



Christ is our Foundation

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

This week the Year 6 students lead us through a liturgy where we blessed the site where our new Year 7 building is being constructed. It was an historic occasion and at the conclusion of the liturgy the College Architect, Mr Eamon Broderick who graduated from the College in 1988 spoke of his long association with the College.

Fr Gaetan used the following prayer to bless the land and all who will work during the construction phase on the building. Staff and students were also blessed with the same holy water used to bless the Crucifix that was placed in the foundations of the building. (see photo's on page 3)

All praise to you, heavenly Father, Lord of all creation. You have gathered us as a community today to ask your blessing on this land and begin our anticipation of the Year Seven Learning Centre.

Bless the land on which the new building will be constructed. May it yield forth solid foundations on which to build with confidence.

Bless this site and all those who will work in the site as architects, builders, tradespeople and labourers. May their work site be safe, harmonious and rewarding.

Bless the Staff and Students who will share their learning space with the construction site. May they be granted patience and tolerance to bear with a cheerful heart the noise, disruption and inconvenience of the building process.

May the Year Seven Learning Centre be a place where competence, conscience and compassion are found in abundance. Through our prayers and the intercession of St Ignatius Loyola, Mary Ward and Blessed John XXIII, may the construction of this building help us to enhance God's reign.

Loving Father, listen to our prayer, which we offer through Christ our Lord, in your Holy Spirit, all glory to You, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

During the week I received a letter of concern from an ex student of the College who was disheartened by the poor presentation and behaviour of a student on the Fremantle to Perth Train line. I wrote back to assure her that there are hundreds of things that happen here daily that should make her very proud to be an ex student of John XXIII. However; her letter is a timely

reminder of how important it is for our students to present and conduct themselves in a respectful manner while travelling in public.

As this newsletter goes to print, there is great optimism that the World Record for the most continuously joined socks will be broken by our College Community. The SRC are to be congratulated for the wonderful creative energy they have used to bring this project to life.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fry
Principal

State Champion for John XXIII

Congratulations to Peter Townsend (Year 10) who won the Apex WA High School Public Speaking Competition.

As part of his prize, Peter has won a trip to Brisbane to participate in the National Final in July. His speech was on the topic of **Happiness**. Our most sincere congratulations go to Peter and we wish him very well for his trip to Brisbane.

The entire College Community is very proud of Peter and this extraordinary achievement.

Mr Lloyd (Public Speaking and Debating Coordinator) presented Peter's state trophy at a recent House Assembly.



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Primary News

Science of Spin

All the children from Pre-Primary to Year Seven were treated to the "Science of Spin" incursion at school last Friday. This was an interesting and engaging show teaching the children about gravity using wheels and yoyos. "The show was about how a wheel could keep spinning and how gravity could pull it down when it wasn't spinning. It was amazing to see what tricks could be done with a yoyo." Madeline Ardon (7C)

Upcoming Events:

Friday 4 July:

Pre-Primary to Year Seven General Assembly in the Thomas More Exhibition Centre at 9.00am.

3.15pm: School Holidays Begin

**Ms Adriana Coniglio 4-7 and
Mrs Liz Gardner KG-3**

"Speak Up" Final

Congratulations to all Year 6 and 7 students who participated in the presentation of their speeches in the "Speak Up" Programme.

Public speaking is often quite nerve wracking for students, and all are to be congratulated for overcoming their nerves.

Our 12 finalists presented their speeches to the adjudicators - Mr Antulov and Mr Tsakisiris.

After a long deliberation they chose Madeline Ardon (Diamonds), James Benetti (Life as a Caveman) and Eloise Connell (Bittersweet) to go through to the regional finals.

Good luck to all three speakers and a big thank you to Mrs Sharon Connell for her hard work and organisation.

Pre-primary Father's Fun day

Thanks to all the wonderful Dad's who made the effort and went along to the Gymbus Headquarters on Sunday 22nd June. The dads enjoyed catching up while their kids had a great time playing.

A big Thank You also to the Coordinator's for providing afternoon tea.

BLESSING OF THE YEAR 7 BUILDING SITE



Careers Corner

Year 11 and 12 Revision and Study Skills courses

For students wishing to revise their courses, or attend Study Skills courses during the July school holidays, there are three companies advertising throughout the school. In no particular order and without endorsement, they are:

Academic Associates www.academicassociates.com.au

Phone 9310 4490

Academic TaskForce www.academictaskforce.com.au

Phone 9317 4421

TEE Consultants Phone 9387 2106

WA Police Traineeship Information Evenings

Students about to complete either Year 11 or Year 12 are invited to attend one of two Information Evenings at the Joondalup Police Academy to find out about the 2 year Traineeship Program. 120 positions are available for the 2009 cadet program and applications close on August 31. Register for information evenings on 1 July (6.30-8.00pm) by phoning 9301 0448.

www.stepforward.wa.gov.au

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

Year 11 students who have been disappointed with their first semester results may wish to learn more about SWL as a Curriculum Council subject. Spend time in a workplace perhaps chosen for its relevance to your future career plans, learn valuable employability skills AND earn credit for your WACE. This subject is open to ALL Year 11 and 12 students in the school. Email

hammond.sarah@johnxxiii.edu.au for more information.

Pilot Training Career Information Seminar

Thursday 3rd July, Hyatt Regency Hotel, 7pm-9pm. This free seminar conducted by Western Australian Aviation College will give students all the information they need on becoming a Pilot – whether military or civilian. Bookings essential on 9417 7733. www.waaviationcollege.com.au

Mrs Sarah Hammond - Careers Counsellor

Music Matters

Large Ensemble Soiree

Sunday 29th June commencing at 5:30 in the Hall. Items by Concert Band, Orchestra, Wind Band, Chamber Choir, JTC Voices, Guitar Ensemble with supper to follow

Music Camp Departs 9.am Friday 4th July. The ruck containing instruments and any luggage to go early departs after school on Thursday.

Instruments and luggage that does not go on the truck on Thursday will travel with the students on the bus on Friday morning.

Mrs Toni Strong - Music Coordinator

Health Information

VISION: Good vision is essential for a child to reach their full potential. Vision problems can severely impact on a child's educational, physical and social development. Protecting a child's vision includes being aware of the symptoms that indicate an immediate problem as well as putting in place preventative measures. Through regular eye examinations and protecting a child's eyes from harmful UV rays you are helping to prevent diseases that if undetected can lead to vision impairment.

Any one of the following could mean that a child is experiencing a vision problem.

Appearance of the eyes:

- One eye turns in or out while the other points straight ahead
- Eyes blink frequently
- Eyes frequently red
- Eyes water
- Eyes very sensitive to light
- Eyes screwed up while the child is watching television

Behavioural signs:

- Holds a book very close to read it
- Loses place while reading
- Cannot concentrate for any length of time
- Positions head strangely when reading
- Rubs eyes frequently
- Sits very close to the television
- Writes crookedly with poor spacing
- Leaves out or confuses words when reading
- Tilts head noticeably when looking at things
- Covers or closes on eye when reading
- Does not recognise familiar people in the distance
- Complains of headaches
- Complains of blurred vision
- Complains of seeing double images
- Complains of eyes burning or itching

If a parent or teacher has a concern, the Community Health Nurse will do referral vision checks as required. Optometrists Australia Information pamphlets for parents are available from the Health Centre.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Mass - Music - Me!

Every Friday Morning at 8am in the John XXIII College Chapel the Spire Bells chime to call everyone from K-12 and the whole College Family to attend and be part of the wonderful Spirit of Mass as celebrated by our College Chaplain Fr Gaetan Pereira and the Gospel Choir.

I know it's a busy world.....however God Works...Give God Time.

We have the Mass. We have the Music. We need more Me's!!!!
As Jesus says - I LOVE YOU....AWAITING YOUR REPLY.

Mr. Mario Bugna, Faith and Justice Coordinator.

Secondary News

ALTERATION TO Parent/Teacher Meeting date for Years 11 and 12

The Parent/Teacher meeting scheduled for Monday 30th June has been rescheduled to take place on the evening of **Wednesday 30th July 3.30pm to 6.30pm.**

Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal, Studies

Semester One Reports and Follow-up Parent Teacher Meetings

Years 11 and 12 Reports

These will be posted during week 10 of Term 2.
The Follow-up Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 30th July from 3.30 pm to 6.30pm.

Years 8-10 Reports

These will be posted during week 4 of term 3.
The follow-up Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place on Monday 25th August 3.00pm to 6.00pm.

Included with the Reports will be information regarding the organisational details for follow-up Parent-Teacher Meetings.

Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal, Studies

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Families are asked to complete and return to the College the Medical Information sheets which were sent home during the April school holidays.



At this stage, only 50% of the forms have been returned which means that for 50% of our students, we do not have current medical information to be used in an emergency.

Please return to the College as soon as possible.

Founders Night Cocktail Party

Saturday 16th August 2008.

Please put the date into your diary.

More details to follow in Term 3



Young Vinnies Winter Appeal!

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.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Chaplain Calls

Next Sunday, 29th June, we celebrate the feasts of Peter and Paul, the twin pillars of the Church who were never separated either in the ancient liturgy or in the iconography. Each of them had their place in the development of the faith. Peter, the guide, by his role of direction and confirmation and Paul, the sower by his energy of movement and adaptation.

Away from the church we hear more about St Peter than we do about St Paul. It's because St Peter regularly features in jokes about heaven, like this one: A man died and meets St Peter at the gates of heaven. St Peter says, "Before you meet with God, I thought I should tell you that we've looked at your life, and you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We are not at all sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?"

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, "Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikers. So I pulled over, got out my tyre iron, and went up to the leader of the gang. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to deal with me!"

"I'm impressed," St Peter responded, "When did this happen?" "Less than ten minutes ago", the man replied.

St Paul doesn't feature in many funny stories, except for children who got rather confused about his life and wrote in their term paper that "St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage. That a Christian man should have only one wife, which is called monotony. And in the end the natives of Macedonia did not believe in Paul, and so he got stoned".

Today we need to be careful that in Christ's name we do not bind things up so tightly that we leave no room for the Holy Spirit to challenge and surprise us. Having the courage and the humility to "hang a bit loose" is not weakness, because Christ's saving love is still at work in the most unexpected ways.

Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain