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Prayer: Cranky Heart

Dear Lord,
I am so sorry for my cranky heart.
I am not sure what is up with me. I am not sad, mad or anything emotional, but my attitude is sour. I desire to change, but I need your help!
I pray that Your joy and peace will overflow from me.
I pray that my heart will be of good cheer and encouragement to others.
My cranky heart only leaves others in our school community irritated.
My cranky heart strips patience from me and what I do, it does not reflect Your incredible love.
Please forgive me and help me to change my attitude.
Amen!

From the Principal

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The Sacrament of Confirmation was a joyous celebration last Sunday. The seventeen students from St Joseph’s College should have felt very special with so many family, staff and parishioners being present for this next stage in their faith journey. Thank you to Mrs Palfrey for coordinating the liturgy and to Mrs McCormack and Mr Habal for preparing the students so well.

Congratulations to Titan Hawkins-Puls on his selection in the Country WA Team that will be touring Singapore in early November – a top effort!

Two years ago, a Certificate II course in Fashion Design was introduced for students in Years Ten – Twelve. This coming Friday night the Regional Apex Australia Teenage Fashion & Arts Youth Festival will be held in Katanning. This is a unique opportunity for students in the fashion or design industries to demonstrate their skill and flair in designing, manufacturing or modelling their own fashion garments. Best wishes are extended to Madeline Madigan and Van Nguyen, both in Year Twelve, who will be showcasing garments they have made as a part of the Fashion Design course. Thank you to Mrs Trahair who has assisted the girls in taking their designs and making them a reality.

An approaching event is the Albany District Primary Schools’ Music Festival (Thursday 6 September) where the Junior School choir will be performing. Tickets go on sale at 10.00am on Tuesday 21 August from either the Albany Entertainment Centre or through Ticketek (not before). The phone number for ticket sales is 98445005 although the AEC policy is to serve people standing in front of them before they answer the phone. It is quite probable that tickets will sell out the first morning. I strongly suggest that you book online at 10.00am so that you don’t miss out. Ticket prices - $20 Adults / $15 Children (2 – 17 years) / Under 2 years – free if sitting on an adult’s knee.

Behind the scenes several changes are occurring in education both in Australia and Western Australia. As a community we are aware of NAPLAN testing which occurs in Years Three, Five, Seven and Nine each year. The decision has been made that this testing will now occur on-line across Australia and St Joseph’s College is one of the schools that must make this change in 2019. There is a lot of preparation that must be done the year before in terms of our computer system and security. Some year groups must be involved in this process to ensure everything works as it should. Each year The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) also selects schools to test the validity of NAPLAN questions and St Joseph’s College was chosen as one of the sample schools – there is no choice if selected and some year groups have been involved with this requirement. Finally, in Western Australia, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) has indicated that common assessments will be introduced in Year Six and Year Seven across all schools in the near future. This involves a common task being completed in every school in the state under the same conditions. Staff will then meet at a regional centre and review together the students’ work to ensure a comparability of grades across all schools. St Joseph’s College volunteered to be a trial school which has proved to be a beneficial experience. The work completed by the students under this trial is also being used as one of the students’ normal assessment tasks at St Joseph’s College to avoid duplication and unnecessary work overload.

Recently I received the following letter from the St Vincent de Paul Society in Albany regarding our involvement in the Winter Appeal.
On behalf of St Vincent de Paul Society members and volunteers of St Joseph’s Conference Albany, we wish to express our collective thanks for the most generous response to our recent winter appeal.

Our team admires the commitment shown by the staff, parents and students towards fulfilling our joint responsibility of supporting those less fortunate in our community. We remain grateful for the continued good will extended by the College energizing our welfare work.

Yours sincerely
St Joseph’s Conference Welfare Team.

We are a generous community and I thank all students, staff and families who supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal this year.

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

Dental Screening
On Tuesday 21 August students in Pre Primary, Year Three, Year Six and Year Nine will undergo the annual dental screening in the Junior School Undercover Area from 11:00am.

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School

St Joseph’s College Albany Alumni
As part of the 40 year celebrations of the College, the College Board has created an alumni association.

The goals of the Alumni are to:
- maintain contact with past students and staff.
- help facilitate reunions
- offer a forum to share information about what is happening eg. who, what, when, where.

Former students and staff members are invited to join St Joseph’s College Albany Alumni.

To do so visit the website

and complete the registration form.

If you have any questions, historical photos or details of reunions please contact the administrator at alumni@sjc-albany.wa.edu.au
Eagles Cup
Round Nine of the Eagles Cup competition was held on Tuesday 14 August against Spencer Park Primary at our home ground. The St Joseph’s boys and girls started brilliantly kicking the first five goals of the game in what was easily our best quarter of football for the year. Will Crabtree was voted by his teammates to be captain for the day and did a great job leading by example. Spencer Park made a brief comeback in the second quarter, but the St Joseph’s backline withstood the pressure and the midfielders combined well with our half forwards to ensure there were plenty of options bringing the ball out of defence to create scoring opportunities. The second half was dominated by our midfield and our forwards converted on the scoreboard. There were several superb individual acts with spectacular goals from Max Grimes and Oliver Pass, however the most pleasing aspect was the overall team performance with everyone contributing towards our second win for the year 11.9.65 to 1.2.8. We now will play our last game for the season in Week Seven at the North Road sports grounds and look forward to seeing everyone there.
Mr Glenn Scarterfield and Mr Chris Charlton - Coaches

Student Leaders
Thank you to the Student Councillors and House Captains for the work that you did in Semester One. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as the Junior School Leaders for Semester Two:

Six Blue Councillors: Jessica Williams and Will Crabtree
Six Gold Councillors: Kiarra Hurley and Riley Nicholas
Cunningham House Captains: Estelle Russell and Luke Probert
De Vialar House Captains: Tessa Wiseman and Evan Delbene
Ozanam House Captains: Nat Boontavee and Lucas Angel
McCormack House Captains: Lila Blyth and Isaiah McLeod

Mrs Erica Mielens - Head of Junior School
**Visual Arts**
On Tuesday morning Year Five students were very lucky to have their very own visual artist visit the classroom. Mrs Kerri Blades (a very talented artist and Mum!), came in to discuss how colour can create and convey very different feelings and emotions in paintings and drawings. The students have recently been exploring the visual techniques used by illustrators in picture story books and Mrs Blades was able to consolidate this learning beautifully. We thank her very much for her time and for creating some paintings right in front of our very eyes! If you would like to see some of Kerri’s beautiful creations please go to her Facebook page – Kerri Blades Visual Art
Mrs Jen Grimes - Year Five B Teacher

**Year Five Tree Planting**
Written by Milla Willock
On Friday the 3rd of August, Year Five Gold planted trees for National Tree Day. It took an hour to plant the trees from 2-3pm and we were extremely lucky it only rained for 2 minutes. We all paired up and did our thing, I was partnered with Zoe. We were lucky enough to have our parents and some people from Bunnings come to help us, their names were Lisa and Sarah. Lisa and Sarah were really nice and helpful, they helped us plant our tree and even donated some equipment to our school. They donated some native saplings (18 small ones and 12 big ones), gloves, two shovels, fertilizer and tree protectors. Mr West and Mr Browning also provided some star pickets, protectors, hammers and shovels. Some people planted five saplings but Zoe and I only planted one. The tree we planted was a juvenile! Thankyou to Bunnings, Mr West and Mr Browning for providing us with this special activity.

Written By Zoe McLean
First, me and my partner, Milla Willock dug a hole. We had to dig again because we dug up a tree root! Then we put the tree in the hole. We put some fertilizer in the hole at the base of the tree and filled the leftover part with soil. Then we put a protector around it and put some star pickets around it to keep it stable. Finally we gave it some water and wrapped hay around the bottom of the tree to keep it warm. We had our parents helping us too. It was a fun afternoon for us all.
Sail Leeuwin

The City of Albany has sponsored two scholarships for the coming Leeuwin voyage between Albany and Fremantle. The last time that the Leeuwin held this voyage was 10 years ago, so it’s a pretty special opportunity.

Below is a link to the website and the application forms as well as information about the voyage itself.

https://sailleeuwin.com/support/scholarships/

Please read the press release for additional information:  http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/CITYOFALBANYASSISTYOUTHTOSETSAIL.pdf
WEEK 6 SPECIALS

MONDAY
- CHILLI CON CARNE $5.00
- CHICKEN PASTA BAKE $4.50

TUESDAY
- RISSOLES MASH & GRAY $4.50

WEDNESDAY
- MEXICAN CHICKEN $5.00

THURSDAY
- HOT STEAK PIE $4.50

FRIDAY
- SOUP OF THE WEEK CARROT & CORRIANDER $3.00
- EXTRA SPECIAL TUESDAY CHICKEN DINOSAURS OR FISH BITES & CHIPS $4.50