



JOHN XXIII  
COLLEGE  
SEEK JUSTICE

# Greater Glory of God

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

We have opened, named and blessed our refurbished Science Centre and new Environment Centre. The Jesuit Science and Environment Centre was yesterday blessed by Fr. Chris Willcock sj who wrote our College Hymn, "The Lord of the Earth". It was also an opportunity to bless the piece of installation art created by our "Artist in Residence", Rachel Wyder and the students of the primary school. It was a lovely, joyous occasion and a time to be very grateful for the extraordinary capacity of this community to provide excellent teaching and learning facilities. I will share with you some of my reflection from yesterday.

*The choice of the name was the result of great reflection – initially from students and staff, and then from the College Council. We moved from just a single name of a great Jesuit Scientist to a more inclusive name of the "Jesuit Science and Environment Centre". In the name we want to honour the commitment the Jesuits have made to generations of young men at St Louis and their continued commitment to John XXIII College. Ignatian spirituality and pedagogy is what makes us so distinctive among the many other fine Catholic Colleges of Perth.*

*The name also gives us the opportunity to continue to tell this and future generations of students about the great association between the Jesuits and Science. We live in a time that is increasingly comfortable with the collaboration of scientists and theologians but this has often not been the case. In fact, there has often been suspicion, derision and hostility. In the midst of this has stood the Society of Jesus who understood and articulated there is no conflict between science and a deep abiding faith in God. Using Ignatius Loyola's imperative to find the presence of God in all things, members of the Society had the freedom to embrace the whole universe – astronomy, geology, ecology, the laws of physics, the creative genius of chemistry and the marvels of anatomy. They have made a profound contribution to scientific knowledge and intellectual freedom wherever they have taught and researched.*

My thanks to everyone involved in the opening yesterday: the Science Staff, Maintenance and Grounds Staff, Office and Community Relations and students from Year 2, 5, 6 and 11 who helped. The last word yesterday was from Aoife McCallion (Year 2) who had the honour of dedicating the building with these words:  
*We dedicate this building and all who use it to the "Greater Glory of God"*

Yours sincerely

Anne Fry  
Principal

## Chaplain Calls

Dear Vasco

In response to your question "What is worth doing and what is worth having?" I would like to say simply this. It is worth doing nothing and having a rest; in spite of all the difficulty it may cause, you must rest Vasco - otherwise you will become **RESTLESS!**

I believe the world is sick with exhaustion and dying of restlessness. While it is true that periods of weariness help the spirit to grow, the prolonged, ongoing state of fatigue to which our world seems to be rapidly adapting is ultimately soul destroying as well as earth destroying. The ecology of evil flourishes and love cannot take root in this sad situation. Tiredness is one of our strongest, most noble and instructive feelings. It is an important aspect of our **CONSCIENCE** and must be heeded or else we will not survive. When you are tired you must **HAVE** that feeling and you **MUST** act upon it sensibly - you must rest like the trees and animals do.

Yet tiredness has become a matter of shame! This is a dangerous development. Tiredness has become the most suppressed feeling in the world. Everywhere we see people overcoming their exhaustion and pushing on with intensity - cultivating the great mass mania which all around is making life so hard and ugly - so cruel and meaningless - so utterly graceless - and being congratulated for overcoming it and pushing it deep down inside themselves as if it were a virtue to do this. And of course Vasco, you know what happens when such strong and natural feelings are denied - they turn into the most powerful bitter poisons with dreadful consequences. We live in a world of these consequences and then wonder why we are so unhappy

So I gently urge you Vasco, do as we do in Curly Flats – learn to curl up and rest - feel your noble tiredness - learn about it and make a generous place for it in your life and enjoyment will surely follow.  
I repeat its worth doing nothing and having a rest.

Yours sleepily, Mr. Curley xxx.

*The Curley Pajama Letters – Michael Leunig (Penguin Books Australia) @ p26*

**Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain**

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# Primary News

On Sunday the boys and girls in Year 4 made their First Holy Communion. This was celebrated at St Joseph's Church in Subiaco. A sincere thank you goes to the teachers of Year Four, Miss Juliette Pell and Mr Dean Roepen and also to Ms Adriana Coniglio for helping in the preparation of the children. As part of the preparation for this sacrament, the children went on a retreat last Friday where they were able to reflect and pray with each other.

Last Monday the College was visited by an interstate musical group called *The Warbles*. Children from schools around our region attended the two concerts. The children were exposed to different forms of music ranging from opera to Australian ballads. It was very interactive and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr Antulov for organising this incursion for the Years 2 to 5.

We have completed a great term's work and we congratulate the children for the way they have focussed and participated in the tasks given to them by their class teachers. Portfolios are coming home this week for you to sit down and go through with your child. The portfolios are an assessment piece used by the teachers to give you an overview of some of the class work that has been covered throughout the year so far. Assessment in the portfolios is shown in the form of rubrics which give you an idea of whether your child achieved the expected outcome for that task. Congratulations to the staff for their excellent efforts in preparing these portfolios. They take a lot of time to organise, collate and present with information that you might find useful in giving you a better insight into how your child is achieving.

We sincerely thank all the parents and grandparents who have assisted the teachers throughout the term in varying capacities. This support from the parent body is absolutely critical to how well we operate as a College and the teachers value all the support and positive contributions parents can make in the children's overall learning journey.

Best wishes for a well deserved holiday and we look forward to seeing all the children returning on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

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

## Uniform Shop Holiday Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 12noon to 6pm and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October from 12noon to 6pm.

## Jellybeans Vacation Care

Jellybeans Vacation Care will operate from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September through to and including the **Pupil Free Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Night from the College Administration as from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Speech Night will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Perth Convention Centre. Tickets are free. Tickets will be available on a First in First Served basis.

# Alumni

## Reunion Snippets

Please don't forget to register if your reunion is this year e.g. Classes of 1958, '68, '78, '88 or '98 on the John XXIII Web site [www.johnxxiii.edu.au](http://www.johnxxiii.edu.au)

## Trivia

The past students from the Class of 1988 have a double celebration this year:

Twenty Years since leaving John XXIII College and the founding group of students to complete 12 full years at the College being 1977 - 1988

Those who stayed through to Yr 12 were also schooled at all the John XXIII sites - Kooly, Campion, St Louis, Loreto and the Mt Claremont sites.

## Vale

Our sympathy to past students of John XXIII College, the Gauntlett family, whose father Gerry Gauntlett died this week following a short illness.

*Mrs Anna Gingell nee Muir Development Officer*

## JTC Rugby Club

Cottesloe Rugby Union Football Club is kindly providing its facilities for an end of season gathering of the JTC Rugby Club between 4pm and 6pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. All rugby team members and their parents are invited to attend this presentation function. A BBQ will be provided and the bar will be open for parents. If any parents can assist with the BBQ please contact Grant Pitman on [gpitman@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gpitman@bigpond.net.au) or mobile 0418 936731.

## Canteen Notices

Canteen Roster for Week 1-Term IV: Year 11s week

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Margret Liveirs
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Anne Pitman
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Phillip
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Linda Yapp.

A new Summer Menu has been distributed to the Primary students and there have been some price increases.

Christ Church Grammar School's Centre for Ethics presents..

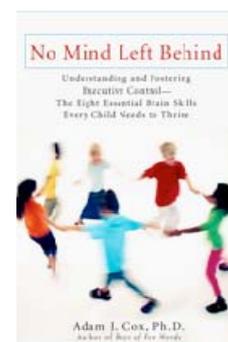
**Dr Adam J. Cox**

**Community Presentation**

Thursday 16 October, 7.30pm - 9.00pm, Christchurch Senior Staff Common Room

Clinical psychologist Adam Cox will be speaking on the topic of "Understanding and Fostering Executive Control - The Eight Essential Brain Skills Every Child Needs To Thrive", based on his popular book *No Mind Left Behind*.

Tickets can be purchased at Reception for \$10. For further information, please phone 9442 1555



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## Position Vacant

**The Uniform Shop is in need of another staff member.** Ideally, the person would be needed to work on a regular basis on Friday mornings from 8am to 12midday (term time) and to be available to do a casual relief shift on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. The person would be needed during the very busy selling time the last 3 weeks of January on Monday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday mornings (all of these). Ideally, the applicant should be able to use the computer – but training in the use of MYOB will be provided. There is also a vacancy for someone to come during the January busy period (last 3 weeks) on Monday afternoons and Wednesday and Friday mornings. Interested applicants please contact:

Bev Sainsbury, Uniform Shop Coordinator at John XXIII College-Phone 08 9383 0426 or email Bev on [uniformshop@johnxxii.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@johnxxii.edu.au)

## Art Exhibition and Fashion Show

The College Fashion and Art Show will be held in the Roncalli Hall on the 28<sup>th</sup> October commencing at 6-00pm. The theme for the evening is "The Eternal Future".

At the conclusion of the fashion show guests will be invited to move to the Thomas More Exhibition Centre for the official opening of the Art Exhibition 2008 which will feature award winning works from our talented Years 11 & 12 students.

All other Years in the College will also have their art works represented.

Tickets will be available at College Reception from the commencement of Term 4 2008.

## Author to visit the College

During Week 1 of Term 4, the year 8's and 9's will have MG Harris, the author of "*The Joshua Files - Invisible City*" as a guest speaker. MG is the aunt of one of our students and will be visiting from the UK.

In a book rich with texture, believable characters and fascinating juxtapositions - modern-day Mexico sits side-by-side with ancient Mayan civilisation; Josh's sensitivity and vulnerability clash when he is forced into dangerous and often violent situations; the mystery surrounding the lost Mayan Ix Codex contrasts with a world of hi-tech gadgets and blogging.

MG Harris has spent time in Mexico where she was born, which has allowed her to pursue her interest in Mayan culture. The techno thriller book combines her two loves – archaeology and biology. Her book will be available at the talk at a cost of \$17.99 for students who wish to buy a copy and perhaps have it signed personally.

**Mrs A Ainsworth - Library Coordinator**

## Health Information

### Immunisation Reminder Kindergarten/PrePrimary:

A reminder to Kindergarten and Pre-primary parents to return a copy of your child's completed 4 year old immunisation to a class teacher or to the College Nurse.

The following immunisations are recommended and due at 4 yrs of age:

- MMR (measles/mumps/rubella)
- DTPa-IPV (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis/polio)

Chicken Pox vaccine is recommended from 18 months of age.

### GARDASIL VACCINE

The Community Health Nurses will be visiting the College on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October to administer the final dose of Gardasil (HPV) Vaccine to Years 8, 9 and 10 female students.

**Jenny Hill – College Nurse**

## Eileen Thompson Memorial Poetry Prize

The English Learning Area is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Eileen Thompson Memorial Poetry Prize. This year, the Year 12 section was hotly contested and as a result two awards have been given to Year 12 Students. The winner was **Josh Hopkins** for his piece *Bubblegum Dreams* and second place went to **Mark Ravi** for his short poem *Bear in Autumn*.

The lower school category was won by **Garrett Pearce** in Year 9 for *Story of a Storm*.

Thank you to all entrants for your participation. This year's entries demonstrated a lot of creativity and imaginative use of poetic forms.

**Ms Sarah den Haan**  
**Learning Area Coordinator (English)**

## NEWMAN COLLEGE - CLASS OF '78 REUNION

DATE: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2008

PLACE: The Oxford Hotel, Cnr Anzac Pde & Oxford St, Mt Hawthorn

TIME: 7:30-Midnight.... And maybe beyond!

COST: \$25 per head. Drinks can be purchased at bar.

Final numbers are required for venue booking fee and catering

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE OVER THE INTERNET or BY CHEQUE – contact Tanya Reynolds 0411524950 or [atherton.tanya@cathednet.wa.edu.au](mailto:atherton.tanya@cathednet.wa.edu.au) to RSVP and get payment options Spread the word to all ex-Newman, Siena and Brigidine students !

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# Secondary News

## DIVINE COOKBOOK

A Cookbook produced by St Thomas' Primary School, Claremont.

Cookbook of 200 pages in full-colour. Stunning collection of recipes provided by members of the St Thomas' Primary School Community. Recipes from some of WA's best restaurants. Beautiful photographs of the recipes and local landmarks.

All profits to St Thomas' Parents and Friends Association to fund educational resources for the School. Your support of the St Thomas' Parents and Friends Association is appreciated.

### Orders:

To obtain an order form, phone the School on 9384 8680, or call Steph on 0403 845 780 or email [stthomascookbook@hotmail.com](mailto:stthomascookbook@hotmail.com).

## Ecumenical Invitation

Invitation to Ecumenical Service to mark Anti-Poverty Week. Australia is a rich young nation, but many people are affected by poverty. To highlight our uniting call of solidarity against poverty you are invited to an Ecumenical Service to mark Anti Poverty Week at St Brigid's Catholic Church, Cnr. Fitzgerald & Aberdeen Streets, Northbridge, Tuesday 14th October 2008 at 12.15pm. Refreshments will be served after the service. Come to hear the stories, see the struggles and share the hopes of people affected by poverty.

Keynote Speaker: Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, Most Rev Donald Sproxton.

The service is a joint venture by Catholic and Anglican Social Justice bodies and the Council of Churches in WA, Anglicare and St. George's Cathedral. RSVP: 9422 7900 or [reception@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:reception@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au)

## Condolences

Sympathies to Veronica, (Year 10) Patrick (Year 7) and Meghan Wilson (Year 5) and the Wilson family on the recent loss of their grandfather. Our prayers are with you at this sad time.

Condolences to Josie Wason (Year 11) and the Wason family on the recent and sad loss of their grandmother. May She Rest In Peace

Prayers and sympathy to Callum Pestell (Year 9) and the Pestell family on the recent death of their grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time.

## ROWING NEWS – Boys Season 2008-09

Thankyou to all who attended the "HAVE A GO DAY", it was great to see some new enthusiastic year 8s.

A big thank you to parents, rowers and coaches who gave up their time to clean up the shed / maintenance on the boats in preparation for the boys season.

Thank you also to those who attended Registration Night . **It's not to late if you haven't filled in your Registration Form**, just download the form from the College website (community-rowing) and **hand the form and payment in to the main Admin ASAP**.



Please remember; if you have a cap from last year please take it to main admin so this years details can be added ASAP. Looking forward to a great season.!!! Any queries on the above please email [ehlersjule@iprimus.com.au](mailto:ehlersjule@iprimus.com.au)

## Cricket Anyone?

Claremont – Nedlands Cricket Club are holding pre-season training and looking for any Yr 10 & Yr 11 boys interested in Cricket.

Training sessions are on Wednesday's 4.30pm – 6pm at Scotch Playing fields.

## CALLING ALL TEACHERS

**CLASS OF 1988**  
TWENTY YEAR REUNION  
SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 2008

As one of the people who made our time at John XXIII College so special 20 years ago, we'd love to catch up with you for a chat about old times.

6.00PM: MASS AT JOHN XXIII CHAPEL  
**CELEBRATED BY FATHER JOHN PRENDIVILLE sj**

FOLLOWED BY: DRINKS AND CLASS PHOTO

DRESS: SMART CASUAL

QUERIES TO MRS ANNA GINGELL,  
ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT OFFICER  
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