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Forgiveness

Forgiveness does not discriminate;
Forgiveness does not have criteria of age, height or nationality;
Forgiveness ignores social status;
Forgiveness sometimes takes time;
Forgiveness does not resist love;
Forgiveness draws people to each other;
Forgiveness offers the chance to start again;
Forgiveness can be transformative;
Forgiveness offers the heart new hope;
Forgiveness never has a use by date;
Forgiveness is environmentally friendly - it is recycled often;

To forgive is to understand. To understand is to love. To love is to see the face of God.

From the Principal

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Next Monday 18 September a number of Year Seven to Year Nine students will be playing football and netball with Kearnan College Manjimup; my previous school! This event is not on the calendar but is helping our closest neighbouring Catholic secondary school with a sporting opportunity that is not available in their immediate region. This event is also one of few where our students get to associate with other students who attend a Catholic school and I believe this in itself is beneficial for St Joseph’s College. There will be a barbecue after the games for all students in Years Seven, Eight and Nine from St Joseph’s College plus the visiting students at no cost.

The P&F Meeting this week was certainly light on in attendance. I encourage all families to consider attending future P&F Meetings so that decisions made are truly representative of St Joseph’s College. One of the ideas discussed relates to our school community actively assisting families who are going through a difficult situation. We have always been a supportive and caring community where students, staff and parents alike frequently offer their time, talents and skills to assist when others are in need. From time to time there are those in our community who may require a range of support in their lives. Members of our College community can offer assistance at these times through the proposed St Joseph’s Care. The plan is for volunteers to be listed on a database and they may be contacted only once or twice a year by email or telephone when assistance is required. Further information about St Joseph’s Care will be provided in the coming term.

There are certain rules set by the School Curriculum Standards Authority in relation to graduation from high school. Year Twelve students are reminded that unless they sit the examination for an ATAR course, then that course will be deemed to be incomplete and will not be counted for ANY element of the WACE, nor will the pair of units for the Year Twelve course appear on the student’s WASSA. This is also the case related to attendance and participation in courses with practical examinations (students need to sit both components).

The main carpark periodically is raised as a concern. Do not park on the grass verge near the exit, as this blocks visibility for cars leaving the parking area. When driving through the carpark, please keep the vehicle moving for smooth flow of traffic; do not stop in the middle of the road hoping your child will arrive. Parking is not permitted in the disabled bay unless you display an ACROD permit. This bay must be left available for those who require it. It would also be appreciated if the several bays marked for parents with young babies are not used by the general parent body.

From the beginning of Term Four, all students wear the summer uniform. Now is timely to check that students have the necessary items of uniform so they can be appropriately presented on the first day of the new term. Key areas are:

- Black leather school shoes must be worn by all Year One to Twelve students.
- The hem of a girl’s skirt or pinafore must be at the knee when kneeling.
- A boy’s shirt must be tucked in unless playing games at recess and lunchtime.
- Senior boys are to be clean shaven each day.
- The blue school jumper must be worn in cooler weather and not substituted by the rain jacket.
- Hair below the collar must be tied up otherwise an appropriate trim would be advisable.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

FINAL WEEK

Our current sticker count is 23,500, and still climbing, again a big thank you to all.

Stickers will finish at Woolworths stores on Tuesday 19 September. Please return all stickers and sticker sheets by **Friday 22 September** to the boxes at school. We will let you know our final tally after the school holidays.

Cath McCracken - P&F Treasurer

Final sessions for volunteers to help place stickers on sheets are:

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**P & F Carpark Raffle** - See further details on page five of this Newsletter.
All students from Kindergarten to Year Twelve are required to wear a St Joseph’s College hat when outside at recess and lunchtime during Term Four.

Term Four commences for all students on Tuesday 10 October, 2017.

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

Ozanam House Liturgy

In keeping with the theme and values of the Ozanam House Fundraiser (focused on St Vincent de Paul’s Winter Appeal), our recent Ozanam House Liturgy commenced with an inquiry: “So, you want to be a superhero?” As the Liturgy progressed, we learned that it was not necessary to leap a tall building at a single bound or outstrip a speeding bullet to qualify. From the perspective of Blessed Frederic Ozanam’s St Vincent de Paul organisation, all it takes to be a superhero is to care for others who are less well off than ourselves. Accordingly, the Liturgy had an introduction which provided students with an overview of the work done by St Vinnies here in Albany, followed by readings, prayers and a responsorial psalm which ensured that the Liturgy was both an informative and spiritual experience. As always, students involved in conducting the Liturgy were as reverent as they were proficient. While a number of staff were very actively involved in making the Liturgy a valuable experience, particular thanks go to Mrs Palfrey for her unassuming but crucial assistance in the necessary lead up and preparation.

One sad note was that this was the last Liturgy in which Ozanam’s Mark Weldon (Year Twelve) would play and sing for us. His magnificent contribution to Ozanam House and the College, evidenced in so many ways over the years, was rightly recognised and applauded before he and the House he has served so well descended to the canteen area for some well-deserved ice cream!

Mr David Hanna - Ozanam House staff

ACC Athletics

Last Monday the 53 member strong athletics team headed to Perth for the ACC F Division Athletics carnival. The students enjoyed the trip on the Busy Blue Bus and arrived in the early afternoon at Woodman Point Recreation camp. After settling in, the team had their final training session as a beach run and exercises led by Sophie Lynch before some relay changes training. The team enjoyed dinner in at the camp before watching the movie ‘Lion’ before bed.
Everyone was up early on Tuesday morning (not all were happy about this!) in preparation for the carnival. After a quick trip we arrived at the WA Athletics Stadium where the students who were competing for the first time were impressed by the synthetic running track and facilities. After a short warm-up, the events were underway and the students were busily involved in their races and events. As the day progressed the students doing multiple events started to tire in the warm weather and it was great to see many team members stand up to fill in for races for those who couldn’t compete.

The final results saw St Joseph’s finish 7th but there were many pleasing results throughout. Congratulations to Jared Wiegele U/16 Champion Boy, Olivia McEwan U/14 Runner-Up Champion Girl, Ella Scamozzi U/16 Runner-Up Champion Girl, Laura McEwan U/16 3rd placed Girl, Michael Bales Open Runner-Up Champion Boy.

The students were very appreciative to the P&F for the new Athletics singlets that had the team looking fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Jefferis, Mr Benari and Miss van Hulssen for training the team in the lead up to the carnival.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Cunningham Fundraiser - Wheelchairs for Kids
St Joseph’s College will be having a 5km Fun Run and Lap-a-thon on Wednesday 20 September from 1.00 pm onwards. If there are any parents wanting to help as a marshal on the day, or run in the 5km with the students (must be completed in 40mins), please contact the College, leave your information on the note that went home with students, or come along on the day to encourage the kids.

Hiedi Rowe - Event Co-ordinator

Secondary School News

Pancake Breakfast
The Year Twelve Prefects would like to say a huge thank you to all Secondary School students and staff who came along to the inaugural pancake breakfast. The undercover was abuzz with excitement as everyone enjoyed the pancakes that had been lovingly prepared, cooked and served at school last Friday morning.

The morning was a huge success that provided full tummies, a friendly atmosphere and an enjoyable start to the day.

Year Twelve Prefects, Mrs Tomkin and Mrs Trahair
Dental Therapy Centre Opening Hours During the Holidays
Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre will only be open in the second week of school holidays Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} October to Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} October. If your child requires emergency dental treatment contact Yakamia Dental Therapy Centre on 9841 3498 from 8:15am to 4:30pm. For emergencies outside of these hours, please contact your own private dentist or Albany Regional Hospital on 9892 2222.

Your child will be eligible to attend a Dental Therapy Centre from ages 5 to 17. If you no longer intend to use our service please let us know as soon as possible as your valuable appointment could be used by someone else.

All appointments are now sent to your home address. If you have moved in the last few years we may not have your correct address and your child could miss out on their check-up, please contact us to update your details either by phone: 9841 3967 or e-mail: spencerparkdtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au

The staff at Spencer Park Dental Therapy Centre would like to wish all children and parents an enjoyable break, keep smiling J

St Thomas More College (UWA)
Live on-campus at St Thomas More College at The University of Western Australia regardless of which university you are attending.

St Thomas More College (Tommy More) is a caring and respectful community where students feel supported while undertaking their university studies in Perth.

With the completion of a $48 million redevelopment, the College is now one of the largest and best equipped colleges in the country. Take a look for yourself on our website at www.stmc.uwa.edu.au. Follow the links on the website to check us out on Facebook and Instagram.

You can make enquiries on 9386 0111 or by emailing the College Registrar, Mel Carnachan, at m.carnachan@stmc.uwa.edu.au. Interested students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
University of Notre Dame

Course Advice Sessions
18-28 September | By appointment
Prospective Students Office, 23 High Street (ND23), Fremantle
Prospective students seeking course or application advice are invited to book a one-on-one appointment with a course advisors. This is a chance to go over Notre Dame’s undergraduate course options and the application process in depth.

Applications due 29 September
Undergraduate applications are due to the University by Friday 29 September. Although we will continue to accept applications after this date, those applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed to progress to the interview stage for admission into Semester 1, 2018.

The Admissions and Prospective Students Offices will be open until 7pm on Tuesday 26, Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 of September.

ATAR Advice Day
Thursday 21 December | 9am-4pm
Admissions and Prospective Students Offices, 21-23 High Street (ND23), Fremantle
Our course advisors and Admissions Officers will be available to discuss applications, alternative pathways, and courses with your Year 12 students and their families once they receive their ATAR results. No RSVP necessary.

Lawley Park Tennis Club
Junior Tennis Club competition 2017-18 (Starts Wednesday, 11 October 2017)
Wednesday afternoons 4pm - 6pm, Saturdays 1pm (optional) and Thursdays 1pm during school holidays
Junior Membership $33 per year (includes Wednesday and Thursdays, during school holidays only, and $55 includes Saturdays.
$1 a session ball fee applies on Wednesdays.

Enjoy an afternoon of tennis with juniors from other parts of town and play to be eligible for the “LPTC Junior Tennis Member of the Year” competition. For more information call Tanya Hudson on 0488 741 464 Or Will Richards on 9841 5286 (after 30/10/17)

School Holiday Programme 23 September - 8 October:
City of Albany School Holiday Programme click the link below:

Albany Leisure and Aquatic Centre Holiday Programme
Be active and have fun. You can learn to skate, dance and design your own emojicon. Download the full programme below:

Active Albany Term 4 - Featuring lots of great activities across the city - Spring Programme click the link below:
http://web.sjc-albany.wa.edu.au/docs/ActiveAlbanySpringProgram.pdf

Albany Public Library
Download the two links below for some fun literacy based activities at the library these school holidays: