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**Principal’s Report**

**Next Friday 17 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.

Each year, Catholic Education Western Australia acknowledges staff who have worked in Catholic schools for a significant number of years with a breakfast in Perth. Congratulations to Mr Cole who was recognised for his 40 years’ service most of which has been at St Joseph’s College.

Next Wednesday 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.

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.

Last Sunday a number of parents, staff and students spent the day cooking sausages at Bunnings. Their motivation was to support St Joseph’s College so that the money raised can provide extra resources for our students. Thank you to Mrs Sheryl-lee Green who coordinated the fundraiser and all parents who gave of their time; we are indeed fortunate to have you in our school community!

There are a multitude of ‘good things’ happening in our school due to the efforts of so many people; thank you for being one of those people this week!

Mr Mark Browning - Principal
Talented Young Writers' Programme for 2018 - Term Two

A reminder to the students who are enrolled in the Talented Young Writers' Programme for 2018, your third workshop is next week.

Venue: Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver Street Albany
Author: Lucy Christopher
Date: Year Nine - Twelve, Monday 13 August
Year Six - Eight, Tuesday 14 August

Information was mailed home to participants last year, however if you should need this information again please Direct Message me or see me in Room 304 or in the Drama Room.

Mr Richard Habal - Co-ordinator

Lost Property
Is your child/ren missing any items of clothing? There is a large amount of Lost Property at the College Office waiting for collection. In particular the College rain jacket. If you are missing any items, please call by the Office to check through these items before the end of Term Three.

Thank you.

Parish Notices

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, 12th August 2018
9.30am at Holy Family Church
Bishop Gerard Holohan (Celebrant)

All are warmly invited to join us in this special celebration as a sign of support and encouragement to those involved.

We hope to see you all there.

Junior School News

Tool Time for Year One
On Wednesday Year One students were busy making tool boxes for an all important day coming up - Fathers’ Day!

Thank you to Lisa and Rob from Bunnings Warehouse for coming along to the classrooms to assist the children making this project. Thanks also to Bunnings Albany for donating the materials needed to make the boxes and the parents who helped on the day.

The children really enjoyed the activity and will feel proud giving their creation to their Dads in a couple of weeks’ time.

Mrs Catherine Naughton - Year One Teacher
Secondary School News

From Head of Secondary

Monday this week saw a number of students receive recognition for their Christian Service in both our own, the Parish and wider community. Alicia Pascoe from Year Twelve received just our second Bronze badge for completing over 40 hours of service. Grace Larham from Year Nine, Hamish Walker and Sophie Lynch from Year Twelve received their 20 hours Certificates. They all join a small band of students which is growing each month. Congratulations to those students and I look forward to awarding more badges and certificates in the coming months.

At our assembly students and staff were privileged to be entertained by a number of our student musicians. Year Eight students, Antoinette Jackson, Bree Davy and Georgia Bennet presented an original instrumental piece entitled AntBee and Year Ten students Tahni Carlisle and Sebastian Commons showcased their beautiful voices with their rendition of “I don’t wanna be you”. A big thank you to the students and Mr Dougherty; your performance certainly enhanced our assembly.

The weather has been so kind to us this month. Firstly, we got through the Athletics Carnival and remained dry, then the Open Night weather, although a little chilly was also dry as well AND this week our Year Seven and Eight students managed to score a relatively dry day as well as they competed in the local schools Multi-Sport Competition. Students went off the play Hockey and Soccer, with mixed results, however one of the Soccer teams did bring home the trophy. Thanks to Mr O’Donnell for his organisation, Mrs Tompkin and Mrs Trichilo for their supervision on the day and also to all the students who assisted with umpiring and coaching: Regan Anderson, Brianna Corbett, Gracie Clerc (our French exchange student), Laura McEwan, Harris Grimes, Brandon Hueppauff, Sam Osborne, Titan Hawkins Puls, Mariah Bell, Tavanna Lembo, Sophie Turner, Angus Thompson and Michael Berg.

Our Year Ten students had a special treat this week when as part of the Career Mentoring programme, students were invited to visit various business in the Albany area. A big thank you to our mentors for making this happen... I know students really appreciate your time and effort in making this happen.

A number of students in Year Seven to Twelve were asked to put their mathematical ability to the test this week as they participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. I look forward to receiving the good news of the results. Thanks to Mr Rutherford for organising this opportunity.

On Sunday this week a number of our Year Seven Students will make their Confirmation. Congratulations to you all and thank you to all those who have assisted in your preparation for this special event, especially Mrs McCormack and Mr Habal, our Year Seven Religious Education teachers.

Have a blessed week.

Ms Sue Alderman - Head of Secondary

Good, better, best. Never let it rest. ‘Til your good is better and your better is best. St. Jerome
https://www.brainyquote.com/topics/motivational
Year Ten Career Mentoring Programme

Career Mentoring – Out and About

Year Ten Career Mentors organised a field trip for their respective groups this week. The purpose of this outing was to experience a ‘behind the scene’ look at a workplace in action. Locations visited included the Albany Fossickers Tip Shop, Great Southern Motorcycles, Albany World of Cars, UWA campus, Men’s Resource Centre and Albany Fridge and Washer City. The morning was rounded off with a coffee break. A very big thank you to our very generous mentors who gave up their time to ensure a meaningful and delicious experience for our Year Tens!

Mrs Rosanna Page - Career Mentors Co-ordinator

From the Pastoral Care Office

Homework Club

Please note there will be no Homework Club in the Secondary school on Thursday 16 November, due to the school being closed on Friday 17 November because of Catholic Day and some families may wish to go away for that long weekend.

2019 Year Twelve Students Leaders

Next week students in Year Eleven will receive information on nominations for Student Leadership in 2019. We encourage all students to think about nominating and what they can give back to their College. Students who nominate will need to fill in a nomination form, write a profile to be displayed in the Senior School under cover area and make a small speech at an assembly to the Senior School later in the term.

Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Year Seven - Twelve Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

Year Seven and Eight Multi Sports Carnival

On Tuesday four teams of Year Seven and Eight students competed in friendly competition against other Albany schools in hockey, soccer and AFL at the Multi Sports Carnival on North Road playing fields. The weather held off, and all the participants had to battle was the frosty cold wind and the fierce (but fun) competition from other schools.

It was a wonderful to see the smiles on the students faces as they participated in teams, playing sports that some had never had the opportunity to play before, coming together as newly formed teams and making their mark on the game.

I would especially like to thank the Year Ten and Eleven students who coached and umpired on the day. Without them the day would not have been the huge success it was.

A huge congratulations to Michael Berg and Angus Spencer (coaches) and to Maddy and Jacinta Le Cerf, Imojen Gill, Antoinette Jackson, Melina Franklin, Montanna Crowley, Tahlia Buxton who were the champion girls of soccer for the day!

Mrs Caroline Tompkin - Year Seven - Twelve Pastoral Care Co-ordinator
Thank You

Thank you to the following volunteers who gave their time last weekend at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle:

Raelene Scott, Jasmin Corcoran, Deb Neil, Angela Gorman, Jan Flugge, Dayna Davey, Toni-Louise & Maria Saunders, Luci Cooper and Lauren Green

Congratulations to all involved, over $500 was raised for the College’s P & F Association

Sheryl-lee Green

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/CITYOFALBANYASSISTYOUTHTOSAIL.pdf

Donations Needed

We are looking for donations to make the Dads feel special and the kids feel special choosing their gifts! Donations of either new or used good condition items, would be very greatly appreciated, thank you!

Please leave donations at the school office. Some ideas are listed below:

- Books
- Potted herbs
- Baked goods
- Garden items/tools
- Sporting items
- Ties,ufflinks, hats, scarfs etc
- Soaps, deodorants, toiletries etc
- Bottle/can holders, cups/ thermoses
- Camping/traveling items
- Fishing items
WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL? NOW IS THE TIME TO GET A TEAM TOGETHER.

The ABA (Albany Basketball Association) 2018-19 season is fast approaching. The season will commence (with first games) on Monday the 15th of October 2018. Please see the ABA website at [www.albanybasketball.net](http://www.albanybasketball.net) for further information for the upcoming season and the registration process for teams. A year 3 competition will be introduced by the ABA for the 2018/19 season which will be held on a Saturday morning alongside our Year 4 competition. Please email any enquiries regarding the season to albanybballad@gmail.com.au
WEEK 5 SPECIALS

MONDAY  Ham Burgers $6.00

TUESDAY  Potato Bake $4.00

WEDNESDAY  Chicken Canneloni $4.50

THURSDAY  Mongolian Beef $5.00

Soup of the Week
Curry Pumpkin $3.00

Extra Special Tuesday
Chicken Dinosaurs OR
Fish Bites 4 Chips $4.50