Dear Parents, Guardians, Families, Students and Members of our College Community.

Across the College, teachers are presently engaged in the process of writing your child’s half yearly report. Throughout this process the teachers review the data they have gathered about your child throughout the first semester to form an overall picture of their progress in their current year. As teachers we observe, interact and analyse your child’s performance and an overall grade will be given for each learning area. Parents should be aware of their child’s progress either through the viewing of work samples in the Assessment Books for Junior School or the results displayed on SEQTA for secondary students. Some parents may be concerned if their child’s grade alters from last year. For example: your child may have received a B for English at the end of last year and they may receive a C in the upcoming Semester One report. This does not mean that your child is not progressing, as they should. There are growing expectations as your child progresses from one grade level to another. If there are great differences, your child’s teacher will organise an opportunity to meet with you.

Importantly, we as teachers and parents need to continue to work in collaboration to help your child reach their full potential.

Reflection: God and Play

Adults and teenagers can learn a lot about God from our youngest students. Young children are filled with wonder about the world and are open to discovering the Mystery of God through hands on play especially in the natural environment that God provided. Drawing from this gift of imagination can nurture this openness to God. Everything in nature speaks to us of God’s love.

The SUN is God warming us.
The BREEZE is God caressing us.
The GROUND on which you stand is God holding you in his protecting hands.
The AIR we breathe is God sustaining our life.
The WATER we drink is God quenching our thirst.
The FRUIT we eat is God feeding us.

Amen
Congratulations to Mr Habal (secondary teacher) and his wife on the arrival of Titania Sylvette (4/6/17). May she bring you many years of sugar, spice and all things nice.

Thank you to the parents who attended the final workshop in preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion on Wednesday night. This special milestone in the faith life of our students will be celebrated on Sunday 18 June at 9.30 am in the Holy Family Parish. All members of the St Joseph’s community are welcome to attend.

Up-dated Fee Statements are currently being prepared to send home. I am very grateful to those parents who pay off their fees in regular increments or as a lump sum. As you are aware every effort is being made to keep our fees and other costs as low as possible. The School Board sets school fees according to recommendations from Catholic Education of Western Australia. CEWA have in place an assistance program to help families who meet eligibility criteria for Tuition Fee discount e.g. Health Card Rebate. They also encourage families who do not meet these criteria, but who still want a Catholic Education for their children to meet with me to discuss their situation with complete confidentiality. Both these points form part of our school’s School Fee Policy (available on the school website). Families are offered several methods of payment that are appropriate and affordable for all. By setting fee due dates at the beginning of each school term, it enables the school to collect revenue consistently throughout the year. This is to accommodate payments for resources for your children. Resources include teacher salaries, IT equipment for each child, classroom furniture, curriculum material, stationery etc. If payments are received late (or not at all), this creates difficulty for the school. I’d like to sincerely thank all families who have made school fee payments this year, who have regular payment plans in place and those families who are experiencing difficulty who are contacting the school to discuss their situation. Armed with this knowledge it enables me, together with the School Board to make good financial decisions for the school. If you are experiencing difficulty with school fees, please make an appointment with me to discuss your situation. I can help you!

Various support services are available at St Joseph’s College. Ms Ellie Cameron is the school psychologist. Her services are available for all students and parents from Kindergarten to Year Twelve. Appointments with Ms Cameron can be made by contacting the College Office.

At St Joseph’s College we are extremely fortunate to have some great students who involve themselves in the wider community. On the recent long weekend, three St Joseph’s students took part in “The Elleker 10km Run”. The students were Lauren McEwan (Year Ten), Matilda Williams (Year Ten) and Olivia McEwan (Year Eight). All three students performed really well against state-wide adult runners; a top effort, girls!
I really love to be in the city, with the colourful lights and the hustle and bustle of city life. For me the city is the symbol of life, progress, vibrant fun and the dynamic culture of a globalised nation. But there is the other side of it. It is also the symbol of secularism, industrialisation and globalisation, where one can be lost in a tide of sequence and be eaten by the system. I gave the letters c,i,t,y a meaning; Cry Inside The Youth. Going to the city most of the work force are youth. These are young professionals, who want to have a piece of the world; to find meaning and purpose. For the majority of them, the city is a place to earn money. What is the Cry Inside The Youth? If you ask me, what is the cry inside me, it is life and utopia, a perfect state. Maybe not all idealism lives in youth. Idealism of a perfect world, that is the significant reflection of the city; the vibrant youth, dynamic, progressive and colourful.

Next Tuesday 13 June is the next meeting for the College P&F. This year our meetings have been well attended and I hope this will be the case again. The involvement of parents in the life of the College brings benefits for the entire community. The meeting commences at 6.00 pm in the Administration Block.

ASG NEiTA is one of the only independent national awards program where early childhood and school communities can publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers and principals who are committed to excellence in education. St Joseph’s College is fortunate to have some great teachers from Three-Year-Olds to Year Twelve that are making a real difference to students’ education. To nominate a person from our school visit: www.asg.com.au/nominate and applications close on 3 July 2017.

As parents are aware, I am currently conducting interviews for places in all year groups at St Joseph’s College in 2018. The feedback from parents from outside the school is very positive. Parents who send their children to our school are the greatest advertisement we have. To receive this positive feedback about the school; the staff; the students and the community from new parents is fantastic.

Seek to make a difference in our College community this coming week!

Mr Mark Browning
Principal

Matilda Williams, Laura & Olivia McEwan after completing the Elleker 10km Run.
But sadly, most youth today are eaten by the dark side of the city. They become a commodity, secularise part of the business, they are ends to a means reduced by money and materialism. But the goal of life and city is utopia. The human being fulfilling his purpose his divine vocation. There is a cry inside the youth from God. To go back to the paradise of purpose, dignity and freedom to choose the fundamental option. Hence at the end it will be a CITY, GOD’S CITY.

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**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**SUNDAY, 18TH JUNE**

9.30am at HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

All welcome to attend and support our young ones as they receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

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**Girl’s Navy Pants**

If you would like to order Girl’s Navy Pants, order forms can be collected from the Uniform Shop or the College Office. Sample sizes are available in the Uniform shop to try on.

Orders need to be in by Wednesday 14th June.

Helen Anderson
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

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**Junior School News**

**EAGLES CUP VS ALBANY PRIMARY**

On Tuesday afternoon the Eagles Cup team travelled to take on Albany Primary School in round four of the Eagles Cup competition. With brilliant weather for football both teams were itching to get the competition underway.

Albany Primary were quick to get on the scoreboard early but this started a determined fight back from St Joseph’s. The St Joseph’s side were not to be intimidated and displayed some awesome courage in tackling the opposition ruckman on several occasions.

In the second quarter Jye Coyne was at his silky best and was gathering plenty of the ball and Oliver Pass played his best quarter of football for the year being involved in plenty of the play.

The game evened up during the second half with the St Joseph’s side displaying some fantastic ball use and decision making around the ground. Goals to Riley Nicholas and Liam Durack helped the visitors cause, but inaccurate kicking plagued the team in the final quarter as they finished strongly.

The final result was Albany Primary 7.8.50 St Joseph’s College 3.6.24

Best players: Coyne, Pass, O’Donnell

Goals: 1 Durack, Devenish, Nicholas

The next game is an away game Tuesday 13th June versus Mt Lockyer at Mt Lockyer Primary oval.

Paul O’Donnell
Coach

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**Jump Rope for Heart**

Jump Rope for Heart is gathering steam, it is great to see the number of students skipping every day. Well done to our top three fundraisers for the College to date:

Bethany Hyde
Amity Fennell
Amali Forgione

Well done girls! You are doing a great job.

It’s not too late to jump on and register. It’s easy, just click on the Jump Rope for Heart Link on the College website and register! The programme will wrap up at the end of this term.

Katherine Jefferis
2017 Junior School Inter House Cross Country

The Junior School Inter House Cross Country was held on Friday 2 June. We had some warm weather, which added to the challenge for runners as they traversed the College Cross Country Course. Students in Kindergarten through to Year Six took part in the day’s events. Well done to all runners for their fantastic effort. Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who came to support on the day. It was great to see such a large number of spectators.

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Middle and Senior School News

This week, although only four days has been a busy one, especially for our senior students in Years Ten, Eleven and Twelve, who have been completing their end of Semester Examinations. Thank you to all students for their cooperation during this time and to Mrs Bennett for the scheduling and teachers for the supervision. I trust all have done their best and look forward to hearing of the splendid results.

This week saw the return of Mrs Page from a well-deserved Long Service Leave break...we welcome her back and thank Mrs Heward for a job well done as her replacement for the past six weeks. This week saw our debaters enter round four of the competition. Congratulations to all students on your continued success.

Teaching staff are busy marking examination and test papers in preparation for the end of Semester Reports, which will be available on SEQTA-Engage in the final week of the term. More information regarding this and teacher-parent interviews is to follow in the coming weeks. Events coming up next week include the Middle School AFL Football carnival, the de Vialar House liturgy and the School Disco.

“Striving for success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven’t planted.” ~ David Bly

Susan Alderman
Head of Secondary

Year Nine Adventure Sports Mountain Bike Excursion

This semester a select bunch of keen Year Nine students have chosen Adventure Sports as their elective. Over the course of Term Two, the practical excursions lead by Paul O’Donnell and Notre Dame Prac Student Jackson Shaw included mountain biking, canoeing and trail running, whilst the theory lessons have been focusing on principles of training, skills, team work, leadership and motivation.

On Thursday of Week Five the class loaded their bikes onto the bike trailer, jumped on the bus and got off to a morning of riding around Mt Melville. Throughout the ride, there was an abundance of mud (Sam Osborne), lactic acid (Phillip Woods) and determination (Ellie White).

In Week Six, the class took a trip to Lake Seppings where they were assessed on their bike fitness skills measured by time trial laps around the lake. The standout student was Jessica Waldron who took off at the start to a commanding lead and held the rest of the class back to take line honors and 1st place.

Jackson Shaw
Notre Dame Prac Student
Albany City Wind Ensemble
Directed by Sue Findlay

From the Top

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