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Prayer: Lent

Lord, Teach me a new freedom.
Freedom to reject comparison And to embrace uniqueness.
Freedom to cut ties with greed And feast on love.
Freedom to abstain from over indulgence And feast on self-control.
Freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts And to focus on the needs of others.
Freedom to fend off insecurity And to embrace grace.

Lord, at this time of Lent, Thank you for the freedom you bring.
Amen.

From the Principal

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Next week, our Junior School parents will be meeting with their child’s teacher to discuss what progress has been made during Term One. This discussion is extremely important in enabling each student to improve his/her level of achievement. All parents are required to meet with their child’s teacher.

If everyone is well prepared, even a short interview can be productive and very worthwhile. Parents are asked to find time before the interview to prepare specific questions for staff with a focus on developing strategies, that in partnership between home and school, will assist the child to make further progress next term.

Some useful suggestions for parents regarding interviews are:
- Make a list of questions you want to discuss with the teacher.
- If you want to discuss a specific matter, telephone or write in your child’s diary in advance so the teacher can be prepared with the information you are seeking.
- Ask your child if there are matters they would like discussed.
- Be ready to ask questions, or admit you do not understand.
- Share helpful information about your child or family circumstances. Teachers are appreciative of anything that helps them to know their students better.
- If you disagree with any judgements the teacher may have made about your child, listen carefully and ask for examples.
- Remember the interview is a valuable time to discuss your child, not share your experiences at school or philosophies about modern education. Please don’t hesitate to contact the school to arrange a follow up interview.

Some useful questions that a parent might want to ask their child’s teacher are:
- How is my child progressing?
- Are there ways I can help at home?
- Does my child need extra help or further extension and how will the teacher be providing this?
- How does my child get on with other members of the class?
- Does my child have a sound work ethic in class?
- What is my child’s behaviour like in class and at school?
- How well is my child doing on formal assessments? Please show me some results.

After the interview it is suggested that the following occurs:
- Discuss the interview with your child, including any points of action.
- Stress the good things that were said and be direct about any problems.
- Act on any suggestions made by the teacher.
- Keep working with your child’s teacher by staying in touch. Children respond positively to knowing that the important adults in their life are working together.
- Where there has been cause for concern re-schedule a follow-up interview in about five weeks’ time.

Parents of secondary students will receive an Interim Report for their child next week. These reports, although brief, are designed to give parents an indication of student progress so far this year. Across all subjects/courses student performance is assessed in regards to progress, application, organisation, behaviour and assigned work. Parents then have the opportunity to discuss in detail their child’s progress at one of the two parent interview evenings being held for Year Seven to Year Twelve parents between 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm on
Principal’s Report

Tuesday 10 and Thursday 12 April. I strongly encourage parents to arrange interviews with their child’s teachers and students should attend the interviews with their parents. As the Interim Reports will be released via SETQA Engage, it is important that parents are able to access SEQTA. Our office staff are able to assist with this, should parents be unsure of how to access SEQTA. Any parent wishing to obtain a hard copy of the interim report should also contact the office.

Parents/guardians who hold a Family Health Care Card or eligible Centrelink or Veterans Affairs Pension Card can claim fee discounts by presenting the card at the College Office and completing a simple form. Parents of students in Years Seven-Twelve who hold these cards can also claim the Government Secondary Assistance Scheme rebate which is a further $350 off school expenses. Further information for families holding these eligible cards is available from the College Office. All parents with an appropriate Health Care Card are asked to ring the College Office to verify that all details are current and accurate. Applications must be lodged by Friday 13 April, 2018. Payments cannot be back-dated if this opportunity is missed.

At the commencement of Term Two all students in Years One to Twelve are required to wear the College’s winter uniform. Please make the necessary arrangements to order uniform items early. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesdays 8.15 am to 9.30 am or Wednesdays 2.15 pm to 4.00 pm. The blue jumper must be worn and the rain jacket can be worn on exceptionally cold days over the top of the blue jumper when students are outside. Note: The rain jacket will not be accepted as a substitute for the jumper.

With the Easter break occurring during the school term, the College will be closed on the following dates:
- Friday 30 March  Good Friday
- Monday 2 April   Easter Monday
- Tuesday 3 April  Easter Tuesday

A Whole School Liturgy will be celebrated in the Holy Family Church on Thursday 29 March at 2.15 pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

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
College Notices

Soccer
St Joseph’s College is very fortunate to have its own soccer club and registrations for the upcoming season are about to begin. Details regarding registrations are on the link below. We are indeed fortunate to have a dedicated group of parents who run the club and make this sporting opportunity available for our Junior School students.
For further information please contact the Club via Facebook: St Josephs Soccer Club Albany, Email: stjosephssoccerclub@gmail.com or Online: www.myfootballclub.com.au

Bendigo Bank High School Netball Cup - Coaches and Umpires Needed
This year, this very popular annual netball carnival is being held at the Katanning Leisure Centre.

Teams are as follows:
Lower Division: Year Seven and Eight Girls
Middle Division: Years Nine and Ten Girls
Upper Division: Years Eleven and Twelve Girls.

In order to participate, a team requires a coach and an umpire. Any parents who may be available and willing to assist in either of the roles would be most welcome and extremely appreciated.

Please contact Kate van Hulssen at the College on 9844 0222 by Thursday, 29 March if you feel you may be able to help. Thank you in anticipation.
Kate van Hulssen - Physical Education Teacher

Winners are Grinners
The Year Five St Joseph’s Flames girls’ basketball team had a terrific finish to the season on Saturday 17 March, taking out the round robin finals series undefeated!

Missing talented players Tatum Whalley and Charlotte Clayton through injury was no impediment to this group that epitomised the values of hard work and team play.

Initially defeating Bears in the first game, Parkland Potoroos in the second and then Hoopsters in a thrilling come from behind victory in the third. A tantalising final game match up with the also undefeated Infernos was played out.

Highlights from the round robin included Amity Fennell with some terrific defensive work, Angel Ang dominating the rebounds, Mia Baker dribbling the ball out of trouble, Michaela Buck cashing in on steals by sinking the two pointers, Rachel Lowry effecting turnovers with defensive pressure, Abbey O’Donnell showing great poise with her ball control and passing and Bethany Hyde displaying her determination at both ends by making clutch shots and rebounds. Tatum and Charlotte were passionate in support and the team was expertly coached by Robbie and Jules Whalley with team management support from Sarah Lowry.

The final score in a tense game against Infernos was 10-7. Special mention to Michaela Buck as well as Max Grimes (boys – Jets) for being selected in the All-Star teams for the season.

Congratulations to all players, coaches, umpires and officials, parents and supporters for a great finish to the season! Fiona Baker - Parent Supporter
Junior School News

It has been another eventful week in the Junior School. Not only have we had the excitement of St Joseph’s Day, our Year Five and Six students had another successful round of swimming lessons at Emu Point. These lessons are a vital part of ensuring that every student is learning the skills to keep themselves safe in and around water.

Thank you for taking the time to enter your comments on the Assessment Folder parents’ feedback sheet. If you have not already done so, please return your child’s Assessment Folder as they will form a valuable part of the discussion at the parent/teacher interviews next week.

Next week is the most sacred time in the Liturgical year of the Church. Parents are invited to join us each afternoon at 2:40 from Monday to Wednesday in the Undercover Area as the Year Three, Four and Five students lead us through the events that culminate in Good Friday. On Thursday the College community from Pre Primary to Year Twelve will gather in the Holy Family Church as the Year Six students take us through the Stations of the Cross.

We wish all of the students from Year Four to Six competing in the Inter-School Swimming Carnival all the best on Wednesday.

Another successful St Joseph’s Day has been and gone. I would like to thank the staff for the many hours of planning and organisation that ensured the day was enjoyed by all.

This as part of our 40th anniversary celebrations this year we had some extra special events take place. We were fortunate to have Sr Elizabeth Rose Sanders visit the College. Sr Elizabeth was teaching in Albany during the time of the amalgamation. She, along with Mr Mike Watson, spoke to the students. During the Mass they were also invited to present badges to the Year Twelve students. Mr Browning also presented badges to the Year Six students.

The commemorative photo that is on the front of the newsletter was another opportunity for us to recognise the 40th anniversary. On behalf of the College community we would like to sincerely thanks to Mr Brad Harkup of Albany Aerial Imaging for donating his time and providing us with a lasting memory of this important event. Thanks must also go to Mr Morcom as well as Mr West and Mr Scott (Grounds staff) for their invaluable assistance is setting up the template for this memorable photograph.

An amazing band of parents also gave up their time to cook and serve the sausage sizzle lunch that was appreciated by many hungry staff and students. The students and parents who attended had an amazing afternoon at the Fair which raised approximately $3 500 for Caritas. Among the stalls this year, the students used their creativity to decorate a cupcake, purchased items at the ‘Trash and Treasure’, rode the train, ate donuts, entered competitions and raffles, as well as being able show their sporting prowess in kicking the footy, hole in one golf, giant lawn games and archery. Our thanks also go to Terry Eaton at PCYC for the use of the archery equipment and Mr Tony Demarteau of Albany Lawn Games for the use of the giant games.

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School
From Head of Secondary

This week certainly started off with a bang - with great celebrations for St Joseph’s Day and the 40th year since the amalgamation of St Joseph’s Primary School, Ave Maria College and Pius X into what we all now know as St Joseph’s College.

At the conclusion of our Eucharistic Celebration, Year Twelve students were presented their medals. Mr Michael Watson presented the boys with a medal representing Blessed Edmund Rice founder of the Christian Brothers. Sr Elizabeth Rose Sanders presented the girls with their badge - which acknowledges St Emilie de Vialar and the Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition. Students were also presented with a pin of the College crest.

Also at the conclusion of the Mass Mr Browning presented the new secondary school leaders with their respective badges.

Staff have been busy preparing Interim Reports over the past few weeks. The interim report is designed to just give a brief overview of how your child is traveling at the moment. Reports will be available on SEQTA towards the end of next week - so please ensure you are able to access this programme. Parent-Teacher interviews will take place in the final seek of this term on Tuesday, 12 April from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. Interviews will be held in the Blessed Edmund Rice Library in the main secondary building (De Vialar block). Parents will book their own interviews through PTO which has a link on our College website - you will receive further information on this procedure via email next week.

Students in Years Seven to Twelve should have brought home an envelope with information regarding College Photos for 2018. Photos will take place next term and a schedule will be published closer to the date. Family photo order forms are available from the College Office.

This week Year Ten students received an information pack and permission forms for meningococcal ACWY School Based Immunisation Programme. If you have not yet completed the permission information, please do so in the very near future and return the form in the envelope to the College.

Our Year Seven students stepped up this week and accepted the challenge to climb Bluff Knoll (better them than me). By all accounts students had a great time camping and in the Stirling Ranges and using the time to get to know each other better. Special thanks to Mrs McCormack and Mrs Trichilo for the organisation and to Mr O’Donnell and Mr Scarterfield who accompanied them. Thanks are also extended to Ms Rowe and the Albany Girl Guides for the loan of their tents. And last but not least thanks to all our parents who also took up the challenge.

“Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help and brave enough to ask for it”. (Ziad K Abdelnour, economist and author).

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary School

Pastoral Care News

On Saturday 17th March, nearly 80 students and guests from Year Eleven and Twelve gathered at the Albany Surf Life Saving Club for the 2018 St Joseph’s College, Hollywood Glamour Ball.
Middleton Beach provided a beautiful backdrop for group photos with all the students donned in their finest. The students all looked fabulous in their dazzling dresses and smart suits. Staff and students alike had a wonderful evening dancing the night away, whilst snacking on squid skewers, party pies and sushi; and some sweet treats from the lolly bar.

A huge thank you to our student committee for all the work you put in to choosing a theme, creating posters, tickets, ‘Hollywood Walk of Fame’ Stars and helping set up the night before.

Without the help of some wonderful parents on our parent committee the night would have never been the success it was. Many hours were spent sourcing, planning and creating all the extra pieces that made the night one-in-a-million. Thank you to; Mrs Kylie Dallimore, Mrs Jo Spouse-Nastasi, Mrs Angela Williams, Mrs Danni Lynch, Mrs Kelly Shepherd, Mrs Michelle Wright and Mrs Chrissy Delane.

There were a myriad of Oscars presented on the night from best headbanger (Brodie) and best tie (Mitch W) to who got the lowest when dancing to Flo Rider (Mitch H). The highlight was the presentation of the sashes.

Congratulations to:
Year Eleven Life of the Party - Georgia Jones
Year Twelve Life of the Party - Sophie Lynch
Prince of the Ball - Benedict Jackson
Princess of the Ball - Shaznei Lugtu
Best Couple - Harrison Cooper and Gemma Hallett
Beau of the Ball - Zak De Jonge
Belle of the Ball - Amy-Centaine Evans

Finally one more big thank you to all the businesses that generously donated items to make the night truly phenomenal:

- Finishing Touches (Warren and Lorinda Bennett) for the Red Carpet and Bollards
- Albany City Motors for the use of a ute to drop larger items off at the venue
- DIY Event Hire (Danica Cullilane) for the use of all the glass canisters for the lolly buffet and drink dispensers
- Suttons Carpets for donating the Red Carpet
- Albany Office Products Depot (Tracey and Darren Jerrard) for donating the card for the tickets
(photo credit Renae O’Donnell & Dave Polette)

Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Pastoral Care Coordinator Year Seven - Twelve

Secondary Book Club
We had our first Book Club meeting on Friday 16 March at lunchtime in the Library. It was a very enjoyable event especially if you are passionate about reading!

Whilst we ate our lunch, TimTams and M&Ms, we discussed books and authors we love and books we are currently reading. Some of us swapped books. There were some suggestions of books we could buy for our library.

We all agreed we would meet again every two weeks on a Friday in the Secondary Library. There will be a reminder in the notices before each Book Club.

All new members are welcome. Bring your lunch, some books and a friend. Snacks/ lollies are provided. Staff are welcome. Hope to see you there.

Mrs Jude Wiegele - Teacher Librarian
Enuresis
Bedwetting, or nocturnal enuresis, is very common in children. Bedwetting has nothing to do with dreaming, and children who wet the bed are not “just being lazy”.

If your child wets the bed, there are a number of things you can do to help, such as using a waterproof mattress cover and establishing a before-bed toilet routine. It is not helpful to punish children who wet the bed. Fluids should not be restricted, even before bedtime. Sugary or caffeinated drinks should be avoided.

If your child is still wetting the bed after five and a half years of age, seek help through a referral by your local doctor. A bedwetting alarm is an effective and safe method of treatment available for nocturnal enuresis and may be appropriate for your child.

Contact your local Community Health Nurse Rochelle Klose on 98427566 for more information.

Dental Therapy Centre opening hours during the holidays.
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will be open 8am to 4pm during the school holidays, we will only be closed on Friday 27th April. If your child requires emergency dental treatment on this day please contact Yakamia Dental Therapy Centre on 9841 3498. For emergencies outside of opening hours, please contact your own private dentist or Albany Regional Hospital on 9892 2222.

Your child will be eligible to attend a Dental Therapy Centre from ages 5 to 17. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be used by someone else.

All appointments are now sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child could miss out on their check-up, please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au

The staff at Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all children and parents an enjoyable break, keep smiling.

Engineers Australia Regional Event
5.15 – 7.30pm Monday 26th March
Albany Entertainment Centre
2 Toll Place
Free entry, but bookings essential  https://engineersaustralia.wufoo.eu/forms/albany-26-march-2018/

Placing Albany on the map of the world’s leading renewable energy cities
The Western Australian Government’s Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has awarded $15.75m grant funding to Carnegie’s CETO technology and Albany Wave Energy Project (AWEP) following the completion of a globally competitive tender process for wave energy developers. The Albany Project represents an opportunity for Australia to develop world leading industrial capacity in the design and development of wave projects. Carnegie’s wave energy team and its CETO wave technology are already recognised as world leaders.

A team of around 20 researchers – based at the Centre in Albany and UWA in Perth – will support Carnegie Clean Energy in their development and deployment of the wave energy converter device. If successful, this prototype will make Australia the first in the world to ever deliver wave energy to an onshore power station on this scale. Research will span a multitude of disciplines: geotechnical engineering to develop novel economical foundations to anchor wave energy converters to the
seabed; coastal engineering and oceanography to characterise and model the wave conditions in Torbay; and hydrodynamics to analyse the motions and stability of wave energy converters. The Centre will operate out of Albany, with offices in the refurbished old Visitor Centre, workshop space and field equipment and a large display area for public outreach. Click the following link for more information: http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/EngineersAustraliaEvent26March.pdf

Community Notices

St Joseph’s College Newsletter
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
28 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

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
2 April, 9:00AM—St Joseph Church

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St Joseph Church
154 Aberdeen Street

HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC PARISH
Albany, Western Australia
08 9841 1129

Holy Family Church
Martin Road corner Hardie Road
Spencer Park, Albany