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

The celebration of Confirmation is next Sunday 13 August and is a milestone in the faith journey of our students. All members of our school community particularly friends of the candidates are invited to the ceremony on Sunday morning in the Holy Family Church. The Mass commences at 9.30 am and the celebrant is Bishop Holohan.

Our Open Night is being celebrated next 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.
We all encourage our children to ‘do their best’. Everything is alive and changing all the time, so their best will sometimes be high quality and at other times will not be as good; it could depend on whether they are feeling wonderful and happy or upset and moody. When children are doing their best, it’s usually because they enjoy what they’re doing and feel confident about it rather than doing it for a reward. They do their best because they want to do it, not because they have to do it and not because they are trying to please someone else. When our children don’t do their best, they are somewhat denying themselves the opportunity to be who they really are. So, how can we support our children to do their best?

There’s nothing wrong with helping our children, however when our helping becomes a way of life we can walk the slippery slope of entitlement. We want to avoid creating a situation where our children won’t help themselves, who think everything revolves around them and rarely show empathy or gratitude and make constant demands. We can ‘help’ our children by:

- Giving them what they are entitled to: your love and attention.
- Employ strategies to enable your children to take responsibility for remembering to do things. If they forget their library bag or homework allow them to experience that they will get through the day and then discuss how they can remember things next time.
- It is not helpful to be the rescuer. Let the situation play out, even though it is tough and then your children will make enormous leaps in helping themselves.
- Provide plenty of opportunities for your children to wield age-appropriate control over their own lives by offering them a decision-rich environment. Control over all aspects then leads to difficulties with things such as bedtime, homework and food choices.
- Take pleasure in the little things instead of focusing on what they want. Research shows that grateful people are happier overall.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is occurring at the present time and St Joseph’s College has registered. Stickers received from shopping at Woolworths can be left at the College Office. The more stickers received the more resources can be obtained for our students.

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 Win Debating Grand Final

Congratulations to Lena Nguyen, Mark Weldon and Ivy Le-Nguyen on your dazzling victory in the Albany Debating League’s Senior Grand Final. Your arguments were erudite, beautifully timed and perfectly devised to break down the opposition team’s case. It was an absolute pleasure to witness your team work and your perceptive quicksilver responses to the intellectual challenges thrown at you by the Albany Senior High School team. You have done yourselves and the whole College proud.

Mrs Julia Goodlad - Debating Team Co-ordinator

Well-deserved smiles all round for our triumphant Senior debaters.

Ivy sealing victory for her team in a brilliant performance as third speaker.

College Notices

Earn and Learn

The P & F are excited to again be taking part in the Woolworths’ Earn & Learn program for 2017.

We appreciated all the support during the 2015 campaign, we were able to redeem points for over 130 educational resources to help the College in our children’s education. From teachers’ requests there was a huge range of math and measurement aids delivered in Term 1, 2016 for the Junior School.

The focus of this campaign is to provide additional education resources to the Middle and Senior School. Every sticker can help us redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources. The teachers again will have the opportunity to make requests that depending on how many points we have received we can redeem for great new items.

Until 19 September 2017, you, your family, neighbours and friends can collect stickers from Woolworths
College Notices

**Save the Date**

**Book Week Parade 2017**

**Theme:** Escape to Everywhere

**When:** Wednesday, 30 August 2017

**Where:** The College Gymnasium

This year due to a few clashes on the College calendar we are going to hold Book Week in Week Seven instead of Week Six when the actual Book Week is (19 – 26 August.)

An amazing amount of creativity by our students (and their parents/ grandparents) went into last year’s costumes of book characters. We eagerly await even more participants this year so we thought we would give you plenty of warning! You may want to start thinking about the FICTIONAL BOOK character you want to come as.

Please avoid choosing a character from any other genre than a book as the judges will be instructed to choose the most original costume from a book and the student who most resembles their character in their behaviour and manner on the day.

Happy Planning!  

*The Library Staff*

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**Little Joey’s Aboriginal Playgroup**

**Date:** Every Wednesday (during the School Term)

**Time:** 10.15am - 12.00 noon (morning tea included)

**St Joseph’s College**

(Entry off Ulster Road)

Our playgroup is facilitated by an Aboriginal playgroup leader and provides families with a safe and supportive environment where babies and children can learn through play.

Please contact Taryn for more information: 9844 0222

Come join in the fun!

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**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Sunday, 13th August 2017**

9.30 am at Holy Family Church

BISHOP GERARD HOLOHAN (Celebrant)

All are warmly invited to join us in this special celebration as a sign of support and encouragement to those involved.

We hope to see you all there.
From Head of Secondary

On Wednesday afternoon after school I spoke to Mr O’Donnell and my first question was “How did we go today?”. His first response was “AWESOME”. He then proceeded to tell about wins and losses but this information paled into insignificance as my mind was still stuck on the “awesome”. So well done to all the AFL footballers and your support team at the carnival in Mount Barker.

Congratulations to all our debaters for your efforts throughout the debating season. A special congratulations to our Senior Team who were on Wednesday night crowned the champion Senior debaters for 2017. Refer to Mrs Goodlad’s article for more information.

Our young writers from Year Six to Year Twelve made their way to the Grammar School for their respective workshops and from speaking to students these days were time well spent. I look forward to seeing the results of their efforts in their creative writing.

Year Ten students and their parents had the opportunity to get information about the Keys For Life programme and to get some tips for the task of assisting their child to learn to drive as well as being a responsible driver. Thanks to Ms van Hulssen and Mr O’Donnell for organising this event. Year Ten students also continued with their Mentoring programme on Tuesday. This programme will wrap up next week.

On Wednesday our Head Prefects, Michael Bales and Zara Leusciatti together with Mrs Bennett attended the Civic Reception for the Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Turnbull. Michael and Zara had a small window of opportunity to speak to the Prime Minister and they didn’t miss the opportunity for a photograph.

Coming up next week:

**Monday**: *Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival* (weather permitting). We will send a text if this event needs to be postponed. Students and parents are reminded that students should be prepared for a day of normal classes in case of inclement weather.

**Tuesday**: *Mentoring* farewell celebration for Year Ten students.

**Wednesday**: *TAFE* information session for parents of students in Years Ten to Twelve (6.00pm -7.00pm in the Library Glass Room)

**Friday**: Selected Year Eleven will participate in a *First Aid Course*.

“Never be so busy as not to think of others.” — Mother Teresa.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary

### Chaplain’s Corner

Fr. Randolf Subiaco

Albany would be one of the privileged places in the Diocese of Bunbury because of the presence of a Catholic School. The Catholic Church document, *The Catholic School on the Threshold of the 3rd Millennium* refers to the Catholic school as being at the heart of the Church’s mission. Moreover, it is tasked to be the image of a concrete Catholic culture and source of Catholic doctrine and moral teaching. Thus, Catholic faith should be visible in arts, literature and programs under the curriculum. Hence it is a community who profess the truth founded in the Gospel, professing mutual faith in Jesus Christ and a dynamic factor in transforming society. The Congregation for Catholic Education, Rome (1988) stated that: ‘The Catholic school has a clear identity, not only as a presence of the church in society, but…. as a genuine and proper instrument of the church. It is a place of evangelisation, of authentic apostolic and pastoral action.’

Therefore, it is very important for all stakeholders of the Catholic school that this identity is clear on how each and everyone view their own role and responsibilities in the Catholic school. It is not just a career to be in a Catholic school but rather it is a vocation; a calling of nobility shared upon Christ to them. Catholic education is an expression of Christ’s mission entrusted to the Church.
Students are reminded to wear their House sports uniform and bring a hat and warm clothing for the carnival. Parents will be messaged on Sunday evening if the carnival is to be postponed due to inclement weather. Students will be required to bring books for normal classes if the carnival is postponed.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Community Notices

Albany Public Library
Click on the links below for further information about Book Week activities being held at the Albany Public Library.


http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/CBWinvitation_to_schools%202017.pdf

Museum of the Great Southern
Please click on the link below for National Science Week in August. There is something for everyone.


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:

The Magic of Musicals

Albany Light Opera & Theatre Company
Come along and enjoy a nostalgic trip down Memory Lane, showcasing unforgettable musicals from Broadway and the West End. Be entertained by our leading soloists in musicals such as Les Misérables, Phantom of the Opera, Grease, Sound of Music, Annie and many more.

August - 2 shows only
Sat 19th 7.30pm & Sun 20th 2.00pm
All Tickets $25 - Paperbark, York St or www.paperbarks.com.au
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Thursday August 10th
5pm - 7.30pm
Drama & Musical Performances
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