



World Record in their Sights

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

I write to highlight an exciting initiative of the John XXIII College Student Representative Council (SRC). On the 27th June, the SRC are inviting our school community to participate in a **World Record Breaking Attempt** on the *"most continuous joined socks"* record which is currently held by a German man. Our wonderfully creative student leaders have devised an attempt on the record which will have both community building and charitable aspects. Students will be asked to bring in pairs of 'wearable' socks (new or used). These will be joined together to form a continuous strand of socks. These will be measured, validated and photographed to be sent off to the Guinness Book of Records. On the day, students will be allowed to wear crazy socks with their uniforms. The socks that are used in the world record attempt will then be sorted into categories and if suitable will be donated to appropriate charities. We invite your whole-hearted support.

The world has watched in horror as the full impact of the two natural disasters in Burma and China has become apparent. Now the immediate rescue phase is over, the needs of the survivors are paramount. Food, shelter and medicines are urgently needed as people cope with living in the physical and emotional wreckage of their lives.

The College is currently conducting an appeal throughout the school and we ask for your generous support. The fundraising is not linked to a free dress, sausage sizzle etc. We are trying to model giving (rather than 'buying') as the appropriate response of a Christian community to those in need.

On Friday 23rd May, the College will celebrate Grandparents Day in the Primary School. This is a special day when we welcome all grandparents into our community. The children love sharing their work and achievements with their grandparents. We give thanks for the lives and services our grandparents provide to our families and society.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anne Fry
Principal

Chaplain Calls

John F Kennedy observed in his address to the UN General Assembly on September 20, 1963, "Never before has man had such capacity to control his own environment, to end thirst and hunger, to conquer poverty and disease, to banish illiteracy and massive human misery. We have the power to make this the best generation of humankind in the history of the world-or to make it the last. We could feed the world poor. We choose not to."



In an address given before the 1976 International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia, the former Jesuit General, Father Pedro Arrupe, once said, "If there is hunger anywhere in the world then our celebration of Eucharist is somehow incomplete in the world". By this he didn't mean that when we gather for Mass anything is wrong in the act itself. Rather he meant that when we gather around Christ's holy table for this sacred meal while people still starve in the world, then something vital is lacking about how we gather and what we do away from Christ's table. There is an emptiness in us.

Yet it's this emptiness that constantly invites us in. The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food, invites us to eat the living bread and live. The same God who asks, "When I was hungry did you feed me? This question says that just as God feeds us, so we too should and can feed each other.

May the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, next Sunday, give us the strength of our convictions, the power to change us, no matter how endless the wanderings in our personal desert may seem, and through the loneliness of our fragmented society may the Eucharist draws us together as a people of hope and a people of thanksgiving.

Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain

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Primary News

Grandparents Day

In recognition of Grandparents Day, we have included some sentences that the children in Year 2G have written.

Grandparents are special because they hug me; they look after me and take me to the park. They make me happy. They are the best. *By Finn Rutherford*

Grandparents are special because they hug you and they give you treats. They love you and they are part of the family. *By Ruby Worner*

Grandparents are special because they are part of the family and they cook for us and they take me to the park and they look after me and they love me because I love my grandparents. *By Roman Okely*

Grandparents are special because they give us hugs and kisses. They care for my family. I love my grandparents. *By Ruby Drake*

Grandparents are special because they take us to Sizzler and they take us to the park. Also, they take us on holidays. *By Katelyn Preston*

Grandparents are special because they give us things and give us treats. *By Brody Fowles*

Grandparents are special because they let you help them, they give us treats and they help you when you can't do things. *By Timothy Egan*

Grandparents are special because they make special dinners for me. They let me have treats. They take care of me. *By Marcus McQueen*

Grandparents are special because they hug me, kiss me, they sing me songs. They give me lollies and best of all they love me. *By Christine Exten*

Grandparents are special because they play games with me, they give me treats, they help me if I need something and they tell funny jokes. *By Laura Trapnell*

Grandparents are special because you let me have some chocolates when I come to your house. Sometimes you let me go to the movies. *By Daniel Paganin*

Grandparents are special because they let me have sleepovers and they are old. *By Charlie Fuller*

Grandparents are special because they give me lollies and fizzy and they buy me stuff like my Pokemon cards. *By Daniel Martis*

Grandparents are special because they give me presents, they care about me and give me big hugs. They are nice to me and they are the best. *By Oscar Anderson*

Grandparents are special because they never forget me. We pretend we are the world's best tennis players. I love tennis. They give me big kisses and hugs. I love my grandparents. *By Aoife McCallium*

Grandparents are special because they give me lots of cuddles and give me presents and sometimes they take me to the park. I love them lots. *By Maddie Brown*

Upcoming Events:

Friday, 23 May:

Pre-Primary to Year Three

Assembly in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre at 9.00am (3H)

Years 4-7 Mass in the Chapel at 9.00am (6R)

Making of the Confirmation Sashes in the McKillop Room

7Ca: 9.00am-10.50am

7C: 11.10am-12.50pm

Monday, 26 May: Year 6 Leaver's Shirt Presentation in the Chapel at 12.15pm

Wednesday, 28 May: Year 4 Reconciliation in the Chapel at 9.00am

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

The Light on the Hill



The second seminar for 2008, entitled Are We There Yet? The Family Trip on the Educational Journey will be presented by Dr John Edwards, Researcher, on Monday 9 June 2008 in the James Nestor Hall at the Catholic Education Office.

Free crèche facilities will be available for those who register by 2 June 2008. The invitation to attend the seminars is also offered to extended family members, as grandparents, aunts and uncles all play a role in enriching each child's life.

Please contact Sheena Barber on 6380 5135 if you have any queries. Registrations can be made by calling Judicia de Souza or Jenny Mills at the CEO on 63805202.

Coffee Morning - Change of Venue:

All parents are invited to a coffee morning at **Cafe Chi Chi, Strickland Street Mt Claremont on Friday 30th May at 8.50am.**

We look forward to catching up on the 30th May. For further information contact Felicity on 0407 170 090 or email Felicity: fwfarrelly@yahoo.com.au



HEALTH INFORMATION

HEAD LICE INFORMATION

What are Head Lice? Head lice are tiny insect parasites that live on the human head, feeding on the scalp several times a day. Head lice reproduce by laying their eggs (nits) on the hair shaft close to the scalp. They are not dangerous, don't carry diseases and are not a sign of poor hygiene.

How are head lice spread? Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact with another person who has head lice, e.g. when doing group work at school, playing, or hugging. Head lice can run from one head to another in seconds. Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim, but they can sometimes 'trapeze' from one hair to another. Brushes and combs are unlikely to transfer head lice and do not transfer viable eggs, as these are very hard to detach from the hair shaft. Head lice are not spread through bed linen, clothing or head gear, as they do not leave the scalp unless they are dead or dying. Eggs (nits) do not fall off until weeks after they have hatched as the egg shells are glued tightly to the hair shaft.

How do I look for head lice?

- **Dry head checks are unreliable**, due to the speed at which head lice move.
- Saturate dry hair with hair conditioner, then comb in sections with a metal fine-tooth 'nit' comb. Wipe the comb on a white paper towel and examine them with a strong light or magnifying glass to look for head lice and eggs.

What do I do if I find head lice?

- Check all household members (use hair conditioner).
- Choose one of the treatments from the Department of Health's Fact Sheet (10 day hair conditioner treatment or insecticide treatment)
- Inform the class teacher or nurse. Inform any other contacts.
- Parent will be given confirmation of treatment form to complete and return.
- Head lice fact sheet will be sent home to class parents.
- When treatment is completed, with all head lice and eggs removed. Check the hair regularly, e.g. weekly, for any further head lice infestation.
- **Early treatment can prevent spread to further close contacts.**

For more Information go to www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Careers Corner

Education USA

The Education USA office in Perth is a US State Department affiliated educational advising centre whose mission is to provide accurate and unbiased information on educational opportunities available in the US. It does not endorse or rank specific universities or any company or organisation providing test preparation, admission coaching or visa procurement. The service simply assists students who wish to apply to study at an American University as the process is considerably more complex than applying to Australian universities.

It is ideal for students to contact the staff at Education USA as early as Years 10 and 11 to allow ample time for research etc. Visit <http://usembassy-australia.state.gov/education> or phone Lee Healey and Carol Crass on 9202 1224 x247. The office is located at the US Consulate General, 4th floor, 16 St Georges Tce.

ECU Open Day

The Joondalup campus of Edith Cowan University is holding their Open Day this Sunday 25th May from 11am – 4pm. Admissions and pathways advice is available, uni info sessions, tours and all state of the art facilities are open. School students can meet Uni staff and students, enter competitions and find out about going to Uni. Younger students are catered for with a great Kidszone. Entry is off Joondalup Drive and parking is free.

Year 8 and 9 Parents and Pathways Seminar

The second Parents and Pathways seminar is on Wednesday 28th May (Week 5). This session will detail employability skills, employment trends and will include two half hour hands-on computer sessions exploring two of the most popular career resources: My Future and Get Access. Please RSVP to administration on 9383 0400 if you are attending for catering purposes.

Monday 9th June – 6.00-8.15pm

6:00 Environmental Sciences; Psychology
6:45 UWA science courses and careers overview
7:30 Sport Science, Exercise & Health; Conservation & Marine Sciences

Wednesday 11th June – 6.00-8.15pm

6:00 Biomedical Sciences (biochemistry, physiology, microbiology, molecular biology and genetics); Anatomical Sciences and Human Biology; Animals and Agriculture
6:45 UWA science courses and careers overview
7:30 Geology; Geography and Urban & Regional Planning; Nanotechnology and the Physical Sciences (biophysics, chemistry, green chemistry and physics).

Venue: Molecular and Chemical Sciences Building (MCS Building) Near the corner of Myers Street and Parkway. Car park 14, Fairway Entrance 4, (parking after 5pm is free). Campus map http://www.uwa.edu.au/campus_map

Sarah Hammond – Careers Counsellor

Inner Freedom and Healing Retreat

A Morning Retreat: Inner Freedom and Healing(Part 1)

Presenter: Murray Graham (Inigo Centre Director)

Venue: The MacKillop Room(Multi-Purpose Room)at Johnxxiii College

Cost: Donation

When: Saturday May 31 from 9am to 12 noon

Secondary News

JTC Sailing Team

Congratulations to the JTC Sailing Team who did very well in the recent competition, coming in 11th out of the 18 teams who competed. Paris Stowell (Yr 9) was an outstanding performer for the team, winning many of the races she competed in. Adam Glaskin (Yr 11) the Team Captain, also sailed well on the day. Dale Miller (Yr.12) sailed consistently though it was clear he would have enjoyed stronger winds. In all, it was a great performance from a relatively inexperienced team.



The regatta ran for a tiring 9 hours each day over the three day event. Given the conditions the students did extremely well to stay on task for the duration of the regatta. Fortunately there were some unpredicted postponements on the second and third day due to lack of wind which gave the younger members of the crew time to catch their breath. All in all, a very successful and ecumenical event.

College Policy re Electronic listening Devices and Mobile Phones



Mobile Phones and Listening Devices such as MP3 Players must be left in lockers for the duration of the school day (8.30am-3.10pm/2.50pm on Monday). Items seen by staff during the course of a school day will be confiscated and given to

me. They may be collected from Student Reception by a parent or guardian after 3.10pm on the day of confiscation. Subsequent confiscations will result in Detention and then Suspension from classes. The College is unable to take responsibility for Mobile Phones or Listening Devices that are lost or damaged.

Mrs Jenneth Stibi - Deputy Principal, Welfare

Condolences

Sympathies to Nicholas Wagstaff (Year 8) and the Wagstaff family on the passing of their grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Wagstaff Family at this time of sadness.



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 20th June - \$20 per head

BOOK AT TABLE FOR THIS FUN EVENT. All welcome!!



John XXIII College Rowing Club is a parent run club providing our students with the opportunity to compete at the highest level. The club is significantly supported by this fund raising event and this year aims to raise funds for both a quad and much needed rowing ergos.

Tables are for 8 -10 people, full bar facilities including international beer. Silent auctions, prizes – bring your friends. To reserve your table please contact

Lucy: 9284 7535 or 0411 038 378 Julie: 0433 843 281 or ehlersjule@iprimus.com.au

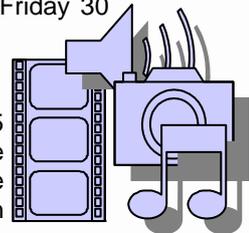
Ensemble Rehearsals for Term Two

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 and are due in by Friday 16th May



Mrs Toni Strong - Music Coordinator

Parents of Year 8, 9 and 10 Students

Parent Teacher Interview Slips.



As noted on the covering letter the Parent Teachers interview will take place on **Thursday 29th May**

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10th April as written on the top of the Interview.

Mr Robert Novacsek. Deputy Principal, Studies