



Roncalli Care Group

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

This week I have been meeting with parents to finalise the organisation of a new group to be known as the **Roncalli Care Group**. This group will coordinate the pastoral care outreach provided by parents, to parents within the College Community. The name of the group is to honour Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, who became Pope XXIII in 1958. As this is the 50th anniversary of his papacy, it was considered appropriate to honour his legacy by naming a group whose mission is so aligned to his charism of love, service and compassion. A flyer will be sent home next week giving more details of the group.

This becomes particularly critical in Years 11 and 12, but it is also important to minimize disruption in learning from the earliest days of schooling.

Please contact myself, or Mr Rob Novacsek, Deputy Principal Studies, to discuss this issue in the secondary school, or the Cluster Leader in the primary school.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Chaplain's Reflection

Losing faith on the Journey of life! It happens for many reasons: great discouragement, deep hurts personal failures and sinful choices.

In Sundays Gospel Jesus meets the Samaritan woman coming to draw water from the well. He soon draws her in a life changing dialogue. His words gently but surely stir up new life, hope and freedom within her. Asking for living water she is given the gift of life with God that quenches her thirst for personal identity and meaning beyond her wildest dreams. She runs to invite her neighbours to meet this extraordinary man who knows everything about her, and they too rejoice to taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

During this season of Lent we are invited to drink from the well of Christ's compassionate love. This life-giving love poured out so generously is what makes us, against all odds, people of hope and joy.

Fr Gaetan Pereira S.J. - College Chaplain

INIGO Seminar

As you would be aware from previous years, the College sponsors a spirituality and formation program for the community (parents, staff and the wider public). Our College Chaplain, Fr Gaetan Pereira, will present a seminar titled "A Spirituality for Today" on Wednesday 5th March, 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the MacKillop Room at John XXIII College. This is a great opportunity to come along and learn a little more about Ignatian Spirituality which is at the heart of all we do here at John XXIII College.

Student Absence from School

There is ample evidence from research, and plenty of common sense to back up the premise that students make optimum progress when they have quality "time on task". With this in mind, we have reviewed our policy on **planned absences from school.**

In situations where there is a choice involved by the student and/or family, the College will **not** provide an alternative assessment or provide a calculated mark. This does **not** refer to sickness, unforeseen situations or occasions where students have representative commitments in sport, music etc.

Around the Primary

Parent Information Evenings:

Kindergarten:

We would like to extend our congratulations to the children in Kindergarten who commenced full-time classes this week. We are certain that their first full day of kindergarten was one of fun, laughter and enjoyment. Thank you to Mrs Amanda Kounis (Kindy A), Mrs Cath de Campe (Kindy B) and Mrs Christine Cook for all the time and effort that they have put into preparing the kindergarten environment for their new charges.

Project Compassion:

The fundraising planned for Project Compassion is as follows:

- Crazy Hair Day – Week 5
- Raffle
- Cake Stall – March 12
- Wear your team colours

Parents will be advised of specific details closer to the date. The total raised last week was \$126.60.

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Homework

- Children need to understand why they do homework.
- Teachers give homework to:
 - ⇒ review work done in class over a week, month or term
 - ⇒ practice a skill such as reading, adding numbers or finding information
 - ⇒ finish something begun in class
 - ⇒ get materials not available in school such as books from the local library, clean rubbish for art and craft, photographs of the family for story writing
 - ⇒ give children practice at planning and managing their time so when groups of children get together to do a project they can organise themselves
 - ⇒ give children the chance to decide for themselves what is 'enough' to do and what is 'good work'
 - ⇒ help children learn how to work without supervision.

Homework should fit in with your family routine.

Children need to do their homework in a quiet area of the house, where possible.

Forthcoming Events

Monday, 3 March: Public Holiday

Friday, 7 March: Pre-Primary to Year Seven General Assembly in the Roncalli Hall @ 9.00am.

Ms Adriana Coniglio 4-7

Mrs Liz Gardner KG-3

Minky Players

Minky commences on Saturday, May 10th 2008 (Week 2, Term 2). Registration forms and details will be available early March.

Game times are:

- ▶ Year 1, and Year 4: 9.00am
- ▶ Year 2, and Year 3: 10.15am.

For further details contact a Minky Coordinator:
Courtenay Harris: harrisbroderick@westnet.com.au
Telephone: 9382 4601
Ruth Myburgh: myburgh@bigpond.net.au

Looking forward to seeing you on the field, soon!

Leadership Structure

Our Leadership Team in the Primary School is:

- Mrs Elizabeth Gardner (K-3)
- Ms Adriana Coniglio (4-7)
- Mr Simon Casey (General Primary Coordinator)
- Mr Daniel Moylan (Coordinator of Pastoral Programmes)
- Mr Mark Antulov (College Deputy Principal K-12)
- And myself, as College Principal

This team works collaboratively to provide leadership support for the staff and students of the Primary school.

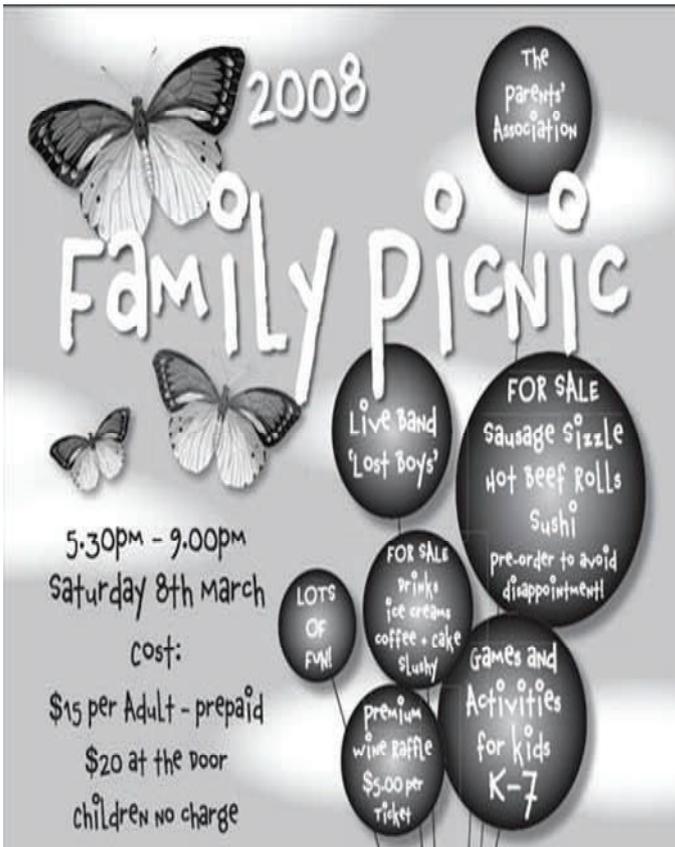
In all circumstances, the best person to contact if there is an issue affecting your child, is their classroom teacher, then the Cluster Leader, and then Mark Antulov or the Principal.

College Musical Thoroughly Modern Millie

Ticket sales have opened for the 2008 College Musical. General admission tickets are available between 8.30am and 4pm at the Administration desk of the College. Please secure your seats as soon as possible before they run out!

Thank you for your support.

Family Picnic 8th March



Canteen Roster Term One

If you can volunteer some time please email your Year Coordinator indicating a time slot convenient you.

Week 5	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Yr 11	3/3 Public Holiday Labour Day	4/3	5/3	6/3	7/3

Young Vinnies

To help families in 'need' to celebrate Easter, the Young Vinnies are conducting an appeal to collect Easter eggs or other treats.

Donations of the following items would be gladly received.

- Easter Eggs
- Canned Food
- Dried Food Products
- Easter Treats

These donations may be left at the Main Administration or at Student Reception. Eggs will be distributed by the Claremont branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Your generous support is appreciated.

John XXIII College Young Vinnies

Light On The Hill

"Switched on Parenting" Series

The Catholic Education Office is hosting a series of free Parent Information Sessions. The 'Switched on Parenting' Series will comprise three seminars during 2008.

Each session will be held in the James Nestor Hall at the Catholic Education Office and will run for approximately 90 minutes. Free Crèche facilities will be available for those who register.

The first seminar entitled **Baby Boomers, X Y and Z** **generations: What it means for you, your children and their teachers**, will be held on **Wednesday 26 March 2008**.

Each session will commence at 7:30 pm. Parents are urged to register with the Catholic Education Office on 6380 5202.

INIGO - A talk for adults

'A Spirituality for today'

Presenter: Fr Gaeton Pareira SJ

Cost: Donation for Inigo Centre.

Venue: The MacKillop Room (Multi-Purpose Room) John XXIII College

When: 7.30-9.30PM Wed March 5.

For further Details, contact Murray Graham on

Telephone: 93830444

Twilight Recitals.

Congratulations to the students who performed at last Sunday's Twilight Recital. It was wonderful to see such skill and confidence so early in the new year. Parents and students need to be mindful of the new conditions re the Twilight Recitals. Entries must be in to the Music Office on the Friday 10 days prior to the Recital. Students who wish to use Mr Dockery as accompanist must have the music in his pigeon hole a week before the recital and have organised a rehearsal. All entries must be signed by the student's teacher. Students who do not fulfil these requests will not be able to perform. We have put these procedures in place in order to maintain the highest possible performance standard.

Music for Holy Week Concert

Please put this date in your diaries – TUESDAY 18 MARCH at 7pm in the Chapel. The main focus of the programme will be Faure's Requiem performed by the Chamber Choir and instrumentalists. Items will be presented by JTC Voices, the Gospel Choir and Junior and Senior Madrigal Singers.

Mrs T Strong - Music Coordinator

Congratulations

Congratulations to Max Mackenzie (Year 8) and Ruby Van de Borgh (Year 9) who are performing in "Annie" at the Regal Theatre from the 25th March to 6th April. Tickets from Ticketek with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

Secondary News

Parents of Year 11 Students

The Year 11 students were issued with the Assessment Policy for Years 11 and 12 recently. Some time was spent going through this document. The theme of the presentation focussed on student rights and the responsibilities that go with these. The students' most important responsibility is to read through the document carefully and ensure that they ask their teachers if they are unclear. A copy of the Policy is on the College Website.

The students were also issued with details on a Loreto Scholarship and the Year 11 Prize announced at the College Speech Night at the end of the year.

Parents of Year 11 & 12 Students Studying Maths, Physics and Chemistry

These students have been issued with a letter to parents on "After School Assessments".

A copy of the letter is available on the College Website.

Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies

Calculators

The new calculator for current Year 10 students (except for those in Mathematics Practical) is the CASIO ClassPad 330. The course will assume all students have access to this calculator in class and for assessments from the beginning of Semester Two.

Students who purchase a different brand of CAS calculator will be responsible for learning how to use it.

Mathematics students in Years 11 & 12 (except those doing Maths in Practice and Modelling with Maths) cannot use a ClassPad in class or for assessments. They should already have a CASIO Graphics 9860G AU or 9850 GB Plus.

Ms Joan Burfitt - Mathematics Coordinator

Condolences

Sincere condolences to the Hardie family on the recent loss of Val Hardie; grandmother to Kate Hubble and Mitchell Callanan, Year 12 and Mikayla Callanan in Year 8.

Parent Contact Lists

The College will soon be forwarding to parents contact lists for families in their class. Addresses and details are only as current as when last advised and **only** includes details from families who have given permission for their release of information.

Share your skills in Asia, Africa or the Pacific

Palms Australia is interested in meeting Teachers, Doctors, Nurses and other professional, technical, and trades people willing to share their skills for 1-3 years in Asia, Africa or the Pacific.

Information Sessions will be held at:
Holy Family Parish,
Cnr. Canning Hwy and Thelma Street, Como
Saturday 1st March at 1.00pm and
Sunday 2nd March at 1.00pm.

Enquiries:

Jennifer Murphy - Telephone: (02) 9518 9551

Email: jenni@palms.org.au. Website: www.palms.org.au

Senior Swimming Team

- ▶ TRAINING: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 06.45 at the College Pool.
- ▶ Parental Letters should have been taken home and returned signed.
- ▶ First Carnival is Friday March 7th, Newman Pool 1330-1600.

NAS Sport

Congratulations to all students on their participation and efforts during week 1 of NAS sport vs Servite College. Several teams recorded impressive victories and the high levels of sportsmanship shown by both schools is a credit to the students involved.

Fixtures and details of the teacher in charge of the relevant sport can be found on the college website. Week 2 fixtures are against Newman college.

Results and ladders for all NAS Sport can be viewed on the internet by following the link

<http://www.metisc.com.au/iscoresn/index.cfm?db=5> which also can be accessed through the college website under Sport.

Mr Dave Maxwell – Sports Coordinator

Reunion - Class of 1982

Please be advised that an informal gathering will be held in the garden area at the Albion Hotel in Cottesloe to celebrate the 25th reunion of the class of 1982.

Come for drinks and an informal dinner if you wish. This is a chance to catch up with your old classmates. From 6.30pm onwards on Thursday 13th March.

For any queries please contact Donna Fuller on 9383 3559 or Sally Jones on 9386 7241.