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

St Joseph’s College in conjunction with parents seeks to teach our students empathy for those less fortunate locally or overseas. At the end of last term, the students and staff of Ozanam House were promoting the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal throughout the school and a ‘Crazy Sock Day’ was held on the final day. As a result of this effort, the students and staff of St Joseph’s College collected an incredible amount of food, blankets, clothing and toiletries. Below is a letter received this week from Mr John Kelly, Secretary of the St Vincent de Paul Society here in Albany. The St Joseph’s College community is indeed a generous and caring one. I thank all who promoted and/or donated to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal this year.

Dear Mark, Staff, Parents & Students,

Please accept special thanks for the enormous contribution of food, blankets, clothing and so many personal effects in response to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal.

At present your collective and generous donations are being enjoyed by the many who seek our assistance, also greatly extending our normal use of resources.

“The Lord Provides” is always a blessing for us all.

On behalf of the Society

John Kelly
Secretary

At the last P & F Meeting, a parent asked if it was possible to have school banking at St Joseph’s College. The only bank offering such a service is the Commonwealth Bank and over the holidays I met with representatives from the local branch. The School Banking program seeks to teach children the importance of saving. Students are
encouraged to make regular deposits into a Youthsaver account and are rewarded for demonstrating smart saving habits. A representative from the Commonwealth Bank will come to the Junior School Assembly on Friday 25 August at 9.00 am to launch the school banking programme. In the meantime, St Joseph’s College needs to find one or two parents to act as School Banking volunteers which entails collecting money once a week. Ongoing support from a dedicated School Banking Specialist and School Banking Helpdesk is available to help run the programme smoothly. Any parent able to assist with this programme is asked to contact me at their earliest convenience.

Our Open Night is being celebrated on Thursday 10 August from 5.00 pm until 7.30 pm. Please do come along and view the many activities and displays which celebrate life at St Joseph’s College. This event is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and neighbours who might want to know more about our school or are even contemplating sending their children here. I also encourage Junior School parents to use the event to discover more about the many opportunities available in the Middle and Senior Schools at St Joseph’s College.

Last Saturday night was designated as our Family Mass in the Holy Family Church. The Family Mass occurs once a month and is where staff, students and families are encouraged to attend a Parish Mass. Last Saturday night was one of the best turn out of families this year. Our staff completed the readings, the Year Seven students lead the Prayers of the Faithful and the Dallimore family presented the offertory gifts. The choir was also staff from St Joseph’s College. I encourage all in our community to try and attend the next Family Mass on 16 September, 2017.

I took a walk around St Joseph’s College after school earlier in the week and found Junior, Middle and Senior School staff providing extra assistance to students particularly in the areas of English and Mathematics. For some students the assistance was with assignments and for others it was remediation with concepts not fully understood. The students present were keen and enthusiastic which are two qualities that help comprise a positive work ethic. The staff were supportive and extremely generous in the giving of their time.

Our school uniform is an outward sign of our identity. There is much to be proud of at St Joseph’s College and the uniform should be worn in a manner which reflects this. The uniform is not about institutionalising students, but it is also not about individual fashion statements. Whilst we recognise that all students are unique, the uniform is not an avenue to express this. It allows all students to be on an even footing and for their individual personality and talents to truly reflect who they are rather than allowing external trappings to influence impressions. There are numerous opportunities throughout the year for students to wear free dress which allow them to show others their individual tastes and interests. I ask all parents to monitor the school uniform with particular attention to the following:

- School shoes from Year One to Twelve must be black leather lace up school shoes.
- Sport shoes are to be predominantly white in colour for all students.
- The hem of a girl’s dress or pinafore must touch the floor when kneeling.
- Hair longer than the top of the shirt/blouse collar must be tied up or otherwise a haircut is required.
The boy’s shirt must be tucked in unless playing actively on the courts or oval.

I appreciate that most students wear the correct uniform and wear it with pride.

Tuesday afternoon the conditions were ideal to watch our Year Four, Five and Six boys play their football match against Little Grove Primary School in the Eagles Cup. After a slow first quarter, the boys really came alive with some excellent kicking, hand passing and accurate scoring. Congratulations boys, Mr O’Donnell and Mr Morcom on your efforts!

Thank you to the parents and students who attended the Year Ten 2018 Subject Selection Evening and the Confirmation Workshop this week. Your support of College events is most appreciated!

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!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal

St Joseph’s Debaters Make Our College Proud

Congratulations to our three St Joseph’s teams who fought hard all the way through the competition to compete in the semi-finals. Your dedication to your sport was more than evident in the passion you displayed on Wednesday night. You deserve to stand tall together at the Finals’ ceremony next week.

Sparks are going to fly when these awesome kids move up to the Junior competition next year.

The St Joseph’s College community are invited to watch Ivy, Lena and Mark compete in the Albany Debating League Senior Grand Final against Albany Senior High School at Great Southern Grammar next Wednesday night. Please see the notice at the end of this newsletter for details.

Zara steps in to help bring St Joes to the final.

College Notices

A Midsummer Night’s Dream - Introducing Lysander

A Midsummer Night’s Dream

Albany Town Hall
Saturday, 2nd September

Tickets available at St Joseph’s College Front Office 9844 0222

Adults: $15
Concession: $10

Please click the link below for more information:
http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/amidsummernd.jpg

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Eagles Cup Report
On Tuesday afternoon the Eagles Cup team took on Little Grove Primary in the first home game for Term Three. Despite the home side controlling the majority of possession the visitors kicked away to lead by two goals at the first break.

The St Joseph’s side hit their straps in the second quarter with the midfield brigade of Ang, O’Donnell and Thomas locking the ball in the forward fifty for the forwards to put on an inaccurate four goals five for the quarter. Zephyr Simmons was at his creative best with his first of three goals and he was ably supported by Matt Thompson and Jackson Poett in applying scoreboard pressure. Poett played his best game for the season with a breakout performance including his first major and a narrow miss on another set shot.

Little Grove rallied in the second half but couldn’t convert their dominance of possession into scoring opportunities and when St Joseph’s piled on three quick goals at the start of the final quarter the game was secured.

Best players: Poett, Simmons, Coyne, O’Donnell, Ang, Thomas, Swarbrick, Ball, Durack
Goals: 3 Simmons, 2 Thompson, Thomas, Durack, 1 Poett, Ball

The next game is on Tuesday 15 August, as home game versus Spencer Park Primary School. Players will be notified of selection in the week prior to the game.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Coach

McCormack House Fundraiser
It’s that time of year where McCormack House raise funds for the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru. Much needed funds are sent to them so they can continue their work for the poor. This year’s Beanie Bingo is McCormack’s major fundraiser and it is set to be bigger and better than previous years. McCormack students and families are requested to contribute to this event by way of donations (suitable for prizes) to be brought to school by Thursday, 17 August.

Please see the poster below for more details about Beanie Bingo. All families and especially McCormack students are encouraged to attend, so start planning your table of 8 and come along to this fun night full of entertainment and healthy competition. Tickets go on sale from the College Office next week.

The McCormack House Staff of St Joseph’s College

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College Notices

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St Joseph’s College Newsletter
From Head of Secondary

We began the week with the Year Nine Parent Information Evening. Thank you to those parents and students who attended. Parents and students received an information booklet and a fill-in form to indicate choices for Year Ten, the big difference is that students moving into Year Ten need to choose a Certificate Two Course instead of the electives as was the case in Year Nine. Students in Year Ten will study one Certificate and it is envisaged that most students will carry this through to completion in Year Eleven. The booklet and forms for students who were unable to attend have been sent home with students this week. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact either me or Ms Bennet through the Front Office on 9840222.

On Wednesday Year Ten, Eleven and Twelve students had the opportunity to be immunised against Meningococcal Disease. I pleased to report most students took advantage of this opportunity provided by West Australian Health Department. It was interesting to note that several students in Year Twelve having reached eighteen were able to consent to this for themselves.

Wednesday was a busy day as our Year Nine to Eleven footballers took on the might of The Clontarf Academy. Although beaten on the scoreboard, St Joseph’s acquitted themselves well and displayed excellent sportsmanship and team work. A Confirmation Parent information evening was also held on Wednesday evening in the Ave Maria Chapel as was the semi-final of the Inter-School Debating Competition. No doubt Mrs Goodlad will provide more information in this newsletter. Congratulations to all.

On Thursday secondary students attended House meetings in preparation for the Inter-House Athletics Carnival coming up very shortly. It was great to hear the chatter and the war cries. I am hoping for much House Spirit on the Day...Go Cunningham!!!...yes I know I am biased...that’s my House!

The Dentist also visited on Thursday and conducted screening for Year Nine students...hopefully not too many dental caries were found!

Coming up next week:

- Monday Year Nine - Twelve Youth Literature Day and Year Ten and Eleven Excursion to Albany Baptist Church
- Tuesday – Year Six to Eight Young Writers’ Day
- Wednesday- Year Nine to Eleven AFL Carnival in Mount Barker...good luck to you all; Year Ten Parent Keys for Life Meeting; Inter-School Debating grand final...happy oratory!
- Friday – Year Eleven First Aid Training for some students.

“Don't raise your voice, improve your argument.”... Desmond Tutu

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary
Talented Young Writers' Programme for 2017 - Term Three

A reminder to the students who are enrolled in the Talented Young Writers' Programme for 2017, your third workshop is coming up.

Venue: Great Southern Grammar
Author: Award winning Victorian author, Kirsty Murray
Date: Year Nine - Twelve; Monday 31 July
Year Six - Eight; Tuesday 1 August

Information was mailed home to participants last year, however if you should need this information again, please Direct Message or see me in Room 300 or the Drama Room.

Mr Richard Habal - English Teacher

Year Ten Health Education: Keys for Life Parent Workshop

As part of our strong commitment to student well-being and safety, the Year Ten Health Education programme has implemented the Keys for Life pre-driver education programme.

By participating in this programme, our students can start their driver’s licence at school and save on the learner’s permit fee, while focusing on the importance of driving practice, positive attitudes, and ways to plan ahead to avoid road crashes.

You are invited to attend a free workshop to be presented by Annmarie Lynch (SDERA Regional Consultant) with your son or daughter, to find out more about:

- The benefits of driving practice
- How to help your learner get their L and P plates
- Your role as a driving supervisor
- Tips to make driving lessons less stressful
- Common crashes for new drivers and how to avoid these

This workshop will be held:
WHERE: St Joseph’s College Library
WHEN: Wednesday 2 August
TIME: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

An attendance slip to register for this workshop has been sent home with your son / daughter this week. It would be appreciated if this slip could be returned to the Front Office by Monday 31 July.

We look forward to seeing you at this valuable and very worthwhile session.
Ms Kate van Hulssen - Health and Physical Education Teacher

Community Notices

Murdoch Mail 2017

Please click on the link for more information on Murdoch University’s:
- Murdoch first scholarship, Dean’s scholarship for scientific excellence, Media Portfolio preparation day, Pathways and TISC info evenings, Upcoming outreach events

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:

INVITE PARISHIONERS TO AN INFORMATIVE EVENING ABOUT MAINTAINING MENTAL HEALTH

WITH TWO GUEST SPEAKERS AT NEW CAMFIELD

ON FRIDAY 25th AUGUST 2017 AT 7 PM
RSVP 23rd August
Helen 0427 108 810
David 98 421 458

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