

Hand in Hand

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College,

Last Friday the College was delighted to host Grandparents Day. With the theme of "Hand in Hand", the Primary teachers went about creating wonderful murals of families going about their work and play. These huge murals decorated the gymnasium and created a very colourful and joyful ambience in which grandparents, special friends, students and staff gathered for Mass. Making the occasion very special, was that the celebrant, Fr Beyer was also a grandparent (grandchildren Ariane, Julius and Thomas in the College). Fr Beyer was originally an Anglican priest before becoming a Catholic priest.

It was wonderful to meet so many grandparents enjoying being with their grandchildren in the classrooms. Most were amazed by the confidence of their grandchildren and the variety of learning opportunities that are available to them here at John XXIII College. The grandparents also enjoyed the musical items provided by the Years 1 and 2 choir and the African Percussion Ensemble, a beautiful morning tea served by parents and the presentation of a single stemmed rose from the Year 7 House Captains.

The day was a great reminder of the role grandparents play in the lives of our students. Grandparents are a source of love, patience, story and creativity.

Increasingly, grandparents are also taking on the responsibility of passing on their religious beliefs and values to their grandchildren. This is a very sacred and privileged position and it was great to honour this role at our Eucharist.

An enormous thank you to Miss Coniglio, Mr Bugna, Ms Coughlan, Mr Del Pizzo, Mrs Sullivan, Ms Fudger, the Canteen, Maintenance and Grounds Staff and most particularly, all the Primary Staff and children for making our special guests so welcome.

Yours sincerely



(Mrs) Anne Fry
Principal

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JUNE 1ST 2007 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

On the 1st June, Secondary Teachers will be involved in Professional Development Activities. The Primary School will operate as normal and Years 11 and 12 Exams scheduled for that day will proceed as normal.

Hopefully, our Secondary students will use this day at home wisely for independent study, consolidation of work studied and to complete assessment tasks.

Primary

JSHAA Ecumenical Service

Mother's Day Mass

On Wednesday, 16th May the Primary School celebrated Mother's Day with a Mass followed by morning tea.

It was wonderful to see so many Mums and thank them for being the special people they are in our lives. Particular thanks also need to go to the Mr Casey and Year 7Ca for leading us in the Mass and Father Gaetan for celebrating with us.

Thank you also to Mrs Taylor and the wonderful helpers from the Canteen; to Mr Pearson and Mr Burke from Maintenance and Mr Palmer and Mrs Scott from HE for the setting up and preparation of the Morning Tea.

Rainbows

Rainbows is a grief and loss program for Year 1 to Year 7 children who have experienced or are experiencing a parental separation or death in the family. The program will commence in mid Term Two, with children meeting in small groups on a weekly basis for twelve weeks. If you feel that this program would be beneficial for your child and they have not brought home a letter please contact Mr Daniel Moylan (Primary School Counsellor).

Forthcoming Primary Events

Wednesday, 23 May

- PrePrimary to Year Three Mass (3M)
10.00am, College Chapel

Friday, 25 May

- Pre-Primary to Year Three Assembly (3T)
9.00am Old Lecture Theatre
- Year Four to Seven Assembly (4F)
12.15pm, Old Lecture Theatre
- Making of the Confirmation Stoles from
9.00am-12.50am in the MacKillop Room

Tuesday, 29 May

- Father Joseph Walsh PP – the Confirmation celebrant for 2007 will be visiting the Confirmation Candidates from 11.10am-12.50am

Wednesday, 30 May

- Year Four to Year Seven Mass
10.00am, College Chapel

Friday, 1 June

- PrePrimary to Year Seven General Assembly
9.00am, the Roncalli Hall

Health Centre News

Head Lice

When a child in Primary School has head lice, the parent is sent a confirmation of treatment letter for information and Head Lice Fact Sheets are given out to all parents who have students in that class. The Head Lice Fact Sheet contains accurate and up-to-date information about head lice management and treatment. It is based on the latest national and international research. As a preventative measure it is important that parents check their child's hair regularly for head lice according to the Department of Health's recommended guidelines. Information is available on www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice

Jenny Hill - Nurse

Bike Health Safety

On Mother's Day one of our Year Six students was knocked off her bike and was wedged under a car. She received serious head, arm and hip injuries but has survived with no major spinal or neurological injuries. A letter from her mother stressed the following, **"without her helmet, our daughter would not be with us and we beg you to make the children understand the importance of wearing them even when just yards from home."**

We thank God for this "Mother's Day Miracle" of complete recovery and pray that all parents/children and drivers on the road take sensible precautions to preserve the fragile lives of all children.

Young Vinnies Winter Appeal !



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please remember to donate blankets and winter wear, such as scarves, beanies, socks and jumpers to make winter more bearable for those less fortunate. Non perishable goods such as canned soup would be equally appreciated. Boxes will be placed in Student Reception and Main Administration for collection.

Secondary

Years 11 and 12 Examinations

Parents are requested **not** to book holidays or make any other commitments that conflict with the College examination period. These dates are advertised in the College Calendar, which is found on the College website, and in the Student Diary. If there are extenuating circumstances which preclude a student sitting an examination, the Deputy Principal Studies, Mr Robert Novacsek should be informed at least a week before the examination period. In the case of an unforeseen event, such as illness, the Deputy Principal Studies needs to be informed as soon as possible and a Medical Certificate provided.

Change in Leaving Age for Years 10 and 11 Students

A pamphlet advertising changes to the school leaving age was distributed during Tutor Group this week. Essentially the pamphlet advertises that the school leaving age will be extended from 16 to 17 as of January 1 2008. It also briefly explores different pathways for the students and the alternatives to full time schooling. Further information can be found at www.det.wa.edu.au

Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal - Studies

Forthcoming Careers Events

- **Education Information Night**
Notre Dame University
6.15pm Tuesday 29 May in Foley Hall
19 Mouat St Fremantle.
- **A Day in the Life of a University Student**
20 July at University of Notre Dame. For information contact Admissions on 9433 0533.
- **Undergraduate Dentistry Information Evening**
- **Wednesday 23rd May, 7.00pm**
FJ Clarke Lecture theatre in 'P' block at QEII Medical Centre on Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital site. All Year 12s intending to apply to UWA for either of these courses should attend.

Competition Time Again For Mathematics

Last week we had a record number of students volunteering to do the Informatics Competition after school. Next week it is the ICAS competition.

The Autumn "Have Sum Fun" online is also occurring at the moment and our Years 8 – 10 teams scored between 8 and 10 (out of 10) in their first round of the competition. Selected for this event were:

Year 8	Alastair Mory Lewis Caitlin	Dominic Hird Andrew Pham
Year 9	Eoghan Curtin Matt Bonser	Kevin Mailoa Jack Lockwood
Year 10	Eoghan McCallion Kelvin Oo	Peter Mark Anna Kim

Ms Joan Burfitt
Mathematics Learning Area Coordinator

LOTE Fujimi Exchange 2007

At the beginning of Term Three, 40 students from Fujimi High School in Tokyo will be visiting the College for a period of two weeks, 29th July to 11th August. All the students will be females aged approximately 15 years and have learnt English for three years. The students will be attending John XXIII College daily and participating in a wide range of sightseeing activities during the school day. However, their most enjoyable and engaging experience is spending time with families and being involved in activities around the house.

The students are willing to pay \$140.00 per week to each host family so if you have either a spare bed in a girl's room or a spare bedroom then we would very much appreciate your willingness to host one of these Japanese students.

Please contact Shane Glass by email glass.shane@johnxxiii.edu.au or by phone 9383 0430 if you would like further information.

Ms Shane Glass
LOTE—Learning Area Coordinator

Music Department—Dates To Remember

- **Twilight Recital** - 5.30pm, 20 May in Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre.
- **Catholic Performing Arts Festival** - Entry forms are available at the Music Office and must be in by Monday, 21 May.
- **Music Eisteddfod** - Entry forms are available at the Music Office and are due in Thursday 31 May.

Sports News

Year 8 Field Events Monday 21st May

The Year Eight students commence their Track and Field season with the Pre-Athletics carnival field events next week. Three Houses will compete on Monday 21st and the other three Houses on Tuesday 22nd. Students will compete in Shot Put, Javelin, Discus, Long Jump, High Jump and 1500 metres. A high standard of competition and a high participation rate is expected.

Mr Danny Platts - Physical Education Coordinator

NAS Sport

All teams have played two rounds of NAS fixtures against Sacred Heart College and Chisholm College. All students can be congratulated on their reliability and performance. Students who still wish to join a NAS team should speak to Mrs Plant as soon as possible.

Fixtures: 22nd & 23rd May all teams have a BYE. (Fixtures and staff team contacts can be found on the College Web site).

Ms Lyn Plant - Sport Coordinator

Our Sympathies

Sympathies to **Damien Giglia** (Year 12) and the family on the passing of their mother and grandmother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Giglia Family at this time of sadness.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Vid Amidzic** who has been selected into the Coerver Elite programme for 2007. Vid will travel to Portugal in October to play in the Coerver Oceania U/14 tour, followed by the Cruzeiro EC (Brazil) Official Squad Training in November and finally as a member of the Coerver WA Select U/14 Brazil Tour in December 2007.

'Light on the Hill'

Parents are invited to a seminar "**Understanding Teenage Needs and Development**" at the '**Light on the Hill**' Catholic Education Office, 50 Ruislip Street, Leederville Monday, 21 May, 2007 from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Creché Facilities Available – Bookings Essential. For bookings please phone: 6380 5202. Facilitated by Centrecare.

Rugby News

John XXIII First XV 27 def Churchlands 5

JTC First XV played to keep their finals chances alive last Tuesday in a must win contest. From kick off JTC dominated possession and the focus on body height at the ruck during training paid dividends. JTC crossed the line 4 times during the first half and went into the break with a comfortable 22 to 5 lead. Although the second half only saw JTC cross the line one more time, the team still dominated possession and territory.

A revised combination in the centre proved successful with the co-captains Matt Bourke & Malcolm Franke both breaking the line regularly. The work rate of the Forward has also lifted in recent weeks ensuring that the backline has greater opportunities.

The win and bonus point was important and places the destiny of the First XV. Best on ground was Vice Captain, Joe Simmons, A.S & Captain Matt Bourke.

Mr Christian Golding - Coach

Year 9 : John XXIII 42 def Mazenod 5

The Year 9 team had a resounding win against Mazenod College on 9th May.

In the absence of Mr Scott Connery, ex student Daniel Copson has taken up the coaching position and Mrs Stephanie Carne, the staff manager. Thanks to both of these people for filling in at such short notice.

A Spirituality for Today

The Inigo Group invite you to attend a talk by Fr Gaeton Pareira SJ, John XXIII College, Mary MacKilliop Room, Wednesday, 23 May 2007 from 7.30pm-9.30pm. Cost: Donation for Inigo Centre. For further information please contact Mr Murray Graham 93830444.

Loreto Past Pupils' Afternoon Gathering



Tea and Talk 3.00pm, 27th May, 2007
John XXIII College
Thomas More Exhibition Centre

Treat Donation Movie : "The Emperor's Club"
\$20.00

For enquiries and to purchase tickets, please call Community Relations on 9383 0445.