



Be Still and Know That I am God

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Year 12 Manresa and Year 11 Community Service

This week, our Year 12's are involved in their Manresa contemplation and the Year 11's are involved in service. These two attributes are at the heart of our Christian identity and I ask you to pray for our Year 11 and Year 12 students. The imperative to "Be Still and Know That I am God" is often quoted but seldom practised in the busyness of our lives. This is particularly true of our Year 12's who are competing with the demands of study, sport, part-time jobs, family commitments, friendships and preparing for life beyond school. These few days this week will be an oasis as they have the luxury of time to contemplate their relationship with themselves, with others and with God. God bless each of them as they undertake their retreat.

The Year 11's week begin their Community Service Programme this week. While it is mandated as a compulsory component of their WACE, we pray they also see this as a time of Christian Ministry. They will hopefully gain insights into themselves and others through the variety of programmes in which they will participate.

Parents as Partners

Congratulations to the Parents who commenced the "Parents as Partners" programme last week. While this is under the Career's banner it really provided an excellent insight into the influence our parents have on our values and how we then pass these onto our children. Three more sessions will follow later in the year around the mid-week of each term. Thank you to Sarah Hammond for this great initiative.

Parents Picnic

Last Saturday night the Primary School Community gathered in the best tradition of a Parish picnic on the commons! Great families enjoying good music, good food, good wine, and fun and games under the balmy night sky. Well done to all who came and played together,

and a special thanks to the organisers for their preparation.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Chaplain's Reflection

Next Sunday we observe the Palm Sunday procession which is a mandate in the Missal to be observed throughout the entire Church. We recall Jesus' procession into Jerusalem, which begins with hysteria and ends with death. Like all liturgical moments, it's meant to intersect with our own lives and speaks to our own journey of faith.

In Matthew's account of the Passion, we see Jesus as the New Moses rejected by the authorities and elders, while manipulating the crowds enthusiasm to force Pilate to execute Jesus. Throughout this process of trial, Jesus hardly says a word. Jesus' silence is deafening.

Friends, in our journey of faith we should always be on our guard against being part of a manipulated crowd which would carry us away to places, people, things we would not ordinarily choose or embrace. We only have to look at the power of the media and advertising to see how we become a slave to fashionable ideologies, dress codes and what is in and what is out. Every time we buy something because someone else has it or because we convince ourselves that our wants are really our needs, the crowd has won. Hype often distorts our priorities, blurs our good judgment and can choose expediency over integrity.

In this Holy Week, this annual rite of passage of our faith, we are called to model our lives on Jesus in every way by creating the silence we need in our lives. Sort out our priorities and by using silence in a world that loves words and says little about our meaning and destiny, we may allow our sacrificial love, do all the talking.

Fr Gaetan Pereira S.J. - College Chaplain

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Primary News

Parent Teacher Interviews

An important contributor to the effectiveness of any educational program is the sharing of information about a child. Parent Teacher Interviews are a time when both can share information about a child's strengths, weaknesses, preferences and learning style. It is important that the allocated times are adhered to. Another time will need to be made should a lengthier meeting be required.

Holy Week Paraliturgy

The Holy Week Paraliturgy will be held in the Amphitheatre on Thursday, 20th March at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Project Compassion

Thank you to Mrs Evans, Mr Roepen and the Year Four classes for organising a very successful Crazy Hair Day to raise money for Project Compassion. The children (and some of the teachers) all looked spectacular with their Crazy Hair. The Primary School raised \$562.80.

Thank you also to Mrs Riebe, Mr Landells and the Year Six students for all the effort they put into the Cake Stall. There were some very yummy treats to be bought and eaten.

Language Development

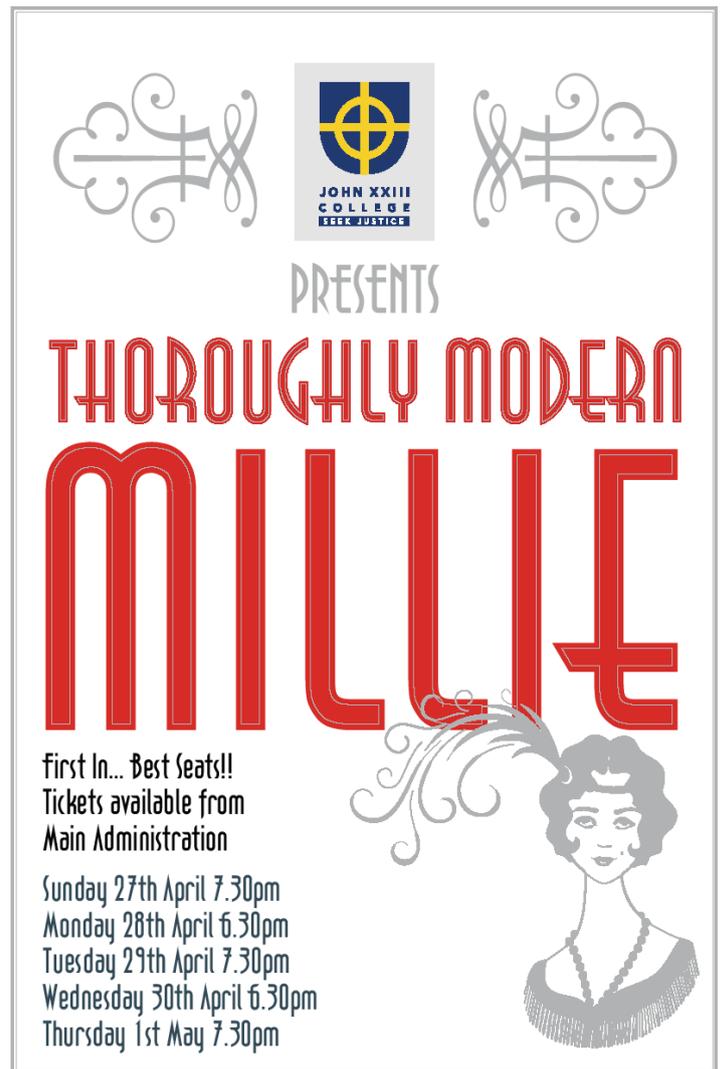
- When children start school they have already learnt a lot about their first language. Some children may speak more than one language. Children will be good at naming things, understanding action words and be able to follow simple instructions.
- Children will increase their language skills by:
 - ▶ reading and having books read to them
 - ▶ listening to people talk
 - ▶ listening to stories
 - ▶ listening to the radio
 - ▶ Singing
 - ▶ watching TV and videos
- School age children gradually learn how adults talk in different ways. They like to joke and play with words. Often they go through a stage of 'toilet jokes' where they experiment with 'naughty' words.
- You can help your child's language development by:
 - ▶ getting help if you think there are problems
 - ▶ setting a good example - reading, joining a library, speaking clearly, enjoying words, playing spelling games
 - ▶ providing tapes and stories for children to listen to and read
 - ▶ reading rhymes and poems
 - ▶ singing to, and with your children
 - ▶ reading to your children even when they can read themselves
 - ▶ allowing children to choose what they read.

Ms Adriana Coniglio 4-7

Mrs Liz Gardner KG-3

College Musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

Tickets are selling fast. 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.



The poster features the John XXIII College logo at the top center, flanked by decorative flourishes. Below the logo, the word 'PRESENTS' is written in a simple font. The title 'THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE' is prominently displayed in large, red, stylized letters. To the right of the title is a black and white illustration of a woman with a large, elaborate feathered hat. Below the title, the text 'First In... Best Seats!!' is written, followed by 'Tickets available from Main Administration'. The performance schedule is listed at the bottom: Sunday 27th April 7.30pm, Monday 28th April 6.30pm, Tuesday 29th April 7.30pm, Wednesday 30th April 6.30pm, and Thursday 1st May 7.30pm.

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.

National Youth Tobacco Free Day

Young people are being encouraged to celebrate National Youth Tobacco Free Day on Wednesday 19th March by calling for action on smoking in movies.

National Youth Tobacco Free Day spokesperson Fiona Edwards said there was a growing body of research which showed that young people are being influenced to take up smoking by seeing smoking in the movies. "Smoking in movies is an extremely effective form of tobacco advertising and this form of advertising should be counteracted by strong anti-smoking advertisements," Ms Edwards said.

"Tobacco kills around 15,500 Australians every year, and the fact is that most of these deaths will occur in people who started smoking before the age of 18 years."

To mark National Youth Tobacco Free Day, young people are invited to go to www.oxygen.org.au to tell what they think about smoking in movies and complete a mini-movie review for the chance to win iPod classics or a double pass to the movies. The competition closes at 5.00pm (AEST) on 11 April 2008.

For great ideas on how you can celebrate National Youth Tobacco Free Day or for more information about smoking, go to the OxyGen website at www.oxygen.org.au or www.smokinginmovies.com.au

Parental Guidance Workshops

Parents have been sent invitation flyers to attend **The Parental Guidance Workshops** which commence on March 19th. So far responses have been a little slow, however the workshops will still be going ahead in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre from 1 to 3pm. It would be great to have more interested parents attend. Please inform main administration on Phone: 9383 0400 if you can attend.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Relay for Life

A team of very committed Year 11 students have entered the Cancer Council's Relay for Life. The team is looking for Sponsorship or donations (suitable to raffle). If you can help the John XXIII College Team, please contact:
Jessica Crute: 0438 973 661 or
Josie Wason: 0434 493 530

Donations or sponsorship can also be left at the front office of the College.

Canteen Roster Term One

If you can volunteer some time on Canteen, please email your Year Coordinator

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| | | Sharon Mott | | | |

Music for Holy Week Concert

Tuesday 18th March in the Chapel
Commencing at 7.00pm "Requiem"
1893 version

Gabriel Fauré: Performed by: Chamber Choir and Instrumentalists. Other performances by:

Senior Madrigal Singers,
JTC Voices,
Junior Madrigal Singers,
Gospel Choir and
Primary Choir



Light On The Hill

"Switched on Parenting" Series

Held in the James Nestor Hall at the Catholic Education Office commencing at 7.30pm. Free Crèche facilities will be available for those who register. Telephone: 6380 5202

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**.

Forthcoming Year 8 Events

Year 8 Family Picnic - 16th March from 3pm to 6pm at Matilda Bay Crawley between the two jetties. Look out for the blue and yellow balloons. BYO everything.

Year 8 Parents Morning Tea - 3rd April at Deli Chi Chi, Cnr Asquith and Strickland Rd. Mt Claremont. Come after drop-off.

Enquiries Vicki Rowdon, 9284 2654, Sally Chaney 9384 1443, Susan Lynch 9387 5436 or Sally Kenny 9386 2534

Secondary News

Parents of Year 11 and 12 Students

There is a variety of information regarding courses on study skills, TEE "enrichment" courses and so on which are posted on the notice board outside the Deputy Principal, Studies office. This advertising is not necessarily an endorsement of these courses, but rather a passing on of information that may be useful to the students.

Mr Rob Novacsek, Deputy Principal, Studies

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.

ACC Swimming Carnival Information

A reminder to swimmers and their parents that the 'A' Division ACC Swimming Carnival is on the Wednesday 26th March at Challenge Stadium.

A copy of the program booklet can be downloaded from the ACC website. Follow the link under carnivals – swimming – program of events – program booklets www.accsport.asn.au

Mr Dave Maxwell – Sports Coordinator

A Morning Retreat

'A Morning Retreat:' 'Inner Peace Part 1'

Presenter: Murray Graham (Inigo Centre Director)
Cost: Donation
Time: 9am - 12noon,
Date: Saturday March 15.
Contact: Mr Murray Graham at the College . 9383 0400

Tutor Group Teacher Interviews

Parents of Year 8 students and new students to the College are invited to meet with Tutor Group teachers on Monday 17 March from 4.00-4.30pm in the College Library. Letters have been distributed by Tutor Group Teachers and parents are encouraged to choose a suitable time and return the reply slip to the Tutor Teacher as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend on this day and would like to meet your child's Tutor Teacher please call the College Receptionist on 93830406 to arrange an alternate time.

Mrs Jenneth Stibi - Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care, Secondary)

Parents and Pathways Seminars

Many thanks to the Year 8 and 9 parents who attended last Wednesday's Parents and Pathways seminar. The evening included the challenging task of reflecting on parents own experiences of career guidance when they were school students. This was the first of four separate seminars throughout the year – the second will be held in Week 5 of Term Two and will move onto examining different career guidance resources available and specific pathways from Year 9 into the senior school.

Be a Vet or a Law Student for a Day at Murdoch Uni

Murdoch University are offering their very popular 'Vet for a Day' course again on Sunday 4 May and 'Be a Law Student for a Day' on Sunday 11 May. There are only 60 places for the Vet Day so students are encouraged to submit their application quickly. For application forms see Ms Hammond or download one at <http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/Latest-events-/Experience-days/>

Study Day Opportunity at UWA-

Any Year 12 student interested in discovering more about the fields of Nanotechnology or Exercise Health Science at UWA should consider attending the relevant "Day in the life of ..." program:

Day in the life of a Nanotechnology student 15 April
Day in the life of an Exercise & Health Science student 22 April. More information and application forms are available from the Careers/Science and PE noticeboards or contact UWA Prospective Student's Office on 6488 2477.

UMAT

Any Year 12 student hoping to do Medicine or Dentistry next year will have to sit the UMAT which is only held once a year. The 2008 UMAT will be held on 30 July. For more information on the UMAT test, please go to <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

Work Experience for Student in Arts field

Creative Expression Centre for Arts Therapy (CECAT) based at Graylands campus on Brockway Rd in Mt Claremont are seeking an adult or student over 15 years of age who would be happy to volunteer for a couple of hours a week assisting with managing the Art Bank on site. Duties would include doing basic restoration on some art works, photographing all 2D and 3D artworks and cataloguing on the CECAT database. Instructions and assistance is given. Please note this is not a paid position.

For further information please contact Danita Walsh at CECAT on 9347 6687.