Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Parishioners,

Blessed Frederic Ozanam is the patron of Ozanam House and the founder of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. As winter sets in, we are appreciative of our warm houses, food and a comfortable bed. Unfortunately, not all in Albany enjoy these basic comforts. A value that is important at St Joseph’s College is the desire to help those in our community who need assistance. Each year, students from Kindergarten to Year Twelve in Ozanam House coordinate the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and send in non-perishable food and bedding for those in need and encourage others in our community to do likewise. Last year a number of families within the Albany region required food assistance during the Winter months. This year the number is expected to increase. The items you donate will go a long way towards helping the needy within our community. The most sought-after items are:

- Non-perishable food items e.g. tinned meats, soups, vegetables, tomatoes, peas, beans, fruit etc.
- Pasta and pasta sauce
- Shelf life cheese
- Noodles
- Small packets of sugar, jam and vegemite
- Cereals, biscuits and long-life milk
- Pillows, linen and blankets that are not necessarily new

Please give generously. Food items can be sent to the Junior School classrooms, Secondary Homerooms or left at the College Office.

Congratulations to Mr Dave Polette (IT Manager) and his wife Imogene on the early arrival of their son Maxwell William (2.5 kilograms). May your son bring an entirely new dimension to your lives! Best wishes at this special time from all in the St Joseph’s College community.
Thank you to the parents and students who attended the final workshop on Wednesday night in preparation for the Sacrament of First Communion. The attendance at both meetings this year has been excellent. This special milestone in the faith life of twenty-five Year Four students will be celebrated next Sunday 10 June at 9.30 am in the Holy Family Church. All members of the St Joseph’s community are welcome to attend.

I always enjoy hearing about or seeing the achievements of our students. Congratulations to Year Ten students Titan Hawkins-Puls and Tavanna Lembo who have been selected to play Under 16’s State soccer in Singapore in November. Two Year Three students, Kasia Boccamazzo and Lillian Molenda, also came to my office recently to proudly show their certificates and comments for excellent performances at the recent Albany Eisteddfod – well done girls!

On Tuesday our Kindergarten students had an excursion to the Albany Hospital as part of their topic on: ‘People Who Help Us in the Community’. Here they had the opportunity to raise and lower the bed, listen on stethoscopes, hold babies (dolls), touch Sven the adult size mannequin and bandage injured arms. It was interesting to watch our youngest students trying to make sense of this unfamiliar environment using their own experiences. The students also displayed excellent listening and questioning skills. It was heartening to hear a hospital staff member comment on how many adults from St Joseph’s College were willing to help with this excursion. Thank you to Mrs Neil, Mrs Stevens, parents and the staff of Albany Hospital for enabling this exciting experience for our students.

Examinations are an event both at school and later in life. While everyone has a view on examinations, they are a useful skill for our students to master. Examinations have been in Senior School at St Joseph’s College for many years. In 2018 a decision was made to introduce Test Week for Years Seven and Eight and examinations for Year Nine students. Earlier in the week I supervised my Year Nine class’ Religious Education examination. It was pleasing to view all students trying their best but more importantly adopting skills discussed in class about how to approach different types of questions. Even though in today’s world students can look up information on their electronic device, there is still an important need to know basic facts within a learning area to engage further with the learning process. At this stage of their education, developing an effective approach to test/examinations is the key area of focus for students in Years Seven to Nine.

The OLNA results from the March round of testing have been received from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA). A pleasing aspect of these results is that every Year Twelve student at St Joseph’s College has met the minimum requirements in literacy and numeracy necessary for WACE graduation. Now our Year Twelve students need to focus on submitting all assessment tasks and/or completing their Certificate II to meet the other necessary requirements to officially graduate from high school.

In the final week of term, electronic reports will be sent home for students in Pre-Primary to Year Twelve. It is important that parents check their login for SEQTA Engage as early as possible so that you will be able to access your child’s report at the end of this term. If there are any problems, please contact the College Office.
**Principal’s Report**

In the week commencing 11 June, St Joseph’s College will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training. During the census, the Pre-Primary teachers record information based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please refer to frequently asked questions section on the AEDC website at [www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au), or phone 1800 092 548.

The number of enrolments for next year continue to grow and I thank parents for the word of mouth endorsements which continue to build our positive reputation.

Enjoy the long weekend break!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

**College Notices**

**Talented Young Writers’ Programme for 2018 Term 2**

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

**Venue:** Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver Street, Albany  
**Author:** J.C. Burke  
**Date:** Year Nine - Twelve: Monday 11 June  
**Year Six - Eight: Tuesday 12 June**

Information was mailed home to participants last year, however if you should need this information again please or for more information, Direct Message Mr Habal or see me in Room 304 or in the Drama Room.

Mr Richard Habal - Co-ordinator

**Speaking Out for the Girls!**

Last week saw another victorious round for our St Joseph’s College Year Eight debaters. Their success; however, has not been achieved without effort. Every Wednesday after school, our teams get together to prepare the arguments for their upcoming debates. Research is also done at home so that their points are steeped in solid fact. Using this

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**P & F News**

**Scholastic Book Fair**

What an amazing turn out for the Scholastic Book Fair! We had a very successful fair and got enough rewards points to purchase books for every class from Kindy - Year Six! Plus we had enough rewards left over to purchase all the book prizes for the Book Week parade, so thank you to everyone who purchased a book, as it all goes straight back into our school!! Clifford did an amazing job getting everyone excited and we had so many happy faces coming through over three huge days!

I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all of the amazing volunteers! All your wonderful help with making decorations/displays, selling at the fair, dressing up, setting up and packing up, you made this all possible and I could not have done it without you!

Mrs Fiona Baker - Scholastic Coordinator

**Mother’s Day Stall**

My sincerest apologies for overlooking Kate Evans and our Mother’s Day Co-ordinator, Toni-Louise Saunders, from the thank you's in last week’s newsletter. The P&F relies greatly on the support from parents for events like the Mother’s Day Stall & raffle.

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knowledge and evidence to underpin their speeches allows our debaters to use the rhetorical technique of Logos to help sway the adjudicators to consider their position above the opposition’s. Logos is the logic behind an argument and our St Joseph’s boys have learnt how to harness it with winning style.

Mrs Julia Goodlad - Debating Team Co-ordinator

Eagles Cup - Round Three

Round Three of the Eagles Cup Junior Football Competition took place after school on Tuesday 29th May and saw St Joseph’s take on Yakamia Primary School. This was St Joseph’s College’s second home game of the year and after an encouraging performance last week against Flinders Park, our Year Five and Six students were looking to get their first win of the year.

The first half was a very even contest with both teams competing hard for the football, however some inaccurate kicking on goal from St Joseph’s meant the game was well and truly in the balance at half time. Our boys and girls rallied in the third quarter and kicked away to a 40 point lead at three quarter time, although Yakamia must be commended for cutting the lead to under one straight kick in the last quarter. Yakamia’s fight back was to no avail and St Joseph’s defense held strong to run away with our first win of the year – St Joseph’s 67 points to Yakamia 62 points. Extra mention must be made to Max Grimes who kicked 5 goals, Jye Coyne was brilliant all over the ground and especially to Ben Thomas who took out the Player of the Match Award. Finally, thank you to the parents who helped with scoring and other jobs on the day. Our next game is at home on 12 June against Albany Primary – we look forward to seeing you there!

Mr Glenn Scarterfield - Coach
From Head of Secondary

“A pinch and a punch for the first of the month!”

This week students in the Senior School have been busy preparing for the end of semester examinations whilst the Middle Schoolers have completed their formal assessments this week. Year Eleven and Twelve students began their examinations yesterday (Thursday) and will continue through to the end of next week. Students who are completing three or more ATAR examinations are not required to attend unless scheduled for an examination. Students are most welcome to study in the Blessed Edmund Rice Library each day should they wish to remain at the College - they will be required to sign in each time at the Library. Normal class schedule will recommence on Monday 11th June.

Year Ten students will commence their examinations on Tuesday 5th June. Year Ten students will attend normal classes before and/or after each examination.

Teachers have begun work on preparing students’ end of semester reports and these will be available in SEQTA Engage towards the end of term: further information will follow. As a follow-up to the reports, parent-teacher interviews will be conducted very early in Term Three.

Next Wednesday, 6 June, Year Ten students who have the necessary parental permission, will receive their meningococcal vaccinations.

Have a terrific weekend!

- *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* (Romans15:13)

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

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Heaven and adopted children of God the Father.

Being baptised and Catholic can’t give you a discount on anything in particular as you go shopping like other memberships can give. I know it is hard to be a member in an institution that obliges a strict moral teaching which most of the time even members itself fail to practice. I know it is hard to comprehend joining an institution that obliges you to take a lot of time once a week to go to worship. Most of us would also say I can be good without being a member of a particular Church. I can pray on my own if you believe that there is someone out there or not care at all because there is really no one up there. At the end of the day, I can do good and enjoy the world.

I can share with you my own experience. I may not be a holy and saintly priest. If you ask me what I gained in believing and being baptised well I can give you a few answers. It taught me to hope, it gives me an assurance that death is not the end of everything, I can restart and try again after I failed through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I know that there is a Church waiting for me and cares for me no matter what, and all of the problems and struggles in my life will be alright because there is someone up there. I know it is too good to be true or it may be ridiculous but it is what I received when I was baptised.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

What an amazing year we have had already! So many incredible fundraising events. Thank you to all parents who have assisted and supported these events and helped to make them such a success. It is great to see so many parents getting involved. We would like to take this opportunity to show you how much is raised at these events and where the fundraising money goes.

**CAR PARK RAFFLE**
For Term 1 & 2 we raised $218

**EASTER RAFFLE**
A total of $1,037 was raised.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL & RAFFLE**
We raised an amazing $1,845 at this event!

**BOOK CLUB CATALOGUE** - From the credits received, $650 worth of books was purchased for the upper and lower school libraries.

**BOOK FAIR EVENT** - Another hugely successful event. We raised over $1500 in credits. These credits have been used to purchase K-6 class teacher wish list books, as well as the book prizes for this years book week parade.

At the beginning of the year the P & F asked all staff to submit their wish list items. These are items that go into their classroom and directly benefit the students, assist teaching and value-add to their education. So far this year, the P & F have approved an amazing $11K worth of resources! And we are not done yet. Later in the year we will review the wish list and hopefully, with your support, be able to approve the remaining items.

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We have also donated just over $2,500 to SJCA ACC Athletics, Pastoral Care, PFFWA Parent Conference and SJCA ACC Swimming. Without the P & F and your generosity these events would not be able to be supported.

Thank you!
Attention Albany girls!

The Clover Girl Guides meeting in Albany are hosting an Open Night for girls to find out what happens at Girl Guides.

Are you aged 9.5 to 12? Come and try Girl Guides for the night!
The Open Night is on at 5.30pm on 18 June 2018 at Guide Hall, Parker St, Lockyer.

For more information, contact:
Ph: 9479 9800 or info@girlguideswa.org.au