



Put Your Winter Woolies on!

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Winter is making her presence felt with cool temperatures and consistent rain falling on Perth. In these circumstances it is highly irregular that students are arriving at school totally unprepared for the day. Our winter uniform does provide for a woollen jumper, rain jacket, school scarf, long trousers and tights/stockings for the girls. Some students may also choose to wear a blazer. Over the last few days however, I have observed large numbers of students wearing non-uniform items, tracksuit tops, rugby tops etc to off set the cold. These variations to our uniform detracts from the effectiveness of it and I ask that parents please ensure their children are well prepared for the seasonal weather while maintaining our College uniform.

My request comes at the same time as the Government is requesting that schools make a significant effort to reduce energy use. The Government has not requested anything that would impact on the health or safety of staff or students, or the delivery of services.

Simple measures such as:

- Dressing warmly (so classroom heating can be reduced)
- Turning off lights and heaters when rooms are not in use.
- Using natural light when sufficient is available.

Further energy saving tips are available from the Sustainable Energy Development Office www.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au/pages/simple.asp

I am sure that with sensible dressing and behaviour, we will cope well with the cooler weather and energy shortage.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fry
Principal

Chaplain Calls

There is an old line that runs, "If you feel distant from God - guess who's moved?" This echoes the verse from the Romans, " Nothing can separate us from the love of God." In the midst of persecution and suffering, St Paul writes to the community at Rome to tell them that even in their fear, desolation, and grief that nothing, and no one, can separate them from God's love. This shows us that when we feel separated from God, it's because we have walked away from him, usually through destructive behaviours that set up and maintain distance between us and the source of our faith, hope and love.

St Matthew and Isaiah, also knew that nothing can separate us from God's love. Isaiah's river of plenty and Matthew's loaves and fish are all about the plenty of God's kingdom and the abundance of God's goodness. Jesus sees the needs and does not turn us away, and he comes to where we are and re-creates us through the abundance of his love, so we can be signs of his kingdom in the world.

It was definitely a week of an abundance of rain. Our God has abundantly provided for us so that we can provide for the entire world that is given to our care. "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded". Luke 12:48. The problem is that when we look around we see that while some of us have so much, others have nothing at all.

If this reality doesn't move to a change of heart and right action, then we have not understood the story of the loaves and the fish, that God's goodness is never intended for a select few.

Sometimes people look at the poverty in the world and think, 'How can God allow that?' This question can cause us to feel distant from God, but given all God has given us and our ability to share from the abundance we have, the right question to ask is "Guess who's moved away from whom?"

Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain



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Primary News

Holy Communion

Last Thursday evening, the Year Four teachers, Miss Juliette Pell, Mr Dean Roepen and Fr Gaetan led the Holy Communion Parent Information Evening. This is the first stage in the preparation of the Year Four children for this wonderful sacrament. We ask you to keep the Year Four children, their families, their teachers and Fr Gaetan in your prayers.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment 2008 for Year 5 and Year 7 Students

At the request of the Bishops of Geraldton, Bunbury and Perth in 2006 the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia began implementing assessments in Religious Education. The tests have been phased in beginning with Year 7, then Year 9 and in 2008 Year 5 students will participate in testing.

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment aims to support student learning in Religious Education.

The Year 5 and 7 assessment is:

- A curriculum based assessment which offers students the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to communicate and apply their knowledge and skills in Religious Education
- Reflective and supportive of the Bishops' Mandate Letter, the progressive nature of the K-12 Religious Education Units of Work and the Religious Education Progress Maps.
- Not intended to assess students' faith responses

The Year 5 and 7 students will be sitting their test on Monday, 4 August 2008.

Olympic Games Opening Ceremony

On Friday, 8 August John XXIII Primary will be holding its own Olympic Games Opening Ceremony on the Junior Primary Oval at 9.50am. Each class will represent a country and children will be encouraged to wear the colours of that country's flag on the day. (Eg: Australia – children can wear blue, red and/or white.) This is a fun way for our community to get into the Olympic spirit.

Upcoming Events

- Monday 4 August: Bishop's Literacy Assessment Year 5 and 7
- Friday 8 August: Pre-primary to Year Three Mass in the Chapel at 9.00am (2B)
- Years 4 to 7 Assembly in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre at 9.00am (4P)
- Olympic Games Opening Ceremony at 9.50am on the Junior Primary Oval

Ms Adriana Coniglio 4-7 and

Mrs Liz Gardner KG-3

Fund Raiser for Motor Neurone Disease

Through the generosity of a College parent, we have a magnificently framed Chris Judd Guernsey to auction.

This limited edition (Brownlow Medal) piece of sporting memorabilia is a very sought after collectors piece.

A silent auction has commenced and it will conclude at the Parents' Auxiliary Cocktail Party on the 16th August. The top bid is currently \$645.00. If you would like to place a bid, you can do so by phoning or visiting the school office.



Catholic Performing Arts

The times for ensembles and solos have arrived at the Music Office. If you have any further queries, please contact the Music Office.

Large Ensemble times are as follows:

Wednesday 13 August 6:30 pm – St Joseph's Church, Subiaco

- Chamber Choir/JTC Voices
- Sacred And Liturgical Section

Thursday 14 August 7pm - Chisholm College

- Concert Band/Wind Band/Symphony orchestra

Tuesday 26 August 7pm - Trinity College

- JTC Voices/Junior Madrigal

Thursday 28 August 7pm – Trinity College

Chamber Choir/Senior Madrigal/Gospel Choir

Please put these dates in your diary.

Mrs Toni Strong - Music Coordinator

Confirmation

I have been asked to clarify the situation regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for the current Year 6 students (Year 7 2009). The preparation of candidates for Confirmation will take place at school in the Religious Education programme, **but** students will celebrate the sacrament with their parish communities. After the students have received the sacrament the College will celebrate in our normal custom (most parishes schedule Confirmation either side of the Feast of Pentecost). If you have any queries please contact me at the College.

Mrs Anne Fry - Principal

REMINDER:

The next Parents' Auxiliary Meeting will be held on Monday 4th August in the College Exhibition Centre, commencing at 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Careers Corner

ECU Excellence scholarships – These scholarships are available for 2008 school leavers displaying outstanding academic excellence and endeavour and are valued at \$4000 for each full time year of a student's undergraduate course at ECU. Further information is available at www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships.

Coming Events @ ECU

Nursing and Midwifery Information Evening

Friday 1st August 6.30pm in Bldg 21 Joondalup campus

General ECU Parent Information Night – what is expected from application to graduation?

Wednesday 6th August, 6.30pm – 8.00pm Bldg 32, Room 101 Joondalup campus ECU

Speech Pathology Information Evening

Thursday 7th August 7.00pm in Bldg 7 (Room 102) Joondalup campus ECU.

Year 12 Pizza Nights

Perfect for parents and Year 12 students these sessions provide information about ECU's range of courses, admissions requirements and alternate entry methods:

Tuesday, 12 August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm Joondalup (Bldg 32 room101)

Tuesday, 19 August from 6.30pm – 8.00pm Mount Lawley (Bldg 32 room 101)

Psychology Information Evening

Thursday, 14 August from 7.00pm Joondalup (Bldg 7 room 102)

Social Science Information Evening

Thursday, 21 August from 7.00pm Joondalup (Bldg 7 room 102)

Occupational Therapy Careers Information Evening
Wednesday, 17 September from 6.00pm Joondalup (Bldg 21 room 112)

Engineering Careers presentation

For those who may be interested in a career in engineering, Engineers Australia is presenting a careers night on Tuesday 5 August. 'Engineers influence all aspects of our lives. Virtually everything we take for granted in the modern world has been influenced by an Engineer. From the cars and trains that we rely on everyday, to the electricity that powers our homes, to the mobile phones and satellite systems that keep us connected, and even the water we drink, our modern existence is largely rooted in engineering. This presentation will provide students interested in engineering as a future career, with practical first hand knowledge from young Engineers across the various engineering disciplines who will talk about what it is like to be an Engineer, how to get started and opportunities now available to them.'

Who should attend? Years 9-12 students; Parents; Teachers; Anyone interested in a career in Engineering.

Date and time: Tuesday 5 August from 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Includes intermission with light refreshments.

Venue: Challenge Stadium, Stephenson Avenue, Mt Claremont. RSVP: To Elisa Triscari, Telephone 9321 3340 or email adminofficerwa@engineersaustralia.org.au

Cost: Free

Alternative Entry to Murdoch University

Students intend completing the TEE, have Murdoch University as their first choice of University and who experience problems during the year which may affect their preparation and lower their TER are invited to speak to Ms Hammond about alternative application procedures.

Mrs Sarah Hammond - Careers Counsellor

Health Information

Healthy Bones Week 3 – 9 August:

National Healthy Bones week is a joint initiative between Osteoporosis Australia and Dairy Australia, highlighting the important role of calcium in the development and maintenance of healthy bones. Improving children's intake of calcium-rich foods helps to support healthy bone development and maximize peak bone mass. This is important to help reduce the risk of osteoporosis and fractures in later adult years.

In adults, dietary calcium is vital in order to maintain bone strength.

To prevent weak, brittle bones, Osteoporosis Australia recommends you:

- Get enough calcium – reduced fat dairy foods are the richest and most reliable sources of calcium – aim for 3 servings per day. Smaller amounts of calcium are found in nuts, breads, cereals, fruits and vegetables.
- Get enough exercise – this is fantastic for building and maintaining healthy bones.
- Get enough Vitamin D – the sun aids our production of Vitamin D, with most people getting enough Vitamin D by going about their daily outdoor activities. Make sure you follow the Sun-smart guidelines, such as wearing sunscreen, wearing sunglasses, protective clothing, wearing a brimmed hat, limit time in the sun in the middle of the day(10am to 3pm).
- Limit alcohol and caffeine intake
- Try not to smoke.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Year 12 Drama Night

The Year 12 Drama Night, will take place on Thursday the 7th August, in the Drama Centre starting at 7pm. All welcome to attend.

A big thank you and well done to the Drama students who performed publically in evening productions during the last three weeks of Term Two. Congratulations to the Year 11 and 12 students in House Theatre Sports, the Year 9's in the Musical Theatre production of *Bye Bye Birdie* and the Year 10's in *Now Is All There Is*.

Thank you for your talent and commitment.

Mr George Tsakisiris
Drama/Performing Arts Coordinator

Secondary News

Year 12 Student Information

- The Curriculum Council has released the 2008 TEE Written and Practical Examinations. They can be accessed at the address below. Students will be issued with personalised timetables when they become available. It is vital that any student who in the light of the Semester One results, has decided that he or she will not sit the TEE, to see Mr Novacsek urgently.

http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/Exam_Information/Exam_Timetables/

- Trial (mock) TEE: 6th October concludes on the 17th October 2008.

Year 11 and 12 Student Information

Follow-up Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 30th July 3.30-6.30 as previously advised. Details were sent with the Year 11 and 12 Reports.

Parents of Year 10 Students

A reminder of the dates for the Year 11 subject selection process;

Reports Posted

Thursday 14th August

Individual counselling of students

Monday 18th and 19th August

Subject Selection Form Due to Student Reception

Wednesday 20th August

Follow-up Parent Teacher Night

Monday 25th August (Preference will be given to those families whose teachers have requested an interview)

Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies

Year 9 Parent's Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 5 August at Deli Chi Chi, corner of Strickland and Asquith Road, Mt Claremont. Please join us after you have dropped your children off at School. Please insert this date in your diary and we hope to see many of you there.

Barbara Rigby	9386 5890
Suellen Botteecchia	9228 4664
Breda Ryan	9384 2251

Condolences

Sympathies to Catherine (Year 11) and Miranda (Year 12) and the Crouch family on the passing of their grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Crouch Family at this time of sadness.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David and James Hoey who competed in the State Junior Short Course Swimming Championships during the July school holidays. David (Year 8) won 8 medals (4 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze) and James (Year 6) won 5 medals (2 Gold and 3 Silver).

Congratulations to Andrew Dawson, Harry D'Souza, Ned D'Souza and Adrian Pearce who have been selected to represent WA in the 2008 State Schools Cross Country Team competing in Victoria in August 2008.

Congratulations to Pia Jelinek, James Benetti, Simon Benetti, Jack D'Souza, Patrick Hoey, Caroline O'Halloran and Eoghan Curtin who have been selected to represent WA in the 2008 Pacific Schools Games Team participating in Canberra in November and December 2008.

Founder's Cocktail Party 2008

Saturday 16th August 2008. Tickets available from the College Administration Office.



National Indigenous Literacy Day

Indigenous children living in isolated areas have very low literacy rates. In the Northern Territory and Kimberley region of WA, only one in five children living in remote Indigenous communities can read at the accepted minimum standard. By Year 7, just 15% have achieved this benchmark, this is 74% less than non-Indigenous students.

In Week 5 the English Department, the Primary and Library are holding a second hand book sale to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Project.

If you have any second hand books that you would like to donate for this fundraiser please drop them off in the Library.

Fujimi High School Visit

A very warm welcome is extended to Mr Saito, Mr Fujikawa and the students from Fujimi High School who are visiting from Japan. The students will be involved in language and cultural immersion during their two week stay in Perth. I would like to thank those in the community who have opened their homes to the students and given them a glimpse of Australian family life.