



A special emissary from God

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

This week we celebrate with our Year Three students, their reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This wonderful Sacrament celebrates God's unconditional love for each of us and it is a joy to see the children receive this Sacrament. Children have such an innate ability to receive the love of God and to acknowledge their own worthiness in the eyes of God. We wish each family well as they experience through their child this Sacramental grace. A special thank you to our Year Three Teachers, Mrs Hamer and Ms Santelli, for preparing the children so well, and to Fr Gaetan for welcoming and affirming each child as a special emissary from God.

Last Sunday it was great to see John XXIII College strongly represented at the Interfaith Games for World Peace. This event, hosted by PLC, brought together students from Christian, Islamic and Buddhist schools to discuss issues of peace, faith and justice and to form teams to participate in friendly games. It was a great initiative of the Interfaith Council for Peace and I am pleased to say that John XXIII will be the host College for this gathering next year.

On Friday night, our Year 12 students and their partners will enjoy the Year 12 Formal. With the theme 'Nuit Blanche' (White Night), it should be a wonderful celebration for our senior students. I wish them all a memorable evening.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Chaplain's Reflection

On this third Sunday of Easter we have the story of "The Road to Emmaus". The Disciples are on a journey of faith and Jesus meets them where they are and as they are.

This is an important detail in the story. Jesus listens to their expectations, their hopes and disappointments and only after they have expressed the reality of their situation does Jesus Christ open scriptures to them. In doing so, he takes away their disillusionment and helps them to see the connections with the story of salvation. This leads the Disciples to hope. Even then, their eyes were kept from recognising him until Jesus breaks bread with them, and in that action of pouring the cup, he is revealed as the "One" they had been hoping for.

Christ opens Scripture to us each week, so that we can make sense of our experiences, see the ways in which God is present and absent and recognise our own foolishness.

Every meal enables us to go out from the table of the Lord to proclaim to all that the Risen Christ accompanies us, listens to us and makes us do our bit for the coming of Christ's Kingdom this Easter Season.

Fr Gaetan Pereira S.J. - College Chaplain

World Youth Day

John XXIII College is honoured to be able to host the World Youth Day Cross and Icon on the 22nd May. We will have the Cross and Icon from 6pm to 9pm. During that time, families will be encouraged to take part in the "Holy Hour of Power" or simply come and be part of this world wide phenomenon of prayer and devotion.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS:
(Friday 11th April and Monday 28th April - No Classes will be scheduled from K-12)



Primary News

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are allowing their children to walk through the Kindy/Pre-primary car park unaccompanied. This puts the children and other drivers at risk. Please accompany your children along the pathway when going to and from your vehicle.

The pickup areas for the Primary School are:

Administration Area Car Park: Children in Years 1 – 3 and Children in Years 4-7 with siblings in Years 1-3

Lower Car Park: Children in Years 4-7 only

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, 10 April:

- Pre-primary to Year Seven Assembly in the Roncalli Hall at 9.00am
- Presentation of the Year Seven Leavers T-shirts at 12.15pm in the Chapel

Friday, 11 April:

- College Closed
- Holidays begin.

Year Six Work Samples: Easter

The Year Six children have been writing newspaper articles of their interpretation of the Bible stories relating to Easter. We would like to share two of these articles with you.

Jesus Dies on Cross - By Annabelle Newton

Read on to find out what happened on Holy Thursday. According to Mark, it went like this:

Jesus broke bread and gave it to his disciples. He then passed around the wine telling them that it was his body and blood. He then said, "Tonight all of you will leave me" Mark told us that they denied it. "we won't leave Jesus he is our teacher". Jesus put a few of the disciples on guard while he went to pray.

Three times he came to check on them and three times they were asleep. "He told us to wake up for the traitor was here" Mark said. The soldiers arrived and captured Jesus. "It was very scary especially when Peter chopped the soldier's ear off. I haven't really known Peter to be a violent man but now I am quite scared of him!" According to Mark, Judas came up and kissed Jesus "peace be with you teacher" Mark claimed Judas said.

After that the disciples ran off. "Jesus was taken to Pontius Pilate who eventually CRUCIFIED Jesus on Good Friday

Jerusalem's Favourite: Jesus, DIES!! - By Kate Fletcher
Golgotha, Jerusalem

Yesterday afternoon, Jesus (33) was crucified at Golgotha by Pontius Pilate and soldiers.

Gathered at Golgotha (place of the skull) were Mary Magdalene, Mary so-called 'mother of God' and lots of townspeople. Jesus was nailed to the cross at approximately 12 o'clock, and died at 3 o'clock. After falling 3 times on the way up the hill Jesus was cut through with a sword, to make sure he was truly dead.

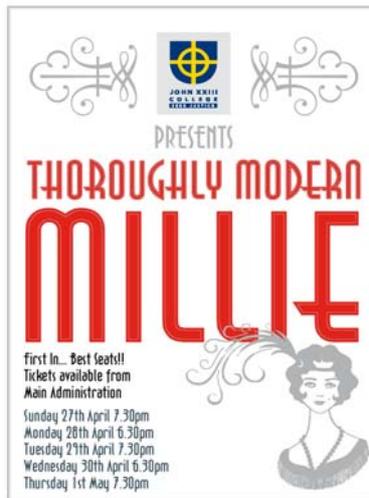
On the way up he also saw his mother, his friend Simon and Veronica (last name unknown).

Pontius Pilate, who made the decision about Jesus' death, says "It was the right choice; he was distracting our people from their work and taking away the rights of our priests." Mary on the other hand says "You have no right to take away the life of my son, he never did anything!"

Jesus shall be placed inside a stone tomb.

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

College Musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie*



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.

Thank you for your support.

After School and Vacation Day Care

"Jellybeans" is the After School and Vacation Day Care providers for John XXIII College. For enquiries about their service, including vacation care in April, their contact details are below:

Jellybeans Mount Claremont OSHC

APRIL VACATION CARE

At John XXIII College

Friday 11th April – Monday 28th April 2008

7.00am – 6.00pm daily

For more Information, Programs, Booking/Enrolment Forms Please contact Nicola Wilkie on Mobile: 0417 919 257 Or email mtcoshc@jellybeanschildcare.com.au

Speeding in School Zones

The College recently received a letter from Inspector Paul Bond, Chairman of the Children's Crossing & Road Safety Committee, noting that many people who have been caught speeding through "School Zones" are parents dropping off and picking up their children from school. Please remember that by speeding in these zones you are not only breaking the law, but you are also putting at risk the safety of the children attending school.

Thank you to all our wonderful
Canteen Volunteers for Term One

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

7/4	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4
				No Students

Open Air Band/Picnic Concert

On Sunday 6th April - a first-time event – an open-air concert on the Chapel Lawn – bring a Picnic and enjoy performances by Concert Band, Wind Band, Orchestra, Sax, Flute, Clarinet and Percussion ensembles and soloists; Giselle Gabriels, Selena Meegan and Sophie Wallwork.

No rehearsals first week of Term 2 due to Musical. All rehearsals commence Week 2, Monday 5th May. Music Eisteddfod forms for the annual House Music Eisteddfod to be held 16/17 June, will be available 1st week of Term Two.

2008 'A' Division Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 26th of March a highly trained and motivated group of students from John XXIII College competed in the ACC 'A' Division Swimming Carnival at Challenge Stadium.

In what was an outstanding effort, the team managed to finish 2nd overall on the day with some thoroughly impressive team and individual efforts. With such a good team result it is hard to single out any one person. However, I would like to especially congratulate the Junior Boys on winning the shield for their age group.

Well done to all the students involved. Thanks to you, and the efforts of our wonderful swimming coaches; Mr Clarke, Mr Varndell, Mr Edwards and Ms Patterson, such an impressive result would not have been possible. Also thank you to Mr Kowal and Mrs Plant for doing such a wonderful job in organising the students on the day of the carnival.

Term 2 NAS & Champion Schools Sports

A reminder to all students that, Term 2, NAS and Champion School Sport Nominations are currently taking place until the end of Term 1. Get involved to improve your physical fitness and meet new friends. Sports available include; Netball, Soccer, Volleyball, Football, Badminton & Rugby.

Any parents that possess coaching qualifications or a good understanding of any of these sports and would like to be involved as a coach can contact the Sports Coordinator by phone (9383 0490) or email maxwell.david@johnxxiii.edu.au as any parental involvement is much appreciated.

Health Information

Allergy Awareness: The College has several students who have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. This reaction is called Anaphylaxis. It characteristically occurs soon after exposure to the allergen and importantly these reactions can be very serious and require urgent treatment. The College has Anaphylaxis Guidelines which implement practical strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to known allergens for our allergic students and create a 'nut friendly' environment.

Could we please request your support with the following:

- Please avoid sending nuts or nut products to school with your child.
- Encourage your child to respect children who have food allergies.
- Teach your child not to share food, drink, food utensils or containers.
- Encourage your child to wash and dry hands before and after eating.
- If your child has a food anaphylaxis, it is preferred that food for your child is supplied from home.
- When a child with a food allergy in primary school has a lunch order, could parents ensure their food allergy is written in 'red ink' on the lunch bag.
- If your child has a food allergy, teach them to avoid foods that may trigger their allergy. If they are unsure what ingredient is in a food, they should not eat it.
- It is recommended that students with severe food allergies wear a medic alert bracelet/necklet.
- Empower your child to manage his/her allergy.

Mrs Jenny Hill – College Nurse

Rowing Club News

The boys rowing season will conclude this weekend at the Southwest Schools' Head of the River Regatta in Bunbury. The Year 9s and 10s have rowed extremely well all season and the seniors have shown outstanding form. It has been a long competitive season with greater involvement in PSA regattas than we have seen for some years and we are grateful to the rowing coordinators of the PSA schools for their willingness to create opportunities for John XXIII rowers. We are looking forward to a great regatta this weekend and hopefully we will see the Charles Hastie Cup return to John XXIII for another year.

Sadly, the end of this boys' season will see Dave Wilmot step-down as Rowing Coordinator. The club is indebted to Dave for his extraordinary drive and leadership over more than ten years and we wish him well in the future. The club is fortunate to have secured the services of Mr Cameron Haines and he will take up the Coordinator's position for the girls' season.

As the boys' season draws to an end so the girls' season begins. The 'Have a Go' afternoon is planned for new rowers on April 2nd and will be held at the Canning boatshed from 3.20 - 6pm. Registration night will be held on Tuesday April 8th at 6.30pm in the Multi-purpose Room. Unfortunately subscriptions have had to increase this year due to a change in the club's funding arrangements. Please bring completed registration form, volunteer form, subscriptions & cap (if you have one) to the registration night or deposit prior to the meeting in the JTC Rowing Box at administration. Forms are available now from administration or from the college website at <http://www.johnxxiii.edu.au/rowing.0.html>

Secondary News

Alteration to student Diary

It has been noted that the student diary has Thursday 10th April as Years 8-12 Parent Teacher Night 3.30 – 6.30 – this night is only for the parents of year 11 and 12 students and extends from 3.30 – 8.30.

Mr Robert Novacsek, Deputy Principal, Studies

Have Sum Fun Competition

Congratulations to the students who represented the College in the recent HAVE SUM FUN Competition.

It was a wonderful experience to see 200 Year 11 and 12 students from several colleges spending their Friday evening working on Mathematics problems – their enthusiasm and commitment to solving the problems was much admired. The College is very proud of the students who displayed an enormous level of dedication to the cause.

Well done to :-

Nader Boutros, Victoria Ferdinands, Andrei Janca, Anthony Joseph, Grant Mac Donald, Rachael Stokes, Sandra Fan, Andrew Joseph, Anna Kim, Eron Mackenzie, Kelvin Oo and Brett Pitman

There are still places available for the following Informatics competitions:

Thursday 8 May after school ICAS

Tuesday 29 July after school

To enter (which is free) please email me at the College burfitt.joan@johnxxiii.edu.au

Ms Joan Burfitt - Mathematics Coordinator

House Cross Country

The annual clash for the Cross country shield will take place next Tuesday 8th April. Students will be running a 3 kilometre course around the perimeter of the College grounds. Parents arriving throughout the afternoon are asked to be cautious on the roads. Novelty events will also take place throughout the afternoon. The programme is as follows;

Yr 8 - 1.30pm

Yr 9 - 1.00pm

Yr 10 - 2.30pm

Yr 11 - 2.00pm

Yr 12 - 12.30pm

Presentations will take place at 3.00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend at any stage of the afternoon. An enjoyable day of competitive running is anticipated.

Mr Danny Platts - Phys Ed Coordinator

Returning to the College

Please contact me on 93830406 if you think your child will require special assistance when returning to the College after significant illness or injury, for example surgery, broken bones, glandular fever etc. A number of structures are available to assist students with re-entry and support while at school.

Mrs Jenneth Stibi, Deputy Principal - Pastoral Welfare

Careers Corner

National Careers and Employment Expo

Friday 4 April 9.00am-4.00pm & Saturday 5 April 10.00am – 4.00pm at the Perth Convention Centre, free entry. For more information, please go to www.eocexpo.com.au

Visit a Hospital Occupational Therapy Service, Tuesday 15 April 1.30pm Fremantle Hospital

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Nedlands, and Fremantle Hospital invite prospective Occupational Therapy students to find out more about the profession at special information sessions lasting about ninety minutes. Year 12 students ONLY. They can only accommodate very small numbers at each session, so parents are not invited. The Fremantle sessions will take place in the Occupational Therapy Department, V4, Greenslades Building. Phone 9431 2098 to book.

Women in Science and Engineering (WISE)

Two female Year 10 students are invited to the UWA WISE day during the second week of the April school holidays on 22nd April and 23rd April. Interested Year 10 girls must see Ms Hammond for an application form as soon as possible.

ECU – Joondalup Campus Open Day

The first of the University Open Days for the year is the Joondalup campus of ECU on Sunday May 25. There is an opportunity to talk to lecturers, students and advisers, browse through facilities, discover their amazing library and computer labs and discover that it doesn't take very long to get there at all! More information available closer to the date.

Mrs Sarah Hammond - VET Coordinator

Congratulations

Congratulations to Matt Connell Year 9 who has qualified to represent Western Australia in The Volcom Australian Tour Surfing Championships to be held at Manly Beach, Sydney on the 4 and 5 of April.

Year 9 Parents Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 8 April at Deli Chi Chi, corner of Strickland and Asquith Road, Mt Claremont. Please join us after you have dropped your children off at school. We would especially like to welcome those of you who are new to the College. Please pop this date in your diary and we hope to see many of you there.

Contact either of the following people:

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Suellen Bottecchia Ph. 9228 4664

Breda Ryan Ph. 9384 2251