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A Student’s Prayer for the New Semester

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new semester. Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me. Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new semester brings. Open my heart and mind to friends and teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my friends. Jesus, inspire me to do my best this semester!

Amen

From the Principal

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staff in the secondary section.

- Mrs Caroline Tompkin is the Acting Head of Senior School Pastoral Care until the
  end of the year.

- Several current staff have also picked up extra classes.

The Term Calendar was emailed to parents at the beginning of the week. Please do check
the many scheduled events and aim to attend as many as possible.

On Thursday 10 August, there will be an Open Night at St Joseph’s College from 5.00 pm
until 7.30 pm. There will be a variety of activities: Drama & Music Performances,
Classroom Displays, Sausage Sizzle/Tea/Coffee, Science and Art Shows, Certificate II Trade
Show to name a few. The purpose of this evening is three fold:

- An opportunity to celebrate a number of great things that happen at St Joseph’s
  College on a daily basis but not often seen by parents.

- Current families are asked to invite neighbours or family friends who might have an
  interest in enrolling their child at St Joseph’s College.

- Many parents in our Junior School are not aware of the opportunities available in
  the Middle and Senior Schools. This event will enable this to occur.

In 2017, the number of families supporting events has improved enormously and I hope
many will attend the Open Night to show the growing sense of community and interest in
their child’s current and future education.

I again apologise that the reports for Pre-Primary to Year Twelve students were sent home
several days late. I do read every child’s report and wanted to make sure this was
completed for every year group before sending them home to parents. I was pleased to
read the learning gains made by many students and to see across the entire school a
general improvement in overall results and work ethic. I anticipate that many parents
were proud of their child(ren) when they perused the Semester One reports. For some
students, these reports did present some challenges. In such a situation, I encourage
students and their parents to reflect on the comments, set achievable goals and, most
importantly, ensure open dialogue with relevant teachers this semester.

Our secondary Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews were held on Tuesday and Thursday
night with a continuous stream of parents and students meeting with staff from 3.30 pm
until 7.00 pm.
The interviews were designed to affirm the positive and to provide additional feedback that is to be used to set educational goals for Semester Two or to assist with subject selection for next year. The efforts of students, parents and staff working in partnership to achieve these goals will bring further academic success for the student; a primary reason for attending school! Thank you to the many parents and students who made the effort to be in attendance. The commitment of staff is also applauded given many had taught all day and then gave another three and a half hours of personal feedback and affirmation. Thank you to Ms Alderman for the behind the scenes organisation which ensured the evenings flowed smoothly.

Once a month the 6.00 pm Saturday night Mass in the Holy Family Church is known as a ‘Family Mass’. Staff and students from St Joseph’s College complete the readings, prayers and provide the choir. The next Family Mass is tomorrow night and all families are invited.

There are so many ‘good things’ happening in our school due to the efforts of so many people; seek to be one of those people in the coming week!

Mrs Julia Goodlad
Debating Team Co-ordinator

Searingly Successful Final Round

The unyielding pursuit of weakness in the oppositions’ arguments, a total commitment to their own points and a brilliant balance of all four rhetorical techniques (Logos, Pathos, Ethos and Kairos) saw another outstanding performance by all of our St Joseph’s College debating teams.

Next week the College will field three teams in the semi-finals to be held at St Joseph’s College commencing at 6.30pm.

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Welcome Back!
Welcome back for Term Three! We have another busy term ahead of us with many exciting events and a great deal of learning occurring. Two of our most significant events for the term will be our Open Night, and Father’s Day Breakfast and Assembly. We look forward to you being able to attend these special events.

Before and After School
While it is wonderful to see our students socialise with each other, this is just a reminder about what may not be done during this time:

- Students may not use any sports equipment before or after school;
- As there is only one teacher on duty for the Year Four to Six students – the playground equipment is not closely supervised, therefore, as a safety precaution it is not to be used;
- As there is no teacher supervision in the Early Learning Centre before or after school the equipment in this area is not to be played on;
- For their own safety, while students are waiting for their after school activities they are not permitted to play on the playground equipment.

Dental Screening
The annual dental screening for students in Pre Primary, Year Three and Year Six will occur on Thursday 27 July.

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School

Junior School News

Middle and Senior School News

Welcome to Semester Two... I trust you made the most of having your children home for a short time over the holidays.

This week secondary parents and teachers have been meeting to discuss their child/ren’s progress. We realise that not all parents are able to make it at the times available and that due to staff changes some teachers have not been available. Please do not hesitate to make contact with your child’s teachers, via email or direct message to make a convenient time.

This week saw the last of the general rounds in Inter-School Debating. Congratulations to all students who have participated and special congratulations to the teams who made the finals that begin on Wednesday next week. A special thank you to Mrs Goodlad and her team.

Staff and students from St George’s College visited on Friday at lunchtime to provide information to students on the opportunities available for them who will study in the city in the future. St George’s College is located in Nedlands just opposite the UWA Campus.

Year Twelve ATAR students attended a TISC (Tertiary Information Service Centre) Seminar on Wednesday. Students were given information about their applications to study at the West Australian Universities (excluding Notre Dame, which has its own system in place). This talk included the very important dates to which students must adhere. As parents, if you would like further information, please contact me at the College or visit the TISC Website: https://www.tisc.edu.au/
The School Standards and Curriculum Authority have published the timetable for ATAR examinations for 2017. Students will be able to download a personalised copy of their timetable as from 8 September. More information regarding this will follow in future newsletters.

Next week we will hold a Year Nine Information Evening. This evening will provide information to parents in regard to Year Ten subject selections and the pathways beyond Year Ten as well as the requirements for graduation. This event will take place on **MONDAY 24 JULY** in Room 300 (Top floor of Secondary building) at 6.30pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Community Health Nurses will visit the College on Wednesday 26th July to deliver the Meningococcal Vaccinations. Parents will have already received information regarding this and students should have returned the permission forms to the front office.

We wish our Footballers all the best for their game against Clontarf Academy on Wednesday 26 July.

Have a great weekend.

“Integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is looking” C.S. Lewis

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

**Pre-Carnival Athletics Events**

In preparation for the upcoming Middle and Senior School Inter-House Athletics carnival scheduled for Monday 7 August there will be some events held at lunchtimes in the next two weeks. Students are encouraged to change into their PE gear promptly at the start of lunch and gather on the oval by 1.00pm for their event. All students are encouraged to participate in the 800m and 1500m events to get points for their house!

- **Tuesday 25 July** – Year 11 and 12 Triple Jump
- **Wednesday 26 July** – Year 7 - 12 800m (separate races)
- **Thursday 27 July** – Year 11 and 12 Long Jump
- **Thursday 3 August** – Year 7 - 12 1500m (separate races)

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

**Community Notices**

Dear Parent/Guardian

On behalf of the Western Australian Debating League, we would like to officially invite you to our 2017 Albany Competition Grand Final. This year it will be held on **Wednesday the 2nd of August, 6.00pm – 9.00pm at Great Southern Grammar.**

This is the Albany Competition’s fourth successful year running as part of our Regional Development Program which also engages with schools in Bunbury, Busselton, Mandurah, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and Manjimup. We at the Western Australian Debating League believe that debating offers students valuable critical thinking and public speaking skills that they can use not only in their academic careers, but for the rest of their lives. The Regional Development program aims to offer these opportunities to Regional students, in order to help bring their experience in line with Metropolitan students who have always had access to development through debating.

During the last four years, the Albany competition has engaged with over 70 students from the four major high schools in Albany. Part of celebrating the hard work and progress of our debaters and coordinators is to run a Grand Final that showcases the best speakers from the competition. We would love to have you there to see the quality and confidence of this year’s debaters! So please come along for a fantastic night of debating and catering by our lovely host school.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Best Regards

Savannah Victor and Cohen Augustson, Albany Convenors, Western Australian Debating League Inc.
Albany Year 12 ATAR Revision Seminars, with Academic Task Force – 6 hr subject revision seminars and exam preparation courses available at the Albany UWA Centre in July and August. Enrol online today at www.academictaskforce.com.au or call 9314 9500 or email learn@academictaskforce.com.au

Please click the link below to view the Albany Seminar Timetable:

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Forum - 3 August 2017

All interested secondary school students and their parents/carers are invited to attend this free Apprenticeship and Traineeship Forum from 5 pm to 7 pm on Thursday 3 August at South Regional TAFE (Canteen and Student Area), 5 Anson Road Albany. The Apprenticeship and Traineeship Forum aims to better inform students and their parents about Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathways, traineeships and apprenticeships. This includes the various options in school and post-school, and the processes involved in seeking an apprenticeship or traineeship. The event is free and includes a chance to meet and talk with relevant training, apprenticeship and traineeship exhibitors from 5 – 6 pm and a one-hour information session from 6 – 7 pm. During this session, you will get some really valuable information and advice from training organisations, employers, successful apprentices and trainees, and relevant agencies. Light refreshments will be provided from 5.30 pm.

If attending, registrations are essential. Please RSVP to Marina Johns by Friday 28th July. Send your name and the number of people in your group (with code Albany A&T) by email or text.
E: Marina.Johns@education.wa.edu.au SMS: 0419 987 858

UWA Update

Engineering early offers
Applications for early offers into the Engineering Direct Pathway for 2018 are now open. Students can apply at uwa.edu.au/early

Scholarships
We are delighted to announce that the UWA Engineering Pursuit Scholarship has been increased to $25,000 for 2017 school leavers. Students who achieve an ATAR of 96 or higher in their WACE exams will be eligible for the scholarship. More information is available at http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/futurestudents/engineeringpursuit

St George's College
St George's College has launched a new website; www.stgc.uwa.edu.au. View a range of videos, interviews with our current residents as well as information on the college, including information on scholarships and bursaries. Secondly, we have new regional scholarships and bursaries available. There are four scholarships and four bursaries available for each region of WA, including the Perth metro area. These are awarded based on merit academic, community, cultural and sporting endeavours.
SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

Thursday August 10th
5pm - 7.30pm
Drama & Musical Performances
Classroom Displays
Sausage Sizzle, tea/coffee/supper
Science and Art shows
Certificate II Trade Show
Trade Training Centre Tours
Competitions: Sand Castle Builds, Info Quiz
Martin Road, Albany - (08)98440222
Happiness is a Dry Bed!
Bedwetting (Enuresis) Programme 2017

Do you have a child who wets the bed and would like to be dry? Bedwetting is a common childhood problem and it can be resolved. Children will not necessarily ‘grow out of it’ and left untreated, bedwetting can continue into adulthood.

In the past 30 years, 1000’s of WA children have become dry through the Princess Margaret Hospital’s (PMH) enuresis program and this is now available through the Great Southern Community Health Service. Provided by local community school health nurses, the enuresis program is available for your child if they are:

- Aged 6 years to 13 years but not older than 16 years
- Have 2 or more night occurrences of a wet bed in a week
- Is dry during the day
- Child wants to become dry

Please contact Clinical Nurse Consultant- School Health: 98427 7500 for more information. If your child fits the above programme criteria, an enuresis package of information will be mailed out to you. Importantly, a doctor’s referral form will be in the package and must be completed by your family doctor and returned to population health where your child will be waitlisted.