



Wonderful Learning Opportunities

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Each new week seems to bring a theme. We have recently had Founders Week, Science Week, Book Week and now this week we are celebrating Mathematics Week. Each week brings a new focus on to the wonderful learning opportunities that are available to our students. A great deal of creativity went into the Book Week parade costumes - based on characters who had been "Fuel for the Mind" for the young readers. It was a colourful and happy occasion. Well done!. Science week gave us a chance to showcase our new Environment Centre and refurbished Science rooms. The new native and organic gardens, the chickens, the worms and the vegetable plots were all looking resplendent!! How lucky we are to have such magnificent facilities in which to teach and learn. No doubt our Mathematicians will keep us amused and challenged with puzzles and quirky 'Maths-lore" this week.

I am pleased to announce the College has appointed a Year 7 Coordinator to lead our new programme in 2009 and beyond. Mrs Sue Benson has accepted the position and brings with her a huge wealth of experience from leadership positions in Catholic Primary Schools and the K-12 Learning and Teaching Team at the Catholic Education Office.

Our New Year 7 Building is emerging from the ground with the steel frame to be erected over the next couple of weeks. Once this happens the scale and shape of the building will become obvious. While maintaining the exterior characteristics of all our buildings, the interior will be quite different to our current classrooms. The design matches the new pedagogical model that has been developed for our students "in transition". An exciting curriculum involving core elective subjects, learning skills and integrated curriculum is being finalised for the incoming students.

Please make a commitment to attend our Inaugural Gala Music Concert at the Concert Hall on the 13th September. Based on the performances of our students during the Catholic Performing Arts Festival, it will be a magnificent concert.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fry
Principal

Chaplain Calls

Jesus said to his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me."

We human beings are symbol makers. Since the dawn of time people have given meaning to their lives through symbols and other forms of artistic expression. The Olympic torch travelled across the world to tell people of the great games in Beijing.

The WYD Cross and Icon that travelled around Australia had an importance for Pilgrims and travellers to Sydney. The cross of Jesus is an important symbol of meaning in our religious tradition. The way of the cross enacted during the World Youth Week captured the imagination of many people, Christian and non Christian alike. The question whether many who participated in the WYD have returned to their churches still remains. But we may ask: When do symbols lose their meaning?

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is clear about the meaning of the cross. As Christians, we hold that our God took flesh, died and was raised to life. We are invited, by Jesus, to see the burden of suffering in our lives as an opportunity to be faithful to his example. It also gives us an opportunity to be in solidarity with all those who suffer in our daily lives, thoughts of others rarely come to mind easily, but it can be consoling to keep our suffering in context and know that we are not facing it alone.

Carrying our cross, however, is not just about bearing physical, personal, sexual, spiritual or emotional pain; it can also be about the sharing of our gifts and talents, our love and compassion. In every gift there is a burden. Following Christ's example, we are called to share our gifts heroically, with anyone in need even to the end! Some people complain these days that God is often presented as a big marshmallow, all sweet and soft. Today's Gospel shows the edge involved in being a follower of Christ. I don't know of a more demanding vocation in our world than that of taking up the cross of being faithful, loving, and selfless.

Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain



Primary News

Speak Up Award

Last Tuesday, 19 August, the first round of the "Speak Up Award" was held. We would like to congratulate all our participants but most importantly, Eloise Connell, who has progressed to the Preliminary Final. The Preliminary Final will be held on Sunday, 31 August at PLC. Good luck, Eloise.

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held during Week Seven. This year, the children will be involved in rotational Mathematics activities in their cluster groups.

Upcoming Events

Monday 8 September:

Year 3 Musical Dress Rehearsal at 10.00am in the Roncalli Hall.

Tuesday 9 September:

Year 3 Musical Matinee Performance in the Roncalli Hall at 10.00am.

Year 3 Musical Performance in the Roncalli Hall at 7.00pm.

Friday 12 September:

Year 4-7 Inter-house Athletics Carnival

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

Inaugural Gala Music Concert

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE
INAUGURAL GALA MUSIC CONCERT
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.00PM

THE CONCERT WILL SHOWCASE

Year 12 Soloists

Primary and Secondary Ensembles & Choirs

Tickets are available from BOCS ticketing

Family (2 adults + 2 children) \$25.00. Adult - \$12.00.

Concession - \$7.00

Year 8 Parent Information

We hope that the first six months as parents of Year Eight students at JTC has been successful.

Forthcoming Events

Morning Tea

Join us after school drop-off on Thursday 11 September at the new cafe Oasis in Mt Claremont Community Centre, just off St John's Blvd, near JTC. We would love to see you there. The coffee mornings have been a huge success so far this year, so please come along.

End of Year Function

Saturday 25 October – Please keep this date free, for our big Year Eight Function for the year. It will be held at Phillip's Cafe in Napoleon Street, Cottesloe. There will be more information coming out closer to the date.

Volunteers required - Orientation Day

2009 Year Eights on Saturday 15 November

It is traditional for the Year Eight parents to organise, along with the school, the Orientation Day for new Year Eight students. We will require an army of volunteers, and for each family to provide a plate/platter of food. Could you please contact one of the coordinators if you are able to assist. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Coordinators for Next Year We would love to hear from people who are interested in being coordinators for Year 9, 2009.

Sally Kenny: 9386 2534 ike10659@bigpond.net.au

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Alumni News

Vale

Healy, Paul (Class of 1959). Father to five past students. **RIP Johnson**, Madeline (Class of 2002) May she rest in Peace

John XXIII Alumni Golf Day

Register your interest by forwarding an email to the Alumni Development Office gingell.anna@johnxxiii.edu.au for the inaugural annual **John XXIII Alumni Golf Day** which is scheduled to commence at the beginning of the golf season in 2009. The date will be advertised in the near future. Shot Gun start, teams of four (4). Limited places. Further details will be coming your way soon.

John XXIII Alumni Directory Web Site

Please visit the newly launched Alumni web site www.johnxxiii.edu.au

It has a new look with new features. You are able to:

- Add friends to the directory
- Search your class reunion year
- Update your biography and other personal details
- Place messages on the bulletin board e.g. jobs vacant or seeking a job, ask questions, make suggestions
- Update your own photo or add to the photo board
- Check out the Calendar for future events and reunions, includes the current College calendar
- Create news items
- Add to the Business Directory, get discounts, support your Alumni in business
- Join competitions - e.g. Footy competition
- Send group emails to past class mates

Added items:

- Pay pal to make payments for reunions and events on line easy and safe
- Map of the world - where are they now

Coming items:

- Link to and from Facebook
 - Birthday greetings
 - Searching Alumni in different parts of the world
- Congratulations to past students Chris Boening (Class of 1987) and Darren Miller (Class of 1989) who won the Footy Tipping Knock Out Competition.

Mrs Anna Gingell - Alumni Development Officer

Valete - Year 12 Parents and Students

Thank you once again to the Year 12 families who have sent in their RSVP forms and payment for Valete tickets. Less than half the Year 12 families have sent in their forms, so please send your forms and payment in as soon as possible. Remember, you do need to purchase a ticket for your year 12 son or daughter. So for example, if the student plus 2 parents are attending, you must purchase 3 tickets. Some forms are coming back with incorrect payment.

Students' baby photos have been a bit slow coming in too, so please get those in to either Student Reception or Mr Clews as a matter of urgency so work can begin on the visual display to be presented on Valete night.

We look forward to staging a wonderful night for all graduating students and their families. Please help us with the planning by getting those replies and photos in very soon! Thanks for your cooperation.

2008 Valete Organising Committee

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Careers Corner

Careers at Kings Park

18 September 2008, 8am-1pm. Spend a fascinating morning in Kings Park and Botanic Garden meeting the dedicated staff from the Science, Nursery, Bushland, Arbor, Education and Turf Departments who will demonstrate exciting career possibilities for young (and old!) people. Bookings are essential and the morning costs \$20 per person. Phone 9480 3624 or visit www.bgpa.wa.gov.au

Midwifery Taster Day

Saturday 30th August, 950-1500, Curtin University of Technology, Building 405 foyer. Please RSVP to Jennifer Wood on 9266 2088. This day is designed to provide prospective applicants for the Bachelor of Science (Midwifery) the opportunity to discuss the realities of becoming and being a Midwife.

TEE Intensive Revision Courses

TEE Consultants offer 8 hour intensive courses in many TEE subjects. Their current offerings run over the weekends from August 30/31 to Sept 27/28. For details of the subjects and times please contact Colin Chinnery at TEE Consultants on 9387 2106.

'Eureka!' A Gifted Education Opportunity for Years 8-10

Please visit www.thinkingahead.com.au for information about the 'Eureka' Program, an exciting opportunity for gifted Years 8-10 students from September 29th - October 1st.

Police Traineeships

Students completing Year 11 or 12 are now eligible to become Police Trainees. Visit www.stepforward.wa.gov.au for more information on becoming a Police recruit.

Apprenticeships 2009

Year 10, 11 or 12 students wishing to investigate Apprenticeship offerings for 2009 should start looking at employers on websites such as www.apprenticeship.wa.gov.au from this week. New and varied opportunities are advertised all the time and the best apprenticeships are snapped up quickly.

Notre Dame Admissions Information & Course Expo

Tuesday 2 September, 6.15 start. 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

The information session will be presented by the University Admissions staff and will provide detailed information about the admissions process including the Notre Dame personal statement and what to expect in the admissions interview. The session will also include the course structure for Notre Dame's alternative entry pathway, the **Tertiary Enabling Program**. All undergraduate course information will be on

display. This session will be an ideal opportunity for students to meet admissions staff as well as gain access to the most up-to-date details on courses for next year.



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Sarah Hammond – Careers Counsellor

Health Information

National Asthma Week 1 – 7th September

What is Asthma? People with asthma have sensitive airways in their lungs. When exposed to certain triggers their airways narrow, making it hard for them to breathe. Asthma can begin at any age and can change over time. Every person's asthma is different. Not all people will have the same triggers. You may not always know what triggers your asthma. It is helpful to identify triggers in order to avoid them, however this is not always possible (eg. Colds and flu). Your doctor or local Asthma Foundation will assist you.

How do you recognise asthma?

- Shortness of breath
- Wheeze
- Chest tightness
- A dry, irritating, persistent cough, particularly at night, early morning, with exercise or activity.

Can asthma be cured?

Asthma cannot be cured, but it can be managed. Most people with asthma can carry out their daily activities without asthma symptoms. Good asthma management allows you to lead an active, healthy lifestyle.

Managing your asthma effectively

- Find a doctor who has a keen interest in asthma and have regular asthma reviews
- Ask your doctor for a written Asthma Action Plan
- Avoid things that make your asthma worse (triggers)
- Know your asthma symptoms and how to treat them
- Make sure you use asthma medications correctly
- Make sure you carry your reliever medication at all times
- Recognise signs of worsening asthma and follow your written Asthma Action Plan
- Know your Asthma First Aid Plan and how to use it
- Inform your family members and friends about your asthma and how they can provide asthma first aid
- Stay active and healthy

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Book Week

Last week the Library and English Departments hosted a week of fun fuelled activities celebrating the theme "Fuel Your Mind" for Book Week 2008. A lovely combined morning tea was attended by over 100 staff.



The Library hosted a range of fun activities such as quizzes, treasure hunts and bingo, related to the nominated books by the Children's Book Council. The K-7 classes were treated to Class Act Theatre Company who performed a humorous play based on the Fuel Your Mind theme. Our Year 11 students performed a loud and wild rendition of Let's Dance to Joy Division. Miss Den Haan showcased her original 1950's Ford truck which became the centrepiece of the Book Sale which raised a grand total of \$277. Many a bargain was had at 20c a book. Nigel Gray, the celebrated author amused the younger students with his humorous anecdotes at the Nedlands Library. On Friday the top twenty readers and hard-working Library monitors were invited to select new books for the Library and do some serious Pizza tasting. It was a fun fuelled week for all concerned!

Mrs A Ainsworth - Library Coordinator

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Secondary News

House Drama/Theatre Sports

Congratulations and well done to all the students involved in House Drama last week. 135 students from Years 8 to 12 participated in the competition and all performances were well directed and designed by the Year 12 Drama students. Congratulations also to Rebecca Beasley, Tim Fitzgerald and Tristan Winter who represented the College in the Interschool Theatre Sports competition on Monday 25th of August. The team came second.

Thank you to the Year 12's who demonstrated great leadership, problem solving skills and creativity. This was an excellent student led House activity. Thank you to the students for their commitment and giving up their time after school and on weekends.

Well done to the winners:

- Champion (directed by Phillippe Cassian and Hal Cullity)
- Best Play, Rory Garton Smith and Selena Meegan (Ward)
- Best directors, Olivia Vivian-Williams (St Louis)
- Best Actress, Tim Fitzgerald (Loreto)
- Best Actor, Georgia Walker (Ward)
- Best Set Design and Best Costume Design Tristan Winter (Loreto)

Mr G Tsakisiris Drama/Performing Arts Coordinator

NETBALL NEWS

The 2008 Trophy Presentation and Wind-Up Evening will be held on Tuesday 16 September in the Exhibition Centre from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The AGM will also be held on the same night so if you are interested in joining the committee in 2009 please arrange to be nominated. New members are very welcome as we have retirees this year after many years of loyal service to the club.

The netball teams sit together and it is a BYO food and drink . Trophies are awarded for Fairest and Best and Coach's Award. The JTC Netballer of the Year is also announced. Parents are encouraged to attend. Please ring me if you have any questions regarding the event.

The finals commence this week. The Club have 10 teams in the finals and the girls know their game time, court time and opposition. Please come and support our teams this Saturday and thanks to all those who supported our top team Diamond (Year 12) last Saturday as they played their last game for the College.

All of our players are asked to wear correct Netball Club uniform with NO variations. Yellow and blue ribbons are the only ribbons to be worn. No jewellery and check your nails and be ON TIME. Good luck girls. I'll be coming around to each match to see how you are progressing and I'm looking forward to seeing you do your best on the courts.

Mrs Stephanie Alderman

Netball Coordinator (0431 685 345) after 5pm.

Apex Fashion Awards

The annual Apex Teenage Fashion Awards showcases the creative talents of fashion, costume design and art students. Students design, construct and model their own garments in one of several heats held during Term Three, in one of four categories Casual, Daywear, Eveningwear or Ball gowns, Fantasy and Cultural. The best entries are selected from each heat to be one of twenty contestants in each category at the final awards which are held on 14 September at the Hyatt Hotel, Perth. Two John XXIII students have been selected for the finals, Samuel McCloy and Shalini Duncan who both designed and constructed their garments in Year 11 Art and Design.

Deb Ellery - Art Teacher



The Burning Bush



National Science Week was celebrated with a burning of the bush ceremony. Five grass trees (or Xanthohea) were purchased for the garden area at the rear of the science block. Bruce Abbott of REPLANTS, the supplier of the trees, performed the burning ceremony.

The logic behind the burning is that it seals the sap inside the trunk and thereby prevents pathogens from attacking the tree. It also rids the tree of unwanted pathogens and stimulates the flowering process. Indigenous people believe that it destroys any bad spirits in the surrounding earth

The opening of the Environmental Centre is the final phase of the multimillion dollar refurbishment and modernisation of the Science Block. The classroom/laboratory incorporates wet and dry areas for the delivery of the horticulture topics in Biology and Senior Science. The fabulous gardens, designed by Jane Donovan, in conjunction with Alan and Jim from Maintenance, are a delight to work in. The raised beds are very user friendly and designed with water wise principles in mind. Chicken coups were designed in conjunction with the CEO Animal Ethics Committee and the RSPCA.

Mr Gerard McCann - Science Coordinator

Academic Awards

The Semester One Academic Awards were presented during the Assembly period last Friday. Students were issued with certificates recognising their achievements for the first Semester. In addition the students were treated to musical, dramatic and artistic performances from their peers.

Congratulations to all those who were issued with a certificate.

Year 12 Students

On Friday afternoon, August 22nd , all the Year 12 students were issued with a variety of materials on WACE, TEE, University and TAFE entry and Careers Planning. Our Careers Counsellor Ms Hammond gave general advice and information on how to apply for tertiary studies. Students who were absent are advised to see Ms Hammond to collect any materials which were issued.

Mr Rob Novacsek - Deputy Principal (Studies)

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