



John XXIII College 'At Play'

Often when I revisit my memories of childhood and school (and they are indeed very distant!) they involve games that I was involved in or watching. This nostalgia has been promoted over the last week by seeing our own John XXIII community 'at play'.

Family Picnic

With military precision, Mr McMahon organised the games for the Family Picnic. Tug of war, Wheelbarrow and Sack races kept the children entertained and engaged in good old fashioned games. In this day and age of high tech, electronic gadgetry it was wonderful to see children so absorbed by the same games that have been played in Australian back yards for generations. Champion House continued its successful run with a victory on the night. The trophy was graciously accepted by Primary Champion House Captain, Rose Kenny. The night was a wonderful celebration for the community with a perfect summer evening, happy children, relaxed adults, fine food and good music. A huge thank you to all involved in the preparation of the event and all who participated.

Rugby Curtain Raiser

Another game that caught the attention of many families over the weekend was the Western Force's victory over the Hurricanes. John XXIII College was very lucky to have the opportunity to play the curtain raiser to the main game on Friday night. Despite many of the boys only just returning from Year 12 Retreat in time to catch the bus to Subiaco Oval, the team presented in a most

enthusiastic manner. The game was physical and very skilful and the final score of 16 to 7 in our favour was very well received by the crowd. At one stage the entire stadium only had about 100 spectators of which the John XXIII Cheer Squad made up of parents and students were the noisiest and most colourful contributors. Congratulations to the boys, their coach Christian Golding and Rugby Coordinator, Mr Simon Jones.

Year 12 Retreat

During my brief visit to four different retreat venues it was delightful to see the relaxed interaction of staff and students taking place. Once again the tried and true classic games of beach cricket, kick to kick, volleyball and other team games of initiative and chance were very popular. The Year 12 Retreats were very positively received by the students and I hope that they benefited from the chance to spend some quality time with God and others.

I hope that during the last week our students learnt a lot about life as they played their 'games'.

With every blessing

(Mrs) Anne Fry
Principal



Around the Primary

Project Compassion

Last week saw the Primary School raise \$307.80 for Project Compassion – a pretty good effort considering it was a short week.

The winning classes were the Pre-primary in K-3 and Year 5 in the 4-7 Cluster. Both groups enjoyed their reward of an extra 10 minutes play.

First Reconciliation

Monday 12 March saw the Year 3 children share a paraliturgy with their Years 6 and 7 friends in the Chapel as a means of the Primary School acknowledging this special time in their lives.

Reconciliation will begin on Wednesday 21 March and concludes on Friday 23 March. Please keep Fr Gaetan Periera, Mrs Mary Tiller, Mr Adam Maravillas and all the Year 3 children and families in your prayers.

Holy Week Paraliturgy

The Holy Week Paraliturgy will take place in the Hall at 9:00 am on Thursday 5 April.

The classes involved are: 2G, 2E, 4F and 6L. We welcome all families to help celebrate the events of Holy Week with us.

Swimming Team

Congratulations to all members of the John XXIII Swimming Team who competed at last week's JSHAA Co-Ed Yrs 4-7 Swimming Carnival, at Newman College.

A special thank you to Mr John Alderman and Mrs Colleen Garland for her outstanding work with the children in this term's swimming program.

The Primary Leadership Team

Cyber Safety

A big thank you to those parents who braved the heat last week for the 'Cybersafety' evening. It was interesting listening to the experiences in this area. Further information of interest can be found at: www.netalert.net.au/02074-Parents-Toolkit.asp

**Denise Plain
Primary ICT Coordinator**

Celebrate St Pats

It's not too late for Year 7 parents to RSVP to our first function of the year.

All Year 7 parents are welcome at St Patrick's Day Drinks at Yvonne and Saliba Sassine's home.

Date: Saturday 17 March

Time: 7-9:30 pm

Venue: 34 Camelia Avenue, Mt Claremont

Cost: \$10 per head – BYO drinks

Contact: Angela Steens - 9389 8639, Jenny Pawle - 6380 1450, Kate Parker - 9284 4238, Yvonne Sassine - 9384 5169

Farewell

This Friday Mrs Crowe (my Personal Assistant) retires from John XXIII College after 14 years of excellent service.

For many families their first contact with the College has been through Lynne and her gracious, professional manner has helped many families through the complex issues associated with waiting lists and enrolment. On behalf of the College, I wish Lynne well for her retirement and the very exciting travel plans she and her husband John have for the future.

**(Mrs) Anne Fry,
Principal**

Condolences

The College wishes to express its condolences to the Steele family (Mollie and Sophie Year 6 and Jack Year 9) whose cousin and nephew passed away in England earlier this week.

Also to the Forster family (Brittany Year 12, Christian Year 9 and Rohan Year 4) on the death of their mother and grandmother.

Secondary

First XV's Win in Front of Force Fans

John XXIII had its opening game in the John Welborn Cup on Friday night at Subiaco Oval. The game was the 'curtain raiser' for the Western Force's historic first win at home over the Hurricanes.

John XXIII controlled possession for much of the first half with excellent handling skills from the backs and strength from the forwards, especially Robert Carter who was later named best on ground. The first half also saw John XXIII First XV half back Dom Yow sustain a suspected broken collarbone after hitting the hard Subiaco ground. The team came together with renewed aggression and crossed the line for a try mid-way through the first half. Disappointingly and with only seconds remaining in the first stanza, CBC Fremantle was able to score a try and convert to go into half time in front of John XXIII by two points.

The second half saw John XXIII begin to use the expansive field of Subiaco which gave us two opportunities near the posts for penalties which were secured from Tim Casey's trusty boot. As we gained further momentum we saw glimpses of outstanding play from the likes of Joe Simmons and Michael Hodder.

With the game still in the balance and the crowd building for the main event, Malcom Franke (joint Captain with Matthew Bourke who was injured and unable to play) chipped to himself over a defender's head to secure a try putting the game out of CBC's hands. John XXIII 16 def CBC Fremantle 7.

There is still time for anyone interested in joining the First XV for the remainder of what promises to be another successful season. Any players interested, please see Mr Jones for details.

Can You Partner With YAA?

Young Achievement Australian's (YAA) mission is to develop business enterprise skills, capacities and understanding in all young Australians through partnership with business, education and the community to contribute to the future prosperity of Australia.

YAA is seeking sponsorship to enable a group of Years 11 and 12 students from John XXIII College to participate in the Business Skills Program in 2007.

A Business Skills Program requires the following commitment:

- ▶ A financial commitment of \$5,500 (including GST); and
- ▶ Mentoring support to students.

Through the program the students attain all the competencies necessary to make them 'work ready', committed and knowledgeable members of the workforce.

If your business is able to assist a group of students from John XXIII College please telephone Joey King on 9226 0120 or email wa@yaa.org.au.

Sport Report

ACC A Swimming

The ACC A Division Swimming Carnival is being held on Wednesday 21 March at Challenge Stadium. All swimmers are to arrive at school by 7:00 am for a team briefing in the gym.

Full sport uniform and College bathers must be worn. John XXIII College swim caps can be purchased from the uniform shop. Students should bring a packed lunch and drinks for the day. The team will be transported back to school by 2:30 pm. Programs are available at www.johnxxiii.edu.au.

Cross Country

The House Cross Country Carnival is fast approaching. Training commenced on Tuesday 13 March. Students meet in the pavilion at 6:30 am on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of term. A program will be issued shortly by Mrs Fleay. All students are welcome to join.

NAS

Tuesday 20 March: Year 8s play away against Servite. Teams should return by 6:00 pm.

Year 9s play at JTC. Beach Volleyball at Osborne Park, returning by 5:30 pm.

Wednesday 21 March: Year 10s play away and Seniors at JTC.

**Lyn Plant,
Secondary Sport Co-ordinator**

Manresa

During the past week our Year 12 students and 27 staff participated in the Manresa Program. Each year the College surveys Year 12 students as they prepare to graduate and every year the Manresa experience is very highly rated by the students. They appreciate the chance to slow their very busy lives down and make "space for God".

Careers Update

University of Notre Dame Medicine

On Sunday 25 March, Notre Dame is holding a course information session for the graduate entry Medicine programme. University staff will be present to give detailed information on this programme. This will be an 11:00 am start, Medicine Lecture Theatre (ND35/301) 38 Henry Street, Fremantle.

Women in Engineering

Two places are available for female Year 11 students to attend the 'Women in Science and Engineering' (WISE) Day at the University of Western Australia on Tuesday 17 April. Please see Ms Hammond for more information.

2007 Career Expos

All three of these expos attract similar presenters and stalls. All are free and attendance at at least one of them is highly recommended for students and their parents from Years 9-12. March and May certainly suit Year 10s looking for assistance with subject choice decision.

Convention Centre: 23-25 March

Convention Centre: 18-19 May

Department of Education and Training sponsored Career Choices Expo at Burswood Dome: 22-24 June.

Music News

Congratulations to Aiden Gabriels who was recently presented with two Awards of Excellence at the AMEB presentation night for achieving an A+ in both his 2nd and 3rd grade French Horn exams last year

Parent/Tutor Evening

The Parent/Music Tutor evening will be held in the Thomas More Exhibition Centre on Tuesday 20 March. The closing date for appointment times is **Friday 16 March**. Mr David Dockery (piano/singing tutor) is unavailable that evening. Parents who wish to speak to him should contact him directly.

Toni Strong,
Director of Music

Grooming

The temptation to accessorise the school uniform with dramatic hair and make-up statements has proved too strong for some of our students in the last couple of weeks. I am asking for students and families to be aware of the College rules and to present each morning in an appropriate manner. Starting the day in a 'negative way' by having to remove make-up at school is quite counter productive to the excellent rapport that normally exists in the College between students and staff.

(Mrs) Anne Fry, Principal

Coming Events

► Monday 19 March

RAISe Conference for Primary Staff
(Pupil Free Day)

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► Wednesday 21 March

Year 3 First Reconciliation

► Thursday 22 March

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Pre-Primary to Year 7 Assembly at
9:00 am in the Roncalli Hall.

► Wednesday 28 March

Primary Photo Day
Kindy A Photo Day

► Thursday 29 March

Kindy B Photo Day
Year 6 Cake Stall

► Friday 30 March

Family Photo Day



DANGEROUS PARKING IS AS LETHAL AS DANGEROUS DRIVING!