Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

During this last week of Term Three there has been great energy expended on the athletics track. If anyone carried any doubt about the passion with which John XXIII College students contest inter-school sport, the skill and spirit of our athletics team must now have dispelled even the most hardened cynic. Our Primary students put themselves to the test with a very gutsy performance at the JSHA Carnival held on Tuesday at John XXIII College. Even though scores are not kept, our team was dominant all day. The spirit of competition was evident in a most positive manner.

On the same day, the Secondary athletics squad was in full competition at Perry Lakes Stadium. The Associated and Catholic Colleges (ACC) host a week of Carnivals for like sized schools. After a day of tight competition, John XXIII was announced runner-up to Corpus Christi by a very narrow margin. What caught my attention was the disappointment of the team when the final scores were announced. It wasn’t the disappointment of a team of bad-sports, but the disappointment of a team who really believed that they had done their best and felt victory was so close! A special thank you to our Year 12 Students who were competing in their last ACC Carnival.

On Wednesday, while working at some routine tasks in my office, I was distracted by some student noise and movement in the reception area. On investigation, I found members of the Mary Ward Centre on their way to show me the enormous trophy they had won at the ACC Para-Carnival. Our team of competitors and spectators had just won the “Sue Bigalow Spirit Award”, which is awarded to the team with the best Spirit, Attitude and Participation. Their joy and sense of achievement was priceless and the entire College Community should be exceptionally proud of our Mary Ward Athletes.

Congratulations to all our Sports, PE and Mary Ward Staff for providing such wonderful experiences for our athletics competitors of being a member of a team and a College representative.

This weekend, as the holidays begin, our students are travelling in various capacities around the world. Our pilgrims leave for the Pilbara, Vietnam and India. We are confident that our pilgrims are well prepared for the spiritual, emotional and physical challenges ahead. Our LOTE students are off to France to practise their language skills and our geographers are off to Borneo to undertake field studies. These opportunities to travel are wonderful examples of how the John XXIII College classrooms “have no walls”. An enormous thank you to staff who are giving up their holidays to ensure our students have these rich educational experiences.

We pray for the safety of our travellers and all our College Community who are travelling this holiday.

Thank you for your support throughout this busy and productive Term. Can I ask you to remember our Year 12 students in your prayers as they begin their “study leave” prior to their Mock and TEE Exams. It is a stressful time for students and their families.

Farewell

A very special thank you to Ms Ponton who leaves the College this week to take up a position in recruiting. We thank Penelope for all her hard work in Italian and we wish her well for her new position and every blessing as she marries her fiancée John O’Brien next week. Farewell also to contract teachers, Ms Basan, Ms Domek, Ms Gribbon, Mrs Larsson and Mrs Turner who have completed their terms of employment.

We extend our best wishes to Dr Yoon who will begin a brief period of Long Service Leave and Mr Locke who is taking leave in Term 4 for shoulder surgery.

We thank all our staff for their hard work and generosity during the Term. I am sure you join me in wishing them a happy and relaxing holiday.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
Principal
Primary News

Years 4 to 7 Athletics Carnival
Last Tuesday week, the Years 4 to 7 Inter-House Athletics Carnival was held on the top oval.

On a mild, overcast but fine day we witnessed some terrific running and highly skilled team games. The children’s behaviour and enthusiasm were fabulous.

The competition on the day was extremely keen but not quite as close as the previous couple of years. Congratulations to Campion House for their 21 point victory over Koolyangarra. Third place went to Loyola, St Louis was fourth, Ward fifth and Loreto was sixth. All the children need to be acknowledged for their great efforts and sportsmanship on the day.

Thank you to the parent helpers who acted as place judges and to the wonderful staff for all their hard work. Most importantly; however, a huge thank you must go to Mr John Alderman for his organisation and planning.

This was another successful Carnival!

Forthcoming Primary Events

- **Monday, 15 October**
  Pupil Free Day

- **Tuesday, 16 October**
  All students K-7 commence Term Four, 2007

- **Friday, 19 October**
  Year 7 Orientation and Testing Day for Year 8 2008

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open during the Term Three Holiday on Monday October 8th from 12 to 6.00pm only.

Canteen News

A new Canteen Menu is being sent home with the primary school students for next Term. Please note, when ordering, that due to rising costs some of the prices have increased.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anai Coffey, Samantha Hogan (Year 10) and Kelissa Brockett (Year 11) who competed in the State Championships for Rowing recently. The girls boast an array of incredible achievements; two first places, one second place, two third places and a fourth place over the weekend. Congratulations to you and to all those who trained hard to participate.

Catholic Performing Arts Awards - 2007

Congratulations to the following who received an award in the recent Catholic Performing Arts Festival.

**Certificate of Merit**
- John Barratt Electric Guitar
- Nora Mironov Bass Guitar
- Ryan Epstein Electric Guitar
- Nick Murphy Acoustic Guitar
- Mihali Stamatis Acoustic Guitar

**Honourable Mention**
- Grace Holmes Acoustic Guitar
- Joe Ryan Acoustic Guitar
- Joseph Kenny Acoustic Guitar
- Nader Boutros Electric Guitar

**Year Level Music Recitals—Term 4**
Year level recitals will take place in Term 4 commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesdays with:
- Year 11 Recital 31 October
- Year 10 Recital 7 November
- Year 9 Recital 14 November
- Year 8 Recital 21 November

All recitals take place in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre with supper provided. Entry Forms are available from the Music Office.

**Light on the Hill**


**The Lynn Scholarship**

The Lynn Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students who might be deprived of an upper secondary education in a Catholic school because of the economic or social circumstances of the family.

To be eligible, the student must currently be completing Year 10 at a Catholic school and intend to complete Years 11 and 12 at a Catholic school. The value of the scholarship will be up to $600 per annum and is payable for two years. Please contact the College for an application form and a copy of the conditions. Applications should be received no later than Friday 26 October 2007.
Special and Eucharistic Ministers

The Special Ministers are friends of Christ entrusted with a special mission in the Church through the distribution of the Eucharist to the people of God in the Christian worship.

The word Ministry comes from the Greek word ‘Diakonia’, which means “serving at a table, the work of a servant or slave”. The Christian community chose Diakonia to describe the work done by its leaders and special workers. This Ministry is public action on behalf of the Christian Community to bring about the reign of God. Ministry is not an organized program but a set of attitudes that lead to action.

The Ministry is the minister who you are? Your personality, has the profound effect on people. By working on our own personal, spiritual and emotional development they become better Ministers. Ministry isn’t only about changing the world; it’s also about changing ourselves so that we can become better friends for the journey. On this great journey our young people have volunteered to serve for the people of God by assisting in the distribution of communion.

Our heartfelt congratulations goes to Annabelle Thomas, Laura Thwaites, Lazar Pravdic, Michaela Maley, Phillipe Cassian, Rachel Rose Lee and Riley McAuliffe who were commissioned on Friday 21st September, 2007.

Sr Selvi Adaikalam—Special Ministers Coordinator

Employment Opportunity

Wooldridges A&M are offering employment opportunities during the upcoming Summer school holiday period. If accepted, you will be offered a position at the Distribution Centre, located at the Claremont Showgrounds based out of the Tom Wilding Pavilion accessed via Gate 8 off Ashton Avenue in Claremont.

The position will require you to regularly work Monday to Saturday from your designated commencement date until Thursday 31st January, 2008 with no opportunity for taking leave except on designated Public holidays. If you wish to apply for a position, it is important that you fully accept this commitment to work throughout the employment period as the success of the program closely depends upon it.

If you wish to apply, please contact: Fiona Stuart, Wooldridges A&M, 424 Scarborough Beach Road, Osborne Park 6017 or send an email to reception@wooldridges.com.au

Graduation Mass and Valete Dinner 2007

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2007

The Year 11 parents and students are invited to serve and assist at the Valete Dinner in the College Gymnasium. This traditional event allows Year 11 students and parents to assist in farewelling the Year 12, 2007 Leavers.

We ask if the Year 11 students would attend a meeting at the beginning of lunchtime in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre, Week 2 Term 4, Tuesday, 23rd October where you will receive information for your active participation. If any parents are able to attend the meeting at this time, please feel welcome.

The Year 12 parents and students are reminded to return their Valete Forms to the Main Administration by Friday, 19th October. If you did not receive a form or wish for further information, please contact April Coughlan, Community Relations on 9383 0445 or email to coughlan.april@johnxxiii.edu.au

Year 12 students are also encouraged to bring in their “Baby” photos to go on the “Guess Who” photo board for the night. Photos can be given to Main or Student Reception and must have your name on the back of the photo to ensure its safe return.

With everyone’s help and attendance, this will be a “Night to Remember” for all.

2007 Speech Night and Presentation of Awards

All Primary and Secondary parents and students are invited to attend the celebrating “Thirty Years As John XXIII College”

Tuesday, 4th December
The Perth Concert Hall.

Tickets are free and will be issued on a first come, first serve basis. If parents are unable to collect tickets personally, please forward a note with your child, giving your permission for collection. Tickets can be collected NOW from the Main Administration

John XXIII College Rugby Club Presentation and Windup

Saturday, 20th October, 4.00pm—6.00pm Cottesloe Rugby Club, Broome Street, Cottesloe
As well as the presentation of awards for the students, a sausage sizzle and drinks will be provided.
Important Parking Notice for John XXIII College Parents

Safety Concerns for John XXIII College Students

Kindergarten/PrePrimary
Kindergarten / PrePrimary car park is solely for the use of parents with children in Kindergarten / PrePrimary for the purpose of quick drop off and pick up. For scheduled long stops, the Main Carpark (John XXIII Avenue) should be used during peak times (morning drop off and afternoon pick up).

Mooro Drive Carpark
This area, at peak drop off times (morning) or peak pick up times (afternoon), is restricted to Years 1 – 3. Please be courteous and patient, use discretion and common sense and do not park where it obstructs visibility. Park in a manner that does not obstruct traffic flow. Parking and traffic congestion is approximately a 6 – 8 minutes problem at morning drop off and afternoon pick up. When double parking, please do not leave your vehicle unattended.

John XXIII Avenue Carpark
Note the parking signs along the front footpath. All parking bays along the footpath are solely for instant pick up or drop off and not for extended stays during morning and afternoon peak times. Please do not leave vehicles unattended especially when double parked.

Please:
1. Be courteous and patient
2. Do not obstruct visibility
3. Do not obstruct traffic flow
4. Observe parking signs.

JOHN XXIII AVENUE AND MOORO DRIVE
There is absolutely no excuse or reason why drivers continue to park on John XXIII Avenue within a few metres of Mooro Drive. Legally, you must park a minimum of ten (10) metres from an intersection; where there are two (2) white lines you must park ten (10) metres from the end of the white lines.

Staff at Graylands Hospital and local residents are expressing stern complaints to the College. Their major concern is that there is a road trauma waiting to happen. This is dangerous and illegal parking at its worst.

It definitely is not sending out a responsible message to our students or the surrounding community. The facts are: drivers are parking so close to the intersection of Mooro Drive it is causing a dangerous hazard.

We ask that you park in the Main Carpark on John XXIII Avenue if you cannot park legally.

GRAYLANDS HOSPITAL
Once again we have received numerous complaints from staff at Graylands Hospital due to their visibility being obstructed as they exit the hospital. Drivers of vehicles parking close and either side of the Graylands Hospital driveway are displaying a total lack of courtesy and safety. Drivers exiting Graylands must edge out onto the road before they have visibility of oncoming traffic. The level of danger increases if the driveway is surrounded by four wheel drives. John XXIII parents are not to park within the grounds of Graylands Hospital.

The Ranger has been in contact to patrol the area in order to prevent a possible accident from occurring. The College is also advised that parking fines will be given without notice to drivers who do not adhere to the above rules and regulations.

STAFF CARPARK
Parents are requested not to park in the Staff Only Carpark on Heritage Lane (near A Block Classrooms). It is suggested parents drop off, pick up and park their cars in one of the other carparks provided for the parents at the College.

Thank you for your cooperation and we pray for safe, peaceful and happy driving.