



Holy Days of the Easter Tridium

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

I have been away from the College for a week attending a Loreto Principal's Retreat (at the Benedictine Community, Jamberoo) followed by a Jesuit Principal's meeting at Xavier College in Melbourne.

Both gatherings were a great opportunity for me to deepen my connection to my colleagues in Ignatian Colleges. John XXIII College is always warmly welcomed at these gatherings and I came away greatly enriched by my professional and personal engagement with the charisms of the Loreto and Jesuit congregations.

While I was on retreat, our Year 12s were also on retreat. I am pleased to hear reports of how the majority of the students entered into their retreat with open hearts. It is gratifying for the teachers who lead the retreats to receive the positive feedback that continues to come into the College.

My very best wishes to you and your families for the Holy days of the Easter Tridium.

Please make an effort to share the glorious Easter ceremonies with your children this year. These ceremonies are where we all can renew our membership to the great Christian community.

Every blessing of the Resurrection to you,

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Inappropriate Behaviour

It has come to the attention of the College that a number of students from the College have been congregating after school in the vicinity of Hungry Jacks on Stirling Highway Claremont.

Students risk being associated with inappropriate behaviour while gathered in large groups in uniform at this location. Please insist that your child travels directly to and from the College and does not congregate outside Hungry Jacks while in the College uniform. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Mrs Jenneth Stibi - Deputy Principal, Student Welfare

Chaplain's Reflection

If today we take a survey of what words we associate with Mary Magdalene, the chances are "prostitute" would be at the top of the list. The Christian tradition has not been very kind to Mary Magdalene. There is nothing in the New Testament about her being a woman in prostitution. Unfortunately there are other women in the Gospel who 'have a bad reputation in the town' or 'weep at Jesus' feet and wipe their tears away with their hair', or 'caught up with the act of adultery', or 'pour oil over Jesus' head'. These women are not Mary of Magdala. The first we hear of Mary Magdalene is in Luke's gospel, that she had once seven demons cast out of her by Jesus. We are not told what these demons are but given what people wrongly thought at that time, they could have been a tummy complaint, acne, or a twitch. There is nothing in the text to suggest that they were sexual demons.

Friends, the most important thing we know about Mary Magdalene is that she is the first to experience the Risen Christ and is the first Christian Missionary to proclaim the Good News. One of the most poignant scenes in this encounter with the Risen Lord, is Mary Magdalene weeping outside Jesus' tomb. She felt the loss of the one whom she had seen tortured to death, the desecration of the grave and the stealing of the corpse. Mary Magdalene is the patron saint of those of us who have stood at tombs and wept. Mary shows us that in the midst of any grief, Christ comes to us and calls us by name.

Jesus tells Mary that there is no longer an exclusive God but that his God and Father is now Mary's God and Father. This may be a good place to start a conversation, that all people of faith and goodwill, whether they realize it or not and some in different cultural ways are all seeking and serving the same God. As a result of the first Easter, our God is a loving Father, a saving Son and a comforting Holy Spirit. Jesus was not just raised for us alone, but for all and the best way we can be worthy of his calling us by name is living lives of Faith, Hope and Love. May these gifts rise in us this joyous Easter. Happy Easter!

Fr Gaetan Pereira S.J. - College Chaplain

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IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:

(Monday 28th April - No Classes will be scheduled from K-12)

Primary News

Project Compassion

Congratulations to all the children in Year 6 and their families for the yummy treats that they provided for the cake stalls. Their efforts raised \$1424.70 for Projection Compassion. Many thanks also to Mrs Riebe and Mr Landells for their coordination!

JSHAA 4-7 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in this Carnival at Newman College Swimming Pool on Tuesday, 11 March 2008. They all performed admirably and represented the College with aplomb. Thank you to Mr Alderman, Miss Quinn and Mrs Benetti for all their efforts on the afternoon

Holy Week Paraliturgy

The Holy Week Paraliturgy was a poignant re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross and many thanks go to the class teachers for preparing their children, the parents for providing the costumes and Mrs Morell for organising the music.

Easter

We wish all the families in the Primary School a happy and holy Easter and a relaxing Easter break. We look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday.

Reminder

The College will be closed on Friday 11th April, Monday, 24 March and Tuesday, 25 March.

Upcoming Events

Friday, 28 March: Preprimary to Year Three Mass at 9.00am in the Chapel – 2G.

Year 5 to 7 Excursion to Fremantle Literature Centre

Year 5: 9.30am-10.45am (Leave College at 8.40am)
Year 6: 11.15am-12.30am (Leave College at 10.40am)
Year 7: 1.15-2.30pm (Leave College at 12.40pm)

Ms Adriana Coniglio 4-7 and Mrs Liz Gardner KG-3

Community Support at work

I would like to thank all the Year 4 and Year 8 parents who have taken the time and effort to make such beautiful and tasty meals for the Mckenna family in their time of need.

Thank you for your unbelievable support; the community spirit of the John XXIII parents is overwhelming. We could not keep going without your kind help. We appreciate it immensely.

Much Love from the Mckenna Family.

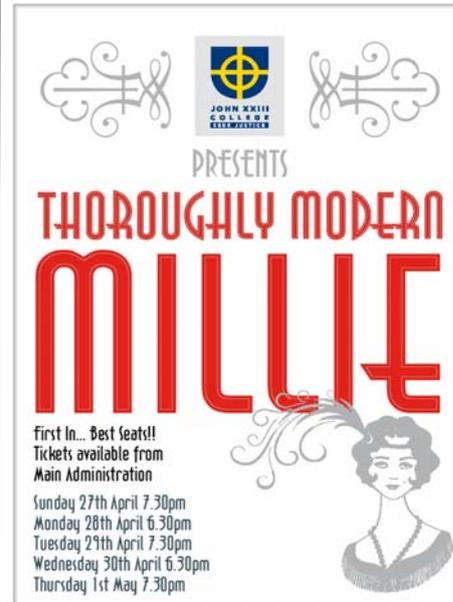
Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben Steens, Year 5, Jacob Johns, Year 5, Patrick Benetti, Year 5 and Finnian Mark, Year 6 who recently received Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the Surf Club State Titles recently. The boys were representing the North Cottesloe Surf Club at Scarborough Beach.

Fantastic effort, boys.



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.

Thank You -Year Six Parents

Thank you to all the Year Six parents and students who put so much effort into helping prepare the Year Six Project Compassion Cake Stall.

There was a large variety of luscious cup cakes, toffees, lolly bags, slices and slushies. A big thank you to the Primary school teachers, who walked through with their classes helping out with money and control issues and, all of the Primary school students who used their manners when making their purchase. It was certainly very gratifying to hear 'please' and 'thank you' at every counter! As class teachers, we are very proud of the behaviour and participation of the 2008 Year Six students in the Cake Stall.

This year a massive \$1,424.00 was raised for Project Compassion.

Mrs Linda Riebe & Mr Andrew Landells. Yr Six Teachers

New Building Project for the Year 7 2009 cohort

Planning for the Year 7 building project is progressing well. The site has been chosen (next to D block) and the design has been finalised. The earthworks for the new building should be ready to commence early in April.

The college community will be informed of the starting date once this has been confirmed. Keep watching this space for further updates.

Mr Peter O'Sullivan - Business Manager

ACC Para Bowling

Recently, students from the Mary Ward Centre (Secondary) participated in the ACC Para Bowling carnival at the Warwick Superbowl. Students played two games each and bowled many strikes throughout the day.



An outstanding result was achieved by Emily Wells who scored a total of 6 strikes. A big thank you to the following Peer Pals: Megan Lane, Harry Fitzgerald and Peter Mallal for their outstanding efforts and help.

Mrs Amanda Fernihough and Mr Justin Douglass, Mary Ward Centre - Secondary

Open Air Band Concert

Sunday 6th April - Performances commencing at 5.30 on the Chapel Lawn. This is a new concept for the Music Department. Bring along a picnic basket from 4:30 and enjoy the balmy Autumn evening and performances from the College Concert Band, Wind Band, Orchestra and small ensembles. Please support this event.

Music Camp - 2008

The 2008 Music Camp will be held at a slightly earlier date this year. From Friday 4 to Sunday 6 July. This is the last day of Term 2 and the first weekend of the holidays. A confirmation letter will be forwarded to parents in the near future. The Camp will be held as usual at New Norcia.

Secondary Music Photos

Secondary Music Photos will take place on 3rd April commencing at 7.00am. A programme has been sent to all students involved.

Twilight Recital

Sunday 30 March commencing at 5:30 in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. All are welcome to enjoy our talented musicians and enjoy supper afterwards.

Mrs Toni Strong - Music Coordinator

Light On The Hill

“Switched on Parenting” Series—26th March

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**.

Canteen Roster Term One

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

24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3
Easter	Easter	L Lucy	S McGrath S Lux	V Rowdon S Kenny

Health Information

Healthy food and drink choices

Children's energy needs for a busy day at school require them to eat a variety of foods. Factors that determine the amount children eat include age, sex and physical activity level. Children will have the best chance of getting all the nutrition they need if they are offered a variety of tasty and healthy foods every day which reflect the Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents.

Over their schooling life children can consume up to 2500 meals. Therefore it is crucial that these meals are nutritious, whether brought from home or purchased from the school canteen. All meals should reflect healthy food choices.

Suggestions when making lunches at home:

Choose a variety of foods such as: bread, whole grains, rice, pasta or noodles, milk, cheese or yoghurt, meat, fish, chicken, eggs.

Go for 2 (fruit) and 5 (vegetables).

Choose water as a drink and keep 'junk' food away from school

Some healthy snack ideas are:

Rice cakes and reduced fat cream cheese, fresh fruit pieces and yoghurt dip, plain popcorn, small tub of yoghurt, cheese stick or triangle, muffins with fruit, English muffin and cheese, fruit bread, scone – plain, fruit or pumpkin, pikelets, small sandwich, crisp breads and spread, wholemeal crackers and cheese. Keep food fresh and safe to eat by packing a frozen drink or an ice brick.

Parental Guidance Workshops

The Parental Guidance Workshops have been cancelled due to lack of parental interest. on 9383 0400.

Mrs Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Congratulations

Results from the State Track & Field Championships which were held on the 7-9 March 2008. Well done to the following students who recorded some impressive results:

Yr 10 U16 boys	J Lockwood, 400m, bronze & Silver Medal Boys 200m U16
Yr 10 U16girls	R Munks, 1500m, 4th place. Girls U16 4th Place 800m. (PB)
Yr 10 U16boys	A Dawson 300m, silver, 800m, 4th place & 1500m 5th place.
Yr 10 U16boys	Eoghan Curtin, Bronze Medal, 2000m Steeple Chase

Secondary News

Parents of Year 12 Students

Students were issued with the Curriculum Councils' Statement of Results for their Year 11 studies recently.

These statements should be kept in a safe place for future reference. The information on the back of the statement is also to be read through carefully. The Curriculum Council will send an updated copy when the students complete their Year 12 studies. This is a timely reminder of the requirements for WACE (graduation) and of the possibility of students gaining awards from the Curriculum Council, such as a Certificate of Excellence.

Further information can be found on the following websites

http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/pages/student/docs/pdf/SOR_web.pdf

http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/_Documents/Section10_Exhibitions_and_Awards.pdf

Parents of Year 11 and 12 Students

Please note that the final date for change of subjects closed on Tuesday 18th March – it is only if there are extenuating circumstances that changes will be considered after this date.

Mr Rob Novacsek, Deputy Principal, Studies

Girls Rowing

As the boy's rowing season is soon coming to an end, the girl's season is quickly approaching! Registration night is on Tuesday 8th April at 6.30pm in the MacKillop room (Multipurpose Room). Registration forms are available from the college website <http://www.johnxxiii.edu.au/714.0.html> and should be submitted on (or prior to) registration night. Please come to registration night with fees and caps for re-stitching (if you have one). It will also be a good chance for you to catch up with or get to know other parents, ask questions and meet the new rowing coordinator.

Mr Cameron Haines - Rowing Coordinator

Forthcoming Year 8 Event

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,

Congratulations

Congratulations to Corey Ginnivan who has been selected to participate in the 16's and Under Oceania's Inline Hockey Team in New Zealand from 18 to 24th April 2008 and the Junior Olympics in Philadelphia from 22nd June to 3rd July 2008.

Careers Corner

Engineering Work Shadowing

If any parent working as a Civil/Structural or Mechanical Engineer is able to take a Year 12 student for 2-3 days in the April school holidays for a work shadowing experience please contact Sarah Hammond on 9383 0472.

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

Murdoch University is 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/>

Mrs Sarah Hammond - VET Coordinator

Year 10 News

Parents who have children in Year 10 are invited to Saturday afternoon drinks on 29th March from 3pm to 5.30pm at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club, The Esplanade Nedlands. Nibbles provided and drinks are available at the bar. The cost is \$5 per person and you can pay on the day

To assist with organisation of this event, please email:

Angela Knight: a.knight@iinet.net.au

Kate Parker kate@modusoperandi.com.au or

Fiona Hosken hosken5@hotmail.com

INIGO

"Maximising our Inner Strength"

Presenter: Carol Bush (Registered Psychologist)

Cost: \$10 (Donation Unwaged)

Venue: Multi-Purpose Room, JohnXXIII College

Date: Wednesday 26March 7.30pm-9.30pm

Details and Registration, Murray Graham. 93830444