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Prayer

A Prayer For Those Preparing For the Sacrament of Confirmation

Loving God,
you hear all our prayers,
hear us as we pray for
the young people of our school and parish faith community
who are preparing for Confirmation.

Guide them by your wisdom and love,
and fill them with the gifts that the Spirit brings.

In your love send your blessing upon them
that they may grow closer to you.
Help them to recognise your Holy Spirit
as the Guide who inspires them to do what is right and good.

As you showed your love for us by sending Jesus, your Son,
may we, too, learn to show love for one another
in our daily lives.
We ask this through Jesus our Lord.

Amen

Important Dates Coming Up

Sun 13 August
- Sacrament of Confirmation, 9.30am, HFC

Mon 14-18 August
- Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment - Year 3

Mon 14 August
- Piano Students’ Concert, 5pm

Tues 15 August
- Feast of Assumption Mass, HFC, 9am
- Yr 7 & 8 Multisport Carnival
- Yr 11 & 12 Biology Field Trip
- Eagles Cup Football vs Spencer Park @ Home, 4pm

Wed 16 August
- Reconciliation Parent/Student Meeting, Ave Maria Chapel, 6.30pm

Thur 17 August
- Drama Club YOH Performance, AEC, 1pm

From the Principal

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This week concluded the preparation of our Year Seven and Eight students for the Sacrament of Confirmation with an afternoon retreat with catechists and staff from St Joseph’s College. The students also received Reconciliation with Fathers Christian and Vincent. Bishop Gerard Holohan spent time with the students on Friday afternoon as well. We would love to see as many families as possible at the 9.30am Confirmation Mass this Sunday in the Holy Family Church to support our young people at this important time. Thank you to Mrs McCormack, Mr Habal, Mrs Palfrey and Mrs Bennett for their roles in the preparation of the students. The beautiful Confirmation cake to commemorate this milestone in the faith life of our students was kindly supplied by Mrs Wright.

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers at this special time: Georgia Bennett, Tayah Dallimore, Kirly Delima, Mackenzie Wilkinson, Nickolas Wright, Georgia Clark, Melina Franklin, Azriel Habal, Antoinette Jackson, James Metcalfe, Madison Meyer, Samuel Taylor and Artche Maligat.

Next Tuesday 15 August is the Feast of the Assumption and there will be a College Mass in the Holy Family Church at 9.00am. Parents are invited to join us for this Mass. The Feast of the Assumption is where God took Mary into Heaven body and soul. What can the students, staff and families of St Joseph’s College learn from Mary, the mother of Jesus? What we know about the life of Mary is found in the Bible and there are four key events that give us some idea of what she was like.

- Mary was a young woman when she found she was pregnant with God’s son. Certainly a challenging situation however she accepted this task. Each one of us finds ourselves in situations that are challenging, we can accept the challenge like Mary did or fall in a heap.

- Not long after Jesus was born, King Herod’s soldiers were looking for the Holy family. In secret, the family fled to safety in Egypt. Sometimes in life we are called to make changes that we hadn’t planned on. Have trust in yourself and those around you.

- When Jesus was about twelve he chose to stay behind in the temple in Jerusalem while his parents headed home. Like any parent, Mary was worried when she found Jesus was missing. Once he was located, Mary let her son know she was worried and didn’t approve of what he had done. Mary didn’t yell and scream at Jesus or make his life difficult as a punishment. When others do things to you that you don’t like, calmly and clearly tell them to stop!

- When Jesus was carrying his cross, Mary was one of the few people who was present. Most of Jesus’ friends were in hiding. Mary stuck by her son during a difficult situation. Do you stand by your friends when things are tough or do you run off? Be loyal to your friends.
Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion

Thank you to everyone who has been dropping their stickers and sheets into the boxes located at the Albany, Chester Pass Road and Oyster Harbour stores. There are also boxes located in the College Office and the ELC (Early Learning Centre).

Please remember to only put 60 stickers on each sheet. Sheets are available at each store or can be printed from [https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/get-involved](https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/get-involved)

If parents, grandparents or friends have time they can spare, the dates in the table below have been allocated to put all our collected stickers onto the sheets. If you have time please join us in the Conference Room (access through the College Office). Any questions please contact Cath on mobile 0403 011 892.

Thank you for supporting this worthy promotion.

Mrs Cath McCracken - P&F Treasurer

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**Principal’s Report**

The Feast of the Assumption reminds all at St Joseph’s College of qualities shown by Mary that we need to have in our life. By showing these qualities, others will value that we are trying to be the best children, teenagers and adults we can be.

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. St Joseph’s College has the opportunity to introduce the School Banking Programme and a representative from the Commonwealth Bank will be attending our Junior School Assembly on Friday 25 August at 9.00 am. 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.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is occurring at the present time and St Joseph’s College has registered. There is a box located in the College Office where stickers received from shopping at Woolworths can be placed. The more stickers received the more resources can be obtained for our students. Please ask family and friends to collect the stickers and send them into the College.

St Joseph’s College is reliant on income from school fees to meet the expenses incurred in the education of our students. This week Fee Statements have been sent home. As mentioned in our Fee Policy sent to all families at the start of the year, at the beginning of Term Three, when the second statement is issued, if there aren’t any payments registered against your account and no prior arrangements have been made with the Principal, an appointment will be convened by the College for a meeting with the Principal. If no payment has been received by Friday 1 September, a meeting will be organised to discuss the situation and find a workable solution.

The Primary Schools’ Music Festival is on Thursday 7 September at the Albany Entertainment Centre. There will be 66 students from Years Four, Five and Six performing on the night. Tickets go on sale at 10.00am on Tuesday 22 August from either the Albany Entertainment Centre or through Ticketek. There are over 400 children performing and only 618 seats in the Albany Entertainment Centre; first in best dressed! The phone number for ticket sales is 98445005 although their policy is to serve people standing in front of them before they answer the phone. It is quite probable that they will sell out the first morning so I strongly suggest you book online at 10.00am so that you don’t miss out.
Principal’s Report

Ticket prices - $20 Adults $15 Children (2 – 17 years) Under 2 years are free if sitting on an adult’s knee. Last year a number of families missed out on tickets so be organised and book early!

On Wednesday, the Secondary School students displayed their determination and commitment by their excellent performance at the House Athletics Carnival. It was very pleasing to see some great personal and team achievements, along with good sportsmanship. Well done to all participants. Thank you to Mr O’Donnell and Ms Van Huissen for coordinating the day and to all staff that assisted with various events throughout the carnival.

There are four Catholic schools in the Great Southern Region; St Matthew’s Narrogin, St Bernard’s Kojonup, St Patrick’s Katanning and St Joseph’s College Albany. All four schools experience a degree of isolation and a network has been established this week that aims to have teachers collaborate and share good practice and resources. Our chosen focus is: How can we integrate play into our planning as part of delivering the content from the formal curriculum in Years One and Two. This is one of the key challenges facing Early Childhood teachers and the collaboration that occurred was indeed positive. Each class teacher now has a task to complete around the incorporation of play designed to allow children to explore, imagine, create, negotiate, and investigate. At our meeting next term, teachers will share images and their reflections on how they have been incorporating a play based learning approach into aspects of the formal curriculum. The opportunity to be a part of this network will bring many potential benefits to the teaching and learning programme in the Early Years at St Joseph’s College.

Next Friday 18 August, St Joseph’s College is closed for students and staff. Being a Catholic school all the normal co-curricular activities offered by other schools are provided. In addition, staff are required to attend retreats, the Commissioning Mass, the Sacrament of First Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation. This extra Pupil Free Day is in lieu of the time associated with the Catholic ethos of working at St Joseph’s College.

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
Mt Barker Football Carnival

Last Wednesday the team for the Year Nine and Ten Football competition took the road trip to Mt Barker for the annual carnival day. With a strong team bolstered by some key Year Eleven players the side was set for a big day out.

The opening game was against the Mt Barker Community College at their school oval. The home team were keen to play well in front of their home crowd but the visitors denied them the chance. Brock Anning provided some great ball carry through the centre and was ably matched by Joe Alvin whilst Kurt Morcom was dangerous up forward taking several telling marks.

St Joseph’s 5.5.35 to Mt Barker 1.0.6

The second game was played on the wide expanses of Frost Park. The Denmark side brought in several key players and were expecting an easy result but the St Joseph’s boys had different ideas. St Joseph’s controlled the majority of the play but still struggled to make inroads on the scoreboard, eventually holding on in a tight second half. Hamish Walker was outstanding playing on an Aaron Sandilands stunt double and Jared Hayes was at his nimble and creative best. Joe Alvin and Aidan Dallimore combined well through the centre to provide some well controlled ball use and Keegan Berry found plenty of space to be damaging on the wing.

St Joseph’s 2.1.13 to Denmark 1.0.6

After a bye round the side were keen to take on Great Southern Grammar at Sounness Park. Once again St Joseph’s controlled the majority of the play but struggled for accuracy on the scoreboard. It was disappointing that the dominance did not result in a win despite some great play.

St Joseph’s 1.3.9 to Grammar 2.1.13

St Joseph’s then took on the undefeated Albany Senior High School (ASHS) in a game ASHS were expected to win comfortably. They were in for a big surprise as St Joseph’s jumped out of the blocks early to be leading at half time through some fantastic team play. ASHS had other ideas in the second half putting the pedal down to run out winners.

St Joseph’s 1.1.7 to ASHS 2.4.16

The final game was against North Albany Senior High School who needed the win to secure a place in the final. Our defenders struggled to match up at times and despite a gallant effort went down in the end.

St Joseph’s 1.1.7 to North Albany 6.5.41

All of the players can be proud of their efforts throughout the day as they acquitted themselves and the College with pride. Sebastian Stanton was awarded the team’s best player award for his attacking play off the half-back line.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher
THEME: Escape to Everywhere
WHEN: Wednesday, 30 August 2017
WHERE: The College Gymnasium
TIME: 9am – 10am

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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A Midsummer Night’s Dream
Albany Town Hall
Saturday, 2nd September

Tickets available at
St Joseph’s College
Front Office Ph: 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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McCormack House Fundraiser
Beanie BINGO
Tables of 8

Raffles
Spot Prizes
Best Beanie

Auction

Tickets: $5 pp

Drinks for Sale Only
BYO Food & Nibbles

Friday, 25 August 2017
5.30 pm - 8.00 pm

Venue: Junior School Undercroft
Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival

The skies parted on Monday enough for the Middle and Senior School to run the Inter-House Athletics carnival. Students participated in a variety of track and field events as well as the ever popular novelty events.

Congratulations to the following students who received medallions for either Champions or Runner Up in their Year groups.

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The following students broke College records either on the day or during the pre-carnival events.

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The day finished with the annual St Joseph’s Gift which was won by Brock Anning.

The final results were:

**Middle School**

1st Cunningham 990.5
2nd Ozanam 905
3rd McCormack 756.5
4th De Vialar 728

**Senior School**

1st McCormack 710.5
2nd Ozanam 615
3rd De Vialar 481.5
4th Cunningham 378

Thank you to the parents and spectators who supported us on the day, to Miss van Hulssen for organising the fantastic novelty events, Mr Polette and Mrs Bennett for the constant computer tabulation and to all the staff for their efforts on the day. The biggest thank you goes to the ground staff for getting the oval in such great condition and for the assistance with setting up and packing away.
Selections for the Athletics team to compete at the Associated and Catholic Colleges carnival in Perth on Tuesday 5th September are being finalised. Students will be training on Tuesday afternoons in the lead-up to the carnival.

Mr Paul O'Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

**2018 Ball Committee**

Calling out to all current Year Eleven parents who are interested in being a part of the Ball Committee for the 2018 St Joseph's College Ball.

The Committee will meet at least once a month initially, then more frequently leading up to the ball. You will be required to work alongside the Senior School Pastoral Care Co-ordinator and current Year Eleven students to assist in the organisation of the ball. Those interested in being involved in this committee are asked to email caroline.tompkin@cewa.edu.au by Friday 18 August. I look forward to hearing from you in what is a very exciting time in the lives of our senior students’ calendar.

"When you dance you can enjoy the luxury of being you."  Paulo Coelho

Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Acting Senior School Pastoral Care

**Year Ten - Career Mentoring Programme**

The word ‘mentor’ comes from the Greek language and means a wise guide and so with that thought in mind another successful Career Mentoring programme comes to an end. The 2017 programme welcomed four new mentors; Steve Grimmer, Candice Fennell, Amanda Thompson and Barry Webster. With the support of existing members, a rewarding and exceptional experience was created for our Year Ten students.

For a young person the move from the safety and security of school into the relative unknown of the workforce can be a difficult and confronting time. The 2017 Career Mentor course was all about helping our young people learn a little about the world outside of school. As well as developing new friendships with their groups and being exceptional role models, the 2017 mentors facilitated the student’s work readiness for Year Ten Work Experience.

As our Year Ten students ready themselves for the next stage of their lives they can reflect back on the knowledge and skills imparted during the course and know that they have a new adult friend who has been able to offer them much that they have not yet learnt to do.

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to the following 2017 Career Mentors:

Jeremy Stewart  Merrifield Real Estate
Jane Hanson  GWN
Candice Fennell  L.V. Dohnt & Co
Steve Grimmer  City of Albany
Matthew Bird  City of Albany
Scott Leary  Albany City Motors
Martin Anderson  RABO Bank
Grant Westthorp  Men’s Resource Centre
Amanda Thompson  Merchandiser

Mrs Rosanna Page - Year Ten Career Education
From the Head of Secondary

Congratulations to everyone on a terrific effort for our Middle and Senior School’s Athletics carnival held on Monday. A special congratulations to our champion athletes and the record breakers. Thank you to Mr O’Donnell and Ms van Hulssen for their tireless efforts in preparing for carnival day. They did well with their order on the weather as well. Thanks also to our groundsmen Nick West and Garry Scott for their efforts in setting up the oval and to the staff and student helpers in making all run in an efficient and timely manner.

Our Year Ten students said thank you and farewell to their Career Mentors this week. We thank all our volunteer mentors and Mrs Page, Ms van Hulssen and Mrs Heward for making it happen and congratulate our students on making the most of this incredible opportunity. Year Ten students have been busy this week as they begin a new programme on Teen Mental Health. This programme will run over a number of weeks and we trust students will engage fully to make the most of the opportunity. Thanks you to Mr Trafalski and Mrs Tompkin for organising this event. A group of Year Ten students studying the Certificate of Sport and Recreation completed their First Aid Certificate on Friday… so for some it was a very busy week.

A small group of Year Eleven students headed off to Perth on Thursday. The students are in the Modern History class and visited the Holocaust Museum as well as attending the play “1984”. This opportunity will further enhance their understanding of topics covered in the Modern History Programme. Thank you to Mrs Trichilo for organising this opportunity and to Mr Severin for accompanying the students and driving the bus. Look out for more about this in coming newsletters.

Congratulations to our Year Seven students who will make their Confirmation on Sunday at the 9.30am Mass at the Holy Family Church. Thanks to Mrs Mc Cormack, Mr Habal and parents for preparing the children for this significant event in their lives. I wish all the children the best for the next stage in the faith journey and remind them of the words of St. Ignatius of Antioch “I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.”

You will also be aware that our Open Night was held this week on Thursday. A big thank you to all involved especially Mrs Hunter and Mrs Loveridge for organising this event. Along with you I look forward to seeing some of the photographs from the night in future newsletters.

Coming up next week:
Feast of the Assumption Mass on Tuesday at 9.00am in Holy Family Church;
Multi-sports carnival for Year Seven and Eight on Tuesday;
Secondary School assembly on Wednesday 8.55am in the College Gymnasium.

Ms Susan Alderman - Head of Secondary School
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
Helan 0427 106 810
David 98 421 458

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OPEN DAY

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SUN 20 AUGUST

EXPERIENCE THE NOTRE DAME DIFFERENCE

OPEN DAY

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

UWA Albany
35 Stirling Tce
3–6pm
Thursday 24 Aug
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