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As we prepare for new student leaders in 2019, both in the Junior and Secondary Schools, it is important that students and their parents realise the key criteria is how will the selected leaders impact our College in a positive way. Student leaders must set the bar high for themselves and others. They must work in a way that makes our College’s core values and religious nature more than aspirational words; they must be lived and breathed and considered in every aspect of College life.

Last year marked 100 years since the Blessed Virgin Mary graced three children with her presence in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady is said to have visited three young shepherds, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta while they were out in the fields watching their sheep. The children saw a bright light over a nearby oak tree and a lady dressed in white was enshrined within. The lady told them that she came from Heaven and that she would visit them at the same time and at the same place each month for the next six months. The visit gained much attention with the local authorities who believed the interest gained by these events was politically disruptive. The young shepherds were asked by Mary to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world to end the First World War.

The statue is currently embarking on a pilgrimage from Rome where it was blessed by Pope Francis before setting off around world. The Our Lady of Fatima statue visited St Joseph’s College on Wednesday and students in Year Six, Nine and Eleven had the opportunity to visit the statue for a special liturgy during Religious Education classes. The students are to be commended on their involvement and reverence.

With the conclusion of the term, there are several staff changes:

Mr Nial Twigger has been appointed Business Manager until March 2019. Mrs Maria Jackson has completed this temporary position for the past six months and will finish at St Joseph’s College on 12 October. All in our school community would certainly appreciate the many hours Mrs Jackson has given and the creativity she has shown as evidenced by the Junior School Canteen at recess two days a week, changes to the operation of the uniform shop and the vibrant café that operated at the Open Night.

Ms Chantal Smith has been an Administrative Officer for the past ten years and concludes today. Ms Smith has worked at the Student Reception and has assisted numerous students, staff and parents over the years. Her efficiency and patience have been greatly appreciated in this role where one can never fully know what the next request is likely to be. She is wished well with her new position.

Mrs Renae St Jack will commence twelve months leave today and is wished an enjoyable break.

We have received notification that Dr Debra Sayce has been appointed as the Executive Director of Catholic Education WA. Dr Sayce has been Director of Religious Education and Acting Executive Director since October 2017 until now. Debra has made a commitment to developing first hand experience about the uniqueness of country Catholic schools. For this reason, she will be visiting St Joseph’s College on Monday 8 October.

The College Board is excited to announce that Paul Litherland from Surf Online Safe will be returning to St Joseph’s College on Wednesday 10 October for a not to be missed...
Principal’s Report

parent information session at 6.30 pm. Paul will provide parents with tips as to what you can do to safeguard and support your child as they become familiar with the online world. If you heard Paul speak at St Joseph’s College back in 2016 then you are aware that his presentation was excellent. So much has changed with technology and the cyber world in two years so don’t miss a great opportunity to upskill yourself. Please contact the College Office to register for this event.

St Joseph’s College offers a Three-Year-Old Programme which caters for children who have turned three years of age but are not yet old enough to be in Kindergarten. A one full day programme is available in 2019 where the students commence at 8.40 am and conclude at 3.00 pm. Parents interested in this programme need to lodge an application form now as the number of children will affect how this class will operate. The cost of this programme is cheaper than day care.

All school fees need to be finalised by the 30 November 2018, there are still some families who have not attended to their fees from the beginning of this year. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please come and see me as assistance is available.

To determine the number of staff (teaching and non-teaching) required for 2019, it is important to know if any students are not returning next year. Parents are required to give the College one term’s notice in writing if they are withdrawing their child(ren) from St Joseph’s. If a student is withdrawn without the proper notice, a full term’s fee will be charged. If a student is not returning for 2019, the last day to submit this information is today (Friday 21 September 2018).

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

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

College Notices

Farewell Gracie

Garance aka Gracie (because Aussies can’t pronounce Garance), has been an amazing temporary sister whom has transformed this semester from the drab, desk-ridden ATAR commodity into a roller-coaster of lively activities that will be reminiscent of this year. Together with our friends, Gracie and I explored the aesthetic beauty that Albany and its surrounds have to offer as well as our cultural delicacies; vegemite was not adequate. I as well as many of my peers will miss Gracie very much. This experience has been worth every moment. I hope to see her again in the near future.

I wish Gracie all the best for her schooling and hope she achieves her life aspirations.

Brianna Corbett - Year Eleven Student
heart of Mary and the third is revealed but kept secret.

What can we learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary and her relevance to the modern women of Australia? If we look at the life of Mary it reflects a lot about modern Australian women. We may also say, she is the model of feminism. First as a young lady Mary was independent and critical. When the angel Gabriel announced to her that she will be the mother of Jesus she was critical enough to ask how will it happen as she is a virgin. More over her decision to say yes was not based on the influence of others but rather by her values. It would be the values of Love and Obedience to God. In a patriarchal society she was able to sing her glory to God for bringing liberation when she sung the Magnificat. She had the courage and strength to carry all the hardships that passed her and supported her Son Jesus in His mission. She became a single parent when Joseph died. She was able to raise Jesus and be a good provider. She did not succumb to what the society labelled her as a widow, poor and second class of society. Rather she stood and gave respect to herself and equal dignity as a human person. More so Mary lived her vocation and identity as a woman and a mother. Indeed, Mary is a strong woman; a model of strength, courage and gentle love. She is a true model of feminism and of modern woman.

College Notices

Footy Colours Day - Hope of Tarakea
Thanks to everyone who bought along their gold coin donation for Footy Colours Day. Monies raised will go to Hope of Tarakea. The lunch time exhibition match between Year Twelve students versus “the world” was a tough fought match - apparently the Year Twelves lost but won in spirit. They look forward to a well earned rest before their mock exams and their final weeks of schooling before their WACE examinations.
Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Pastoral Care Co-ordinator
Years Seven - Twelve

I Feel the Earth Quake Under My Feet....
Did you feel the 5.6 magnitude earthquake on Sunday? The Seismometer at St Joseph’s College definitely did, in fact it was the closest AUSIS Seismometer to the earthquake.

The Seismometer was installed in late 2013 as part of the Australian Seismometers in Schools project and has been sending data back over the internet for scientists to study.

For more information about AUSIS please visit their website www.ausis.edu.au
Mr Dave Polette - IT Manager

Junior School News

Junior School Enrichment Programme
Congratulations to Joshua Hanbury from Year Four Blue who won the Year Three and Four Western Australian division of the Aeroplane Jelly Paper Aeroplane making competition. Joshua had to be videoed making and flying his original design.
Summer Uniform
Please be reminded that all students are required to wear their hats for all outdoor activities. In Term Four the College has a ‘no hat - no play’ policy.

Timeout
Commencing in Term Four, students who infringe the College rules during play time, will be removed from the playground and will be required to go to the designated timeout area in the Mathew Building where they will be supervised by a staff member. If your child spends time in timeout you will find a slip in their diary which will be required to be signed and returned to school.
Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School

Secondary School News

From Head of Secondary
Relatively speaking it has been a quiet week in the Secondary section of the College.

Our Year Twelve students are now coming very close to the end of their time at the College and in these last few weeks have been busy ensuring that all course work is completed and revision has begun, especially for those preparing for ATAR examinations. ATAR examinations for Year Twelve students will take place in the second week of the upcoming holidays... I wish them well. A number of students studying Physical Education will fly to Perth in the first week of the holidays to undergo the practical component of their ATAR assessment... good luck!
I wish all families a restful break.
Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

Just as a puppy can be more of a challenge than a gift, so too can the holidays. John Clayton (English Clergyman, 1709)

Parish Notices

You are invited to join Holy Family Children’s Choir!
Under the direction of Edith Woods and Angela Gorman we provide the music ministry for; the Second Saturday of the month Mass at 6pm and also the Third Sunday of the month Mass at 9.30am at Holy Family Church.

We rehearse on the First Sunday of the month from 2-4pm (refreshments provided) at Holy Family Church.
If you would like any additional information, or to register your interest, please do not hesitate to contact Angela Gorman on 0407389751 or at angelabendotti@hotmail.com OR Edith Woods on 0403947360

The choir is open to any child from Year 1 to Year 6. We’d love to see you!
EXAM SUPPORT

LOOK FOR THE DESIGNATED STUDY TABLES

October 1st until November 12th

1/10 – 19/10
20/10 – 22/10
23/10 – 25/10
26/10 – 29/10
30/10 – 2/11
3/11 – 5/11
6/11 – 9/11
10/11 – 12/11

Exam Support: For the first three times only, students are available in various subject areas to provide support in English, Math, Human Biology, Physics and Psychology. Contact the library to book a space in your preferred subject.

 Studioity

STUDIORITY: Fostering engagement with academic work. Studying is a study session or not sure where to start with an assignment?

Students and teachers remember that you have an entire homework cycle available from 1st to 10th, from 11th to 20th, and 21st to 30th. Ask students to try to use the library card number.

What happens in an online study session?

Studiosity helps students understand the concepts, improve their psychological well-being, and develop effective study strategies. With Studiosity, students can improve their learning outcomes, build confidence, and develop effective study strategies. With the help of a highly qualified tutor, students will develop a personalized study plan that will help them achieve their goals.

Who are the Subject Specialists?

The Subject Specialists are experienced, highly qualified tutors who can help students understand the concepts, improve their psychological well-being, and develop effective study strategies.

What are the Educational Standards?

The educational standards are designed to help students achieve their goals. With the help of the Subject Specialists, students will develop a personalized study plan that will help them achieve their goals.

Community Notices

Vacation Care Bookings

Now OPEN

Join PCYC VACATION CARE,

We want every child to be inspired,

Providing flexible care options with

Structured activities for ages 5yrs to 12yrs

School holidays Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm

Contact Albany PCYC on 08 4217 7171 or albanypcyc@wapsyc.com.au for further information

*Childcare subsidies may be available

TAFE OPEN DAY

ALBANY CAMPUS, ANSON ROAD

Saturday 13 October 10am-1pm

- 2019 course information
- Discover our programs
- Talk to our staff
- Find out about opportunities and funding
- Meet our students
- Explore our campus

Make 2019 your year to start planning now!

Visit southernregion.tafe.sa.edu.au

Spring Holiday Programs

Programs on September 30th to October 6th

Enjoy a variety of activities and programs for children and adults.

We are located in the heart of the Lower South and East regions.

For more information contact us on 08 7128 2121

St Joseph’s College Newsletter
The St Joseph’s College Board presents a

PARENT INFORMATION

‘Surf Online Safe’
INTERNET AWARENESS FOR ALL OF US

Gain a real world understanding of where our children are going online. Be introduced to ways in which we can help them understand and embrace the cyber environment.

Guest Presenter, Paul Litherland

Wednesday 10th October 2018
Presentation from 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Following, please join members of the College Board and St. Joseph’s College community for refreshments and a light supper.

To be held in the
St Joseph’s College Junior School Undercover Area

BOOK HERE

To reserve your seat, please phone
St Joseph’s College on 9844 0222 or come into the college office.

Cost - Free

AS SEEN ON TV!!

About our Presenter.
Paul Litherland, was born and raised in Albany. He has worked extensively in the world of Technology Crime.

During this time he gained a world of knowledge in all aspects of online crime, from online fraud to how predators use the internet to groom our kids. He has numerous qualifications holding him in good stead to educate others on Cyber safety. To view Paul’s credentials, visit

www.surfonline safe.com.au