



RICH TRADITIONS, BRIGHT FUTURES

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College,

Last week we celebrated Founders' Week with a variety of activities and community events. This week is set aside in the College calendar to focus on the three Founders of the College – Pope John XXIII, Mary Ward and Ignatius Loyola. I began the week in the very fitting setting of Seven Hills – the Vineyard established by the first Jesuits to settle in Australia. It now takes its place among the boutique vineyards of the Clare Valley in South Australia but while I was there, I could only marvel at the faith and perseverance of those first Jesuits who literally built the first church, home and school from the rocks on the ground. From that first establishment, the work of the Society of Jesus has spread across the country and John XXIII College is very proud to be part of this Ignatian network of schools and ministries. The meeting I was at was for the Principals and Rectors of the four Jesuit schools – Xavier College (Melbourne), St. Ignatius Riverview (Sydney), St Aloysius (Sydney) and St Ignatius Athelstone (Adelaide) and four partner schools, John XXIII College, Loyola College Watsonia (Melbourne), St Ignatius College (Geelong) and Loyola College Mt Druitt (Sydney). It was a wonderful time to reflect on the rich traditions and bright futures of these eight wonderful colleges.

While I was networking with the Jesuit Schools, Mark Antulov was networking with the Loreto Schools in Brisbane. Mark is our representative on the LSAC Committee which facilitates networking between the eight schools, organises conferences, special projects and develops policies for Loreto Schools. We are very proud of our Loreto connections and through Mark's interaction with the committee we are involved in many exciting Loreto developments. One of these projects was the commissioning of a Mary Ward Sculpture for the Australian Loreto schools.

We look forward to the delivery of our statue next year.

During Founders' Time we were delighted to welcome Sr Natalie Houlihan, Fr Edward Dooley sj and Fr Jamie Caulder sj to our College as part of Ignatian Vocations week. The focus of their presentations to the students was the unique call each child has to fulfil in this world. Fr Edward, Fr Jamie and Sr Natalie have shared their stories as people involved in a variety of academic, pastoral and sacramental roles.

The other major celebrations for the week was John XXIII Day on Friday and the Dinner Dance on Saturday night to celebrate 30 years of College history. Friday was planned to be a fun relaxed day for all students and staff. It involved a Eucharist, variety concerts, assemblies and the release of 30 Peace Doves. Unfortunately the wet weather caused some alteration to the program but to the great credit of staff and students, the day was characterised by cooperative good will and good humour.

On Saturday night, under the magical direction of the organising committee, the gym was transformed into a gala dinner dance venue. The theme was based on "Pearl", the traditional 30th anniversary gift and a theme often used by Mother Gonzaga Barry ibvm.

"This set me thinking and wishing our dear children were a row of goodly pearls. I would string my pearls on a triple cord, strong and sure".

At the dinner the work of the Foundation Principal, Fr Daven Day and the first College Council was recognised. We thank them for their vision and courage.

Yours sincerely

(Mrs) Anne Fry
Principal

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Secondary

Academic News

Parents of Year 12 Students

You are reminded of the important Year 12 Information Guide, which was distributed, to the students in April. This booklet contains information on administrative details on the WACE and TEE. It can be accessed through the Curriculum Council website http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/student/docs/pdf/yr_12_info_2007.pdf if it has been misplaced. Please keep in mind that the College needs sufficient time to meet Curriculum Council deadlines and will set its own in order to meet them.

The students have recently been issued with the following important documents;

- TISC Guide on Public University Admissions
- A personalised letter from TISC on applying to university via TISOnline
- 2008 TAFEWA Full-time Studies Guide

A letter from TAFE on applying for Entry to full-time TAFEWA studies in 2008

All are important documents that should be read and kept in a safe place. Students who are not studying a TEE course may be interested in applying to university through alternative pathways. Details regarding these can be obtained from our Careers Counsellor, Ms Sarah Hammond.

Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal - Studies

Music News

Twilight Recital

The next Music Twilight recital will be held on Sunday 26 August at 5:30 pm in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. Any one interested in performing should contact the Music Office for a form. All welcome.

Small Ensemble Soiree

All the small instrumental/ vocal groups will present a soiree on Sunday, 2 September in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture theatre COMMENCING AT 5:30pm.

Ms Toni Strong—Head of Music

LOTE News

Over the last two weeks we have had 40 exchange students from Fujimi High School and two teachers visiting our College.

The exchange students have reported many wonderful experiences and have participated in a program full of fun excursions, special English classes and participation in lessons with students from John XXIII College. Highlights from the program have included staying with host families, participating in novelty events at the Athletics Carnival, visiting Caversham Wild Life Park and holding a wombat, playing super golf, watching an Aboriginal performance at Kings Park, shopping in the city and eating fish and chips at Cicerello's in Fremantle.

This program is made possible by the generous support of host families and a large number of staff and students at John XXIII College. A special thank you goes to Glen James as Coordinator for her care and attention to detail and Ron Logan for being the best bus driver ever!

Ms Shane Glass—Learning Area Coordinator

Sports News

Athletics

Training commences next week for all squad members. Training days are Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons (3.10pm - 4.30pm) and Friday mornings (7.00pm—8.00am).

Robert Gordon's Visit

In Week Two we played host to students and staff from Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen. On Tuesday afternoon we competed against their netball team and the boys and girls hockey teams. All games were competitive and played in good spirit. Thank you to all of the College families who hosted students and staff who assisted with the teams. I am confident they found their short stay at our College a pleasant and memorable one.

Ms Lyn Plant - Sport Coordinator

Forthcoming Careers Events

The British Council have just launched a brand new site with comprehensive information on studying and living in the UK. It is a one-stop-shop for students to research information on the various levels at which you can study in the UK (undergraduate, on exchange & postgraduate), how you go about it, scholarship opportunities and lots of useful links. www.britishcouncil.org.au/educationuk

Primary

Primary News

Year Three Musical

The Year Three Musical "Tiddalik" was performed on Tuesday evening. The musical was a huge success and a great many thanks must go to Mrs Morrell, Mrs Leech, Mr Adam Maravillas, Miss Gemma Gribbons and Mrs Mary Tiller for all their hard work and dedication. Thank you also to the parents who worked tirelessly to ensure that the children's costumes and make-up were effective and professional. However, the biggest applause must go to the cast of Year Three Students who were real superstars – budding actresses and actors! Congratulations!

A Booklet for Parents – Every Child is Important:

The Australian Childhood Foundation has made a copy of the booklet available for all families in the Primary School. It provides us as parents with some very useful information about child development and being a parent. It also provides us with us information about support services and resources that are available for families. Please look out for it.

Private Therapists working with children

Many children benefit from working with speech and occupational therapists during the formative years in Primary school. It is however, Catholic Education Policy, that private therapist work with the child outside school hours and not on school premises. We have previously allowed this practice but I must that parents make alternative arrangements.

Forthcoming Events

Monday, 20 August

Visit to the College by the Australian Youth Choir

Tuesday, 21 August

- "Speak Up Awards" – Round One—Church of Christ Hall Mt Pleasant at 10.00am
- Cross Country Training at 7.30am

Thursday, 23 August

- Book Week Play
- JSHAA Years 4-7 Cross Country Practice Run at Millington Reserve in Karrinyup at 1.00pm.

Friday, 24 August

- PrePrimary to Year Three Assembly in the Old Lecture Theatre at 9.00am (PrePrimary)
- Years 4-7 Assembly in the Old Lecture Theatre at 12.15pm (Year Seven)
- Making of the Holy Communion Sashes in the MacKillop Room from 8.50am-12.50pm.

Tuesday, 28 August

- Cross Country Training at 7.30am.

Wednesday, 29 August

- Fathers' Day Mass and Morning Tea in the Thomas More Exhibition Centre at 9.00am. (7Ca)

Thursday, 30 August

- Years 4 to 7 JSHAA Cross Country Carnival at Millington Reserve, Karrinyup – 9.00am - 12.30pm.

Friday, 31 August

- PrePrimary to Year 3 Assembly in the Old Lecture Theatre at 9.00am. (1R)
- Years 4-7 Assembly in the Old Lecture Theatre at 12.15pm (5E)

Library News

Book Week "READISCOVER" 20-24 August

The theme for this year's Book Week is "Rediscover". To celebrate the week the Library has enlisted the services of two author/story tellers. Valanga Khoza was born in South Africa and retells times of freedom and apartheid. He will be performing on 16/23 August to students from PP to Year Nine. Liz Loftus, a former student of the College, will be here on Friday the 24. She will be reading "Ziba came on a Boat" to the Year Seven C class.

On the 23 August the Primary school will be entertained by Class Act. They will perform the Book Week play "Becky to the Future". On Friday the 24 August the primary students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. I have spoken to all classes and asked them not to hire costumes but to use their imaginations and create their character from material they have at home.

As part of the theme "Rediscover" we are turning the Kooly room into a cave where the children can rediscover fiction. Please let your child borrow a torch on their library day as we will be hunting for a fiction book to borrow. It should all be great fun. Parents are welcome to visit the Library to see what is going on during Book Week. Looking forward to a great week

Ms Kate Payze and the Library Staff

Sympathies

- **Chloe** (Year 12) and **Nicholas** (Year 9) **Kyriacakis** on the passing of their grandfather
- **Miles Attey** (Year 11) on the passing of his Grandmother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the **Kyriacakis** and **Attey** Families in this time of sadness.

Congratulations

- **Matt Connell** (Year 8) who competed in the final State Junior Surf Series held at Geraldton and finished in fourth place in the Under 14 Boys Division.
- **Christopher Perkins** (Year 12) who is now World Ranked with the EPEE classifications in both individual and team events in the Under 17 Nation Fencing Tournament.
- **Giselle Gabriels** (Year 11) accompanied the Chamber Choir to Wales and competed in the 'Under 16 Instrumental Solo in the International Llangollen Eisteddfod. Giselle reached the finals and was placed 3^d. Wonderful effort, Giselle!

Health Centre News

Medication

If a parent requests the nurse administer medication to their child, they must complete a Medication Request Form, this is available from the nurse. The medication must be in its original container or packaging and clearly labelled with the following:

1. Name of medication
 2. Expiry date
 3. Child's name
 4. Dose and time to be given
- If a student is required to carry and self-administer medication while at school, only a single measured dose for one school day can be brought onto the College premises. Medication must be carried on the student or locked in that student's locker.
 - Students with asthma should carry their reliever medication with them at all times.
 - Students who have documented anaphylaxis and are involved in after school activities eg, sport, drama etc, must carry their epipens with them.
 - Students who have medical conditions requiring medication or treatment and are involved in after school activities, eg, sport, drama etc should ensure they have their medication/treatment with them at all times.

Ms Jenny Hill - Nurse

Canteen News

All Catholic schools are working towards accreditation under the "Traffic Light" approach to Canteens.

The idea is that healthy foods are "Green", foods that are fine in a balanced diet are "Amber" and those foods that don't meet the nutritional guidelines are "Red". As a result of a review of our canteen menu, the following items have been deleted as part of the Nutrition Policy.

Items deleted from the Menu

- Choc Chip Cookie
- Mrs Macs Large Sausage Roll
- Mrs Macs Sausage Roll
- Bacon & Cheese Sausage Roll
- Hedgehog Slice
- Pizza Subs
- Choc coated Ice Creams
- Jesters William Tell/Apple & Custard Pie
- Yogo Dirt Dessert

Red

New items included on the Menu

- 40g Raspberry Ripple Cookie \$1.00
- 40g Anzac Cookie \$1.00
- Pizza Singles \$1.50

Amber

Uniform Shop News

All sizes of **shirts and blouses** are now available from the shop. Please claim your discounts (with blue vouchers) before the end of term. And thank you for your patience.

Does anyone have a supply of **used department store bags** that they would like to have recycled? We can do that for you! Please drop your unwanted bags at the shop. Thanks to your kind donations, we very rarely use a new plastic bag these days.

Inigo News

Parent Talk—"Beyond the Mask"

A workshop in relation to "Maximising our Inner Strength". Presenter: Carol Bush (Registered Psychologist) Mary MacKillop Room. (follow signs) John XXIII College 9am-12 Noon Cost: \$10 Saturday, 25 August, 2007. Details, Murray 93830444