Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

It was the best of weeks, it was the worst of weeks! My apologies to Charles Dickens for the re-working of his famous line but it just about sums up the week!

“The Best of Weeks”

- The student injured in a classroom accident on Monday has made remarkable progress and his recovery has been the cause of great joy and celebrations. Praise God, Alleluia!

- The wonderful news that two of our Tournament of the Minds Teams won their State Finals and have been invited to Melbourne for the National Finals

- The amazing achievement of Shalini Duncan in being named Young Designer of the Year in the Apex Young Fashion Designer Awards. Shalina will now compete in the National Finals in Sydney.

- The extraordinary array of talent on show at our Gala Concert on Saturday night. Most people I spoke to at the show were in awe of performances of our Year 12 soloists, and the depth of music talent throughout the College.

- The great success of our JTC netball club in the Grand Finals of the 2008 Season.

“The Worst of Weeks”

A serious accident occurred in our school community on Monday (as advised in separate letter). As we rejoice in the recovery of the student, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the support offered to our students and teachers by this magnificent community.

Thank you very much

Yours sincerely

Anne Fry
Principal

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**Chaplain Calls**

“Too often people are brought up with a wrong concept of God and their reaction to him is one of fear or apprehension. This can take many years to break down. The simple thought that God loves me, and the words used to describe human love, such as warmth, intensity, strong, unreserved, all have a meaning in describing God’s love. It is quite literally true that no one can, or will ever, love me more than God does” says Cardinal Basil Hume. Jesus alludes to God, in this week’s parable, as “the Generous Landowner” who gives generously beyond our expectation, to all who work in his vineyard, irrespective of the one who came first or last. The question that arises in our minds, does justice mean being paid the exact amount agreed upon? Or does it mean being paid what others are paid for the same amount of work? Jesus dramatically reinforces the sense of a God, desirous to be as generous as possible with the gift of life, goodness and love. In the long run God gives salvation or the gift of life eternal as an unmerited free gift. Whether we human beings have worked long or little for it is not ultimately decisive.

This story is a wonderful commentary on how fickle we are and luckily for us how extraordinarily generous God is. What we see in ourselves and others is only a glimpse of what God is like. God is so much more; more loving, more forgiving, more compassionate and more just. And because God is so much greater than anything we could ask or imagine we are constantly surprised at how he overturns our expectations. We look for God in the big and spectacular and he comes to us poor, naked, sick, in prison and hungry. God speaks through the most surprising people at the most surprising times.

As Michael McGirr argues in his book, Things You Get For Free, the crisis of belief is that people inside the church, sometimes cannot believe that people outside its traditional structures can experience the love of Jesus. God loves and guides the church, but is not bound by it. God is busy about making sure those who might be last have a chance to become first.

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Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain
**Year 8 Parent Information**

We hope that the first six months as parents of Year Eight students at JTC have been successful.

**Forthcoming Events**

**End of Year Function**
Saturday 25 October – Please keep this date free for our big Year Eight Function for the year. It will be held at Phillip’s Cafe in Napoleon Street Cottesloe. There will be more information coming out closer to the date.

**Volunteers required - Orientation Day**
**2009 Year Eights on Saturday 15 November**
It is traditional for the Year Eight parents to organise, along with the school, the Orientation Day for new Year Eight students. We will require an army of volunteers, and for each family to provide a plate/platter of food. Could you please contact one of the coordinators if you are able to assist. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

**Coordinators for Next Year**
We would love to hear from people who are interested in being coordinators for Year 9, 2009.
Sally Kenny: 9386 2534  lke10659@bigpond.net.au
Vicki Rowdon: 9284 2654  jrowdon@iprimus.com.au
Susan Lynch: 9387 5436  mlynch@westnet.com.au
Sally Chaney: 9384 1443  schaney@iinet.net.au

**Jellybeans Vacation Care**
Jellybeans Vacation Care will operate from Tuesday 30th September through to and including the Pupil Free Day on Monday 13th October.

A Program and Booking Form for the upcoming October school holidays is now available.

Please contact Nicola on 0417 919 257 for further information.

**PRESENTATION/SPEECH NIGHT**
Tickets will be available for the Presentation/Speech from the College Administration as from Wednesday 24th September. The Speech Night will take place on the 27th November at the Perth Convention Centre. Tickets are free. Come in a collect your now.... First in First Served.

**Uniform Shop Holiday Hours**
The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 6th October from 12 to 6 and Monday 13th October from 12 to 6.

**Alumni**

**In Memoriam**
This week I attended Kate Jackson’s funeral. Kate (aged 23) died last weekend following a battle with Pneumonia. She was a student at the Mary Ward Centre in the Primary School for one day a week some years ago. Kate’s grandmother Val Jackson, a previous Librarian at the College Library said in her Eulogy that some of the happiest times for Kate were as a student of John XXIII. She was able to mingle with people her own age within Mary Ward and more importantly in the playground. That social interaction and normalcy was extremely important to Kate. Her mother, Sarah Jackson is from Class of 1978 and we extend our sympathy and prayers to her during this sad time.

Thank you to the Music Department for allowing the Alumni Development Office to extend invitations to the War Veterans of St Louis, Loreto and John XXIII to attend the inaugural concert recently. Not all were able to attend however the letters and cards received showing appreciation for the invitations in particular expressing that we still remember them, was quite overwhelming.

**John XXIII Alumni Directory Web Site**
Please visit the newly launched Alumni web site www.johnxxiii.edu.au
If you would like assistance logging on for the first time, please don’t hesitate to call this office (08) 9383 0520 or email gingell.anna@johnxxiii.edu.au

**Mrs Anna Gingell - Alumni Development Officer**

**Piano Examination Results**
Congratulations to the following students who recently sat for their Piano Examinations.

**Step One:**
- Elizabeth Evans (High Distinction)
- Mercedes Carnevali (High Distinction)
- Megan Duncan (Distinction)
- Sachio Ingrilli (Distinction)
- David Stokes (Distinction)
- Emma McNeily (Distinction)
- Chet Morgan (Distinction)
- Bonnie McManus (Distinction)
- Eliza Reynolds (Distinction)
- Claire Knight (A Honours)
- Luca Macdougall (A Honours)
- Nicholas Mondello (A Honours)

**Step Two:**
- Ashton Eagle (Distinction)
- Olivia Chaney (A Honours)
- Lucas Smith (A Honours)
- Joseph Goldfinch (B+ Credit)

**Step Three:**
- Mairead O’Connor (Distinction)
- Paris Macdougall (Distinction)

**Grade One:**
- Rachel Enty (Distinction)
- Gabrielle Nind (Distinction)
- Isaac Reynolds (B+ Credit)

**Grade Two:**
- Gabriella Maci (A Honours)

**Grade Three:**
- Isabella O’Connor (Distinction)
- Matthew Smith (B+ Credit)
- Matthew Bailey (B+ Credit)

**Grade Four:**
- Annabel Beech (A Honours)

**NEWSLETTER ONLINE:**
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Careers Corner

Alternative Entry to University

Students are advised to ensure they are aware of alternative entry/bridging pathways to University for low TER and/or no TER students. Discuss these programs with the Universities to ensure your degree pathway is available. Programs available include the following

University of Notre Dame Tertiary Enabling Program http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/courses/preUniversity/TEP1.shtml
Murdock University Preparation Course http://www.murdochinstitute.wa.edu.au/

TISC and TAFE applications
Year 12s should have submitted either a TISC application and/or a TAFE application by this time. On–line TISC applications close on 30 September 2008. Access the application process at www.tisc.edu.au; and/or www.tafe.wa.edu.au

Early Offers to University of Notre Dame
Congratulations to Naomi Brown of Year 12. Naomi has received an offer of a confirmed place in the Bachelor of Nursing degree at the university for 2009. Naomi impressed the selection panel with her academic results, extra curricular activities, commitment to nursing as a career choice and community involvement.

Sarah Hammond – Careers Counsellor

Year 11 Students: Subject Selection for 2009

On Thursday (18th September) period 3 in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre the Year 11 students will have an information session on choosing subjects for 2009. The students will be issued with a Subject Selection Form, Mapping Your Future Year 11 2008 and other supporting materials. The handbook will not be issued but is available on the College website. You are advised to read the handbook through carefully. The PowerPoint presentations will also be posted on the website.

The final due date Subject Selection Form is, 24th September 3.00pm. It is to be posted at Student Services.

Mr Rob Novacsek - Deputy Principal (Studies)

ACC Athletics

The ACC ‘B’ Division Athletics Carnival will take place on Tuesday 23rd September at Perry Lakes Stadium. Parents are welcome to come and support the students in their endeavours. Parents can download program booklets in PDF format from the ACC web site. Follow the links under carnivals – athletics – program of events – program booklets (www.accsport.asn.au). A number of booklets are left in a box at the entrance to the stairs at Perry Lakes, however parents are encouraged to download a copy from the web site.

Mr D Maxwell Sports Coordinator

Health Information

DENTAL HEALTH

Why are healthy teeth and gums important?
Teeth are important for eating, talking, smiling and feeling good. Gums protect the underlying fibres and bone that hold the teeth in place. Healthy gums add to the appearance of the teeth and contribute to clean, fresh breath. We all start life with a healthy mouth.

How we can look after our teeth and gums:

- Eat a variety of healthy foods – avoid sugary foods such as lollies, ‘health bars’, cordials, soft drinks, cakes and biscuits.
- Brush teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.
- Flossing teeth is really important – you should do this once a day. Flossing helps to keep gums healthy.
- Drink water when thirsty.
- Visit your dentist – regular check-ups mean that you can care for your teeth and mouth.

How can you help protect your teeth and mouth from injury?

- Look around before you swing a bat or kick a ball. Be aware of people close by who may be struck or hit.
- Don’t run around with things such as lollypops, pencils, or a toothbrush sticking out of your mouth.
- Stand or sit when you are eating.
- Never use your teeth as ‘tools’, such as for opening bottles or to open hair clips.
- When learning to ride a skateboard, scooter or bike, have an adult with you, like mum or dad, and wear safety gear.
- Always wear your seatbelt in the car.
- Always wear a mouthguard when training and playing sport that could involve contact to the face. The Australian Dental Association recommends that only a professionally custom-fitted mouthguard should be worn.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

MUSIC MEMOIRS

Twilight Recital on Sunday 21 September at 5:30 has been cancelled.

Week 10 Rehearsal/Audition

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Year 12 final music recital will be held on Wednesday 24 September commencing at 7 pm in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture. This will be the final opportunity to hear our talented Year 12 musicians. All welcome.

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**Secondary News**

**2008 Mathematics ICAS Results**

At the recent International Competitions and Assessments for schools in Mathematics run by the University of New South Wales, 49 John XXIII College students participated. These students volunteered their time afterschool to complete this competition and should be commended on their efforts. The students achieved 10 Distinctions (top 10% in the state) and 14 Credits (next 23% in the state). Congratulations to the following students for their excellent performance:

**Mrs Daniela Condo (Mathematics Learning Area Coordinator)**

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**Condolences**

Prayers and sympathy to the Jackson family on the death of their daughter Katie (aged 24 years). Katie was a student in the Mary Ward Centre. May she rest in Peace.

Condolences to Ms Donna Italiano on the passing of her mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Italiano Family at this time of sadness.

Sympathies to Tim Ellis Year 11, Ashleigh Ellis Year 8 and the Ellis family on the recent loss of their grandmother, Joan Ellis. Mrs Ellis was a great worker at St Louis in the past.

**TOM Teams are off to Melbourne**

It was an exciting outcome for students in our "Language Literature" and "Mathematics Engineering" teams who won the State Finals of the Tournament of Minds competition on 14 September.

The Language Literature team was challenged with writing a poem using antonyms while our Maths Engineering team had to construct a gadget to propel a shuttlecock over a set distance. Both teams delighted the judges with their creativity, knowledge, teamwork and wit.

Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will represent WA in the Australasian Pacific Finals in Melbourne on 25 October 2008.

**LL Team:** Simon Stobie, Harry D’Souza, Tahli Norrish, Olivia Thwaites, Ben Horgan, Thomas Beyer and Christian Forster.

**ME Team:** Ned D’Souza, Grayson Neal, Chris Connelly, Andrew Pham, Matthew Bonser, Jordan Diffen and Zoe Kilbourne.

I would also like to acknowledge the gallant efforts of our Social Sciences team who were presented with Tournament Honours medals for reaching the State Finals.

**SS Team:** Patrick Leclezio, Nicole Rabeling, Yelenia Russo, Odette Sproston, Jaimee Horgan, Vivienne Lim and Tristan Sullivan.

**Mrs Judith McLean - Facilitator, Tournament of Minds Competition**

**Apex Teenage Fashion Awards**

Congratulations to three John XXIII College students who designed, constructed and modelled their garments at the recent Apex Teenage Fashion Awards.

**Samuel McClay** (Yr 11) pictured left - with garment modelled by **Gabi Silipo** (Yr 11) and **Shalini Duncan pictured below** (Yr 11), garment modelled by her sister - in the Eveningwear/Ballgown category, and **Rebecca Beasley** (Year 12) in the Cultural category (with the dress that won ‘Belle of the Ball’ this year). They looked fantastic and were excellent ambassadors for John XXIII College.

Shalini Duncan achieved 2nd place in her category of Eveningwear/Ballgown, which was a fantastic result. Shalini will now represent Western Australia at the National finals in Sydney. Shalini also received the ‘Designer of the Year’ award for Western Australian High Schools.