



A Worthy Model for All of Us

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

It has been a wonderful week for Australia this week, as the name of Mary of the Cross was added to the Litany of Catholic Saints. I had the privilege of attending the canonisation in Rome and as is integral to such experiences there was plenty of time to reflect and ponder. Much of the story telling in Rome was of the extraordinary battles and hardships that Mary MacKillop faced in establishing Catholic Education in the remote and rural areas of Australia. This is still a cause for celebration today. The Catholic system in Western Australian for example is still the biggest provider of education services in the Kimberley and other remote areas. The Josephite sisters were gracious in their praise of their collaborators in ministry. Significantly for us the Loreto's and Jesuits were among Mary MacKillop's closest friends and advisors.

It is not hard to love being in Rome but quite apart from its many charms, for me to be there as an Australian, Catholic Woman was very significant. Mary Mackillop's story is 'our story' and many emotions were stirred by the sounds of our didgeridoos, the sight of the Redgum Cross and the constant echo of Australian conversation around the ancient St. Peter's Basilica. It was like the Vatican had become our local parish church!

As it was the weekend of our First Holy Communion at the College, I took with me medallions for each child. The medallions journeyed with me to Mass at the Vatican, which was celebrated at the John XXIII Altar. Pilgrims from all over the world held out their beads and medals for the Pope to bless. I had so many medallions, a woman in the crowd thought I was selling them and offered to buy one! I said, No, they were already assigned to 60 very special young people in Perth.

I conclude with this fine tribute to Mary MacKillop by Fr. Ross Jones SJ who wrote:

"Mary's life captures something of what it is to be an Australian—a sense of service, looking out for the 'battler', wanting a 'fair go' for all, bridging city and the bush in her ministry, an easy approachability. More than this, though her world was shot-through with God's presence and God's invitation to serve Christ in the least. A worthy patron for our nation. A worthy model for all of us."

Together let us seek justice

Mrs Anne Fry
Principal

Best wishes to our Tournament of the Minds Teams who are in Darwin this weekend competing in the National Finals. Two of the four state titles were won by John XXIII College and I am sure they will represent the College and State with distinction this weekend.

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Around the Primary

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Year Four children on receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday. The Mass was reverent and meaningful, with the highlight being the gracious liturgical dance that the Year Four children did as part of the Communion Reflection. Many thanks go to Fr Gaetan who celebrated the Mass with his usual flair and to Miss Rogan and Miss Beros for preparing the children so beautifully.

Assembly

Thank you to Miss Rogan and the class of Year Four Blue for the beautiful assembly that was presented this morning. The highlight was the singing and Auslan signing of "Man In the Mirror" by Michael Jackson. It was a lovely way to end the week.

Class Lists for 2011

Work on the composition of class lists is due to begin shortly. Consideration for placement is made using the following criteria:

- Academic ability
- Friendships
- Gender balance
- Behaviour
- Special circumstances eg. twins or triplets

As all teachers at John XXIII College are very professional and of an excellent standard, children will receive a high quality of education no matter which class they are placed with. Teachers spend a lot of time and give great consideration to the placement of children. Every effort is made to place children where it is felt they will have the greatest opportunity to succeed educationally. If you have any specific requests, based on the above criteria for 2011, please forward these to the appropriate Cluster Leader by Friday, 5 November 2010. **All requests will be considered, but there is no guarantee that they will be met.**

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, 26 October:

Year 7 2011 Orientation Day

Wednesday, 27 October:

Archdiocesan Mission Mass at the Cathedral (Year 6 to attend)

Friday, 29 October:

PP-Year 2 Assembly (1G)

Years 3-6 Mass (5B)

Mrs Liz Gardner Cluster Leader K—2

Ms A Coniglio Cluster Leader 3—6

Chaplains Comments

Last Sunday was a great day for all of us to rejoice in the life, holiness and service of Mary MacKillop. It has been reported that there would have been over 8,000 Australians in St Peter's Square that morning attesting to the sanctity of Mary MacKillop. The opening prayer at the beginning of the Canonisation Mass summed up Mary's life so well, "God of all blessings, you revealed in Mary MacKillop, a woman sensitive to the rights and dignity of every person, regardless of gender race or creed. Help us to value each person. Help us to respect different cultures faiths and peoples. May we learn from Mary to overcome prejudice and fear". That strong injunction still resounds to all Australians especially our young who sang last Monday in our College Chapel, in full throated ease, "Never see a need without doing something about it". May Mary continue to bless, nurture and strengthen our faith.

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican in next Sunday's Gospel, targets some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone. The Pharisee illustrates the attitude of those who can only bolster their own self image by putting down others. For such people life is a competition in virtue. God assesses the results and issues the prizes. Prayer is an opportunity to keep God informed about one's own successes and also about the shortcomings of others, in short a caricature of life. The Publican, or the tax collector stands down the back simply pleading God be merciful to him a sinner. Jesus points out that this one, who came to God's house in his own eyes a sinner, went home with God's favour.

There is double verdict recorded in the parable which could offer some comfort to many people today who find themselves or their loved ones, for example their children caught in situations judged objectively "sinful" on more traditional thinking whether in the area of sexuality, or marital involvement or professional occupation. In this complex world, loyalties often run in several directions. The application of general moral rules and norms to individual lives requires sympathy and pastoral understanding of the pressures of and burdens most people have to bear. The parable suggests, that in God's view at any rate, often does not run along conventional lines. The divine impulse is always towards acceptance, mercy and liberation, because all things are possible with God.

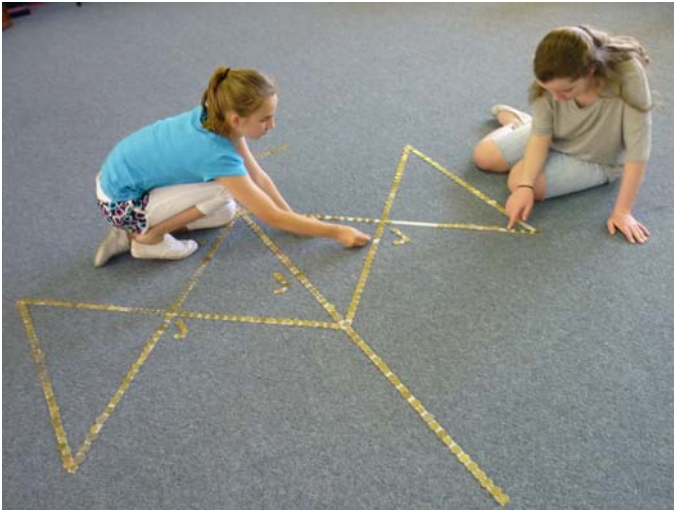
Fr Gaetan Pereira - College Chaplain

Community Celebration

Take advantage of warmer, lighter mornings to join teachers, parents and students for our Community Mass in the chapel on Friday mornings. Just come along and join us - even if you haven't been before.

Starts 8:00am and finishes at 8:30am.

Canonisation of Mary MacKillop



On Monday 18 October 2010 the College celebrated the Canonisation of St. Mary MacKillop. As our Principal Mrs Fry attended the Canonisation in Rome we celebrated the life and achievements of Mary MacKillop here at school.

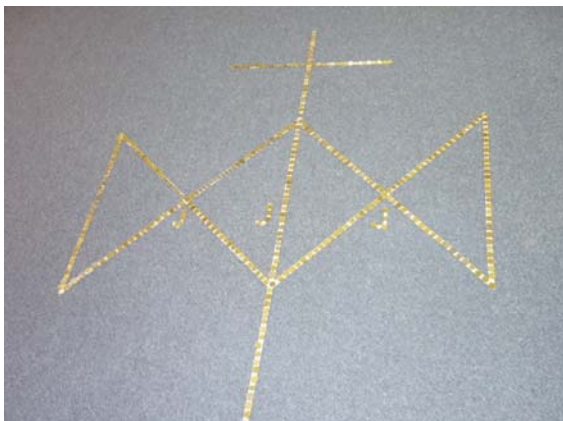
Throughout the school many activities took place to commemorate this proud occasion. In the Primary school we celebrated Mass together in the morning then carried the themes of the Mass throughout the afternoon with specialised Mary MacKillop activities. The wonderful work of our Primary school has been displayed in our front office as a tribute to Mary MacKillop. We also used our gold coin donations to recreate the symbol of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the order of Nuns which Mary MacKillop founded.

In Year 7 we had a special Reflection and Para-liturgry Friday afternoon in anticipation of the Canonisation. We also continued the work of Mary MacKillop in the afternoon with community activities.

In the Secondary school we held House Para-Liturgies where we reflected on the work of Mary MacKillop and the importance of her Canonisation.

We had a wonderful reflective day with every one taking home a Mary MacKillop prayer card.

Mrs Silvana Vicoli - Faith & Justice Coordinator



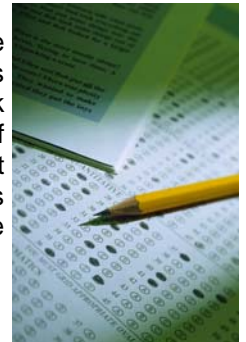
Parents of Year 10 and 11 Students

There will be an opportunity to adjust your child's subject selections during the week starting **8th November**. Please do not request a change prior to this week. Subject selections at this point can only be made from a grid, meaning that certain subject combinations may not be available. You are also reminded that some classes may be full.

The College will be sending a letter during the week starting **1st November** informing you of the subjects we have for your child in the timetable. The letter will also inform you, amongst other details, on how to reorganise your child's timetable. Sarah Hammond, the College's Careers Counsellor, is available for subject counselling should you require assistance in the weeks leading up to the 8th November. Please contact her on hammond.sarah@johnxxiii.edu.au.

Years 8, 9 and 10 Examinations

Parents are reminded that there are examinations for the students in Years 8, 9 and 10 during week 19 (6th – 10th December) of Semester Two. Please do not make early holiday arrangements and take your child out of the College during this time.



Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal, Studies

Parents' Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents' Association will be held at **7.00pm on Monday, 25 October** in the St Thomas More Exhibition Centre. All parents (Kindy to Year 12) are members of the Association. We welcome your attendance. If you have any questions, Agenda items (Agenda closes Wed, 20 Oct) or funding proposals please contact Marie-Louise Beyer at the following email; marielouisehunt@bigpond.com.

DATES FOR TERM 1 AND 2, 2011

It is important to take early note of the Term dates for Term 1 2011. **Term One 2011 will finish for staff and students on the 15th April and resume on Tuesday 3rd May.** (This will be different from State and many other Catholic Schools). Please take careful note of the dates when booking holidays for next year.

Homily given on the Day of Invitation 24th September 2010

A woman dreamt she walked into a brand new shop in the market place and to her surprise found God, behind the counter. "What do you sell here?" she asked. 'Everything your heart desires' said God. Hardly daring to believe what she was hearing, the woman decided to ask for the BEST THINGS a human being could ask for, "I want PEACE of MIND, LOVE and HAPPINESS & WISDOM & FREEDOM FROM FEAR" she said and then "not just for me for everyone on earth". God smiled "I think you got me wrong my dear, we don't sell fruit here. Only seeds" The mustard seed in today's parable does not focus on the smallness of the seed. Jesus uses the mustard seed as it is native of Palestine, just as the grevillea is native of Australia. The farmer seems to act with a casual abandon, by throwing the seed in the soil. What the intentions were, we do not know. The farmer scarcely meant to provide roosting places for the birds of the air, but that is what happened. Wild and free, they took advantage of his casual gesture. Friends there are something wild and free about the Kingdom it reflects the exuberant generosity of God. The birds of the air, the lowly and the disreputable take advantage of it. The respectable, like the synagogue Jewish leaders cannot cope.

How do I see another person? Do I see primarily an ethnic, cultural, social occupational Tag? Or do I get beyond the surface and see a fellow human being? This God seed is nothing but the immanent God locked up in our heart. How does germination take place? When something, or someone touches our outer circle of life. Adulthood begins in the walking away and love shows itself in letting go.

As Michael McGirr, a former Jesuit said it so beautifully, "For most of you, parenthood will be the door through which you pass to maturity. Parenthood is the most generous thing most people ever get around to doing. It is so rewarding, especially for those who are confined to their self importance. There is no point when you are dealing with a three year old in the middle of a full blown tantrum in a shopping centre, trying to console yourself with how many degrees you have from uni or how much you've earned in your last job. None of it will count for much. Your children will be the best teachers you ever have. They will try to teach you, among other things how to forgive your own parents. I hope you sleep well. I hope you are never afraid to sleep alone. I hope you read books and not just screens. I hope you write letters by hand now and again. I hope, when the times come that you are good bosses. I hope you sink deep roots. I hope that some of the people who love you now will still be around and love you when you are ninety. (I hope that some of the other people who love you then would be impossible to now imagine".)

Friends, no matter how difficult life changes and shapes, remember we are one choice away from

starting to live a better life, so discern well and choose well. When Keating, in the "Dead Poets Society" stood up on his desk, he asks " why do I stand up here?". One student suggests, "To feel taller". Keating replies " I stand upon my desk to remind myself that we must constantly look at things in a different way" As Christians we are invited to think BIG, seize the day, seize each other with new ideas, great visions and enthusiasm and a love that enables everyone to capture their dream. Focus on the things you love. Be curious, find new ideas, believe you can make a difference, play your strength and continuously learn. As God requested of Mary our mother, "Are you willing to bring me to birth in your own life? May our response be "Let it be done according to your will."

Fr Gaetan Pereira - College Chaplain

Behaviour Tonics are running the **1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course** at their office in Wembley, with a Saturday morning course available to parents of **5-12 year old children**. This is a flexible and effective approach to discipline and is rated highly by participants.



Running over 3 x 2.5 hr sessions it is full of information, tips and practical strategies. (Max 12 participants so plenty of question time).

When: 30th October, 6th and 13th November.
9am to 11:30am \$180 single \$340 dbl.
To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or go to www.behaviourtonics.com.au

YEAR 10 PARENTS END OF YEAR SUN DOWNER

Year 10 parents are invited to celebrate the end of the year (almost!) with a Sundowner at Matilda Bay Foreshore



Sunday 21st November
4.00pm – 7.00pm

BYO drinks and nibbles

RSVP Kate Driscoll 0407832631 or Alex Mather
0407473819 by Wed 17th Nov

Dads' Matters

Useful Stuff for Dads who have Kids with Special Needs

Hey Dad!

This one's just
for you!



Dates, Venues and Topics

TIME: 6.45PM – 9PM, alternating weeks at the following locations.

TUESDAYS

The Carine Glades Tavern, 493 Beach Rd, Duncraig

WEDNESDAYS

Gosnells Hotel, 2149 Albany H'way, Gosnells

Evyn Webster

What does a Dad look like, sound like and feel like?
(T) 26 October 2010 and (W) 27 October 2010

Panel of Dads with Special Needs Kids

(T) 9 November 2010 (W) 10 November 2010

Noel Giblett

Where to from here? Your chance to tell Kalparrin what dads would like in the future.
(T) 23 November 2010 (W) 24 November 2010

RSVP

Registration is essential for catering purposes.
Telephone or email us to register your interest.

Telephone: 08 9340 8094

Freecall: 1800 066 413

Email: kalparrinwa@health.wa.gov.au

There is no fee, although participants are encouraged to support Kalparrin by becoming a Kalparrin member (annual family membership \$16.50). You can join by visiting www.kalparrin.org.au/Membership.

METROPOLITAN STUDENT INCIDENT WARNING HIGH ALERT

Following an email from the Catholic Education Office, as in previous warnings this is a reminder to encourage all students to be vigilant and alert when travelling to and from school.



Health Information

HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK CHOICES

Children's energy needs for a busy day at school require them to eat a variety of foods. Factors that determine the amount children eat include age, sex and physical activity level. Children will have the best chance of getting all the nutrition they need if they are offered a variety of tasty and healthy foods every day which reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents.

Over their schooling life children can consume up to 2500 meals. Therefore it is crucial that these meals are nutritious, whether brought from home or purchased from the school canteen. All meals should reflect healthy food choices.

Suggestions when making lunches at home:

- Choose a variety of foods
- Include bread, wholegrains, rice, pasta or noodles
- Include milk, cheese or yoghurt
- Include some meat, fish, chicken, eggs
- Go for 2 (fruit) and 5 (vegetables)
- Choose water as a drink
- Keep 'junk' food away from school

Some healthy snack ideas are:

- Rice cakes and reduced fat cream cheese
- Fresh fruit pieces and yoghurt dip
- Plain popcorn
- Small tub of yoghurt
- Cheese stick or triangle
- Muffins with fruit
- English muffin and cheese
- Fruit bread
- Scone – plain, fruit or pumpkin
- Pikelets
- Small sandwich
- Crispbreads and spread
- Wholemeal crackers and cheese
- Keep food fresh and safe to eat by packing a frozen drink or an ice brick.

Jenny Hill (College Nurse)

Confirmation at St Joseph's Subiaco

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Josephs Church – Subiaco on Sunday 21st November, 2010 at the 10.00am Mass. Children who have been prepared at school and are members of our parish who wish to celebrate this Sacrament at St Joseph's need to register with our parish office on 9381 0400 on No. 4 prompt for Pastoral.

There will be four classes commencing on 26th October 2010 from 4.15pm -5.15pm.

The Lynn Scholarship

The Lynn Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students in the Archdiocese of Perth 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 \$500 per annum and is payable for two years.

Please contact Bernadette at the College on (08) 9383 0404 for a copy of the conditions of the Lynn Scholarship, and an application form. Each application will also include a Principal's Statement.

Applications should be received at the Catholic Education Office no later than **Friday 12 November 2010**

Canteen Roster - Week 3 Year 9s

Monday 25th October
Merryn Hohenstein,

Tuesday 26th October
Mary Reynolds, Deborah O'Neill

Wednesday 27th October
Marie Bonandrini, Chris Vincan

Thursday 28th October
Paula Gray, Jen Vissers

Friday 29th October
Raelene Palmer



New! The canteen has now gone online. Parents and Students can now order and pay on line at a secure site.

Click onto www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au and follow the links. Please keep the College informed of your experiences whether negative or positive. You can still order your lunches though the class room boxes as usual.

Maureen Taylor - Canteen Coordinator

Spring/Summer Menu

now available

on www.johnxxiii.edu.au

Careers Corner

Tax File Numbers – Apply through school

Students entering University and intending to defer their Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) fees – previously called HECS fees – must have a Tax File Number (TFN) in order to do so. It is easiest to arrange a TFN through the school – but Year 12s will only be permitted to do so until the WACE examinations begin. Please email hammond.sarah@johnxxiii.edu.au and a TFN application form will be sent out to you. Students in Year 10 and 11 could think about this now and see Mrs Reith at Student Reception for the form.

Year 10 Careers Portfolios

All Year 10 portfolios containing resume, application letters, worksafe certificates and other supporting information are all due to be submitted in the next lesson of Careers Education. Students have enjoyed putting this information together and now have a useful package of information to use for job, scholarship, TAFE and University applications.

Deferring a UWA course in 2011

Information about what will happen to students who intend deferring a UWA University offer for 2011 is available at http://www.newcourses2012.uwa.edu.au/year-12/deferring_in_2011

Youth Allowance and Austudy

There have been changes made during 2010 to both of these government allowances. Students at University, TAFE and also Apprentices may be eligible for one of these allowances. Information on eligibility for Youth Allowance is available at http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/youth_allow.htm and for Austudy at <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/austudy.htm>.

Ms Sarah Hammond - Careers Counsellor

St Mary's Cathedral Inaugural Concert Series 2010

Concert 3

Durufle Requiem
Sunday 31st October, commencing at 2pm

Tickets available through BOCS Ticketing
9484 1133 or 1800 193 000 or
www.bocsticketing.com.au

ACC Cricket Representative Team 2011

The ACC is calling for player nominations for the ACC representative cricket team to play against the Combined Government Schools Team on 28 March 2011 at the WACA ground. Net trials will be held in mid-November 2010 (date/venue TBC) and an intra squad trial match on the Fri 4th March 2011 (venue TBC). To nominate you must have approval from your parent/guardian and endorsement from your school Sports Coordinator. Nomination forms are completed on-line on the ACC web site at the following link:

<http://www.accsport.asn.au/Interschool%20Sport/Representative%20Teams/Cricket/Nomination%20Form%20-%20Players>

Closing date for nominations is **Friday 5 of November**. No late nominations will be accepted. After completing the on-line form print a copy of the completed form and hand your form and your \$10 nomination fee to your school sports coordinator. ACC will not accept money at the trials.

Christmas Holiday Workshops

AFTRS (Australian Film Television & Radio School) in Perth is busy programming a great range of workshops and courses in the Christmas School Holidays for kids aged 9—12 years. Keep an eye on the website: www.openprogram.aftrs.edu.au for details of courses in screen acting, animation and film.

Acting for the Screen - Kids

January 17 - 21, 9am - 1pm

Cost \$300 (Early Bird \$270 - book now)

This action packed course is aimed at the young actor or performer seeking to gain or develop their on screen performance experience.



Taught by leading Perth acting coach and respected casting director Annie Murtagh Monks, this course is a great way to have fun, develop acting skills and technique, and build

self esteem and confidence. The students will work with two hander scenes (two people in a scene) working on performance, blocking and camera coverage.

To make a booking phone our friendly Open Program team on 1300 065 281 or book online at: www.openprogram.aftrs.edu.au

City of Nedlands Update

"I Imagine 2030..." children's art competition

Illustrate your vision of 2030 for this exciting competition.

For 5-8 and 9-12 year olds

\$100 cash prize for each category plus other prizes.

Entries to be submitted to City of Nedlands administration 4pm Friday 19 November.

Free Children's Art Workshops

Be inspired in the workshops for the I Imagine 2030... art competition.

Saturday 30 October

5 to 8 year olds: 10 am – 12 noon

9 to 12 year olds: 1 – 4 pm

Workshops will be held at Point Resolution Occasional Childcare (PROCC), 53 Jutland Pde, Dalkeith.

Pick up a flyer at school or contact Tarn at the City of Nedlands on 9273 3579 or treynolds@nedlands.wa.gov.au for more information and register your place for the workshops.

A new walking group for parents and carers of little ones The Pushers and Prams Walking Group

This group will meet at the Nedlands Library every Tuesday at 9am

Come and join this free group for an hour's walk through beautiful streets and parks of Nedlands.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Many communications to parents are **NOW** sent by email. It is important to keep these details correct and up to date. Please contact reception (9383 0400) if your email has recently changed.

Swanbourne Cricket Club

Competitive cricket in WASTCA Competition Saturday afternoons

- 3 turf teams
- 2 astro turf teams
- Vibrant Social club
- Excellent playing and training facilities
- Student discounts
- Cricket by the sea



Email us:

admin@swanbournecricketclub.com

OR Phone: Simon Mallabone - 0400 008 794

Location and Training Times:

Allen Park, Swanbourne, Tuesdays

5pm – 7pm

Thursdays 5pm – 7pm

ALUMNI

St Louis - Class 1960 Golden Jubilee
50 year reunion
Wednesday 1 December 2010
6.30 Mass John XXIII College Chapel
7.00 Dinner Circle of Friends Cafe John XXIII
College John XXIII Drive Mt Claremont

\$90.00 ticket (includes beverages, 3 course meal)
Payment may be made by cheque (to: John XXIII
College), on line www.johnxxiii.edu.au or by calling
9383 0520

Dress attire: Jacket and Tie

RSVP 19th November 2010
Enquiries Peter Fitzpatrick
peter@crusadermanagement.com.au
Or Alumni Development Officer Anna Gingell nee
Muir (Class 1978) gingell.anna@johnxxiii.edu.au

Tennis Squad training for ages 8-16 years



Squads are ideal for boys and girls training for pennants or tournament play or for teenagers not looking to play competitively but enjoy playing and improving.

Squads are held at Onslow Park Tennis Club, Onslow Road, Shenton Park on a Monday and a Thursday 5.15-6.45pm. For more information or to enrol please call Matt Bull on 9381 2213 or visit our website www.tennisfactory.com.au

John XXIII College Running Club



the gym. The Distance we run varies from 4 – 6km.

Mr Dave Maxwell Secondary Sports Coordinator

For any students in Yr 7-12 and also parents that would be interested in improving their fitness. A running group takes place on Tuesday & Friday morning at 7.15am. Meet in the Pavilion area outside

Sports Gear for Schools Program

Thanks to everyone for collecting Coles vouchers so that we can turn them into sports gear for the school. Don't forget to ask your aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends to collect too!

This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Coles are again offering two vouchers for every \$10 you spend in-store.



Please place your vouchers in the collection boxes located in the front office and outside Pre-Primary.

Dive and Try Swim Meet

Come down to Challenge Stadium on Saturday, 23rd October at 10am and participate in a fun swim meet hosted by West Coast Swim Club, against other novice swimmers from around the metro area. If you are between 6 and 14 years of age, just fill in the entry form (attached) or download one at www.wa.swimming.org.au (follow the links > Development > Dive and Try). Get the entry form to us before 19th October and come down for a great morning of racing fun.

You will receive a swim cap, certificate and official race time. For more information contact the Meet Director, Paulette on wcsc@people.net.au.

Parental Requests of Student Services

Please note that staff at Student Reception are not available to run messages to students during school time. If a message is urgent, every effort will be made to contact the student if necessary.

Thank you for your continued support.

ALSO



SECONDARY PARENTS

Please Note

If your child is not going to be able to attend school could you **please** notify Student Reception ASAP by Phone: 9383 0406 or

Email: absentees@johnxxiii.edu.au

Do **Not** notify individual teachers or House Coordinators.