



The difference between a gate and a fence

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Forgive the cryptic headline but a few of our senior students are having difficulty telling the difference between a gate and a fence. Secure perimeter fencing has been put in place for the safety of the students around the building site and the access road to the site. Several large trucks every day will be using this road and we cannot have children using the road. There is now no access to the **Heritage Lane staircase** and students wishing to meet their parents there will have to walk out of the main gate and up Heritage Lane. So, for the students finding it difficult to tell the difference between a gate and a fence, there will be sanctions imposed for those caught climbing over or trying to barge through the fence.

You may have seen an article in "The West" on Monday 16th June referring to John XXIII as "one of WA's wealthiest Catholic schools to receive more than 300 computers under the Rudd Governments computers in schools programme". I wanted to let our school community know that our application was merit based and that it was not competitive. That is to say by our receiving these computers, other schools are not disadvantaged. All schools will receive computers in subsequent rounds of funding. We were successful because of the age of our computers and that we had the capacity to make immediate use of the machines (in terms of our infrastructure, network connections and cabling). I would like to acknowledge the Federal Government for this initiative and for making it available to all Australian children. John XXIII College will make effective use of our new computers and will attempt to find schools and community agencies willing to take on our previous computers. This is very difficult as the machines date so quickly.

A special thank you to the Svanberg family who won second prize in a recent competition. The prize was to be donated to a school and the Svanberg's nominated John XXIII College to receive 2,500 sports balls! Rugby, Footy, Soccer, Tennis and Cricket balls. We will make good use of this sports equipment and we are arranging to give many of these balls to less-resourced primary schools.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fry
Principal

Chaplain Calls

As a boy, I was told that "what was said and done at home, stays at home". To a degree, it is a good and loyal principle. There are, however, family secrets and lies that cause untold damage for generations because no one is allowed to speak about them. Sexual abuse, domestic violence, suicide, incest, drug taking, alcoholism, theft, adoption and abortion are some of the secrets that families sit on.

Jesus tells us in this Sunday's gospel that "What you say in the dark, tell in the light, what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops". This does not mean that we need to tell everyone our personal and family business, but this does cut and stunt our spiritual and personal growth. As Ignatius Loyola, in the rules for the discernment of Spirits, alludes to the fact, that when something shameful remains buried, hidden and unhealed, its power over us is increased. It remains a thing that no one can ever speak. The bad spirit has a field day with such things, feeding on our fears and lowering our self esteem.

There are some Christians who hold that examination or exploration of one's personal history or emotional problems is self indulgent and unimportant for how we live. Today we speak of holistic and a balanced life of the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual and some, in the pursuit of it, get obsessed with their own story, feelings, reactions, and psychological nuances of their story. Today's gospel reminds us that there is a middle road between denying what should be acknowledged and dealt with and being absorbed with it.

Christ enables us "to have no fear" through the Church to celebrate the sacrament of penance, where we admit our destructive behaviour and hear that we are forgiven and healed. At that moment, the love of God is active to draw us out to what Christ wants us to be, to grow in compassion and sensitivity to the needs of others.

Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain



Primary News

Upcoming Events:

Monday, 23 June:

John XXIII Speak Up Finals
Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre: 11.10am-12.50pm

Thursday, 26 June:

JSHAA Year 7 Winter Lightning Carnival
John XXIII College: 9.00am-3.00pm

Friday, 27 June:

Eagles Cup Lightning Carnival
Claremont Oval: 9.00am-3.00pm

Pre-Primary to Year 3 Assembly
McKillop Room (1B) at 9.00am

Year 4 to 7 Mass
Chapel at 9.00am (5F)

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

Jellybeans After School & Vacation Care



Puzzing Your Child First

NOW OPEN AT JOHN XXIII COLLEGE

Kindergarten to Year 7 & Homework Club:

- Fun craft and Sport activities
- Government Fee Assistance
- Incursions and Excursions
- One to one assisted homework support
- Qualified Teacher (BA Primary ED)
- Healthy afternoon snacks



**Places Limited
Enrol Now**

For booking details call
Nicola on 0417 919 257

Health Information

Drug Action Week 22-28th June

Drug Action Week is a national week of activities to raise awareness about alcohol and other drug issues and to promote the achievements of those who work to reduce drug related harm. The theme for 2008 is **“Alcohol is a drug – TOO”**.

What is a drug?

A drug is any substance (with the exception of food and water) which, when taken into the body, alters the body's function either physically and/or psychologically. Drugs may be legal (eg. Alcohol, caffeine and tobacco) or illegal (eg. Cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine and heroin).

Alcohol is a depressant drug, which means that it depresses (slows down) the central nervous system. Messages between the brain and the body are slowed down by alcohol, so a person's reaction time, coordination and concentration can be affected. That's alcohol on its own – taken with medication, its effects can be increased or worsened, even when drinking at low levels.

Fact or Myth on Alcohol:

‘It's cheaper to get drunk on an empty stomach’ ‘If you don't eat you get drunk quicker and it's cheaper.’

Answer: Fact: You will get drunk quicker on an empty stomach. The cost depends on the type of drink you purchase. Alcohol is absorbed directly into the bloodstream through the stomach and small intestine. Food in the stomach slows down the rate at which alcohol is absorbed. Drinking alcohol on an empty stomach makes the person more vulnerable to becoming intoxicated – and to the consequences.

‘It's okay for me to drink heaps tonight because I haven't had a drink all week.’

‘I can drink my weekly ‘quota’ of alcohol in one night.’

Answer: Myth: ‘Saving’ up drinks for a binge can be harmful.

‘Binge drinking’ means drinking heavily over a short period of time, drinking continuously over a number of days or weeks or drinking to get drunk. For young people, the short-term risks of binge drinking include alcohol poisoning, getting drunk, getting into fights, having accidents, having unsafe/unwanted sex, or doing something you regret the next day. Regular ‘binge drinking’ can cause long-term physical damage, particularly to the liver, stomach and brain.

Useful websites for further information on drugs and alcohol:

www.dao.health.wa.gov.au

www.drugaware.com.au

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Swanbourne Dental Health Service Holiday Hours

The Swanbourne Dental Health Service located on Narla Road Swanbourne will be open as normal during the July holidays except for Monday 7th July and Friday 11th July. In an emergency, contact the South Coogee Dental Service on 9437 4826.

Careers Corner

MyFuture Student Video Competition

The 'MyFuture Student Video' Competition gives young people the opportunity to submit 2-3 minute video clips that profile an occupation of their choice, showing real people in real workplaces. The prize pool includes editing computers, video cameras, ipods and the chance to appear on national television. Entrants must be between 13-19 years of age. Entry kits can be downloaded from THE CREW website at www.thecrew.net.au.

Career Choices Expo

This weekend Friday 20 – Sunday 22nd June is the Career Choices Expo at Claremont Showgrounds Exhibition Centre. Open Friday 9-3 and Saturday/Sunday 10-4pm, there is free entry to this event. Year 10 students are especially encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian. Visit <http://careerchoiceexpo.det.wa.edu.au> for a full list of seminar times and exhibitors.

Computing Careers Information Night

Curtin University - Tuesday 24th June 5.30-8.00pm in the BankWest Lecture Theatre, Curtin University. Students will hear from a variety of Leading IT companies about exciting opportunities in the IT industry. The panel discussion will include speakers from Bankwest, IBM, L7 Solutions, Microsoft, MRX Technologies, Motorola, Snowden Group, Terravision, Thales Group and WotNews. RSVP by visiting curtin.edu.au/itcareers or call 9266 7298.

UWA Architecture & Landscape Architecture

End of Semester Exhibition - Tuesday 24 June, 5.30-7pm, Cullity Gallery (cnr Clifford St and Stirling Hwy Nedlands). View the end of semester exhibition, hear talks by the discipline Chairs of Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Q&A and sausage sizzle. Learn about the programs, admission requirements and what career opportunities there are once you graduate. Please RSVP to Angela at anglea.reimers@uwa.edu.au or 6488 1859.

2009 KPMG Cadetships for Year 12 students

The CA Cadetship Evening will be held on Monday 23rd June from 5.30pm- 7.30pm in Ballroom 2 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. Register your attendance by phoning 9420 0400 or register on the night. Information on the Cadetship program offered to students thinking of studying a Business/Commerce degree (majoring in Accounting) may be found at <http://www.kpmg.com.au>

WA Police Traineeship Information Evenings

Students about to complete either Year 11 or Year 12 are invited to attend one of two Information Evenings at the Joondalup Police Academy to find out about the 2 year Traineeship Program. 120 positions are available for the 2009 cadet program and applications close on August 31. Register for information evenings on either 24 June or 1 July (6.30- 8.00pm) by phoning 9301 0448. www.stepforward.wa.gov.au

Sarah Hammond – Careers Counsellor

Mass - Music - Me!

Every Friday Morning at 8am in the John XXIII College Chapel the Spire Bells chime to call everyone from K-12 and the whole College Family to attend and be part of the wonderful Spirit of Mass as celebrated by our College Chaplain Fr Gaetan Pereira and the Gospel Choir.

I know it's a busy world....however God Works...Give God Time.

We have the Mass. We have the Music. We need more Me's!!!! As Jesus says - I LOVE YOU....AWAITING YOUR REPLY.

Mr. Mario Bugna, Faith and Justice Coordinator.

The John XXIII SRC presents

**Socketastic
& CRAZY SOCK DAY
27th June 2008**

JOIN IN CRAZY SOCK DAY.

Bring your socks to donate.

Wear your craziest, most outrageous pair of socks to school on the **27th June**

Retreat Information

"Inner Freedom and Healing (Part 2)"

Presenter: Murray Graham (Inigo Centre Director)

Cost: Donation

Date: Saturday 28 June

Time: 9am-12 Noon

Venue: John XXIII College. MacKillop Room

"Growing in Faith and Compassion"

Presenter: Murray Graham (Inigo Centre Director)

Cost: Donation.

Venue: John XXIII College. MacKillop Room

Date: Wednesday 25 June Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Further Details Mr Murray Graham, Ph. 93830444

Condolences

Sympathies to Matthew (Year 10) and Timothy (Year 5) and the Bonser family on the passing of their grandfather. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bonser Family at this time of sadness.

Sympathies to Mr Alan Morris, (Maintenance for the College) and the Morris family on the passing of his father Mr Archie Morris. Our prayers are offered up for the Morris family.

Condolences to Mrs Denise Plain (Year 7 Teacher and Primary Learning Technology) on the sad loss of her mother and grandmother, Mrs Pat Martin. Our prayers are with Mrs Plain and her family

Condolences to the Abbey Gajewski (Year 4) and the Gajewski family on the passing of their grandfather. Our prayers are offered up for the Gajewski family.

Secondary News

Parents of Year 10 Students

2011 University Admission Requirements TISC, released information regarding 2011 University Admission Requirements and Prerequisite requirements for entry in the public universities on the evening of Tuesday 10th June. Please contact our Careers Counsellor, Ms Sarah Hammond or Mr Robert Novacsek should you have any queries.

2011 Admission Requirements:

<http://www.tisc.edu.au/tisc.jsp?URL=/tiscguide/undergrad-admission-req-summary.html>

Prerequisites:

www.tisc.edu.au/tisc.jsp?URL=/tiscguide/prerequisites.html

Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal, Studies

ALTERATION TO Parent/Teacher Meeting date for Years 11 and 12

The Parent/Teacher meeting scheduled for Monday 30th June has been rescheduled to take place on the evening of **Wednesday 30th July 3.30 pm to 6.30pm.**

Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal, Studies

Important notice to Year 12 Students

If you are taking a TEE Subject or an Stage 2 or 3 Course and DO NOT intend sitting the TEE exam for that subject you are required to complete a Non-examination Candidate Enrolment Form – 2008. These forms are available from Student Reception and need to be given to Mr Novacsek before Monday 23rd June, lunchtime.

Mr Robert Novacsek
Deputy Principal, Studies

Year 8 Parents Morning Tea

Friday 27 June

After school Drop-Off at Cafe-Cafe, Subiaco, Subiaco Square Shopping Centre (Just near Subiaco Train Station). Enquiries: Yr 8 Coordinators, Sally Kenny, Sue Lynch, Vicki Rowdon and Sally Chaney



Young Vinnies Winter Appeal!



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Please remember to donate blankets and winter wear, such as scarves, beanies, socks and jumpers to make winter more bearable for those less fortunate. Non perishable goods such as canned soup would be equally appreciated. Boxes will be placed in Student Reception and Main Administration for collection.

MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

Families are asked to complete and return to the College the Medical Information sheets which were sent home during the April school holidays.

At this stage, only 50% of the forms have been returned which means that for 50% of our students, we do not have current medical information to be used in an emergency.

Please return to the College by Friday 20th June 2008.

