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Prayer For Restful Holiday

Father I thank You for the opportunity to take a holiday and be enabled to have a complete break from the daily rounds and the many responsibilities and routines that govern our lives.

It is such a joy to have this break and I pray that it will be a time of rest and refreshment where I am enabled to go quietly through the day without having to plan for the many ‘workaday’ things that have become the norm in our busy daily schedule.

I pray that during this holiday I will enjoy both spiritual and physical renewal and find rejuvenating rest for my mind and spirit as well as enjoy relaxation and respite for my body as well.

Amen

From the Principal

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**General Notices**

**WANTED**

**Hay Bale Twine**

Any colour

The Art Department is in urgent need of any donations of Hay Bale Twine for a whole college/community art project.

*Please pass any donations to Julia Goodlad - Art Department*

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**School Holiday**

**College Office Opening Hours**

The College Office will be open on

**Wednesday, 11th July,**

**Thursday, 12 July,**

**Friday, 13 July**

8am - 4pm

We wish everyone a restful holiday.

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**It's Competition Time!**

**College Annual 2018**

It’s the College’s 40th Year of Celebrations and a competition is being run to design the front cover of the 2018 College Annual.

Categories are:

Kindy - PP, Year One - Three, Year Four - Six, Year Seven - Nine and Year Ten - Twelve

Artwork is to be designed on an A4 sheet of paper and needs to be kept in pristine condition. No words are to be included in the design. A small prize will be awarded to the winner in each category and the prize itself will be winning the front cover of the Annual displaying your artwork.

Entries close Thursday, 6 September.

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**Principal’s Report**

When reading your child’s report please remember that reports can mean anxious times for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Children of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people. Before discussing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? Expectations are tricky. If they are too high, then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report may provide you with a good yardstick. Do you believe that children learn at different rates? Avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it? Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning. Reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development. Focus on strengths. Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths. Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grade. Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence their happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to their future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant. Take note of your child’s self-assessment. Children are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions. Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

NAIDOC Week is celebrated in the first week of July but as this occurs in the school holidays this event was celebrated at St Joseph’s College this week. The aim of NAIDOC celebrations is to celebrate and promote a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture. This year’s theme ‘Because of her we can’ aims to emphasise and celebrate the significant roles Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played and continue to play in communities at all levels. There was a beautiful whole school liturgy in the Holy Family Church on Thursday to allow our students and staff to embrace the contribution of Aboriginal people and aspects of their culture.

Thank you to all families who brought in food over the past few weeks in support of the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The St Vincent de Paul Society is an essential element of our community, who provides much needed assistance to many families. It is important that our children are aware of those who are less fortunate in our community and the outstanding efforts of the St Vincent de Paul Society. All food donations received during the appeal and culminating in ‘Funky Sock Friday’ will be distributed to families in the Albany and Great Southern Region by the St Vincent de Paul members. Sincere thanks to all in our community who donated to this worthy cause particularly the students and staff of Ozanam House.
Please note the following important dates:

- Friday 29 June  Classes conclude for all students from Kindergarten to Year Twelve
- Monday 16 July  Staff commence Term Three
- Tuesday 17 July  Term Three commences for all students from Kindergarten to Year Twelve

Thank you to the families who have already paid their fees or are making regular payments. All 2018 school fees need to be finalised by the end of November unless prior arrangements have been made. Payments can be made via cash, cheque, BPay or direct debit. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please ring the office to make an appointment to see me so an amicable solution can be found. Please remember if fees are not paid, and there is no communication with the Principal, the College does use the services of a debt collector.

Enjoy the holiday break!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

Uniform Shop News

The College Uniform shop exists to offer for sale the College Uniform at the most affordable price for parents/guardians. To this end, the Uniform Shop does not contribute financially to the College however must be self-supporting by ensuring the costs incurred in purchasing and selling uniforms items are met.

At the beginning of Term Three, the price of uniform items will be adjusted in line with the current price the College pays for each item. The price of many items will remain unchanged, some prices will reduce and others will increase however our aim remains to provide the College Uniform at the most affordable price.

A copy of the new uniform shop price list will be published on the College website from the beginning of Term 3 and displayed in the uniform shop.

Canteen News

Junior School ... COMING READY OR NOT ...

As a trial for Term Three, on Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be a special RECESS CANTENE located in the Junior School Undercover area. All items for sale will be 50c or $1 and include cut up oranges, homemade sausage rolls, pikelets, mini muffins, junior pizza cheezies, goujons and scones with jam and cream. The Junior School Recess Canteen will be staffed by our very own Year 6 Leaders and a parent helper whilst our very busy canteen staff keep cooking in the main canteen. Parents who would like to help by volunteering an hour of their time from 10.30-11.30am on a Tuesday or Thursday are encouraged to contact Marina Pietropaolo on 0400 852 392.

Junior School Recess Canteen commences on the first day back at school for Term Three, Tuesday 17 July 2018, in the Junior School Undercover Area. Don’t miss it!
Eagles Cup

Round Five of the Eagles Cup competition was held on Tuesday 26 June. This was St Joseph’s second away game of the year which saw our boys travel out to Great Southern Grammar for the match under grey skies. Thankfully the rain stayed away as our team put together some of their best football for the year with some brilliant individual efforts from Ben Thomas, Oliver Pass, Jye Coyne and Max Swarbrick. It was great to see the boys run and carry the ball through the midfield. As usual the backline did an outstanding job with Sean Anderson leading the way giving St Joseph’s a chance to take home our second win of the season with the match evenly poised at half time. GSG proved too good at the final siren however, eventually running out winners 51 points to 24 points. Our side can take a lot from this performance with a massive improvement shown from the start of the year.

Thank you to all the parents and supporters who came out to cheer the boys on. Our next game will be at Mt Lockyer Primary School in Week Two of Term Three - we look forward to seeing you all next term!

Mr Scarterfield and Mr Charlton - Coaches

Inter-School Cross Country

The 2018 ADPSSA Inter-School Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday, 22 June at Great Southern Grammar. St Joseph’s College was well represented across all divisions and performed exceptionally well in the wet and muddy conditions, with no fewer than 11 students taking home medals. Well done to all participants for giving their best efforts and showing great sportsmanship throughout.

Thank you to the parents who came out to support all our runners and especially to those who helped with various duties on the day.

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Junior School News

Year 5 Girls 2km
1st Tatum Whalley 8mins 37sec
2nd Charlotte Clayton 8mins 46sec

Year 5 Boys 2km
1st Oliver Pass 7mins 44sec
3rd Jacob Lee 7mins 48sec

Year 6 Boys 3km
2nd Ben Thomas 12mins 30sec

Rotary Donate Microscopes
In today’s Year One Assembly, Mr Geoff Inman and Mrs Lisa Scanlan, representing the Rotary Club of Albany Port, visited St Joseph’s College to present the College with a class set of microscopes for the Junior School. On behalf of the College, the Junior School student leaders Santino Pietropaolo, Lucas Maffei and Cassandra Swarbrick accepted and thank the visitors.

The Rotary Club of WA, has presented some 20,000 microscopes to almost 700 schools since the project was initiated in 2010. This Project was inspired by the vision of Professor Lyn Beazley (WA Chief Scientist) to engage and inspire primary age students to explore the Scientific World. On behalf of St Joseph’s College, I would like to thank the Rotary Club of Albany Port for their kind donation, which I am sure our students will put to good use in the coming weeks.

Mr Suresh Veerappan - Head of Science

Secondary School News

From Head of Secondary
Semester reports were released this week to both parents and students via SETQA Engage (Parents) and SEQTA Learn (Students). Should you be having any difficulty accessing these, please do not hesitate to contact the College. Information regarding Parent – Teacher Interviews was also emailed home this week. Please follow the instructions to make your appointments. You are reminded that should you not be able to make the times available, please contact the teacher directly to make a convenient time to meet.

At our final assembly this term a number of students were presented with Certificates of Excellence for their academic achievements for Semester One. These students in Year Seven were: Tinotenda Chiware, Chantelle Heslop, Jack Tran, Julianna Villanueva, Rubimai Ward, and Keira Wiegele. The Year Eight cohort was represented by: Susann Ndong’a and Madison Meyer. Students from Year Nine
were: Andrea Bombasi, Lize-Mari Swart, Jade Walker, Asha Wiegele, Jayden Heslop, Grace Larham, Jessica Pell and Shannon Ross. Sebastian Commons, James Franklin from the Year Ten students and Alex Winter from Year Eleven together with Harrison Cooper and Sophie Lynch from Year Twelve were the recipients in the Senior School. Congratulations to all those students.

Also at our assembly students were presented with Certificates for Christian Service. Jacinta Le Cerf, Amelie Moss and Julia Walker all received certificates for having completed 20 hours service. Julia is also the first student to receive her Christian Service Badge awarded for 40 hours of service. Congratulations to all.

Have terrific holiday break...make the most of being able to spend some quality time with your children. In family relationships, love is really spelled “T.I.M.E.” Dieter F. Uchtdorf (Businessman, Aviator and Religious Leader.)

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

From the Pastoral Care Office
This week has been an incredibly busy time for our Secondary students as we hit the half way point of our school year.

Tuesday morning the Secondary Student Leaders prepared and cooked up a storm of over 400 pancakes for secondary school students to enjoy. It was a wonderful morning of friendship, feasting and full tummies as we gathered together in the undercover area to enjoy our lovingly prepared pancakes with maple syrup and cream. A huge thank you to Mrs Trahair who guided us through the process to ensure we were ready to start serving at 8.00am.

Our ping pong championships continued this week. Congratulations to Brock Anning and Tyler Scamozzi who were our winners!! We look forward to further competitions throughout the year.

Finally, a note of concern. The Netflix series, 13 Reasons Why, continues to gain significant attention from media and students alike. This series deals with the death of a teenage girl by suicide. Recently HeadSpace, who is a National Youth Mental Health Foundation has issued warnings over the show’s graphic content and imagery, and its tendency to glorify suicide, inclusive of suicide methods and means. As an educator and a parent I would strongly discourage your child from watching this series; however, often when we discourage something it can intrigue young minds to see what they are missing. I encourage parents to be aware of the dangers and risks associated with young people viewing this content, and be open to discuss the topics with them. I encourage you to read through the attached resource (links below) from HeadSpace that provides a key message and talking points in dealing with this topic, "How to talk to young people about 13 Reasons Why."

If a young person is distressed and in need of support, they can call or visit:

- Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800) or kidshelpline.com.au
- eHeadspace (1800 650 890) or eheadspace.org.au
- Lifeline (13 11 14) of lifeline.org.au


Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Year Seven - Twelve Pastoral Care Coordinator
Catholic Youth Summit

Courage is an interesting thing. We all want it, we all seek it, but few of us feel we possess it. Yet, within each and every one of us is a kernel of courage. Leadership takes courage. This year is the Year of Youth. This is the year of opportunity for our young people to speak up on their hopes, dreams, fears and concerns – the year for them to develop courage.

On Monday, 25 June Keren Conlan (Year Twelve Religious Leader) and Tearoha James accompanied me to Perth to attend the 2018 Catholic Youth Summit at the University of Notre Dame in Fremantle. The trip involved two overnight stays at St Thomas More Residential College. Unsure of what to expect the drive to Perth involved multiple random conversations but was enjoyable for all.

The Youth Summit began with a wonderful spread of food for breakfast and the food was a highlight during the entire event. Students attended from Catholic schools across the state; we were proud to be one of the most regional in attendance.

Multiple keynote speakers presented throughout the day, all with different themes, motivational stories and thought-provoking tales. Sean Pollard was by far the most inspirational when he spoke about the shark attack that changed his life. Poignantly he made the comment that he had to make the choice to do something good after the attack. Leading him to ask every student to appreciate every moment and find their own story to tell.

By the end of the day Keren and Tearoha were keen to come up with ways to improve and assist our College community. The discussions on the trip home revolved around not only big ideas but the mechanics behind how to accomplish them. They were demonstrating exactly what the Catholic Youth Summit had set out to achieve – leadership.

Thank you to the College P & F Association for their generous donation to make this trip possible.

Mrs Jane Bennett - Religious Education Coordinator

Talented and Victorious

St Joseph’s College Senior debaters achieved a resounding victory against North Albany Senior High School last week. The topic was that gender targeted advertising of toys should be banned. St Joseph’s were arguing the negative position. All new to the sport this year, our Year Twelves have been on a steep learning curve. Unlike the younger teams, who receive their topics two weeks before they debate and have all that time to prepare, the senior debaters are given their topic just one hour before they compete. They are isolated in a room with only a dictionary to refer to: no access to coaches, computers or mobile phones. In this short time, they have to construct three speeches lasting seven minutes each. They must also prepare for receiving and delivering Points of Information. This is where members of opposing teams may interject and ask for clarification of points while arguments are being delivered. It takes a steady speaker to respond intelligently when put under this kind of stress. As you can now understand, our senior debaters earn their C pass WACE unit with courage, problem solving under high pressure, and an intelligent application of general knowledge. Our Senior debaters are amazing.

Mrs Julia Goodlad - Debating Team Co-ordinator

James, Keren, Tearoha and Ronan: our talented senior debaters
Community Notices

Murdoch University

Please click on the links below for further information about Murdoch Horizons Summer School and a Parent Information Evening for Girls (aged 7-12) interested in the STEM programme can be found in the Murdoch Mail.


A Letter from Year Six Gold to Western Power

Mr B Priggings
Field Support - Western Power
27/31 Christ Pass Road
Albany WA 6330

15/6/2018

Dear Mr Priggings,

We are students from Year Six Gold St Joseph's College. We would like to thank you for the following reasons: you are our efforts in the recent storms because there were heartwinds and heavy gusts.

You have all been heroes by giving up time for our safety and for making us comfortable. You have been getting negative comments, but your still complete your work with positivity. We appreciate that you travel great distances away from your family and friends and that is why we would like to thank you for everything and we appreciate that.

Yours sincerely,

Evans, Lucas, Isaiah