Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Parishioners,

Next Tuesday night (31 July) our College community celebrates our annual Open Night from 5.00pm – 7.30pm. Over the course of a year so many wonderful things occur at our school and this event is an opportunity to see and celebrate the good that exists.

Over the evening there will be: a variety of activities: Drama and Music Performances, Classroom Displays, Science and Art Shows, Trade Training Centre Activities to name a few.

Our school is somewhat unique in that it provides a quality Catholic education commencing with our Three-Year-Old children through to graduation at Year Twelve. Please take the time to view the complete education across the fifteen-year groups.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle and for a gold coin donation soup, coffee/tea and cake. When our community works together, and this has certainly been the case, the spirit of St Joseph shines brightly. I look forward to seeing many parents and students at this special event. Please extend an invitation to others in the wider community who might be contemplating sending their child(ren) to St Joseph’s College in the years ahead.

We strive to build relationship with both our College and the wider community, which involves open, two-way communication. We acknowledge that we don’t always get it right, but I encourage you to come in and have a chat with the people involved. Sometimes the simple act of talking together clears things up quickly and immediately.

Should something occur that has not been put right, help us improve and deal with things more effectively by speaking to the relevant staff member. I also wish to thank the ever-growing number of parents who are respectfully approaching the school when they have a matter to discuss.

This week there have been information sessions for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, and Subject Selection for students entering Years Ten and Eleven in...
Principal’s Report

2019. For all three of these meetings the attendance by parents and students was excellent and most appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Palfrey, Ms Della-Bosca, Mrs Lock, Mrs Mielens, Ms Alderman, Mrs Bennett, Mr Rutherford and Mr Veerappan for their input or assistance with these events.

Research shows there is a strong link to the overall achievement and general self-esteem of a child and their attendance at school. Obviously if a child is ill then staying home needs to occur, however, where possible all over absences should be kept to a minimum. Remember: School is the EXPECTATION and staying home is the EXCEPTION.

Even though Monday 16 July was a Staff Development Day, a number of Senior School students, together with five staff members, completed a First Aid qualification at St Joseph’s College. The facilitator of the course was Mr Geoff Aldersea. All students and staff successfully completed the course and now possess a current First Aid certificate that is a useful qualification for daily life but also handy if seeking full or part time employment or an apprenticeship. Congratulations: Ronan Chilton, Aidan Dallimore, Madison Dallimore, Kaitlyn Dickson, Tearoha James, Brodie Kratochvill, Sophie Lynch, Madaline Madigan, Jordyn McKenzie, Camryn McLean, Kelly Mokrzycki, Sean Orpwood, Alicia Pascoe, Talarah Pedrocchi Roelofs, Amelia Theodore, Hamish Walker, Jordy Morcom, Mrs Strophair, Mrs Wright, Mrs Sivwright, Mrs Dallimore and Mrs Hunter.

I am currently interviewing families for Kindergarten places in 2019. Please ensure that you contact the office and complete an application form. Each year, there are approximately forty places available in Kindergarten and once filled, we cannot provide further placements. If you have a child at school already, please do not assume that we are aware that a younger sibling is due to start next year. If you are also aware of a family who intends to send their child to St Joseph’s College in 2019, please advise them to complete an application form so that they do not miss out.

There are a multitude of ‘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

College Notices

City to Surf Fun Run

It was great to see a large number of students (and parents!) line up at the start of the City to Surf Fun Run. There was a fantastic response from the Junior School students so hopefully they can encourage the big kids to get involved next time! The St Joseph’s students certainly stood out as the largest school contingent in the race. A special mention must go to Oliver Pass, Year Five, who did a fantastic effort to finish the gruelling 12 kilometre race.

Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher
Eagles Cup Football
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Mr Chris Charlton and Mr Glenn Scarterfield - Coaches

Junior School News

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Secondary School News

From Head of Secondary
Parent-Teacher Interviews continued this week. Your attendance at these meetings demonstrates your commitment to your child’s educational journey and to the partnership in that journey with the College staff. We had 57 families attend over the two nights. If you were unable to attend and still wish to speak to your child’s teacher/s please do not hesitate to contact them via Direct Message in SEQTA Engage or through the College Administration Office on 08 9844 0222.

Thursday this week saw over 100 students and parents attend the information evening for Year Nine students going into Year Ten and Year Ten students going into Year Eleven in 2019. We trust you found the session useful. Students and parents are reminded to return the required paperwork at their earliest convenience. A special thanks to Mrs Bennett for managing this important event.
Year Nine students participated in an activity session on team building and perspective. They worked on amongst other things how that might assist others and will soon present their ideas to Mr Browning for his consideration. Thank you to our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, Mrs Caroline Tompkin, for providing students with this opportunity.

I look forward to seeing you at OPEN NIGHT on Tuesday.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents. (Jane D. Hull, politician and educator)

Year Nine and Ten Boys Football Carnival
Next Wednesday the Year Nine and Ten boys’ Football team will travel to Mt Barker for the AFL carnival. The team will participate in a round robin tournament against other schools in the region. I am still seeking the assistance of suitably experienced boundary umpires from the Middle School to assist on the carnival day.
Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

Middle and Senior School Athletics Carnival
Next Monday 30 July is the date selected for the Year Seven to Twelve Inter-House Athletics carnival. Students will be competing in a variety of competitive and participation events throughout the day. Students are asked to attend in their College House sports uniform with suitable warm clothing for being outside in Albany in July. They are also asked to bring their school books in the event that the carnival is postponed due to inclement weather. Please refer to the back of the Newsletter for the Carnival Timetable.
Mr Paul O’Donnell - Physical Education Teacher

From the Pastoral Care Office
The students have started the term in their usual manner of putting their heads down, and getting their work done. But this does not mean we do not have time for the other ‘fun stuff’ along the way.

On Tuesday the Year Nine cohort worked with me in team building activities that saw them focus on ‘Perspective’. Changing our perspective in practical ways that came as a bit of a surprise for some. One activity involved developing a strategy as a team when faced with a result that may not be liked - in this instance either having to eat a Freddo Frog or a Brussel sprout depending on the choices that were made - their perspective changed dramatically for each.

It was wonderful to see the small groups work together to decide how they would tackle this challenge and see their perspective on how their decision may influence others.

Watch this space to see what the Year 9’s come up with as an idea to change their perspectives to helping others in practical ways.

This week has also seen students from the senior years volunteer to serve in the canteen at recess time. It was really lovely to see our older students taking time out of their own recess to serve their peers.
Book Week Parade

Start planning your book character costume for the parade in Week Five of this term.

Parade Thursday
16 August 2018
9am - 10am College Gym

P & F News

Book Club
Orders for Scholastic Book Club are due back to school no later than Friday 3 August! All scholastic rewards go straight back into the classrooms and the College! Orders can be done easily through the LOOP App, online or cash to the office.
Mrs Fiona Baker
Scholastic Coordinator

Parish Notices

Sacrament of Confirmation Parent/Child Workshop

Wednesday, 1st August 2018
6.30 pm
JS Undercover Area
St Joseph’s College
Martin Road

All candidates and their parents are expected to attend this important workshop.

We hope to see you all there.

Secondary School News

There are still a couple of spots left on the roster for the next couple of weeks, if this is something you would like to do, and you are in Years Ten - Twelve come and see me in my office and we will chat about putting you on the roster.

Finally, I came across a fantastic article about friendships this week written by Linda Stade, ‘Girls and their Frenemies,’ (http://lindastade.com/girls-and-their-frenemies-2/). I would suggest that each parent take the time to follow the link and read the very short article as it basically sums up what negative behaviors can be seen in some friendships, why they happen and what teachers and parents can do to help.

In reflection of the article, I believe at St Joseph's College we do a very good job in helping our students when things like friendship problems occur. Among the 'adult body' within the College I see wholesome friendships which are an excellent role model for our students to follow. We strive to encourage kindness, compassion and empathy in all aspects of College and home life, which results in students who stand up and support one another in times of need.

We still need to be ever mindful of our children's online activity, ensuring they also have down time from their friendships. In this world where there is a need to be connected 24/7 to their peers, quiet time away from this 'connectedness' is essential.

Dealing with friendship issues by saying, 'That's just girls' or 'boys will be boys' is not a healthy way to deal with situations. Talking about it explicitly, creating boundaries and providing plenty of opportunities for healthy friendships to be developed is essential.

I look forward to another fantastic term and hope all have a wonderful week.
Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Year Seven - Twelve Pastoral Care Coordinator

Curtin AHEAD Camp - Life as a University Student

The free, week-long Curtin AHEAD camp was an incredible opportunity that I am more than glad to have participated in. The stay in Perth was full of fun activities as well as valuable information that has helped me get a clear and full idea of the path I’m going to take to get to university and where higher education can take me.

On the trip, we stayed at the Murdoch Village with our own rooms in shared houses. The accommodation itself was able to give me an insight into what living in student accommodation would be like. Moving out of home, especially for rural students moving to the city, is certainly intimidating. Though while staying at student accommodation on this trip, as well as touring the other available accommodations across campuses, it has become clear that this is the best option for me in the future.

Study and information sessions were worked into our week’s schedule and I was able to learn skills for specific subjects from qualified mentors; it was refreshing to get that new perspective and ways of working. The information sessions were extremely

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useful, and any questions I had were answered quickly and clearly; anything that couldn’t be answered right away was also researched and given to me later on. The whole idea of TISC applications frightened me since I couldn’t get my head around what I had to do, on my own, but after this camp I’m certain I can and even help anyone who needs it. The way the information was presented also made it very easy for me to explain to my mum, who was just as confused by it all as I was.

Between exciting activities like ice skating, escape rooms, scavenger hunts and laser tag, we toured every university in Perth. Each stop left us with more insight into the type of campus, courses and uni-life that the universities had to offer. Between the Curtin AHEAD team and the individual university representatives, we used multiple ways of finding out what kind of person we are and what jobs could possibly suit us. For many on the camp it helped them get an idea of which direction they want to take, and for me it helped reinforced my goals for my future career. Choosing a university can be difficult and daunting when there’s so many great choices. I’ve been struggling over the past two years to make a decision, but once the camp helped me in setting my goal, it was a no-brainer.

Lastly, and most certainly not least, the people I met on the trip were incredible. The leaders of the camp were some of the kindest, most passionate and helpful people I’ve met. On top of that, spending a week with like-minded, yet very individual, students I was able to make friends that I’m confident will last into my upcoming university years. All twenty-two of us had an amazing time together and have made plans to meet up once again when we’ve all graduated high school. We all have each other’s contacts and plan to keep them for a while yet. On the trip we got to speak to current university students who had previously attended Curtin AHEAD, and it appears they’ve all experienced the same bond that our group did.

The Curtin AHEAD camp was an experience that I’m very grateful for. I would recommend this camp to all Year Twelve ATAR students, whether you know what you are aiming for or if you have no clue at all. I promise you that you won’t regret a minute of it.

Report by: Amy-Centaine Evans - Year Twelve

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Albany UWA Open Day
UWA Albany will be holding its annual Open Day on **Thursday 23 August, 3pm – 6.30pm** to provide information and advice on university entry requirements, courses, scholarships and financial support to prospective students, their parents and the community. There will be the opportunity to tour the campus and see the facilities as well as a variety of displays and demonstrations.

Gov Hack 2018 - 7-9 September
What is Gov Hack?
Gov Hack is an international data ‘hackathon’ for people for all abilities who seek to make life better through open data. Open data is usually provided by government departments and teams use the data to identify and solve deep-rooted social, economic and environmental challenges.

Last year, at our inaugural site one of our teams won a state award for their ‘pitch’ and we are keen to build on our success of last year.

So what is involved?
The weekend starts with a ‘launch’ event in which participants have a chance to meet each other and learn about the challenges for this year. The participants then form teams who have 46 hours to explore, mash up, ideate and communicate their concepts. Gov Hack is for everyone including computer programmers, digital media creators, film makers, story tellers, researchers, academics etc.

Here is a link to one of the Albany ‘pitches’ [https://2017.hackerspace.govhack.org/project/ewetubespace](https://2017.hackerspace.govhack.org/project/ewetubespace) A range of prizes are up for grabs including cash prizes, special opportunities and more.

Students are invited to submit expressions of interest to be a participant (or they can register as an observer) so local organisers have an idea of numbers. You will need permission from your parents/guardian to participate and will need to be available for the whole weekend. Food and refreshments are provided.

Want to know more? Visit the Gov Hack Website and check out their handbook [https://www.govhack.org/handbook/](https://www.govhack.org/handbook/) and the other information available.

To register your interest, or if you have any questions you can contact Tammy Flett, Senior Community Development Officer on 6820 3023, SMS 0427 419 291 or email tammyf@albany.wa.gov.au

It was a heap of fun last year and it is a great opportunity to develop your skills in a variety of areas. Hope to see you there.
Tammy Flett - Senior Community Development Officer: City of Albany
Exam Boost Seminars by Academic Task Force

- Increase your confidence and maximise your performance
- Receive expert teaching from ATAR subject specialists
- Revise and enrich your understanding of the course content
- Receive top tips and strategies to achieve maximum marks
- A workbook will be provided for use before and during the year
- Gain insights into how to best approach your ATAR exams

Our six-hour subject exam boost seminars are held at UNA Albany Centre and cost $200 per subject.

2018 Albany Exam Boost Seminar Timetable

**Physical Education Yr 12 ATAR**
Date: Saturday 21st July
Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Teacher: Sarah Goarder
Cost: $200

**Maths Methods Yr 12 ATAR**
Date: Saturday 4th August
Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Teacher: Dirk Gidley-Hughes
Cost: $200

**Chemistry Yr 12 ATAR**
Date: Saturday 11th August
Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Teacher: Grant Keenan
Cost: $200

**Human Biology Yr 12 ATAR**
Date: Saturday 18th August
Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Teacher: Danny Pollard
Cost: $200

**English Yr 12 ATAR**
Date: Saturday 25th August
Time: 9:00am - 3:30pm
Teacher: Nicola Carey
Cost: $200

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WEEK 3 SPECIALS

MONDAY  SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS $4.50
         STIR FRIED
TUESDAY  SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN WITH EGG NOODLES $5.00
WEDNESDAY PULLED PORK STAND N STUFF $4.50
THURSDAY BANGERS & MASH $4.50
FRIDAY  HAWAIIAN SUBS $3.50

SOUP OF THE WEEK
POTATO & LEEK $3.00

EXTRA SPECIAL TUESDAY
CHICKEN DINOSAURS OR FISH BITES
CHIPS $4.50