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Prayer: ANZAC Day

God of love and liberty, we bring our thanks this day for the peace and security
we enjoy, which was won for us through the courage and devotion of those who
gave their lives in time of war. We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be
in vain, but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come. That the
liberty, truth and justice which they sought to preserve may be seen and known in
all the nations upon earth. This we pray in the name of the one who gave his life
for the sake of the world,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Principal

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I express my gratitude to the students and staff who attended the Dawn Service and morning ceremony in Albany. This year there was an excellent representation from St Joseph’s College. Thank you to Mrs Trichilo who coordinated our involvement in both ceremonies.

ASG NEiTA is one of the only independent national awards program where early childhood and school communities can publicly recognise and encourage inspirational teachers and principals who are committed to excellence in education. St Joseph’s College is fortunate to have some great teachers from Three-Year-Olds to Year Twelve that are making a real difference to students’ education. To nominate a person from our school visit: www.asg.com.au/nominate Applications close on 3 July 2017.

‘What happened at school?’

‘Nothing!’

Does this sound familiar? You know that your child had a full and engaging day at school; involved in many activities, experiences and social interactions. Often children feel that their school experiences are not important or interesting. Parents, on the other hand, do genuinely want to know how their school day was. This can result in a sort of cat-and-mouse game; the parent probes, the child evades, the parent asks again, the child evades again, and so on. Usually, it is the parent who gives up first. Most children can be exhausted after a long day at school and discussing their day is the last thing on their mind. When they get home, they generally need a healthy snack and some ‘tune out’ time before they are ready to share some of their day with you. Listed below are some of the strategies that families use when asking the “What happened at school?” question.

- Create a family ritual in which everyone shares something about their day at dinner. Start by talking about your day. Make sure that everyone has a chance to talk, but also has the option of ‘passing’ if they don’t feel like contributing.
- Rather than posing a general question, ask about a specific event or class. For example, ‘How was the big assembly?’ or ‘What did your class do in sports today?’ Try to phrase your questions to invite answers that are longer than ‘yes’, ‘no’ or ‘OK’. Questions that begin with ‘What did you do in ...?’ are often better for this purpose than ones that start ‘How was ...?’ or ‘Did you ...?’
- When your child does respond, give them your full attention. Let them know that you’re listening by asking clarifying questions, such as ‘Do you mean that....?’ or ‘Let me make sure I understand...’
- Keep open channels of communication with your child’s teacher.
Respect your child’s privacy, but let them know that you are open whenever they feel like sharing their thoughts. When children don’t feel they are being continually ‘forced’ to talk about their whole day, they will often willingly recall special parts of their day.

Safety for all in our school community is of importance and for this reason, an evacuation drill was held on Thursday. Well done to all students and staff who, in an orderly manner, made their way to the designated gathering areas.

St Joseph’s College strives to ensure our grounds and facilities are regularly improved/maintained. The following tasks were completed over the holiday break:

- Both carparks at either end of Martin Road were re-sealed.
- The oval was fertilised.
- Some interior painting was completed in the Secondary section.
- The annoying gap between Cunningham Block and the Early Learning Centre has been covered thus ensuring the Year Three bags remain dry.
- At the request of parents, two noticeboards have been placed at the base of the stairs near the main carpark and in the Father Matheu Wing where the College Newsletter will be displayed each week.
- The hill in the Early Learning Centre has been re-built and the slide should be installed in the near future.

Applications should now be lodged for students wishing to attend St Joseph’s College for Kindergarten and Year Seven in 2018. A number of applications have already been received and these parents will be given appointment times in the coming weeks. Parents whose child attends another school need to ring the College Office for an application form ASAP. Families with children in the Three-Year-Old Program and Year Six at St Joseph’s College DO NOT need to lodge another enrolment form.

Seek to make a difference in our College community this coming week!

Mr Mark Browning
Principal
College Notices

ANZAC Day Service

ANZAC Day is an important national anniversary and on Tuesday 25th April members from the College community participated in a number of events to commemorate this occasion. Early bird Mike Trafalski attended the Dawn Service along with Head Prefects Zara Leusciatti and Michael Bales, who represented the College. Following the Dawn Service, a contingent of 50 representatives from St Joseph’s met on York Street ready to march down to the ANZAC Peace Park with much enthusiasm and flag waving. Student leaders from both the Senior and Junior schools laid wreaths, however rain could not dampen the ANZAC Spirit displayed by students, even during a brief deluge that left everyone wet and cold. Special thanks to all the students and staff who took part in these events and continue to uphold the ANZAC tradition.

Samantha Trichilo,
Secondary Teacher

Saints Swim Club Welcome Session 2017

We would like to extend a warm invitation to any new swimmers who are interested in joining the Saints Swim Club in 2017 to our "Welcome Session for 2017". This will take place at ALAC on Friday Week Three, Term Two (12th May) at 3.30pm. Students who are in Year Three or above are invited to come along and join in the fun and games! Swim sessions will then be conducted on each Friday of term from 3.30-4.30pm. Hoodies and shirts will be available for purchase on the day at $25 each. A gentle reminder that any current swimmers unpaid fees are to be paid by the end of Week Two, Term Two please. For any further information, please contact President, Mrs Sam Jones on 0439 525 205.

Scholastic Book Fair

Well it's that time of year again - that crazy time that is Scholastic Book Fair! Watch this space, and your children's bags, for more information. St Joseph’s College is always very successful with their book fairs (one of the top in Australia) and we love that this allows us to put wonderful new resources into our classrooms.

The 2017 Book Fair will run from Monday 22 through to Wednesday 24 May and will be held in the Junior Undercover area.

Canteen News

Tuesday’s special will be

Bangers & Mash
Sausages, mashed potato & gravy

$4.50

Weekly Special for all of Week Two

Open Sandwich
Turkish Bread, aioli, spinach, roasted sweet potato, feta, red onion & balsamic glaze

$4.50

Lentil Soup
Onion, carrots, green lentils, spinach, cumin, garlic, curry, stock & lemon juice.

$2.50

St Joseph’s College Newsletter
Welcome back to everyone...I trust the holiday proved to be relaxing and that families enjoyed their time together.

Obviously, it’s been a quiet week, given it has only been three days for students this week. Secondary staff spent Monday looking at Christian Service Learning and the implementation of this programme at St Joseph’s College...more information will follow.

Students were welcomed back on Wednesday. In the afternoon, we all attended an ANZAC service to remember all our service men and women. Thank you all those involved in this moving service conducted by our Year Twelve Prefects. A special thanks to Ivy Le-Nguyen, Mark Weldon and Mr Scanlon for their rendition of “Keep the Home Fires Burning”, a song popular at the time of the First World War. It was a song written to acknowledge the real suffering of the war and to help bridge the physical and emotional gap between the trenches of war and the people at home. A special thank you also to the Year Eleven Modern History Class for their recitation of “Grandpa, What did you do in the War?” a poem by South Australian Poet Jeff Cook.

Next and the following week, students in Year Ten will have the Opportunity to participate in the P.A.R.T.Y (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) programme; it is a one-day injury awareness and prevention programme and will be conducted at the Albany Health Campus.

Next week some of our girls will be taking to the Netball courts for the Bendigo Bank regional competition. We wish them all the best...Play well, display great sportsmanship and have FUN!

Susan Alderman
Head of Secondary

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John, 15: 12)

Year Eight School Immunisation Program

Later this term Year Eight students whose parents have given their consent will receive diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) and the second of the HPV immunisations. On this day ensure that your child has a good healthy breakfast and plenty of fluid to drink in order to reduce the risk of him/her fainting following immunisations.

Vaccinations like any medication may cause side effects, most of these are mild reactions. The injection site may become red and swollen and you can treat this by applying a cool damp cloth. Your child may experience some discomfort such as fever, headache or tiredness. For headache and discomfort, paracetamol may be given as directed on the manufacturer’s label. If fever persists, consult your doctor. Seek medical advice if your child experiences a reaction that you are concerned about.

As it has been a number of months since completion of consent forms we would like to give parents the opportunity to inform us of any change to details on the consent form. Do not send notes to school, please phone or email me, so I can make the changes immediately on your child’s form.

For further information please contact:
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