



# Creative, Enterprising, Articulate & Energetic

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

Over the last weekend I saw the creative, enterprising, articulate and energetic nature of John XXIII students and staff.

First, the **Creative** minds of our Year 8-10 students were on display at the 2008 Tournament of the Minds. In the four categories of Applied Technology, Maths/Engineering, Language/Literature and Social Sciences, our teams worked to prepare a creative solution to the problem they were assigned. They then worked as a team to solve the spontaneous riddle with which they were presented. Congratulations to the teams and to their mentors Mrs McLean, Mrs Joyner, Mrs Ho, Dr Warrington, Calvin Yapp and Mrs Harrington. All teams were a credit to the College and three have progressed through to the state final.

Secondly, the **Enterprising** flair of our students was evident at the market fair held in Fremantle over the weekend. As part of their Young Achievers Award, we have had a group design, manufacture and market a new product. This year our group has worked collaboratively to design a new "Stuff n Store" bag. They were part of the market fair held on Sunday to showcase all the new products and our team won the coveted Marketing Award. Congratulations to the team and their mentors Mr Locke and Mr Martin.

Thirdly, the **Articulate** talents of Year 7 student Eloise Connell was on show at the Regional Finals of the "Speak Up" Awards held at PLC on Sunday morning. Eloise spoke about "B1 and B2" which was a very amusing description of her daily challenge of living with two brothers. Congratulations to Eloise and her mentor Mrs Connell.

Finally, the **Energetic** nature of our students were put to the test in the City to Surf Fun Run on Sunday morning. A Team of 30 students competed the course with times that were very creditable. Well done to the Team and their mentor Mr Platts.

Netball semi finals were also contested over the weekend at Selby Netball Centre. Tight games and good fair play were on display. We wish the girls all the best in the grand finals next week.

Just a taste of a busy John XXIII Weekend. Enjoy the week (this week our focus is on LOTE)

Yours sincerely,

Anne Fry  
Principal

## Chaplain Calls

Today the two golden rules for any mixed faith couple before marriage is one to discuss everything in advance and secondly the most important, maintain communication with their respective families. After blessing and attending many couples of mixed faith, I am faced with the question of re-assessing our Christian distinctive tradition whilst at the same time catering for families that embrace more than one religion. Apart from the following the guidelines for the celebration of mixed faith marriage in church and filling in the pre nuptials, the couple are asked 'what do you like best about your partner'? and secondly 'what do you like best about yourself'? Some find no problem with the first question but with the second, some find it hard to name the God given qualities they value.

In Today's Gospel, Jesus cuts to the heart of the good news, You must love your neighbour as you love yourself. We cannot say in the same breath, I hate myself but I am a good Christian. Putting it another way, we cannot love anyone else, even your partner, if we don't love ourselves. If we have a poor self esteem then often we need others to fill up this gap in our self love. Most relationships cannot sustain such a demand.

Ignatius of Loyola saw that one of the greatest gifts the Lord can give us, is that when we see our brokenness and our sinfulness for what it is, we are invited not to be overwhelmed by it, and that we through right choices, experience the power of God's love for us who calls us to walk as children of the light. We can witness to this only to the degree that we have experienced it, from God, from others, and the way we love and forgive ourselves. Happy Father's Day!

*Fr Gaetan Pereira sj - College Chaplain*

## Reminders

- Please remember to send in your baby photo and reply to the Valet Dinner
- Please remember to register for your on-line Newsletter

**Happy Fathers Day  
to all our wonderful  
Fathers and Grandfathers.**



# Primary News

## **Literacy and Numeracy Week**

This week was Literacy and Numeracy Week throughout the state, so the Primary Teachers at John XXIII honoured the week by sharing their Maths talents. Junior, Middle and Upper teachers swapped classes within their clusters and presented dynamic, open ended and hands-on activities. The children not only got to experience different teaching styles, but were able to see Maths as an enjoyable and exciting subject.

## **Year 3 Musical**

We wish all the Year 3 children and Mrs Morrell the best of luck for the Musical next week. The children, teachers and parents have worked so hard to bring it all together. If previous years are anything to go on, it should be fantastic.

## **Fruit and Vegetable Week**

This coming week is Fruit and Vegetable Week so we encourage parents to make an extra effort to replace some of the pre-packaged recess items in your children's lunchboxes with fruit. [www.gofor2and5.com.au](http://www.gofor2and5.com.au) is a great website full of ideas and activities for teachers, parents and children.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 3 Musical Dress Rehearsal at 10:00a.m. in the Roncalli Hall

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 3 Musical 7:00p.m. in the Roncalli Hall

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Yr 4 – 7 Inter-house Athletics Carnival

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

## Primary Reading Books

We would appreciate if parents could make a point of checking cupboards, shelves, under beds, on coffee tables etc at home for any Primary School reading books that have been overlooked for return.

There are a considerable number of our book boxes with titles missing. It's not just the cost of replacing the books, but also the accessioning, covering, stamping and boxing them is very time-consuming. We're sure you'd agree teaching students is a much better use of time.

**Erin Harrington and Thea Knott**

## **VACSWIM 2008/2009**

An information booklet has been distributed to all students in the primary school this week outlining details on the October and January 2009 Vacation Swimming classes. Secondary students can visit the PE office and receive the package if they are interested.

## Valete - Year 12 Parents and Students

We are desperately in need of your son or daughter's baby photo for the visual display to be presented on Valete night. As a matter of urgency. Please drop the photo in to Student Reception or email to [clews.jonathan@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:clews.jonathan@johnxxiii.edu.au)

There are still about 100 families who have not sent in their RSVP forms for the Valete dinner. Please send these in as soon as possible to assist us in the organisation of this wonderful event for our graduating students.

Thanks for your cooperation.

2008 Valete Organising Committee

Tracy McLaren

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## *Inaugural Gala Music Concert*

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THE  
INAUGURAL GALA MUSIC CONCERT  
SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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## Tournament of Minds Regional Final

A team of 28 students from Years 8, 9 & 10 represented John XXIII at the Regional Finals of the Tournament of Minds competition on 30 August. The students competed in the areas of Language Literature, Maths Engineering, Social Sciences and Applied Technology against other schools in WA. Each student had worked extremely hard over the last 6 weeks and their outstanding efforts paid off as they articulated polished performances to spontaneous and long term problem solving challenges.

Congratulations to our Language Literature, Maths Engineering and Social Sciences teams who won the Regional Finals and will progress to the next round by competing in the State Finals on 14 September at UWA.

The State Finals competition is different to the six week challenge the students have just encountered. In the State Finals, the students spend three hours in a room supervised by a teacher from another school. They are given a problem and provided with a box of materials for costumes. In the case of Maths Engineering, the team is also supplied with a box of objects to make a machine. Within that time, students must write a ten minute script, create costumes and for the Maths Engineering team, also construct a machine. Students will then present their solution to a panel of judges.

Thank you to all parents for your tremendous support over this busy period. The teams were coached by Judith McLean, Anne Joyner, Nick Warrington, Monica Ho, Erin Harrington, Brian Tierney and Calvin Yap (2007 National Finals Runner Up Winner). Photos from the competition may be viewed through the school website or from the Student Share Drive at school.

## Maximising our Inner Strength

Presenter	Carol Bush( Registered Psychologist)
Cost	\$10 waged. Unwaged -Donation
Date:	Wednesday 10th September
Time	7.30pm to 9.30pm
Venue:	John XXIII College. MacKillop Room
Further Details	Mr Murray Graham, Telephone 93830444

## Para Olympics



The College Community congratulates Katrina Porter, class of 2005 who is in Beijing representing Australia in swimming.

Our very best wishes go to Katrina and her team mates.

## Health Information

### Fruit 'n' Veg Week 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September

We are encouraged to *Go for 2 fruit and 5 vegetables* everyday. To ensure these nutrients are included in the diet, children and adults alike are encouraged to eat a variety of fruit and vegetables.

A diet high in fruit and vegetables helps:

- Prevent some vitamin deficiencies
- Prevent obesity
- Prevent constipation and other bowel disorders
- Reduce the risk of some cancers
- Reduce blood pressure
- Reduce blood cholesterol levels

Improve diabetic control

Therefore, it is important to introduce and reinforce good eating habits during childhood as a means of reducing the risk of diet-related diseases in adulthood.

Here is a healthy recipe to try:

### BBQ VEGIES

1 tablespoon olive oil

Juice of 1 lemon

1 red onion, cut into wedges

3 flat mushrooms, sliced thick

3 baby eggplants, halved lengthways

3 baby zucchini, halved lengthways

1 red capsicum, seeded and cut into six

3 yellow squash, halved

3 firm ripe tomatoes, halved

Olive or canola oil spray

Combine oil and juice in a small bowl. Brush vegetables with this mixture.

Heat BBQ and lightly spray with oil. Barbeque vegetables until tender.

*Jenny Hill - College Nurse*

## AUDITIONS FOR CHAMBER CHOIR/CONCERT BAND AND ORCHESTRA FOR 2009

Auditions for the above ensembles will be held in the final week of **Term 3**. Audition information, time slots and Music is available from the Music Office now.

**Monday 22 September 7:30 – 8:30**

Percussion/Brass/Winds (except Flutes)

**Tuesday 23 September 7:30 – 8:30**

Strings

**Wednesday 24 September 3:30 – 5:30**

Chamber Choir

**Thursday 25 September 7:30 – 8:30**

Brass/Winds/Flutes

**Friday 26 September 3:30 – 5:30**

Chamber Choir

**Sunday 21 September 5:30**

Final Twilight Recital for 2008

Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre.

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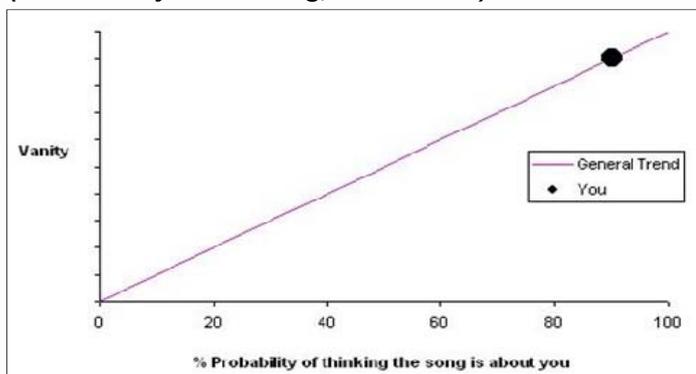
# Secondary News

## MATHEMATICS WEEK

Last week the Mathematics Department celebrated Maths Week. Many thanks to the students and staff who participated in the various activities offered. Some highlights were: Bjarke Boisen, Yr 9, who turned a fantale wrapper into a 140cm length and Gemma Whiting, Year 12, who reset a 4 tiered Tower of Hanoi in 9.31sec. Staff also participated in the Graphed Grooves competition. Here are a couple of examples below. Can you determine the song and artist?



(Ans: Money for Nothing, Dire Straits)



(Ans: You're so Vain, Carly Simon)

**Mrs Daniela Condo – Mathematics Coordinator (Acting)**

## College Sports Photo Day

Any students who has been a member of a NAS Premiership Team or the ACC Swimming, Cross Country or Athletics Team in 2008 please note that sports photos will be conducted on Friday 12th September. You may wear your college sports uniform to school. A more detailed schedule will follow in Tutor group.

**Mr David Maxwell - Sports Coordinator**

## City to Surf 2008

A hearty congratulations to the 28 students from John XXIII who ran for a good cause in the 2008 City to Surf Fun Run last Sunday. Students from Year's 8 to 12 competed in both the 4km and 12km events. It was quite a wonderful experience to train, run and compete with such a committed group of young people. There was a great spirit of togetherness and community at the end of the event as the students congregated at City Beach oval to celebrate finishing the 'undulating' course. Well done and thankyou to Year 12 students Ben Gollow, Rory Gollow and Mitchell Catlin for being the prime organisers and capable managers of this great team. Thanks also must go to Mrs Gollow for collecting the team race packs and Mr David Maxwell for meeting the team as they crossed the finish-line. Let's hope for a bigger involvement on behalf of the College next year.

*'One can only wonder why a person would involve themselves in such an absurd activity as distance running. Perhaps the answer lies in the fact that it prepares them for the challenges of an even more absurd activity...Life!'*

**Mr Danny Platts - Health and Physical Education**

## ROWING CLUB NEWS



The boys rowing season is due to start in Term Four with a "HAVE A GO DAY for BOYS" who wish to join the club (Year 8 -12). **Come along and have a go!!!**

Chat to our coach Cameron Haines, senior rowers and parents of the club. A Sausage sizzle will be held at the end of the day.

**WHEN : Sunday 14th September 2008**

**TIME: 8am-9am**

**WHERE: JTC Rowing Club, Canning Bridge Applecross**

**Maintenance - Clean Up Day; Sunday 14th September from 9am onwards**

Calling on rowing parents to help Clean Up the Rowing Shed /maintenance on equipment in preparation for the Boys season.

**Boys Rowing Season Registration**

WHEN: Wednesday 17th September at 7.00pm

Where: Multi Purpose Room

NB. Discount on fees given to those who register on the night or alternatively if you can't make the registration night forms can be downloaded from the College website (see Community-Rowing) Any queries on any of the dates above please email [ehlersjule@iprimus.com.au](mailto:ehlersjule@iprimus.com.au)

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