



Holy Hours of Power

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

I am writing today to invite the College community to be part of our celebrations when we host the World Youth Day Cross and Icon on the 22nd May.

John XXIII College has been given the honour of hosting the Cross and Icon from 6 to 9pm. Whilst this is exciting, it certainly does also pose challenges for us in organising such an important event. We require your support in ensuring that we have students here throughout the night. At this stage, the plans involve a "Candlelight Rosary" being staged throughout the College beginning at the Pope John XXIII Statue located at the Mooro Road entrance to the College. The Cross and Icon will then be available in the Chapel for prayer, veneration and the "Holy Hours of Power". This will be a once in a life time opportunity for our students and families to connect to the world wide journey of the cross enroute to Sydney. A special feature of our celebration will be the inclusion of students who are undertaking sacramental preparations this year. Please keep this evening free and come and be part of the excitement generated by World Youth Day and the Journey of The Cross. The theme for World Youth Day is "You will receive the power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses". This is a wonderful chance to be witnesses to our faith!

A group of 24 pilgrims will travel from the College to Sydney for World Youth Day. The students and staff will travel to Sydney and participate in Catechetical activities, youth festivals, Stations of The Cross (in the Sydney CBD) and sleep-out at Randwick Race Course in readiness for the Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI on Sunday 20th July. I hope that for each Pilgrim it is a time of great awakening in their lived faith.

Of special pride to John XXIII College is that the logo designed by Matthew Bonser (Year 10) was chosen as the official logo for all Western Australian pilgrims going to World Youth Day. His logo will be worn by thousands of pilgrims on shirts, caps, umbrella's and all imaginable commemorative items. Congratulations, Matthew.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anne Fry
Principal

CHAPLAINS REFLECTION

As I read the Acts of the Apostles, the first reading, I am amazed and astonished as to how is it possible for people of different ethnic and cultural background, Parthians, Medes, Elamites, residence of Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Egypt, Libya, visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs and many other people to hear the message of the Good News in their own language, How could the disciples even make themselves heard without the modern PA system in such a crowd?

It not the mechanics that matter, but the fact is, the disciples spoke with conviction and passion, and through no power of their own, the people gathered were able to understand the disciple's words. As the Bible teaches us in the book of Genesis Abraham Isaac, Jacob and Moses did not have a lesson plan to forge into the future. They knew God had a life plan for them and they understood his designs. Through Scripture, through loving relationships on Mothers Day, through the Eucharist, through prayer of all kinds, through beauty and even through silence, God speaks. We are God's people and whether we realise it or not, we are enfolded in a life changing, life giving message of hope.

On this Pentecost Sunday we are called to be present and open our ears and our hearts. Just as the disciples gathered in the upper room and found out Jesus' peace and love among them, we too are called into the ministry of presence. Filled with the Spirit, we can unlock our inner doors and ask, Does my life speak of newness and hope? Does my life say that things can be different? That fidelity, intimacy, simplicity and respect for each person including the "uncomely" are really what life is all about. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love".

Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain



Primary News

Confirmation Parent Information Evening

A very big thank you to all the parents, students and sponsors who were present at the Confirmation Parent Information Evening. This evening began with a commitment ceremony for all the parties (candidates, sponsors, parents and teachers) involved in the preparation for this Sacrament. Everyone's attendance and participation further reinforced the value and importance being placed on this major event in the faith journey of these students and their families. Please keep Father Gaetan, Mr Bugna, Miss Coniglio, Mrs Plain and Mr Casey and all the students in your prayers.

Winter Clothing

Please ensure that your child's clothing (particularly jumpers, vests and jackets) is clearly labelled. This is the time of the year when such items are being worn to school when it is cool and removed during the day as the temperature warms up.

NAPLAN Testing

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will replace the Western Australian Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (WALNA) for Years 3, 5 and 7 and the Monitoring Standards in Education at Year 9 (MSE9).

The results from the national Literacy and Numeracy tests will provide an important measure of how Australian students are performing in the content strands of numeracy, reading, writing, spelling and grammar and punctuation.

ALL schools across Australia are expected to complete the tests on the mornings of Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May, 2008. As such, please ensure that if your child is in Years 3, 5 & 7, they are fully rested, have had a good breakfast and do not come to school late on these days.

Primary School Football Rules

With the football season in full swing, some of our students are attempting to emulate the feats of their footy heroes in the playground. To minimise the amount of injuries and torn clothing, strict football guidelines have had to be created. It would be appreciated if you could discuss these rules with your children.

The Guidelines are as Follows:

There is to be no tackling. As there is no tackling you cannot run with the ball. Once you have received the ball you must pass it to a team mate. If you are touched then the play stops and you must kick from behind the mark. You cannot kick a goal from a touch. Goals can be kicked from a mark or general play.

Teams are to be of even numbers and whoever wishes to join the game from the same year level is to be included. If problems cannot be resolved fairly and calmly then the children are encouraged to ask for help from a teacher.

Forthcoming Events:

Tuesday 13 May:

Wednesday 14 May:

Thursday 15 May:

Friday 16 May:

NAPLAN – Writing

NAPLAN – Reading

NAPLAN – Numeracy

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) Testing in the Gym (9.00am-3.00pm) - Pre-primary and Year One

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) Testing Catch-Up Day
NAPLAN Catch Up Day
Years 4-7 Assembly in the
Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre
at 9.00am (6L)

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

Relay for Life

Congratulations and well done to the following students who were involved in the Relay for Life, raising money for the Cancer council.

Jessica Hunt Yr 10

Rachel Truscott Yr 10

Patrick Wilson Yr 7

Veronica Wilson Yr 10

Daniel Hunt Yr 8

Meghan Wilson Yr 5

The students raised over \$4500 for the Cancer Council and kept the baton going around Perry lakes for 24 hours nonstop. A job very well done. Congratulations

Rice Day 2008 - 15th May

On Thursday May, 15th the College will be participating in Rice Day 2008. This initiative is run by last year's Year 11 Pilgrims who visited India, Vietnam and Western Australia's North West. Funds raised will go towards supporting this year's pilgrimages who will visit the same regions.

The purpose of Rice Day is to raise awareness among students of the conditions of underprivileged children of their own age in many areas of the world. The event has been run for a number of years in the College and has been well supported.

Please be advised that the canteen will be open on May 15th for breakfast only. Only rice will be available for purchase on the day. Donations to the event will be collected in Secondary tutor groups and Primary classrooms.

We look forward to the support of as many students as possible for Rice Day 2008.

Mr Andrew Landells - Year 6 Teacher

PLATES AND PLATTERS

There are a number of plates and platters belonging to parents which need to be collected from the College Administration. The plates will be donated to St Vincent de Paul if not collected by the end of this Term.

Reminder For Students Who Ride Scooters, Bicycles or Drive to the College

Students who ride scooters or bicycles are required by law to wear an appropriate helmet. A number of students are currently choosing to ignore the law and parents are requested to reinforce the importance of suitable head protection with their sons and daughters. Students who ride scooters and drive cars are also required to complete an Application to Drive to John XXIII College Form, available from student reception. Students who drive are not permitted to leave the College grounds during the school day or take passengers in vehicles unless specific permission has been obtained through Mr McCarthy. Your support in all these matters is appreciated.

Mrs Jenneth Stibi - Deputy Principal - Student Welfare

Health Information

MEDICATION: If a parent requests the nurse to administer medication to their child, a Medication Request Form must be completed. These forms are available from the nurse. The medication must be in its original container or packaging and clearly labelled with the following:

- Name of medication
- expiry date
- Child's name
- dose and time to be given

If a student is required to carry and self-administer medication while at school, only a single measured dose for one school day can be brought onto the College premises. Medication must be carried on the student or locked in the student's locker.

Students with asthma should carry their reliever medication with them at all times.

Students who have documented anaphylaxis and are involved in after school activities e.g., sport, drama etc, must carry their epipens with them.

Students who have medical conditions requiring medication or treatment and are involved in after school activities, eg, sport, drama etc should ensure they have their medication/treatment with them at all times.

HEAD LICE: As a preventative measure could parents please check their child/ren's hair regularly for head lice. Please inform the class teacher or nurse if your child has head lice.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Parent Auxiliary Meeting

Friday 9th May 2008 commencing at 1.00pm with light refreshments

Venue: Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre (37)
(This is a change of venue)



Careers Corner

Coming Events

Tuesday 13 May University of Notre Dame Information Evening – Health Sciences, Nursing and Medicine. 6.15 pm in Drill Hall, Cnr Croake and Mouat St Fremantle

Friday – Sunday 16-18 May Careers and Education Expo. Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Weds 28 May Parents and Pathways Seminar 2 – for parents of Years 8 and 9 students. In Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. 7pm-9pm.

Thursday 29 May – Friday 13 June – Year 11 and 12 Structured Workplace Learning students out on work placements.

UWA Campus Challenge 2008 – perfect for Year 10 students.

The UWA Campus Challenge involves secondary school students in a residential camp at UWA, experiencing different aspects of University life through participation in academic, sporting, recreational and social activities. Students stay at St Catherine's College and the all-inclusive cost for the week is \$430. Dates are Sunday 6th July- Friday 11th July and enrolments close on 16 May. Visit http://www.sport.uwa.edu.au/programs_and_courses/campus_challenge for more information.

Thursday 5 June – National Career Development Week is celebrated with a breakfast and guest speaker at John XXIII College. More details available soon.

Friday 6 June – Registrations for the 2008 UMAT exam close. Visit <http://umat.acer.edu.au> to download a registration booklet or order a (free) hard copy.

Women In Engineering Resource

Following the activities of 2007 'The Year of Women in Engineering', Engineers Australia have produced a booklet profiling a selection of women engineers. The online edition of this publication is available at <http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/wie/resources> and is well worth a look for girls considering their options in this growth area.

Year 10 Subject Choices for Senior School

Year 10 students and their parents wishing to discuss pathways to TAFE or University can phone the Careers Counsellor to make an appointment. After school appointments are available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Sarah Hammond – Careers Counsellor

Parent Association Meeting

The next meeting for the John XXIII College Parent Association will take place on Monday Night 12th May commencing at 7.00pm in the Thomas More Exhibition Centre. Agenda Items should be emailed to Marie-Louise Hunt; email: marielouisehunt@bigpond.com

Canteen

Thanks to all the people who have volunteered for Canteen Duty, it is really appreciated. We still have a few gaps and would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in volunteering for Canteen.

Please check the prices on the new menu, as some students are putting the wrong prices on their orders.

Next Thursday 15th May - "RICE DAY" canteen will only be open for breakfast.

Mrs Maureen Taylor - Canteen Coordinator

Secondary News

Parents of Year 11 and 12 Students

Examination Timetable and Notes

The "Upper School Examination Timetable and Notes" have been distributed to the students. It is essential that they check through the Timetable and let the Deputy Principal, Studies know of any clashes. It is equally important that the students read the accompanying notes titled "Frequently Asked Questions About Examinations". These documents are also provided on the College Website.

Our Careers Counsellor, Sarah Hammond spoke to the Year 12 students on Friday on study skills and examination technique in preparation for the coming Semester Examinations. The students were issued with two very useful and important documents, The Curriculum Council's 'The Year 12 Information Guide' and the College Year 11 and 12 Exam Preparation Workbook.

It is important that the students read both documents very carefully. The Curriculum Council advises that the students keep the Information Guide until they receive their Statement of Results in December.

Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies

Saturday Netball

The first week of the netball season was promising and I'm very pleased to say all of our teams performed well. The first 3 weeks are grading games and then the teams are re-graded and placed in permanent divisions for the premierships season. Our girls were well presented on the day but some girls need to wear a headband to keep their hair off their face and out of their eyes. If you are fiddling with your hair during a game, it can be distracting.

Additional reminders:

- Please be at your court at least 15 minutes before the match to enable your TEAM warm up.
- No other colours are permitted in our uniform and please ONLY wear the JTC tracksuit top - no surf wear!
- Parent on roster to bring the refreshments.
- Three cheers at the end of each game. Remember the opposition team name and say it correctly. Inappropriate language is NOT allowed.
- Be a great TEAM member and encourage your team mates.
- Enjoy the game.
- Say thank you to your parents for taking you to Matthews Netball Centre and supporting you. See you at training on Thursday and at the games on Saturday.

Mrs Stephanie Alderman - Netball Co-ordinator.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joseph McCleery, Elliott Burka and Sam O'Dea (Year 9) who competed at the 14 and Under National Club Water Polo Championships held in Sydney in March. They were successful in winning the Silver Medal. Well done, boys!

Cross Country

The Cross Country Carnival took place in early April. With great expertise from Mr Platts, sport teachers and the maintenance crew, a new 3km course was spread around the College including the top ovals. Mr Haines did a fantastic job in the commentary box, encouraging runners and creating an awesome atmosphere. A number of novelty events were also held on the day. These involved various challenging events where each House could earn extra points towards the final score. These were run very smoothly by various teachers who are thanked for their great efforts.

After some great individual efforts in the cross country a hard day's work was over. St Louis took First Place, second place, Loreto followed by Kooly, Ward Loyola and Campion. Congratulations to the Champion boys and girls for each year, and to everyone who gave it their best on the day..

Year 8 :	Champion Boy -	Adrian Pierce
	Champion Girl -	Hannah Crute
Year 9 :	Champion Boy -	Matt Rigby
	Champion Girl -	Sarah Donovan
Year 10 :	Champion Boy -	Eoghan Curtin
	Champion Girl -	Rhian Munks
Year 11 :	Champion Boy -	Ben Dawson
	Champion Girl -	Estelle Doney
Year 12	Champion Boy -	Joe Kierath
	Champion Girl -	Selena Meegan

Thanks, Alice and Ben (Sports Captains)

Ensemble Rehearsals for Term Two

A Reminder that all ensembles have recommenced for Term Two. Attendance was poor for the first 2 days of Week Two. Please do your best to attend as there are big events coming up this term.

Music Eisteddfod

The annual John XXIII Eisteddfod will be held on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June. This is a house based participation event. Original compositions are encouraged as well as soloists in all areas from K – 12. Entry forms are available at the Music Office or from your Music Tutor. Entries close on Friday 30 May; end of Week 5.

Twilight Recital.

The next recital will be held on Sunday 25 May at 5:30pm in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. Entry forms are available from the Music Office.

Catholic Performing Arts Festival .

Entry forms are now available from the Music Office. Entries must not be submitted any later than Wednesday 21 May to the Music Office.

Mrs Toni Strong - Music Coordinator

Year 10 Parents Get together

All Year 10 parents are invited to Morning Tea at Angela's House on Friday 16th May at 9.30am. 239 Heytesbury Road, Subiaco. Cost is \$10, donated to Cancer Council. Look forward to seeing you there.

Angela, Kate & Fiona (Year 10 Coordinators)