



# A very special year for both groups of students.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Next year the first impact of the introduction of Year 7 students into the Secondary school will be obvious around the campus. Not only will we have a major building project happening in readiness for our new students, we will also have two graduating classes from our Primary school. At the end of 2008 our Year 7 students will graduate into Year 8, 2009; and our Year 6 students will graduate into our inaugural Year 7 secondary program for 2009. I wanted to let the College Community know what the impact of this will be for next year and answer some of the specific questions that have been raised. It is our intention to provide a very special year for both groups of students.

**Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Year 7 students.

**Camps:** Year 6 students will have a leadership/adventure camp in Term 1, and Year 7 students will have a Confirmation Retreat in Term 2.

**Leadership Roles:** Year 6 and 7 students will all have a leadership responsibility in their final year of Primary school.

**Semester 1:** Year 6 leadership roles will be responsible for K-3.

**Semester 1:** Year 7 leadership roles will be responsible for 4-7.

**Semester 2:** Year 6 leadership roles will be responsible for 4-7.

**Semester 2:** Year 7 leadership roles will be responsible for K-3.

**Leavers Shirts:** Separate shirts will be designed for each group. These shirts will be available earlier in the year and worn with the sports uniform throughout the year.

### **Graduation Mass and Celebration**

Separate graduation ceremonies will be held for each group. At this stage, the dates are still tentative, but it is proposed that:

**Year 7 2008** - Thursday 11th December followed by an induction week program in the Secondary School

**Year 6 2008** - Monday 15th December

### **Prizes at Presentation Night**

The traditional prizes given to Year 7 students will also be awarded to Year 6 students in 2008.

### **Graduation Photos**

Two sets of Graduation Photos will be taken in 2008.

### **Orientation/Induction.**

There will be an Orientation/Induction process for both groups of students.

### **Year 6 Musical**

Due to the new programs in Year Six, there will be only one musical as from 2008 onwards. This will be held when students are in Year Three.

If parents have any questions or concerns relating to these arrangements please contact me via my Secretary, Ms Bernadette Canny on 9383 0404.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anne Fry  
Principal

### **Education Policies**

Included in this newsletter is a comparison of the education policies of the two major political parties. The information has been prepared by the National Catholic Education Commission and all Catholic Schools have been directed to distribute the statements. There is no political advantage in the statement as both the Liberal and Labour Parties have approved the content.



# Primary

## Forthcoming Primary Events

### Monday, 10 December

- Year Seven Graduation  
College Chapel, 6.30m

### Wednesday, 12 December

- PrePrimary to Year 10 End of Year Mass  
College Gymnasium, 9.00am

### Wednesday, 12 December

- End of term for all students at 3.15pm

## Primary Sport

### Touch Rugby Lightning Carnival

Last week JTC took part in the J.S.H.A.A. Co-ed Touch Rugby Carnival at Manning Reserve South Perth. On a fine and warm day, every Year 7 student was able to participate in the carnival this year as a result of Loreto's absence. All our competitors performed to a high standard and were extremely well behaved. It was a highly enjoyable day with all students playing a total of 5 games each.

Thank you to Mr. Casey for his assistance throughout the day. A special thank you also goes to the parents who came to support the Year 7 teams.

### PrePrimary Swimming Lessons

Just a quick reminder to the parents of PrePrimary children that **In Term Swimming Lessons commence next Monday, 26 November** from 9.20 – 10.00 am and will be held daily for the next 2 weeks.

**Mr John Alderman—Primary Sports Coordinator**

## Primary Library News

### Used Book Sale

On Tuesday 27 November the Primary Library will be holding their annual used book sale. The sale will be held at recess and lunch. The proceeds from the sale go to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal and consumables for the Library, e.g. glitter, crepe paper, cardex etc. The price range is 15 cents to \$2.00.

Please encourage your child to bring some money to support the sale. \$1.00 could buy 5 or more books, - better than Myer!!!

**Ms Kate Payze—Primary Librarian Teacher**

## Our Sympathies to...

**Arabelle** (Year 4), **Campbell** (Year 2) and **Julian** (Kindergarten) **O'Rourke** and family on the passing of their father and grandfather, Mr Frank Medizza.

*Our prayers and thoughts are with the O'Rourke family at this time of sadness.*

## Health Centre News

### Drinking Water

#### Why is it so important to drink water?

Water is good for you. Our bodies are made up of 50-60% water. Water lost each day through breathing, sweating and going to the toilet needs to be replaced, especially in hot weather. Adequate fluid intake is essential to good health. Not drinking enough fluid causes dehydration. Symptoms of mild dehydration, aside from thirst, may include: tiredness, headaches, irritability, reduced alertness, inability to concentrate. Drinking often, especially before, during and after physical activity is the best way to stay hydrated.

#### How much water should we drink?

The recommended daily amounts of fluid are:

- 5 glasses for 5 – 8 yr olds
- 7 glasses for 9 -12 yr olds
- 8-10 glasses for 13 + yr olds
- \* a glass is 200 ml

More water is needed when exercising or perspiring due to heat.

#### How can we make water more appealing to children?

- Let children see you enjoying drinking water. Ensure children have their own individual water bottles - smaller bottles about 300ml-500ml are best suited for younger children.
- For school, freeze water in bottles to send to school to keep it cool.
- At home, try floating a slice of lemon, lime, orange or some strawberries in a jug of cool water.
- Try putting different shaped ice blocks in water.

#### Do we need to drink water all year round?

It is important to drink water all year round. Dehydration does not only occur during the hot months of the year. We can experience dehydration in the winter if we do not consume the recommended amount of water each day.

**Mrs Jenny Hill—College Nurse**

## Year 6 Parent Christmas Drinks and Get Together

*A Year 6 Parent Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November from 6:30 – 9:30 at 2 Bond St Mosman Park. BYO drinks and plate of nibbles to share! RSVP Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November devona@globaldial.com— Tina, Devon and Bronwyn*

# Secondary

## Sports News

### Water Polo

On Thursday 15 November our Junior boys and girls' teams competed in the 2007 Sunsmart Water polo Carnival at Challenge Stadium. Both teams won four of their five games finishing second overall to Shenton College.

Congratulations to all students who competed on the day. Thanks to Ms Caroline Watson who helped supervise on the day and to Alice Potter who assisted with training.

**Mrs Lyn Plant—Secondary Sports Coordinator**

## Inigo Retreat for Parents

### A Morning Retreat—" Growing in Faith"

Presenter: Murray Graham (Inigo Centre Director)

Cost: Donation for Inigo Centre.

Saturday, 24 November

John XXIII College MacKillop Room

From 9.00am -12 Noon

Registration, Murray 9383 0444.

## Second Hand Book Sale

**Saturday, 8th December, 2007**

**9.00am to 11.00am—Chisholm Pavilion**

- Tables are set up in the Pavilion courtyard.
- First in, best dressed.
- Those wishing to sell and those wishing to buy/exchange information.
- Prices are those agreed to by buyer and seller.
- 2008 Booklists will be available on the day.
- *The College does not set prices or charge commission.*

## Young Vinnies Christmas Appeal



The St. Vincent de Paul Society has given a brief profile of 20 families in need of assistance this Christmas.

The Young Vinnies Christmas Appeal aims to help these particular families to be able to celebrate Christmas well. We would like to be able to make up Christmas hampers for each of the families. The Society is also seeking to provide gift vouchers to the families so that they can do their own Christmas shopping for presents. Any donations of money will be used for this purpose.

The list below gives some suggestions for suitable donations for Christmas hampers. These can be placed in the box either at the Front Office or at Student Reception.

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| *Christmas Pudding     | *Long Life Custard        |
| *Bon Bons              | *Plain or Sweet Biscuits  |
| *Cordial or Soft Drink | *Spreads                  |
| *Pancake Mix           | *Jelly/Powdered Custard   |
| *Tinned Vegetables     | *Milo, Coffee, Tea, Sugar |
| *Board Games           | *Soup                     |



It's important to remember your hamper must contain non perishable food items. To ensure the hampers you are so generously donating are delivered to families this Christmas, please donate early in the term before 1st December. Thank you for your most generous support at this special time of year.

## Return Dates for 2008 Stationery Orders and Booklists

The stationery requirement lists for 2008 have now been distributed to the children. Wooldridges remind you that the dates for the orders to be returned to College are:

**Primary: Friday, 30th November**

**Secondary: Tuesday, 11th December**

By returning your list by this date, you are helping raise funds for the school community and you also go into the draw to win your requirements list for FREE!

If you would like this emailed to you, please let us know at [drafts@wooldridges.com.au](mailto:drafts@wooldridges.com.au)

When you return your order forms to us please be sure to write on the winning order, that they won their list for free.

# Outdoor Education Camp Report

The recent Outdoor Education Camp to Logue Brook near Harvey was a resounding success!! Thank you to all staff who attended for their hard work and support:

- Cameron Haines – the “Games Night Challenge” aficionado (a night that was a barrel of laughs; much unlike his fire lighting skills).
- Jodi Power – who certainly made sure she was going to be comfortable! (3 pillows and 2 sleeping mats should do the trick).
- Guy Varndell – lover of percolated coffee and fire fighter extraordinaire.
- Bianca Van Duyn – thought to be the hard core army camper who turned Florence Nightingale with all of the minor medical treatments she handed out.
- Jacqui Johnson – experience, experience, experience! Thanks for your help JJ.
- Anna Baker - rookie performer who was worth her weight in gold.
- Adrian Trott – Mr Outdoors himself; you name it, set up a tent, cook a great meal, abseil, and rock climbing.... Did have a little trouble with the gas lantern though (don't mention the war).

The activities involved were a Navigation Hike for about 4km into our campsite. We split into 2 groups complete with area map and compass and specific instructions; however, both possies managed to loose their way slightly (never any cause for alarm) and delayed the start of our first activity by an hour. Once camp was set up and most tents were looking reasonably constructed (others looked as though a decent size bull ant would knock them over) we headed out for the first of our activity rotations which included:

- Abseiling (12m wall – back wards and forwards)
- Mountain Biking
- Canoeing – most groups spent more time in the water than in their canoe)
- Horse riding
- Ski Biscuits

The students were an absolute pleasure to take away and are the true reason behind the camps success! Their impeccable manners and thirst for fun and laughs went a long way to turning any minor problems around into something to either learn from, or laugh at; an excellent life lesson which is the essence of the Outdoor Education Program.

**Mr Darren Kowal—Outdoor Education Coordinator**



## Music Department News

Speech Night Rehearsals will be held at  
**John XXIII College Hall**  
**Sunday, 2nd December**  
**2.00pm – 5.30pm**  
**Program for Sunday, 2nd December**

ITEM	TIME	PERFORMERS
When Icicles Hang	2:00	Instrumentalists
Gershwin Medley	2:30	Orchestra/Band
Jupiter	3:00	Orchestra/Band
Gershwin Medley	3:30	All Singers Orchestra/Band
When Icicles Hang	4:30 to 5:30	Chamber Choir Instrumentalists

## 2007 Speech Night and Presentation of Awards

All Primary and Secondary parents and students are invited to attend the  
 John XXIII College 2007

**Speech Night And Presentation of Awards**  
 celebrating

**“Thirty Years As John XXIII College”**  
**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Perth Concert Hall**

Tickets are **free** and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. If parents are unable to collect tickets personally, please forward a note with your child, giving your permission for collection. Tickets can be collected **NOW** from the College Main Administration.