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Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of today.

Refresh me.

Invite me to discover Your presence in each person that I meet and every event that I encounter.

Teach me,

when to speak and when to listen,

when to ponder and when to share.

In moments of challenge and decision attune my heart to the whisperings of Your Wisdom.

As I undertake ordinary and unnoticed tasks, gift me with simple joy.

When my day goes well, may I rejoice.

When it grows difficult, surprise me with new possibilities.

I ask all this through Christ our Lord

Amen.

Important Dates Coming Up

**WEEK 4**

**Mon 21 May**
- Scholastic Book Fair, JS Undercover Area 8.15am - 8.45am and 3pm - 3.30pm
- Kindy Blue and Pre Primary Blue - St John Ambulance Incursion

**Tues 22 May**
- Scholastic Book Fair, JS Undercover Area 8.15am - 8.45am and 3pm - 3.30pm
- Eagles Cup Football vs Flinders Park @ SJC, 4pm
- Kindy Gold and Pre Primary Gold - St John Ambulance Incursion

**Wed 23 May**
- Scholastic Book Fair, JS Undercover Area, 8.15am - 8.45am
- Ozanam House Liturgy and Fundraiser
- WAD Debating League, Round 2, ASHS, 6.30-9pm

From the Principal

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Today was ‘Walk to School’ Day and by 8.10 am there was a crowd of students, parents and staff assembled at the Spencer Park Shopping Centre. So many positive conversations occurred as the leisurely walk to school was enjoyed. Thank you to Mr Scarterfield for organising the event and to the students, staff and parents who supported this event.

Next Monday through to Wednesday, our annual Book Fair will occur in the Junior School Undercover Area. Often parents ask what they can do to help their child and overwhelmingly my response is: ‘Read to your child each night or ensure time is set aside each day for a child to read for enjoyment’. The Book Fair will have some great items available for all ages so do make a purchase and support our P&F at the same time.

The Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia has endorsed a process of performance review for Principals. I am one of several Principals in Catholic schools to be reviewed this year. This Principal Review Process relates only to the Principal’s Duties and Responsibilities (as enunciated in the Principal’s Contract of Employment) and is not a School Review or Evaluation. The aims of the Principal Review Process are:

- Accountability to the Employer
- Renewal of Contract and
- Professional Development

The process will involve the following members of the school community: Selected Staff; the School Board; the Parents & Friends Executive; and the Parish Priest. This review will be conducted by means of written evaluation, followed by interviews with a review panel which will take place during Term Three.

Please check our lost property baskets in the College Office as there are always hats, jumpers, lunch boxes, drink bottles and containers waiting to be collected.

I can now confirm that all students from Kindergarten to Year Ten will conclude the year on Friday 7 December 2018.

Currently I am completing interviews with families seeking a place for their child in Kindergarten or Year Seven in 2019. There are some wonderful new families making St Joseph’s their first school of choice. On the completion of each interview I inform the family whether they have been successful in securing a place or whether they will be placed on a waiting list. For this reason, it is very important that all current families have lodged enrolment forms for younger brothers and sisters. If you have friends outside our school who are interested in enrolling their child, please ask them to lodge an enrolment form at the earliest opportunity.

Well done to the students and staff for handling the compulsory NAPLAN testing so well this week.

Together everyone achieves more at St Joseph’s College.

Mr Mark Browning - Principal
Dear Members of our College community

St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal 2018

In life we are confronted by a multiplicity of choices. We make them every day, every minute. Our choices not only affect ourselves but may also impact significantly upon others often without us being aware of the result. A very deliberate choice made over one and half centuries ago by Blessed Frederic Ozanam was the founding of the St Vincent de Paul Society. It was an unselfish choice made for the good of others and its benefits and blessings continue to the present day. Here at St Joseph’s College, we of Ozanam House are proud to maintain our identification with the name of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and the work of St Vincent de Paul. This year the slogan for the Society’s Annual Winter Appeal is ‘Give People Another Choice this Winter!’ and we appeal to you to assist us in that endeavour.

Should you decide to help, you will contribute to a very worthy and compassionate effort.

For the disadvantaged, it is dreadful to decide between two oppressive alternatives. Some must confront a choice between putting food on the table or paying the power bill or the rent. Others even worse off must choose in which equally vile and squalid location they will shiver away the night until the next miserable ‘choice’ presents itself in the grimness of the dawn. St Vincent de Paul report that ‘over 116,000 … are experiencing or at risk of homelessness on any given night in Australia’ with all the fear and desolation of spirit that this entails. Albany and its surrounding districts have a share in that unpleasant statistic and its associated social consequences and so, in the matter of giving the unfortunate another and better choice, we ask you to choose from the following list:

- **FOOD ITEMS** including canned food (RING-PULL CANS ONLY) containing mini-meals like steak and onions or chunky beef stew; tinned tuna or sardines; tinned fruit, cans of soup; packs of soup, cereal, two-minute noodles; long-life milk, **empty** egg cartons (Food Bank offers large quantities of eggs but has no effective means of packing them for distribution).
- **CLOTHING** (old or new doesn’t matter so long as it is clean): warm socks and underwear for children and adults; winter clothing for children, school uniforms.
- **BEDDING**: clean used or new pillows and pillow slips, blankets, warm wraps, sleeping bags
  (Please do NOT donate electrical goods, including electric blankets, or perishable items, junk food, lollies or cool drinks.)

Ozanam House will commence its part in the Annual Appeal in Week Four (21 May) through to the end of Term Two (Friday, 29 June). Drop-off spots will be located at the Library, the College Office and outside the Junior School near the information board. Also, on the last day of term there will be a ‘Crazy Socks’ day in which students may participate for the cost of a can of food. Please make a choice and contribute to the Appeal. You may never see the end result, but you may rest assured that someone in genuine need will receive the benefit and the blessing of your decision to help.

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**College Notices**

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**P & F News**

**Scholastic Book Fair is finally here!**

After many weeks of planning and organising the time has arrived. Today was very exciting - and busy - starting with the Junior School Assembly. Our friend, Clifford came to visit and helped give out vouchers to some lucky students to spend at the Book Fair next week.

The Book Fair will be set up in the Junior Undercover Area. The Junior School students all came for a look today and have made a little wishlist of items that they may like to purchase at the fair. It is all very exciting! The fair is open each morning Monday to Wednesday, and Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Come and see us, we would love to see you.

**Open Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
8:15am - 8:45am
Monday and Tuesday
3:00pm - 3:30pm

**St Joseph’s College Newsletter**
On Thursday 10 May, high school students from all around the Great Southern descended upon the Katanning Leisure Centre for the annual and highly popular Bendigo Community Bank’s High Schools Netball Carnival. After meeting at 6.45am, forty Year Seven to Twelve girls exited the Busy Blue Bus two hours later, full of anticipation and keen to take on the opposition. We had four teams entered this year: two Lower Division teams made up of Year Seven and Eight girls, one Middle Division team made up of Year Nine girls and one Upper Division team – comprised of largely Year Eleven and Twelve girls along with two invaluable Year Ten ring ins! In total there were 51 teams competing from fourteen different schools.

In the Lower Division, St Joseph’s College 1 (comprising a mix of Year Seven and Eight students), coached by Morgyn Ward and umpired by Mrs Melissa Andreini, played hard all day and came away with two wins and two losses. Coaches awards go to Georgia Bennett (Best Player) and Chantelle Heslop (Most Improved). St Joseph’s College 2 which was made up of Year Seven students only, coached by Mrs Sam Jones and umpired by Julia Walker, also had a great day finishing with two wins and three losses. All will have gained much from the experience. The Coach’s Award for this team was to Abbey Jones and Sinead Clark received Most Improved.

(From Mrs Sam Loveridge, umpire): “The St Joseph’s Middle Division team was comprised of Mia Maffei, Asha Wiegele, Sidney Scott, Storm Melia, Charley Hammond, Sophie Loveridge, Laura Nelson, Grace Larham & Lize-Mari Swart.

The girls had a great day being coached by Mrs Maria Scamozzi where they won three and lost two. Asha Wiegele and Storm Melia were ruthless in defence and Sophie Loveridge and Lize-Mari Swart played great centre court. All of the girls enjoyed the sportsmanship and friendships of the day, while playing in the glorious sunshine.

A great team effort! Well done Girls x”

The Upper Division team (coached by Mrs Dani Lynch and umpired by Mrs Trish Hines) had a brilliant day, winning 4 of their 5 preliminary round matches to go through to the Grand Final. Unfortunately, they went down to ASHS in a tough fought game. Condolences go to Tess Shields who was injured in the game prior to the grand final and after displaying some masterful moves throughout the day was unable to take to the court in the “big one”. Awards for this team go to Sophie Lynch and Alex Winter for invaluable leadership, sportsmanship and outstanding play through the day.

A huge thank you to all team umpires and coaches on the day. Without these amazing people our students would miss out on these opportunities and the events cannot take place. We look forward to the 2019 carnival here in Albany.

Ms Kate van Huissen - Physical Education Teacher
National Youth Science Forum

Applications for the 2019 NYSF Year 12 Programme will be closing 31 May 2018. Current Year 11 students interested in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) are encouraged to apply. The NYSF Year 12 Programme is a 12 day residential programme designed to expose students to the diverse study and career options available in STEM fields. The programme includes lecture, workshops and labs run by established scientists, facility tours, social events, skills building activities and so much more.

The Programme will run three times in January 2019 in Canberra (Australian National University) and Brisbane (University of Queensland).

Click on the link for more information: National Youth Science Forum

St Joseph’s in the Majority as Debating Season Opens!

The St Joseph’s debating family welcomes thirteen new members who will be fighting for the honour of our College in 2018. St Joseph’s is proudly competing with more teams than any other school in this year’s competition, with five of our six teams opening the Albany Debating League season last Wednesday. Impressing adjudicators, teachers, opposing teams and parents with their ability, you could hear their minds ticking over…

“If this is how good they are on debut, how good are they going to get as the competition progresses?” This year, the competition is being hosted by Albany Senior High School. Every fortnight for the next ten school weeks, our students will be competing against teams from Albany Senior High School, North Albany Senior High School and Great Southern Grammar for a place in the semi-finals. Students will be debating on a range of topical issues such as the teaching of Asian languages in schools; the impact of the party political system; compulsory vaccination; and the date we should celebrate Australia Day.

All members of the College community are very welcome to come and support our teams on debating evenings throughout the competition. We would love to see you there.

Mrs Julia Goodlad - Co-ordinator Debating Team

From Head of Secondary

The College has once again been a hype of activity this week. Secondary students have put on their best smiling faces for the College Photographs (and I thank the students for their cooperation) and our year Seven and Nine students had their brains tested to the max with the NAPLAN. Teachers will receive the NAPLAN results later in the year and this will help us in our future planning.

A number of our students in Year Seven to Twelve participated in the Inter-School Cross Country at Great Southern Grammar on Monday. All our students can be proud of their level of participation commitment. Thanks to Mr O’Donnell and Mrs Trichilo for both supervising and supporting our athletes in this endeavour.

Parent and students in Year Twelve are reminded to complete the Student Declaration before 21 June. Students received the necessary link last week via Direct Message. See also the last page of the Newsletter for further information and the link to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).
Students in Year Ten, Eleven and Twelve had the opportunity early in the week to attend an information session on the University of Western Australia’s Rural and Broadway Direct Entry Pathways into Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Podiatric Medicine. St Joseph’s was extremely well represented at this event. See the pictures of our potential doctors alongside this article.

Both staff and students are busy preparing for their upcoming tests and examinations. Year Ten and Eleven students have now received their schedule for the examinations. Parents should note that Year Eleven and Twelve students who are participating in three (3) or more examinations are not required to attend school unless they are sitting an examination. The library will be available for use after the examinations should students wish to remain.

Year Nine Examinations and the Year Seven and Eight end of semester tests will take place in normal subject classes in Week Five (i.e. 28th May to 1st June). Students will have tests in the five core learning areas of Religious Education, English, Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science.

Events coming up next week include: A Year Eight team building exercise run by Mrs Tompkin and the Year Ten leaders on Tuesday; the Ozanam Liturgy on Wednesday and Middle and Senior School assembly on Thursday during Period Three.

Have a great weekend and coming week and in light of all the photos this week I leave you with this quote:

Sensitive people faced with the prospect of a camera portrait put on a face they think is the one they would like to show to the world... Every so often what lies behind the facade is rare and more wonderful than the subject knows or dares to believe.

Irving Penn (American Photographer)

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

From Pastoral Care

Christian Service Opportunity
St Joseph’s College students and staff have committed to making a difference in the lives of others by participating in Christian Service. This service can be from a kind gesture for someone in need, to representing the College at official events or dedicating time to helping individuals and organisation.

Albany Swim Club is seeking volunteers from Middle and Senior School students who would like to help out at the Albany Short Course Swimming Program on the first weekend of the school holidays, Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July at Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre (ALAC). Your duties will be to assist Albany Swim Club officials in a number of practical ways to ensure the days run smoothly.

If this is something you would be interested in doing, please come and see Mrs Tompkin in the Pastoral Care office for more information.

Year Eight Team Building Afternoon
Next week on Tuesday 22 May, Year Eight students will be involved in a team building afternoon, working with the Year Ten leaders.

Students will remain in their College uniform for the afternoon, working in small groups and as a whole group participating in a number of MindMatters activities that build acceptance, differences and inclusivity.

Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Pastoral Care Coordinator (Year Seven - Twelve)
Telescopes Under the Stars
Friday, 25 May 2018
7.30pm - 9.30pm, Albany Forts
Experience the night sky with Perth Observatory volunteers and telescopes. Free, all welcome. Please click on the link below for more information.

We’re Not Dead Yet
Saturday, 26 May 2018
2pm, Albany Museum Co-op Building
Matt Wood reveals drama, history and essential research from the tenacious Perth Observatory astronomy facility. Gold coin donation - All welcome. Click on the link below for more information.

Community Notices
Parent information – Online Student Declaration and Permission

The following students are required to complete the online Student Declaration and Permission:

All Year 12 students
Year 11 students who are studying ATAR Units 3 and 4 and sitting the 2018 ATAR course examinations
Year 10 students who have been given approval to study ATAR Units 3 and 4 and sit the 2018 ATAR course examinations.

Details of this process is listed below.

The deadline for students to complete this process online is Thursday, 21 June 2018.

Student Declaration

All students, as listed above, will need to declare that they are aware of the requirements to achieve the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and for sitting the ATAR course examination. These requirements are listed in the Year 12 Information Handbook which is available on the Authority website at https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/year-12-information.

When checking this declaration box online one of the requirements is that your son or daughter has discussed them with you. Please refer to the above link for this information.

Student Permission

All students, as listed above, will be asked to give permission for the following:

(a) Release of their name should they win an award
   The School Curriculum and Standards Authority award winners are published in the media and on the Authority’s website if permission to do so has been given by the student.

(b) Use of school work for creating support materials
   The Authority is seeking permission for the use of school work produced during 2018, e.g. assignments, projects, portfolios, test, school-based exam responses.

(c) Use of examination responses (written and practical)
   The Authority is seeking permission for the use of:

   ATAR course written and practical examination responses (copyright owned by the student); and
   images and sound recordings of the student in photographs, audio recordings and audio visual recordings that are made during the ATAR course practical examinations (copyright owned by the State of Western Australia).

Your son or daughter will be encouraged by the school to discuss each of the above questions with you prior to completing the student permission. The online procedure has been developed so that your son or daughter cannot complete the student permission unless they click on ‘Yes’ to ‘I have discussed my responses to the above questions with my parents/guardians’.

Please note: Students will be required to complete the Student Declaration and Permission when they log in to the portal before they can gain access to other important information such as their examination timetable.

Further information is available on the Student declaration page via School Curriculum and Standards Authority’s Year 11 and 12 website http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/the-wace/student-declaration.