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Prayer For Fathers

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children’s lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as step fathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children’s love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us. Amen.

From the Principal

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School so please continue to display the positive involvement that has been evident throughout 2017; we are indeed building a wonderful culture where parents are welcome!

Every year, Book Week is a highlight for all our students, staff and families. Our parade was no exception; it was brilliant to see the creativity and joy that was displayed by our community for the written word. In times when technological development is so rapid and sometimes all encompassing, it is great to see the love of stories is still alive and well at St Joseph’s College. I would like to thank Mrs Wiegele for her ongoing work with Book Week celebrations and the many staff who seek to make this a joyous occasion.

Congratulations to Abbie Tucknott who has secured ongoing work experience at 783 Triple M Radio Station every week. This has resulted from her excellent attitude and work ethic demonstrated during her Year Ten work experience week in Term Two. This is wonderful for her as it links directly with her aspirations to go into broadcasting as a future career.

This week I have spent three days in Bunbury completing a School Cyclical Review of another Catholic school. The School Cyclic Review (SCR), which all Catholic schools must complete, provides a unique opportunity once every five years for school representatives to engage in a strategic conversation about school improvement with a panel of educators external to the school. The SCR focuses on the effectiveness of a school’s engagement with self-review and its impact on school improvement and the future directions for the improvement of student outcomes that the school has identified. The SCR contributes to the compliance of school re-registration regulations in this state. This experience proved very useful as I saw several ideas that could be advantageous for our school but also left with a feeling of satisfaction that St Joseph’s College is providing a quality education equal to if not better in some aspects to other schools. St Joseph’s College can expect to complete a SRC in the next two years.

Throughout this year, I have received a number of emails, letters or parents dropping into the office to say how well behaved and mannered our students are, how good they are with each other and how incredibly blessed they are to be given so many opportunities at our school due to the generosity of our staff. Sometimes, I also receive an email, letter or a visit and sadly it does not hold us in a good light. One particular theme is when children have a falling out at school and parents transfer the situation to outside of the school. It is important to remember that there are two sides to every story. In most cases the problem is resolved and the children are friends again the next day, but due to parent phone calls, comments in the car park or outside the classroom, the parents’ relationship becomes fractured, hurt and sometimes irreparable. If there is ever an issue at school, let the school deal with it together with the children and their parents. There are not many issues that occur that can’t be resolved!
Principal’s Report

At this stage of the year, attention starts to be focused on preparation for 2018. It is extremely pleasing to see the current parents in Years Six, Nine, Ten and Eleven have made St Joseph’s College their first choice for next year. Our enrolments are particularly strong from these year groups where formal notification has to be given to the College due to the transition to Middle School or the selection of subjects by the students for Senior School. In order to determine the number of staff (teaching and non-teaching) required, it is important to know if any students from the rest of the College 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 2018, the last day to submit this information is Friday 22 September, 2017.

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 the Kindergarten Programme. The programme is designed to be developmentally appropriate and meet the child’s interests and needs. Our Three-Year-Old Programme provides an introduction to schooling for each child and their family and sets the foundation for future learning within our Junior School. At the present time I am interested in hearing the views of parents as to whether they would like the Three-Year-Old Programme to remain as two half days or one full day next year. For one full day, the students would commence at 8.40 am and conclude at 2.50 pm. This is purely canvassing our community at this stage to determine what suits families best. No decision to change days or times has been made. Please let me know your thoughts on this matter!

There are a few places left in our Kindergarten programme for 2018. If you or anyone you know has a child born between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014 and are yet to submit an Application for Enrolment, please see Kirsty in the office as soon as possible.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival will occur at Sydney Olympic Park from December 5th – 10th. There are nine students from St Joseph’s College attending this event with other young people from all around Australia. The students are: James Le, John Le, Artche Maligat, Prince Farillon, Juvy Bulalacao, Regan Anderson, Keren Conlan, Andrea Bombasi and Grace Larham. To assist these students to participate in this wonderful opportunity there will be two fundraisers to help meet some of their travel expenses. These fundraisers are:

- Friday 8 September – cupcakes will be on sale in the Junior School Undercover Area and the Secondary Undercroft Area at recess and lunchtime. Cupcakes will be priced at either $1.00 or $2.00.

- Friday 22 September – Year One to Twelve students may wear ‘Free Dress’ for a gold coin donation.

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
The Theme for Book Week this year was “Escape to Everywhere”.

During Book Week the students in Junior School invited a family member to their Library class. These sessions proved to be very popular and the children enjoyed showing their family member their new Library and the Book Week displays which had been created by the Library staff. The family member was then invited to stay for morning/afternoon tea.

Many of the Junior School classes headed off on an excursion to the Albany Town Library to take part in Book Week activities.

Of course the highlight of Book Week was the Book Week Parade which took place on Wednesday, 30 August at 9.00am in the College Gym. This is a whole College event and is always well patronised. There was a huge turnout of students in their costumes many of which were homemade and imaginative creations. Needless to say the judges were under the pump and struggled to choose a winner for each year. Each year level paraded around the gym twice accompanied by boppy, happy music provided by Mrs Goodlad. Thanks very much to the VET music students who set up the sound equipment. There was a huge turnout of staff involved this year. It was marvellous to see so many parents and grandparents at the parade. Here are the winners of each year level for the 2017 Book Week Parade:

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McCormack House Fund Raiser

Last Friday McCormack House held its annual Beanie Bingo. It was another great and successful night with fun being had by everyone. Aside from the bingo winners there were also prizes for the best beanie, heads and tails competition and prizes sponsored by Office Products Depot Albany. Thank you also to the many people who contributed gifts towards prizes and the hard work by many to make it happen; you know who you are and we appreciate you very much. At the end of the night, we raised over $800, which will go to helping children in Peru started by our House Patron, Sister Irene McCormack, who gave her life in the service of others.

Mr Martin Long - McCormack House Member

Eagles Cup

The Eagles Cup team played off in the 7th versus 8th final at the North Road football grounds on Tuesday afternoon in the final game of the season. It was a great finish to the season with the team securing a solid win over Little Grove Primary. The highlight for the match was every player making a solid contribution to the game. It was also a great farewell game for the Year Six students in their last Eagles Cup game, we thank them for their contributions over the past two seasons. The Year Sixes leave knowing that Eagles Cup is in good hands with many Year Four and Five students debuting in 2017 and having an instant impact - the future looks bright.

At the presentations following the finals, each team awarded an individual award to a player in their team. For the St Joseph’s team, Jye Coyne won the award for the best development player. Jye had a fantastic season being one of St Joseph’s best players in every game which is quite an achievement for one of the Year Four players. Thanks to all the players, helpers and supporters for a great season.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Coach

Father’s Day Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the Fathers Day Raffle:-

1st Prize - Bibhuti Shrestha (Kindy Gold)
2nd Prize - Alma Watson (Nanna of Zara & Zana Leusciatti)
3rd Prize - Michael Kinnear (Dad of Taylor Kinnear - Year 2B)
**Science ‘Under the Microscope’**

**Questacon Smart Skills STEM Roadshow**

The Questacon ‘Smart Skills STEM’ Roadshow visited the College last week. Helen and Josh from Questacon guided the students from Years Six to Nine in a series of challenges from bridge building to constructing a drone platform.

During the workshop, the students had to construct their structures through ‘protostorming’ where they rapidly built, tested and refined them. A final test was carried out to see if their structures would hold a drone. Fortunately, most did!

The College would like to thank the Helen and Josh from Questacon for spending time with our students.

Science Learning Team

**Pancake Breakfast**

The Year Twelve Prefects would like to invite all Middle and Senior School students to a pancake breakfast next Friday (8 September). Come along at around 8.00am and join us! Two pancakes, maple syrup and a little bit of cream didn’t hurt anybody! Cream is optional and pancakes will be made without milk for those who are lactose intolerant. We would love to see you there!

The Year Twelve Prefects

**UWA Albany Open Day**

On Thursday 21 August all the Year Twelve students travelled to UWA Albany for their annual Open Day. Students were treated to small group discussion mentors, the opportunity to speak with residential colleges from Perth and individual course advice. One area of interest for the majority of students was the availability of the Smart Start Programme to all school leavers. The session proved to be highly valuable for all involved and even made university a viable option for some students who thought they would not be able to apply.

Mrs Bennett - Head of Curriculum
**Science Under the Microscope: ‘Rio Tinto Murdoch University Out-Reach Programme’**

Ken Seymour and Graeme Thompson representing 'The Rio Tinto Murdoch University Chemistry Out-Reach Programme' visited the College on Thursday. Ken and Graeme spoke to the senior school chemistry students regarding metallurgical practices and their crucial importance to the local and national economies. The students then carried out a copper extraction experiment that illustrated metallurgical principles. Graeme and Ken finished the session demonstrating the classic thermite experiment where iron is extracted from iron oxide (rust) and the chemical reaction reaches a temperature of around 2500°C. The College would like to thank Ken and Graeme with the support of Murdoch University and Rio Tinto for spending time with our students.

Mr Michael Crowe - Science Teacher

**Community Notices**

**From the School Nurse - Jen McRae**

Meningococcal disease is an acute bacterial infection that can cause death within hours if not recognised and treated in time. Also septicaemia, meningitis and long term disability like deafness.

Symptoms may include a severe headache, fever, rash and distinct bruising, fatigue, stiff or painful neck, sensitivity to light or convulsions.

In Australia there are now vaccines available for each of the five main strains of the disease:

- **Meningococcal C conjugate vaccine** protects against meningococcal group C disease. It is offered routinely as part of 12 month immunisation. Through routine vaccination, your child has probably had this vaccine.

- **Meningococcal B** now has a vaccine launched in Australia March 2014 which is available by private script from your doctor. This vaccine is not yet subsidised by the Government. For infants, the vaccine is given in four doses – at 2, 4, 6 and 12 months of age. For children over 12 months, teenagers and adults, the vaccine is given in two doses approximately 2 months apart. It is approx. $100 per dose. Your child has probably **NOT** had this vaccine.

- **Meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine** is a combination vaccine and protects against groups A, C, Y and W. If you have a child in Year 10, 11 or 12 they are offered a school based immunisation program. If they are older, not at school or where absent on the immunisation day, please make an appointment at Warden Ave immunisation Clinic 98922499 or speak with your GP if you require vaccination of a younger child. **There has been a recent increase in Meningococcal W in WA** – noticeably Kalgoorlie. In response, the government has rolled out **free** immunisation for 15-19 year olds as they have some of the highest rates of carriage and illness. Vaccination of this age group also anticipates offering herd immunity to young children.

Contact Great Southern Regional Public Health Unit if you require further information Ph: 9842 7526.
Albany Basketball Association 2017-18

The Albany Basketball Association 2017-18 season is fast approaching. Now is a good time to start discussing and organising your teams for the new season.

Registration nights will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th September from 5.30pm - 7.30pm at the Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre (ALAC). More information is available on the ABA website.

Fees for the 2017-18 season will be:

- Juniors $115
- Seniors $145
- Team court costs will be $450 (15 weeks) for juniors and $480 (16 weeks) for A Grade men and women.

If a player is looking for a team for the 2017-18 season and cannot find one, the ABA has a ABA Wanted Facebook page where other players in the same situation can advertise or team teams looking for players may advertise.

This season the ABA has decided to trial Year Four competition on Saturday mornings from 10.30am.