we made use of for our final training session on Monday. It wasn’t all hard work though, as the team enjoyed some fun on Monday night with Ten-Pin bowling and dinner at Rosemount bowl.

Congratulations to the team for the hard work by many in preparation for the carnival and for the very pleasing overall results. Congratulations also to the following students for their individual success in their age divisions.

William Smith U/13 Boys 3rd
Chantelle Heslop U/13 Girls 3rd
Mackenzie Wilkinson U/14 Girls runner-up
Michael Crosby Open Boys champion
Caitlin Williams Open Girls 3rd

Thank you to Mrs Fiona Lionetti for joining us on the trip to help with student supervision and thank you also to the College P&F for their significant contribution to the trip to reduce the costs for the students.

Paul O’Donnell

There are also a lot more Alumni who have been notable persons in society, family and life of faith. All of you are proof of the nobility of St Joseph’s College. To all the staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who give their absolute best for the interest of Jesus with the young people under their care. Your hardships and dedication will always be remembered even in a light year.

We will look forward to tomorrow but never leave yesterday behind. Continuing to strive to serve the interest of Jesus, we continue to make the school a haven for faith, science and culture. We seek also to make a difference in society by our continuous labour to educate and form young hearts and minds according to the Gospel values. St Joseph’s College 40 years and beyond light years.

FAMILY MASS INVITATION AND SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, 24 March 2018
6pm at Holy Family Church

The Family Mass is a MUST for all candidates who will be receiving any of the Sacraments this year. This is the time for them to make commitment to the reception of the Sacrament and also for the Parish community, to which they belong, to recognise their commitment and so keep them in their prayers. Sacramental badges will be given at this Mass, as a sign of each candidate’s commitment.

Hope to seeing you all.

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Pastoral Care Office

Homework Club and Tutorials

Please be aware of the roster for Homework Club and Tutorials over the next couple of weeks due to the Easter Break. There is also no Homework Club or Tutorials in the first or last week of term.

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Academic Taskforce ATAR Revision Programmes

Academic Taskforce is pleased to offer both ATAR revision and ATAR enrichment programmes in the April school holidays to help support your student’s academic goals.

Programs Available in the April School Holidays:

- **Year 11 & 12 ATAR Revision Program** – Ideal for students looking for structured revision and Semester 1 exam preparation. Please click the following link for further details: [http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/2018%20Academic%20Taskforce%20April%20ATAR%20Revision%20Program.pdf](http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/2018%20Academic%20Taskforce%20April%20ATAR%20Revision%20Program.pdf)


TEE Consultants - July School Holiday WACE Revision Courses

Intensive courses will be conducted by TEE Consultants in July school holidays at the University of WA. These courses are based on the current WACE syllabus and are designed to improve student performances both at school and in the final tertiary examination.

Accommodation packages are also available which includes full board from Sunday, 1 July - Friday 6 July.

St Joseph’s Day Fair
Monday 19th March
12.45—3.00pm
College Oval

Come Along and Have Some Fun!

Things to Do:
Cup Cake Stall, Lolly Bags,
Lucky Dip, Guess the number of Lollies, Coin Toss,
Trash ‘n’ Treasure, Chocolate Wheel,
Raffle, Crazy Hair, Dart a Treat, Bouncy Castle,
Donut Eating Competition, Water Pistol Fight,
Hole in One Golf, Archery
And lots more!!!

Musical Entertainment
Train

Sausage Sizzle lunch provided for all students K—12 @ 12.30pm

All money raised goes to our First Term Focus - CARITAS
Please ensure you bring coin and small notes only as change
**ART in the PARK 2018**

Discover unique sculpture within the National Park
Castle Rock Rd, Porongurup
March 30 - April 7

**March 30 to April 6**
9am - 5pm
Sat. 7 April 11am - Awards presentation at exhibition site.
Admission $5 (under 10s free)
Prize money - $5000 Judged Award.
$4000 People Choice Awards - Open & Youth sections.
Art in the Hall Bazaar : Pop-up exhibition of Great Southern art, craft and design. March 30 - April 2, 10am - 5pm. Free admission.
Porongurup Hall, 2257 Porongurup Rd.
Art in the Dark : Sundowner, Live music, guided torchlit tours.
April 6 at 6pm. $5 admission. Booking recommended.

www.porongurup.org.au
or contact Judy on 9853 1212

**NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY**
**FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018**

Join more than 350,000 students across the nation, who will ride, walk, scoot and skate to school!
For more information, visit ride2school.com.au

**Albany City Wind Ensemble**

**ACWE Under the Stars**
Sun 8 April
6:30 - 8:30pm
Albany SHS Amphitheatre

Directed by Sue Findlay

Tickets @ Frangipani Florist, the door and online
$28 standard $16 child incl. Refreshments
www.albanycitywindensemble.com.au

As the sun goes down on a still autumn evening ACWE will transform the grand amphitheatre at ASHS into a fairyland of lights for a delightful evening of light classics. Never before has a public performance of this kind taken place in this magnificent setting with its pillars and stunning architecture.

The evening will be punctuated with concerts highlights including "Lord of the Dance", "Dance of the Hours", "Light Cavalry Overture" and "Auld Lang Syne". Vocal group About Face will bring their own special flavour to the evening with a Journey style songs and some high-speed traditional Gaelic mouth music.

Sue Findlay will host the evening with her trademark warm and funny style, while complimentary hot drinks and treats will be served to the audience throughout the evening. This is an experience that your whole family will love.

Don’t miss this first for Albany
ST PATRICK’S DAY FEIS
Tara Academy of Irish Dance

Rince na hEirrean
Welcomes you to our St Patrick’s Day Feis
On Saturday March 17th
Albany Town Square
9am – 3pm

Local entertainment for adults & children,
- The Tara Academy Dancers,
- Flinders Park Primary Choir, Just Fiddling
- Limerick, Hugh Milne,
- Jamie the Clown, Bouncy Castle, Face Painting,
- an assortment of Craft / Food stalls, Raffles and more....

Bring the Family down and join in the Fun & Festivities
ASH WEDNESDAY
14 February
9:00AM – Holy Family Church
12:00NN – St Joseph Church
5:30PM – St Joseph Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Every Friday during Lent
At 5.30PM in St Joseph Church

LENTEN REFLECTION WEEKEND
18 March, Sunday, 4pm
at St Joseph Church

RECONCILIATION
Every Saturday every after the 10AM Mass in St Joseph Church; or by appointment.

Second Rite of Reconciliation
21 March, Wednesday 6.00PM in the Holy Family Church

PALM SUNDAY
24 March, Saturday
6.00PM Holy Family Church
Blessing of the Palms will be during the Final Blessing.

25 March, Sunday
7.15AM St Joseph Church
Blessing of Palms in front of the New Camfield and procession to the Church for the Mass.

9.00AM Holy Family Church
Blessing of the Palms in front of the gymnasium of St Joseph College and procession to the Church for the Mass.

5.00PM St Joseph Church
Blessing of Palms will be during the Final Blessing

MAUNDY THURSDAY
29 March
8.00AM St Joseph Church
LAUDS (Morning Prayer)

7.00PM Holy Family Church
Mass of the Last Supper and Washing of the Feet, Adoration after the Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY
30 March
8.00AM Morning Prayer in St Joseph Church

10.00AM Walk to Calvary (Re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross by the Parish Youth Group) in St Joseph’s College Oval near the Holy Family Church.

10.00AM Traditional Stations of the Cross in St Joseph Church

3.00PM Liturgy: Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion in Holy Family Church

HOLY SATURDAY
31 March
8.00AM Morning Prayer in St Joseph Church

7.00PM Easter Vigil including Blessing of Fire and Water in Holy Family Church

EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday 1 April 2017
7.30AM St Joseph Church
9.00AM Holy Cross Church, Bremer Bay
(Two hour drive east of Albany)
9.30AM Holy Family Church
5.00PM St Joseph Church

EASTER MONDAY
17 April, 9:00AM—St Joseph Church