Grandparents, the back-bone of families

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Today, the College celebrated Grandparent’s Day with a joyful gathering of Grandparents, parents, students and staff. Grandparents play such an important role in the lives of children. St Joachim and St Anne are known as the Grandparents of Jesus and take on the role of patron saints to their beloved family members. I think Grandparents need patron saints as they cope with not only their own busy lives but assist with babysitting, “advice-services”, companionship and all the additional help they provide to their extended families. Grandparents are the backbone of many families in times of crisis or change and today the College had a chance to say Thank You! Congratulations and thanks to all involved in the Mass, morning tea, decorations and entertainment.

On Tuesday night, the College hosted a “Thinkuknow” Information Session on Cyber Safety. It was disappointing that only 6 families attended as the presenters from Microsoft and the Australian Federal Police provided some excellent helpful information to Parents. Thank you to Scott Connery for organising this event. Their website will guide you through much of the information presented. www.thinkuknow.org.au

This site is well worth a look with information for parents and young people to help protect against the misuse of the cyber world.

Parent Satisfaction Survey
I am sure many of you are aware the College Council has just completed their Strategic Plan with an exciting vision for the future of John XXIII College. As an important first step in the implementation of this plan, I have commissioned MMG Education to undertake an in-depth Satisfaction Survey of our current parents. MMG Education is a specialist organisation with widespread experience in conducting detailed reviews of independent schools. The results of this survey will be helpful for establishing base measurements to track improvements as the College implements the plan. I would strongly encourage all parents to use their “voice” and participate in the survey. A more detailed letter of explanation will accompany the survey which will be sent to you electronically. At the moment the College is finalising questions and the survey is expected to be sent out to you mid June.

Together let us seek justice.

Yours sincerely

Anne Fry
Principal

Spiritual Traditions for Today:
A series of 6 individual weekly talks will be held at St Joseph’s Church, 3 Salvado Road, Subiaco in the UPPER ROOM commencing on Wed.15th June at 7pm. The Presenter is Michelle Jones MTh,STL, from the Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation.

There is a $5 donation per talk including refreshments.

Further details on St Joseph’s website: www.stjosephssubiaoc.org.au
Ph: 9381 0400 or email: enquiries@stjosephssubiaoc.org.au
Around the Primary

Dear Parents

The Grandparents’ Mass and morning tea was a huge success today. The children at John XXIII think their grandparents are great and today they had the chance to let their grandparents know how much they love them. The children from Kindy through to Year 6 all attended this special Mass in the gym. As part of the liturgy Fr Gaetan asked the students to raise their hands and to bless their Grandparents. Many Grandparents had tears in their eyes as the children sang the Blessing Song. Many thanks for the great participation and support we received - we hope all the Grandparents had a wonderful time at the College.

Kind regards

Ms Antoinette De Pinto - Head of Primary
Chaplain’s Comments

Grandparents command a singular bonding and a special relationship that precludes any other relationship with their grandchildren. Our Grandparents behold their grandchildren with great love and tenderness and can demonstrate this uninhibited love and affection of which they may not have been capable of as parents. They can now freely cuddle, and whisper many meaningless terms of endearment and be amazed when they can be videoed or Skype across the globe. As a writer once remarked “a sedate prim and proper lady would suddenly find herself on all fours, bleating like a sheep or mimicking the impossible cries of animals all for the sake of entertaining a grandchild” This inexplicable attachment and bonding between grandparent and grandchild is indeed a joy unparalleled and celebrated on Grandparents Day.

St Philip Neri (1515-1595) a saint we celebrate this week, was a friend of St Ignatius when they were both living in Rome. Just as Ignatius was known on occasions to dance for God, Philip liked to crack jokes for God. He thought open hearted laughter was a form of prayer and dedicated his life to teaching people how to pray better in that way. ‘It is easier to guide cheerful persons in the spiritual life than melancholy ones’, he said. Philip realised that the sick, poor and homeless didn’t have much to laugh about, so he tried to improve their lives until they could see the lighter side and so come to share God’s pleasure in the mystery of life. He did this in a time when the church was reacting to the criticisms of the Reformation by drawing up lists of forbidden books, forbidden people, forbidden ideas. He told his followers that if they wanted to be obeyed, they should not make commandments. They should teach by example. Philip Neri told Jesus that if Jesus didn’t keep his hand on him, he’d end up making the wound in his side even larger.

As we are in the season of Easter, Patrick O’Sullivan reflects on the resurrection account in John’s gospel. Perhaps we may have wondered why John the evangelist, bothered to tell us, ‘the cloth that has been over his head, was not with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself’. John 20: 7-8. The reason he does it is quite significant. In those days, in an ordinary Jewish household, there was usually a young servant to wait on the master of the house. At the end of the meal, if the master had finished, he simply crumpled his napkin and left it on the table, as a sign to the servant to start clearing up. But if he left the table without quite finishing his meal, he would fold his napkin neatly, and leave it in its place on the table as a sign he was coming back. Jesus simply followed the custom!

For God the Father to say, “This is the Son whom I love”, was to say “He will not die” or rather, “I will not abandon him to death”. Love is not confined by the limitations of time and death. Parents do not tell their children, we shall love you for 10, 15 or 20 years. Children do not say, “I shall forget you when you die.” Lovers do not say, “I will love you for five years” Genuine love is committed and committing to the language of “forever”. Gerald O’Collins, “What are they saying about the Resurrection?”

Fr Gaetan Pereira - College Chaplain

Tuesday Prayer Group at St Thomas

Please Come...Tuesdays....Prayer Group @ St Thomas
If you are looking to connect with other like-minded women, who share a Christian spirituality, then please feel welcome to come along to our Prayer Group.

First we enjoy a cuppa, chat and then share moments with God in prayer. It is very casual and there are no expectations...we are happy just to be with God for about 1 hour a week, in fellowship with other women. You may be struggling with a situation, or just want to give thanks, it is refreshing to hand it over to God. “No experience required”. Where: St Thomas meeting room (adjacent to church). College Rd Claremont. When: We meet every Tuesday 9am for a 9.30am start. Queries: 04385 58788- Julie
HEALTH INFORMATION
PREVENT FLU AND OTHER INFECTIONS

There are many simple things everyone can do to help prevent you from getting the flu or other infections. These include:

- Hand hygiene;
- Cough and sneeze etiquette;
- Standing or sitting away from other people;
- Household and workplace hygiene; and
- Knowing what to do when you are sick.

TO MINIMISE THE SPREAD OF INFECTION OR ILLNESS STAFF AND STUDENTS SHOULD STAY AT HOME IF YOU HAVE A FEVER OR ARE UNWELL. IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANY SYMPTOMS, SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE.

These steps will help you avoid getting sick and passing infection on to others.

1. Hand hygiene
The thorough washing and drying of hands is an important activity in the prevention of getting sick and spreading illnesses. Our hands collect bacteria from everything we touch and carry them to new places. Try and remember not to touch your face with your hands.

When to wash hands
- After toileting
- Before eating
- After you blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Before, during and after handling or preparing food
- After changing a diaper
- After scratching hair, nose or other body parts
- After smoking
- After handling animals, their toys, leashes or waste
- After touching something that could be contaminated (such as rubbish bins, cleaning cloths, drains or soil)
- Before and after dressing a wound, giving medicine or inserting contact lenses.
- After shaking hands with someone.
- After contact with blood or body fluids (like vomit, nasal secretions or saliva)
- Wash hands more often when you, or someone you come in contact with, is sick.

How to wash hands:
- Wet hands with water and apply soap
- Rub hands together briskly for at least 15 seconds
- Cover all surfaces of the hands and fingers
- Rinse hands well under water
- Dry hands using paper towel, clean towel or air dryer
- If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the water.
- If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol based hand rub
  eg. Arium You can purchase small containers of this and carry it in your bag, briefcase, pocket and school bag.
- If using latex gloves, wash hands before applying gloves and after discarding the gloves.

2. Cough and sneeze into a tissue or your sleeve
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue, throw the tissue away and wash hands
- If you don’t have a tissue, turn away from people and cough into your shoulder or the crook of your elbow.

3. Standing or sitting back from other people
A very simple way of reducing the chances of being infected or passing on respiratory viruses is to stand or sit back from other people in public or in the workplace. You should try to maintain a distance of one metre, where possible.
4. **Keep your home and work space clean**
   - Clean your home and work spaces regularly with water and detergent. Regular cleaning is best for most homes and workplaces.
   - Avoid sharing of cups and cutlery.

5. **If you are sick yourself, stay away from other people until you stop coughing and sneezing**
If you have a contagious sickness like the flu or a cold, do your best to stay away from other people, especially those who are:
   - Elderly;
   - Very young (babies and children);
   - Have a chronic lung disease; and
   - Pregnant

6. **Good nutrition and general health are important in maintaining an efficient immune system.**
   - You should try and avoid crowded gatherings, especially in enclosed spaces.

Thankyou
Jenny Hill (College Nurse)

### Canteen Roster for Week 15 - Grade 2 Parents

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### Read & Write Workshop

Read&Write GOLD is an award-winning software product, designed to support students of all ages who require extra assistance when reading or composing text. The software allows students to develop their literacy skills and enjoy greater independence.

The high school has been using this software with great success and is now running workshops to introduce this valuable tool to parents of primary and secondary students on the following date:

- **Monday 30th May 1.30 – 3pm** - In the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre

Even if you have attended a workshop before, please consider coming to hear the latest updates for this fantastic software.

**Judy McLean - Learning Enrichment Co-ordinator – Secondary**

### Dance Program Opportunity at John XXIII College

I am delighted to offer students in both the Primary and Secondary schools an opportunity to audition for a Dance Program.

In the first year, the College will offer one Year 3 – 6 group and one Year 7 – 12 group (approximately 30 students in each group). Auditions will be based on creative expression, coordination and skill, confidence, musicality and commitment.

Rehearsals will be before school each Wednesday. Information regarding auditions will be in the notices.

- 7.00am – 7.50am – Secondary Students
- 8.00am – 8.50am – Primary Students.

Mrs Anne Fry, Principal
Faith and Justice

Project Compassion

Thank you to the entire school community.
On Friday the College was able to donate an amazing $10,024.75 to Caritas Australia from the Project Compassion appeal. THANK YOU EVERY ONE.

Lifelink Compassion Day

Tuesday 31 May 2011 is John XXIII College’s LifeLink Compassion Day.

LifeLink was established by Archbishop Hickey in 1999. As this will be his final year of service as Archbishop he has urged all schools to participate in LifeLink Day.

Lifelink aids the less fortunate in our community and all money raised stays here in Perth. Some examples of organisations that LifeLink hopes to help this year are:

- Centre Care
- Catholic Migrant Centre
- Identity WA
- Emmanuel Centre
- Djooraminda
- And The Living Centre

Awareness and support for those in need in our community is an important part of our Catholic Ethos and commitment to Social Justice.

John XXIII College will be holding a dress casual for a gold coin day. In the Primary School all students (and staff) are asked to come dressed in Pyjamas as a symbol of those who sleep on the street or parents who are struggling to have a warm bed for their children to sleep in at night. In the Secondary we ask all student to come dressed ‘casual for a cause’. This translates to Sports uniform or Jeans with their House shirt. All students will be asked to make a gold coin donation to their tutor group or classroom teacher on Tuesday morning.

Thank you in anticipation for your support and generosity.

Confirmation

The Year 6 students are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers. The College has a Confirmation retreat on Friday 17 June and the Confirmation Ceremonies on Tuesday 21 June and Wednesday 22 June evenings.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who are helping us prepare the candidates.

Silvana Vicoli
Faith & Justice Coordinator K-12
Inigo Spirituality and Relationship Centre for Adults - Ignatian Based

To All Inigo Participants

The 19th Year of Inigo, got off to a ‘cracking’ start with a record number attending one of the talks.

In Term 2 the theme of ‘improving student school performance’ by enriching the home environment, will be continued.

The spirituality division of Inigo will continue with the morning Retreats. We also look forward to the input of Dr Andrew Kania who is an expert in Mystical Theology. (Next Term as is traditional, there will be input by a visiting Jesuit and a local Loreto Sister).

Inigo Centre aims to meet some of your needs in Spiritual and Psychological (Parental and Relationships) areas. The centre welcomes adults from all Denominations, Religions and Parents from all Schools.

Inigo Centre strives to reflect the inspiration of St. Ignatius of Loyola and Pope John XXIII.

Further Details and Registration contact Murray Graham on 9383 0444 or email graham.murray@johnxxiii.edu.au

INIGO TERM 2 PROGRAMME 2011

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Careers Corner

Year 10 Career Education and Subject Selection
All Year 10 students will sit a career profile assessment this term through their Career Education classes (one lesson per cycle). Sample 8 page reports from MyCareerMatch can be viewed at http://www.mycareermatch.com.au/. There could be some useful tips in the report regarding approaching Year 11/12 subject selection time. The website has very useful parent pages. Please ask your son or daughter for a copy of their report after they sit the profile as it is emailed directly to them. Ms Hammond also receives an email copy of each student's profile and sends it to House Coordinators. This assists us in our subject counselling of students at this time (hammond.sarah@johnxxiii.edu.au).

Year 10 John XXIII Parent Information Night
At least one parent of every Year 10 student is strongly urged to attend this College information night on Wednesday June 1, 7pm in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. Information about WACE, graduation requirements, University and TAFE entry requirements, and forms relevant to JTC Year 11 subject selection will be presented.

Year 11 and 12 Preparation for Examinations
All Year 11 and 12 students have been emailed some study tips. They are also available to download on the school website. Any student working on a Mac computer might like to install the app called ‘Self Control’ which enables you to lock yourself out of those distracting social networking activities for specified minutes/hours.

Curtin Parent Information Evenings
If you are a parent of a year 10 or 12 student and are faced with questions about high school subject selection, the TISC process, course and university selection, come along to one of Curtin's Year 10 or 12 Parent Information Evenings. These events have been specifically designed to help you help your child make the right decisions. Faculty representatives and current students will also be available on the night to discuss specific courses, relevant pre-requisites and share their experiences about what it's like to study at Curtin.

Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Date: Wednesday 1 June 2011  
Time: 7:00pm - Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre

Year 12 Parent Information Evening
Date: Wednesday 6 July 2011

Location for both events: Curtin Bentley Campus. Please note it is important you register to receive updates about the event, including information on parking. To RSVP and for more information about these events, go online to curtin.edu.au/parentseve or contact Curtin on (08) 9266 1000.

University/Planning Talks on JTC campus
Following is the schedule of Prospective Student Advisers who have been invited to speak to interested Year 12 students on the College campus during the Year 12 Tutorial periods. Students have this week received an Undergraduate Course Guide from each Western Australian university – 5 booklets in total.

Thursday May 19th period 2 University of Melbourne
Thursday June 2nd period 2 Curtin University
Tuesday August 2nd period 2 UWA
Thursday August 4th period 2 University of Notre Dame
Tues 9th August period 2 Presentation on applying for Uni and TAFE

COURSE INFORMATION EVENINGS 30th May and 28th June
The Notre Dame events schedule commences with the Course Information Evenings. These evenings are designed to provide an ideal opportunity for prospective students to speak with University staff personally as well as gather detailed information on courses, alternative entry and admission into Notre Dame. Both evenings will offer a full courses expo and presentations for each of the course areas. If you have any further enquiries or would like to RSVP to these events, please contact the Prospective Students Office on 9433 0533 or via email at future@nd.edu.au.

Course Information Evening 1: Monday, 30th May, Expo starts at 5.30pm followed by presentations at 6.15pm. Tannock Hall of Education Cnr Croke and Cliff Streets, Fremantle.

Course Information Evening 2: Tuesday, 28th June, Expo starts at 5.30pm followed by presentations at 6.15pm. Tannock Hall of Education Cnr Croke and Cliff Streets, Fremantle.

Ms Sarah Hammond  -  Careers Counsellor
Parents of Year 10 students are invited to an Information Session at 7pm on Wednesday June 1st in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre to find out about WACE requirements, the ATAR, University and TAFE entry details for 2014 and course selection for Year 11, 2012 at John XXIII College. This session is for parents, and information packs containing student selection sheets will be distributed on the night. It is expected that at least one parent will attend.

For Students: Year 10 Day of Competence – Wednesday June 1st

During Career Education classes this semester, Year 10 students have addressed strengths and work preferences, as well as identifying values and goals. The Year 10 Day of Competence on Wednesday June 1st is a full day away from scheduled classes, where students learn more about WACE requirements, Year 11 and 12 expectations and receive information on course selection for Year 11 in 2011.

During the 4 weeks following the Day of Competence, Year 10s students should take all opportunities to seek advice from class teachers, Learning Area Coordinators, House Coordinators and the Careers Counsellor – particularly with regard to the combination of subjects and the overall academic load they are planning to undertake.

Course Selection sheets must be returned by the end of Week 1, Term 3, signed by student and a parent – allowing for Semester 1 reports to confirm choices. All course choices MUST also be signed off by a teacher from that Learning Area.
Fujimi High School - John XXIII International Exchange

In Term Three, the College will have 35 students from Fujimi High School in Tokyo, Japan visiting for a period of two weeks, from Sunday 31st July to Saturday 14th August. We would like to invite your family to host one of these students.

The students will be attending John XXIII College daily and will require transport to and from school, accommodation and food. They can travel on public transport with their host brother or sister. The students pay $140.00 per week to each host family to assist with expenses.

Whilst the students are in Australia they participate in a wide range of sightseeing activities during the school day so their life with host families does not necessitate you showing them the sights of Perth and Western Australia. The students most enjoyable and engaging experience is spending time with families and being involved in activities around the house.

All the students will be females aged approximately 15 years and have learnt English for three years. If you have either a spare bed in a girl’s room or a spare bedroom then we would very much appreciate your willingness to host one of these Japanese students. This will be a wonderful opportunity to provide hospitality for someone from overseas, make new friends and get a taste of life as an exchange student.

Please follow the attached link www.johnxxiii.edu.au, to download an application form. We will be presenting further information about the program and hints for having an exchange student. However, in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Fujimi High School please email us: Shane Glass: glass.shane@johnxxiii.edu.au and/or Glen James: glenjd@arach.net.au

If you would like to host a Fujimi High School student please return the Host Family Information form and photo/image of your family to Shane Glass, the Languages Department, Student Reception or via email no later than June 10th.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Shane Glass
Learning Area Coordinator Languages

Ms Glenda James
Coordinator of Fujimi Exchange

Parents of Year 12 Students

A meeting was held on Tuesday with the Year 12 Students, during this meeting the following was discussed;

Community Service
The students were reminded of the College policy that 20 hours of Community Service was a requirement for College graduation and this should have already been completed. We are concerned that a number of students are yet to complete this requirement. If in doubt, the students were encouraged to see Ms Vicoli for clarification.

Year 12 Information Book and Examinations
The students were given a Curriculum Council booklet titled Year 12 Information Handbook 2011 and a page of notes to assist the students in reading this booklet. These notes have been posted on the College Website. Students were also reminded of the Examination procedure and told that they would soon be receiving a sheet for checking outlining the data the Curriculum Council holds.

Preparation for Examinations and University Prospectus
The students were given guidance on preparing for examinations and university entrance. They were asked to collect prospectuses for each of the universities and were alerted to the fact that there are alternative pathways to university entrance that could be explored with the Career Counsellor.

John XXIII Alumni
Our Alumni Officer, Anna Gingell, addressed the students on what our Alumni has to offer them as current students but also as lifelong members. The was discussion of how the alumni was a worldwide network which not only offered collegiality but also professional opportunities. They were encouraged to visit our Alumni website.

Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies
Outdoor Education Camp

Last week 47 Year 10 Outdoor Education students spent three days on camp in Margaret River. This expedition gave students an opportunity to develop their skills in a challenging but enjoyable environment. The students started the camp with a 7km hike from Redgate beach to the Contos Campsite along the beautiful Cape to Cape track. They were then led through abseiling, rock climbing and a high ropes course by Nicky Hanson and the fantastic staff at Explorus Adventure Learning.

Blessed with perfect conditions for the first two days, the importance of correct tent construction became apparent as we were hit by a strong cold front bringing heavy wind and rain on Thursday night and Friday morning. However, this did not lessen the student’s spirit and they continued to participate well in all activities. Thank you to Mr Danny Platts, Mr Tony Yates, Mr Scott Duncan, Mr Scott Connery, Mr Rob Deurloo, Miss Hayley Gordon, Miss Mindy Toleman, Miss Hannah Barnsely and Ms Jacqui Johnson for generously giving up their time to assist on the camp. Thank you to Mr Ron Logan for organising the transport arrangements.

Outdoor Education provides a unique and unmatched environment to experience challenge, develop leadership, cooperation and teamwork skills and build self confidence. This camp was no exception. Every student excelled in so many ways and it was an extremely positive experience for all involved.

Mr Cameron Tremayne
Outdoor Education Coordinator