



# APPRECIATION

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Through the week, Dr. Marg Yoon received notification that she had been one of six recipients of the "Secondary Teacher of Excellence" awarded by ANU. Dr Yoon will fly to Canberra to collect her award next week and on behalf of the entire community I extend to her our best wishes. Dr. Yoon is a passionate Teacher of Geography, SOSE and RE here at the College. I include an extract from the nomination send by former student, Paul Grandoni (Class of 2005)

*Dr Yoon had a continuous focus on learning to learn; that is, from the beginning of secondary school right through to the end, Dr. Yoon supported me in learning the nature of things, and how to understand them.*

*Dr. Yoon also placed emphasis on the uniqueness of my opinions on issues, helped me to develop them and convey them, though also - and more importantly - to respect and value the opinions of others.*

*My interest in matters environmental and business also are largely due to Dr. Yoon; through my involvement in the HOPE Environmental programme, Dr. Yoon instilled in me a sense of regard for the environment and the people that use it, and that has largely guided me in how I approached my studies (with majors in Accounting and Corporate Sustainability).*

*Dr. Yoon was also a powerful supporter in helping me to find my passion at an early age; I am indebted to her for the guidance and time out-of-class she spent with me, also in helping me with 'teenage life'.*

*Dr. Yoon was a strong advocate for the power of education. I will be at the ceremony in December at one of the world's most distinguished universities, which has largely been due to her efforts. Importantly, though, the recognition I believe would commend her for dedication to students generally; she is an inspiration to us all*

Receiving this letter highlights how important it is for us as individuals, as a College Community and as a nation to value the

teachers who help form the minds of young people and children. As the year draws to an end here at John XXIII College please encourage your child(ren) to express their appreciation to their teacher. It is those small gestures of appreciation that teachers treasure and it also helps form the habit of gratitude in children.

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Congratulations to all the final award winners who were recognised at the Presentation Night on Tuesday.

The ability and endeavours of our students were celebrated in a very meaningful way. It was however, disappointing to note the poor behaviour of some students who, despite requests did not sit with their parents. These unsupervised students displayed very poor judgement and their behaviour reflects poorly on us all. On a much more positive note there was a strong response to the speech by Dr. Patrick Liston (Class of 1984). It is always very inspiring to hear where Alumni are putting the values they learned at school, into action.

Together let us seek justice

Mrs Anne Fry  
Principal

## ADVENT

### School Mass

The College, from Pre-primary to Year 10, will celebrate the end of the school year with a Mass on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15 in the Gym. (There will be no 8:00am Community Mass on that day).



# Around the Primary

## Good bye assembly

Today's assembly, professionally led by the Year 6 team, was both a joyous and sad occasion. The performance of the primary ensembles by Mrs Liz Jennings and the presentation of the certificates were the joyous elements but the goodbyes to staff were sad. This year we say goodbye to Miss Jacinta Speering, Mrs Sharon Kelly, Mrs Suzanne Sutton, Miss Madeleine Ellis Ms Ellen Tibbs and Miss Sofia Bonomelli. Mrs Fry thanked all of them for their wonderful contribution to the College as well as wishing Mr Andrew Edwards and Mrs Shelley Morrell good luck as they go on leave. We wish them all the best in their new ventures.

## Christmas Concerts

This week both the Kindy and Pre-primary children entertained their families with Christmas songs and nativity plays in separate Christmas concerts. It was a delight to see such



Christmas joy on all the children's faces as they sang and waved to their relatives through their performances.

## Thank you to our wonderful parent helpers.

A close relationship between the school and parents is a vital part of the overall education of a child. The important role of parent helpers is valued not only by the teachers but children as well. Teachers are always very grateful for the assistance they receive from parents and grandparents. The College would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to come in and help listen to reading, help supervise on excursions, make costumes and help with the musical, help with craft, cover reading books, help out on sports days, help with the Sacrament preparations - the list goes on. We look forward to the ongoing parent help and positive relationship with parents in the primary school in 2011.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our primary families a happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing most of you at the commencement of the 2011 school year.

## Home Readers returned

Could all families please check your homes for any home readers as we are missing a large amount from our reading boxes. Home readers can be identified by the college stamp inside the book. Thank you for your assistance.

## Upcoming Events

**Monday, 6 December:** Transition Day

**Thursday 9 December:** Year 6 Graduation at 6:30pm in the Chapel

**Friday 10 December** - End of Year Mass K - 12

**Mrs Liz Gardner Cluster Leader K—2**

**Ms A Coniglio Cluster Leader 3—6**

# Term Dates 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.

## Wednesday 2 February 2011:

- Pre-Primary plus Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 commence
- Year 7 students and Year 12 students only, together with
- ALL NEW STUDENTS IN YEARS 8,9,10 AND 11
- Kindy G Meet and Greet 9 am to 10 am

## Thursday 3 February

**All students commence**

Kindy B Meet and Greet 9 am to 10 am

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Kindy G split start 9 – 11 am; 1-3 pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Kindy split start 9 – 11 am; 1-3 pm

Friday April 15 TERM 1 ENDS

Friday April 22 Good Friday

Monday April 25 Easter Monday and ANZAC Day

Tuesday April 26 Public Holiday

Tuesday 3 May TERM 2 BEGINS

Monday 6 June Foundation Day Holiday

Thursday 7 July TERM 2 ENDS

Tuesday 26 July TERM 3 BEGINS

Friday 30 September TERM 3 ENDS

Monday 17 October TERM 4 BEGINS

Friday 9 December TERM 4 ENDS for students

Friday 16 December TERM 4 ENDS for teachers



To the John XXIII College Community, we would like to say a sincere and heartfelt "thank you" to the whole school community for all your prayers, support and care during the time since Ben's accident. He is making a slow steady recovery and should be transferred to Shenton Park hospital shortly.

From Lucy and Peter Dawson, Ben, Tom, George, Oscar and Ella.

Ps. All your food has been wonderful. Dishes and containers are in a box outside our front door.

# Chaplains Comments

A couple of days ago, I came across this tongue and cheek summary of a management consultant's report on those who had applied to lead the earliest Christian church:

John: Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and picks fights in public with religious leaders.

Peter: Has a bad temper, even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive. A loose cannon.

Paul: Powerful, CEO type of leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with young ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.

Jesus: Has been popular at times but once when his following grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and it dwindled down to some faithful woman and his best friend. Seldom stays in one place very long.

Judas: His references are solid. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. Great possibilities here.

In the Gospel this Second Sunday of Advent we see the fierce character of John the Baptist, who lets the Pharisees and Sadducees have it with both barrels. These groups were public devout worshippers of their day. They were often hypocrites, professing one thing and doing another. They demanded regular observance by the Jews but they did not live out themselves.

No wonder John disliked them so much as to call them; "Brood of vipers" John attacks them violently and condemns their privatised religion and lack of social responsibility. If today we have no interest in seeking justice, development, peace for our world, if we don't care for our neighbour or if all we want is to be left alone to come to Mass, say our prayers, and save our souls, then we need to hear the story of Christmas all over again. And the greatest obstacle to that entrance is complacency – a complacency that rests upon privileged status and a sense that one is different from the despised outsiders and so can rest secure. May this Advent, then, see John the Baptist do what he does best: comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

***Fr Gaetan Pereira - College Chaplain***

## Teacher and Parents Advisory Group of Cybersafety (TAP)

John XXIII College is one of 30 schools nationwide which has been chosen to participate in a new Australian Government initiative.

The Teachers and Parents Advisory Group on Cybersafety (TAP) will form part of the Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety which has been established for several years. TAP's creation is a response to the Youth Advisory Group's request that teachers and parents need to be involved in addressing cybersafety issues.

The College is currently looking for parents who wish to become involved in the group.

The TAP is an opportunity to share ideas, concerns and solutions on cybersafety issues such as cyber bullying, identity theft and online scams with your peers; share information with the government about how best to deliver and promote current and future programs and initiatives, such as the Cybersafety Help Button; and provide advice regarding cybersafety programs and initiatives that have been successful in your home, school and/or local community.

TAP consultations take place predominantly online. You will be able to discuss cybersafety issues via a secure, moderated online forum, where you can post live, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The TAP will be launched in February 2011 and the launch will be supported by workshops in each state and territory.

If you are interested in being a part of the John XXIII College group, or finding out what is involved, please contact teacher representative John Joosten at [joosten.john@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:joosten.john@johnxxiii.edu.au) or parent representative Tracy McLaren on [writer@midwest.com.au](mailto:writer@midwest.com.au) and a member information pack can be emailed to you. Names must be submitted by 7 December so if you are interested please contact us immediately.

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## C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship commemorates the achievements of one of Australia's most respected pastoral pioneers who served with distinction in the First World War and went on to become a distinguished scholar and leading figure in the Federal Parliament prior to his tragic and untimely death in an aircraft accident in 1938.

The C.A.S. Scholarship opens on Monday 6th December and closes on Friday 7th January 2011.

The Scholarships are available to all Australian students. Selection is based on personal qualities as well as academic ability.

Information about the scholarship and application forms are available at [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) or on (08) 81271654.

# Book Lists

Booklists were distributed during Tutor Group on Tuesday 30 November for 2011 students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11. Families can access all booklists on the College Website: [www.johnxxiii.edu.au](http://www.johnxxiii.edu.au).

There are 2 options for lodging booklists  
1 Print out, complete and return to the College  
2 Lodge online via the College website and then into the Wooldridge link.

The Year 12 students for 2011 will have their Booklists posted by Wooldridge's.

The Second-hand book Sale will take place on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Chisholm Pavilion starting at 9.00 – 11.00am.



**Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal Studies**

## Careers Corner

### January 2011 Study Skills AND/OR Speed Reading courses here at JTC

One day courses are available on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> January here on the John XXIII College campus for students keen to prepare well for the 2011 academic year. Years 8-9 students have access to a Study Skills course, and Years 10-12 have access to both a Study Skills course and a Speed Reading course. Please see full page ad at the end of this newsletter and enrol directly with facilitator.

### Scholarship opportunities for Civil Engineering students

Main Roads Western Australia are looking to offer Year 12 students who are entering Civil Engineering at university in 2011 the amazing opportunity of the following:

- Full university tuition paid for (i.e. no HECS debt to pay off later)
- Paid vacation work
- Appointment to the Graduate Program on successful completion of your degree.

For detailed information please go to [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No "Scholarship 2011 (Pool Recruitment)" or phone 9323 4981 for an information pack to be mailed to you.

**Ms Sarah Hammond - Careers Counselor**

### 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.

# MAGIS

We are delighted to announce the following year 11 students have been awarded places in the University of Western Australia's Summer Design Studio in the Faculty of Architecture.

- Ben Horgan
- Andrew Pham
- Alastair Mory
- Pat Lecelezio
- Joseph McCleery
- Garrett Pearce
- Laura Byrnes

Since 2005, in the third week of January each year, the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts has been running a very successful design studio for year 12 secondary students. The studio is designed to give year 12 students an academic extension experience well beyond their school experience. They are faced with the very challenging problem of solving design problems, learning to work with new computer design tools and ultimately drawing and then constructing a model of their design concepts. This all takes place in the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts over one week and culminates with an exhibition of the student work. The studio is a very intense learning experience.

Congratulations to these students. We look forward to seeing the outcome of their work in January 2011.

### Magis and Faith and Justice

Over the last six weeks Mr Damian Owen has been coordinating a group of Year 7 students in a creative problem solving exercise.



Working with canned food, the students constructed three sculptures exploring themes related to John XXIII College. The sculptures were displayed in the Osborne room and students were invited to judge the works. Now that the works have been dismantled the cans of food will go to Sr Anula from Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. This is a great initiative providing an intellectual challenge for our students and food for the community.

**Dr Annette Pedersen - Magis 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 Primary school parent or teacher has a concern about a child's vision or eyes, the Community Health Nurse will do referral vision checks as required. Please contact Health Centre to complete a referral form or you can consult an Optometrist or Doctor.

**Jenny Hill (College nurse)**

## Emergency Dental Information

From 20 December 2010 to 25 January 2011, the school Dental Service Emergency clinic will operate at the Mt Henry dental therapy centre, 43 Mt Henry Road, Como Ph: **93130555**, Between 8:15am & 4:30pm, (Monday - Friday)- Excluding public holidays

## Uniform Shop Updates

### New students in 2011

- Do you have a child starting at John XXIII College in 2011?
- Do you need uniforms for them?
- Have you made an appointment?

Uniform appointment letters have been sent out to most of the people involved but some may have been missed. On normal shop-open days we may not have enough time to give you the attention that new people sometimes need, so we prefer you make a special time to come in.

Please look for the relevant information in the Uniform Shop section of the school website, email the shop at [uniformshop@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@johnxxiii.edu.au) or come into the shop and we will give you the forms.

### Pre-Primary students in 2011

Please read the above. You may want an appointment too.

### Uniform Shop Closing Date

The shop will close for the year on Friday December 3rd at 12 noon.

Secondhand items and hired blazers must be returned by that time. The shop will be busy with new students at the start of the year, we will then not be accepting these items before March 1st in 2011.

The shop will open for normal trading on Wednesday January 12th and be open on the usual trading days. We are closed on Australia Day but open on Thursday Jan 27th instead.

### UNIFORM SHOP: Open during Term time:

<b>Mondays:</b>	8:00 am – 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	8:00 – 12:00pm
<b>Fridays:</b>	8:00 – 12:00pm

**The Uniform Shop will be open for the last three weeks of the holidays. Commencing on Wednesday 12th January 2011, opening days and times as above.**

**We will be closed on Australia Day (Jan 26) but will open on Thursday Jan 27th from 8 to 12 instead.**

*Please note that if you are new to the school or if you need help with the uniform then please make an appointment. Appointments are best for both you and the Uniform Shop staff, since we then know how many customers to cater for at any one time. Appointment forms can be found on the school webpage, in the Uniform Shop section. Requests are best sent to [uniformshop@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@johnxxiii.edu.au)*

*For safety reasons, please do not park in the Uniform Shop car park. This is reserved for staff and acts as a buffer between the shop and the carpark traffic.*

**Mrs B Sainsbury - Uniform Shop Coordinator**

# ALUMNI



On Wednesday 1st December Anne Fry, Ric Del Pizzo and I welcomed the Class of 1960 back to John XXIII College to celebrate their 50th reunion. In addition to the past pupils of St Louis, two of their past teachers, Jesuit Priests, Father John Harte and Father Paul Duffy joined in the celebrations.

The evening commenced with Mass in the College chapel, concelebrated by three Jesuit Priests, Fr Harte, Fr Duffy and Fr Gerald Brennan (Class 1960). A delicious meal was prepared and served on campus at the Circle of Friends Cafe. Some travelled from Queensland, Sydney and country WA to take part in this reunion, most had not seen each other for 50 years but all had that common thread of being a part of our Alumni. The night was a great success, they shared stories from school days, their lives since leaving school, including personal and work achievements and many agreed to stay in touch with one another rekindling mateship from so long ago.

It was wonderful showcasing the College, using the facilities, sharing the very moving sermon delivered by Fr Harte, who acknowledged those class mates who are no longer with us and delivered a very personal message to those in the congregation.

My gratitude is extended to all those staff from John XXIII College that assisted in making this occasion so memorable; to the Alumni who chose willingly to walk back through the gates of their old school, even though a different campus but more importantly to Peter Fitzpatrick (Class 1960) and Fr Brennan (Class 1960) for initially getting this reunion off the ground, rounding up the troupes and creating a really warm and friendly reunion.

I was very pleased to receive four more books written by one of our Alumni, Lisa Holland-McNair to add to the Alumni library. They are housed for all to see in the main foyer of the Administration building off Mooro Drive.

Lisa (Class 1987) is a professional writer and public relations consultant, a fifth generation West Australian and is a graduate of UWA. Her list of books include *Red Dust In Her Veins*, *Women of the Pilbara*, *Who the Hell Is Effie Crump?*; *Make Your Mark* and *Breaking New Ground*.



The Loreto Nedlands and Claremont 1965 leaving class had their 45<sup>th</sup> year reunion lunch at the Boatshed on 21 November. It was a sunny day and a very enjoyable afternoon, so thank you to the organisers. There was a variety of discussion including work, retirement, travel, hobbies and grandchildren. Classmates who are no longer with us were remembered and also those who were unable to attend.



Congratulations to the newly appointed SRC for 2011. Today I was part of the planning process for next year which involves sharing some of the Alumni tasks including a membership drive, Legends At Lunchtime, INSPIRE Breakfasts, Ron Logan Cup football match, hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> year reunion being involved in the Alumni Mentoring program, discussions on accessing the Alumni webpage and information on the World Youth Day Scholarship.

The SRC members were all enthusiastic, welcoming and keen to share ideas and be involved in the Alumni Development Office projects. I'm really looking forward to working with each and every one of them in 2011.

**Anna Gingell nee Muir (Class 1978)**  
**Alumni Development Officer**

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## JANUARY 2011 HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

- Learn to Read Faster and Comprehend Better
- Learn to Study more effectively
- Prepare to achieve more at school in 2011
- **VENUE** - John 23rd College

### 1. READ FASTER COMPREHEND BETTER (YR 10-12) - 7 Hours

Learn how to:

- ◆ Read faster with better understanding
- ◆ Increase your level of concentration
- ◆ Save hours of reading time
- ◆ Use flexible reading rates
- ◆ Identify and eliminate 3 poor reading habits
- ◆ Improve your retention rate
- ◆ Skim, scan and preview
- ◆ Benefit from reading "chunks"

**DATE:** 21st January 2011  
**TIME:** 9.00am - 4.30pm

**COST:** \$132.00 includes GST, materials, certificates  
**VENUE:** John 23rd College

### 2. SENIOR STUDY SKILLS (YR 10-12) - 6 Hours

Learn how to:

- ◆ Reduce exam stress
- ◆ Improve memory
- ◆ Be better organised
- ◆ Set study goals
- ◆ Take notes systematically
- ◆ Revise using 10 strategies
- ◆ Write essays in exams
- ◆ Structure an essay

**DATE:** 24th January 2011  
**TIME:** 9.00am - 3.30pm

**COST:** \$110.00 includes GST, materials, certificates  
**VENUE:** John 23rd College

### 3. JUNIOR STUDY SKILLS (YR 8 & 9) - 6 Hours

Learn how to:

- ◆ Become a better listener
- ◆ Be better organised
- ◆ Benefit from "to do" lists
- ◆ How to make notes
- ◆ Set study goals, plans
- ◆ Plan for assignments
- ◆ Use effective study techniques
- ◆ How to manage your time

**DATE:** 24th January 2011  
**TIME:** 9.00am - 3.30pm

**COST:** \$110.00 includes GST, materials, certificates  
**VENUE:** John 23rd College

### Enrolment Form - January 2011 - John 23rd College

Please **complete and return** to ICS Learning Group, PO Box 430, Willetton 6955 **before 31st December 2010**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ YR: \_\_\_\_\_

- I wish to enrol in the Read Faster Comprehend Better
- Senior Study Skills Course
- Junior Study Skills Course
- I have enclosed a cheque payable to ICS Learning Group

## Second Hand Book Sale

- First in, best dressed.
- Those wishing to sell and those wishing to buy or exchange information.
- Prices are usually agreed at half of the new price depending on the condition of the book.
- Please ensure you have your own copy of your relevant booklist.

**Date: 11 December 2010**

**Time: 9.00am to 11.00am**

John XXIII College  
Chisholm Pavilion

The College does not set prices or charge commission



## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011



WIN a FULL or PART Scholarship to Attend WYD 2011

- Can you imagine being a part of World Youth Day in Madrid 2011?
- Can you demonstrate competence, conscience, compassion and commitment?
- Are you a John XXIII Alumni Member 18-35 years?
- Can you imagine following the footsteps of one of our founders, St Ignatius Loyola?
- Can you write in 500 words or less why you would like to win this part or full scholarship?

- Email your application to Mrs Anna Gingell, Alumni Development Officer at John XXIII College: [gingell.anna@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:gingell.anna@johnxxiii.edu.au).
- Applications close 9/12/10
- Please include your name, year of graduation, email address and date of birth
- Enquiries regarding Scholarship. Mrs Anna Gingell, 9383 0520



### FEATURING

Barcelona, Cliff top Sanctuary of Montserrat  
Manresa - Cave of St Ignatius, Zaragoza,  
Pamplona, Loyola - MAGIS Retreat,  
MAGIS Immersion Experience,  
WYD Madrid Week and much more

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St Thomas the Apostle  
Claremont  
Wednesday  
8th December  
2010  
7.30pm

**The Road to Bethlehem**  
an evening of  
**Nine Readings and Carols**  
in preparation for Christmas  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available.