

There is no substitute for a parent

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College.

At the P & F meeting which was held this week, there was considerable discussion on where the responsibility lies on several key social issues affecting teenagers – drinking, parties, P-Plate drivers etc. There are also many issues of character and social behaviour in the junior years of schooling that could have been equally valid topics in this debate.

While the school clearly has a role to play, it can never replace the role of parents in setting standards of behaviour for their own children. The discussion we had was still echoing in my mind when I read this extract from a speech by Barack Obama :

“... Yes, it takes new resources, but we also know there is no program and no policy that can substitute for a parent who is involved in their child’s education from day one.

“There is no substitute for a parent who will make sure their children are in school on time and help them with their homework after dinner and attend those parent-teacher conferences, like so many parents here at MESA do.

“And I have no doubt that we will still be talking about these problems next century if we do not have parents who are willing to turn off the TV once in a while and put away the video games and read to their child.

“Responsibility for our children’s education has to start at home. We have to set high standards for them and spend time with them and love them. We have to hold ourselves accountable.

“This is the commitment we must make to our children. This is the chance they must have.”

The prayers of the entire community are asked for Mrs Marice Cohen - Mother of Tess (Year 9), Jude (Year 5) and Eve (Year 2). Mrs Cohen underwent delicate brain surgery on Thursday and while the operation has been successful the family would appreciate our continuing support.

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs) Anne Fry - Principal

Chaplain Calls

Next Sunday we remember the dedication of the Church of St John Lateran Basilica in Rome, which is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, who presides in love over the other churches. The Lateran Basilica goes back to the gift of the site for a church made by Constantine, the first Christian emperor, in the early fourth century. It was the first truly monumental church building that Christians were able to erect after the centuries of persecution. For over a thousand years, as the seat of papacy, the Lateran Basilica was the centre of the Western Church.

Today, Churches, Basilicas, Cathedrals, Temples, Synagogues, have always been places built by men and women, seeking out God’s presence among them, although no material building can really harbour him. This paradox is expressed in the bible where it is variously said that the temple of God is made or is not made by human hands! God does not live only in shrines made by man, structures of wood or stone, but above all he lives in the soul which is made after his image; shrines built by the hand of the great craftsman himself. Saint Paul’s words are, “God’s temple is holy, and that temple you are”.

Jesus’ cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is very radical. By driving out the animals and money changers he is really overthrowing the whole system of Temple worship based upon animal sacrifices that had existed hitherto. Jesus whole life and teaching through parables and miracles, is a great campaign to disclose and make effective the presence of God on a vastly wider scale than in the confines of the material Temple. Believers need not mourn the loss of the Temple in Jerusalem (destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE). They live within the new Temple constituted by the body of the risen Lord. May we today celebrate the dedication of sacred buildings-the Lateran our churches here in Australia, and particularly our own chapel at John XXIII College. Let us however, be also conscious of a rich sense that we ourselves are the Temple of God, living out his saving love in the world today.

Fr Gaetan Pereira S.J.

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Primary

Primary Booklists

Primary School Booklists went home this week. All the information is on the form. If there are any questions please contact Mr Simon Casey at the College.

Year 6 Parents' Christmas Party

Saturday, 15 November at 7.30pm at the McEvoy's Home
24 Townsend Dale, Mt Claremont
Cost: \$35 per head (fully catered)
BYO
Please RSVP as soon as possible for catering purposes to:



Adrienne McEvoy
(djmcevoy@yahoo.com.au)
Diana Fryer (dfryer@inet.au)
Wendy Paull (wendy@retyervices.com) or to the College Administration directly with payment

Year 7 2009

The John XXIII community are looking forward to meeting the incoming year 7 students and their parents this Saturday at the Year 7 Orientation morning. The morning will commence at 9:00am with parents and students together in the gymnasium.

Students are encouraged to wear clothing and footwear suitable for a Physical Education activity

Mrs Sue Benson - Year 7 Coordinator

The Lynn Scholarship

The Lynn Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students in the Archdiocese of Perth who might be deprived of an upper secondary education in a Catholic school because of the economic or social circumstances of the family.

To be eligible, the student must currently be completing Year 10 at a Catholic school and intend to complete Years 11 and 12 at a Catholic school. The value of the scholarship will be up to \$500 per annum and is payable for two years.

The conditions of the Lynn Scholarship, application form and a Principal's statement form are available from the College Administration. Applications should be received no later than **Friday 14 November 2008**.

If you would like any further information please contact Tracey Dixon, Team Leader, Staff Records and Payroll Team at the Catholic Education Office on (08) 6380 5240 or email dixon.tracey@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Congratulations to Mind Ya Business!

After a long and hard run, we have successfully completed our Young Achievers Business. Our re-usable calico bags sold out all over Perth. The team has achieved both awards and positive dividends, ending a fantastic experience with great results.

Thank you to all contributors and shareholders who put their time and money into our business. Without your support our goals would not have been realised. We have raised over \$300 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

A special mention to Demmi Rabeling, our Managing Director and Amy Browne our Financial Manager for handling the myriad of details and endless paperwork. Thank you to Mr Martin and Mr Locke for assisting us to enter the world of business. We couldn't have done it without you!

2008 Speech Night and Presentation of Awards

All Primary and Secondary parents and students are invited to attend

The John XXIII College 2008 Speech Night And Presentation of Awards

Thursday, 27 November
Perth Convention Centre at 7.20 pm.

Tickets are free and will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

Tickets may also be booked via the ticket order form on the bottom of this notice.



2008 Speech Night and Presentation of Awards

Ticket Order Form

NAME : _____

YEAR : ____ CLASS: ____ TUTOR GROUP: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED : _____

Tickets will be forwarded to student via class teacher in Primary School or tutor group teacher in Secondary School.

Secondary

CAREERS CORNER

Parents and Pathways Final Session

The fourth and final 2 hour session of Parents and Pathways for parents of Years 8 and 9 students will be held on Wednesday 12 November at 6.45 for 7pm start in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. It does not matter if you have not been to any sessions in the past. The final session is called 'Motivator' and will look at taking action and implementing plans as a mentor for your son or daughter. Please RSVP for catering purposes to hammond.sarah@johnxxiii.edu.au.

Volona College Open Day

Volona College offer courses in nail technology, beauty therapy, swedish massage and makeup artistry from short courses to Diploma level during day and evening classes. Suitable for school leavers, school students and adults, the College is hosting an Open Day this Saturday 8th November from 11am- 3pm. The College is located at 10 Mallard Way, Cannington (cnr Albany Hwy). www.volonacollege.com

University of Notre Dame Postgraduate Information evening

Tuesday 11th November 6.15pm start in ND46/209 (cnr Phillimore and Henry Sts, Fremantle) This session will be an ideal opportunity for interested students to discuss postgraduate course details with relevant academic staff. Areas of study: Arts, Business, Counselling, Education (pre-service and qualified teachers), Religious Education, Environmental Management, Exercise Science, Graduate-entry Law, Graduate-entry Medicine, Nursing, Outdoor Education, Theology and Pastoral Studies, Masters programs, Professional Doctorates in Education and Nursing, Doctor of Philosophy. Please contact the Prospective Students office on 9433 0533 for more information.

Ms Sarah Hammond - Careers/Vocational Teacher

Congratulations.....

To Genevieve Longman (Year 8), Alistair Mory (Year 9), Peter Townsend (Year 10) and Mara Papavassiliou (Year 11), who competed in the Hale Philosothon recently, discussing questions such as:

- Is there a right to be rescued?
- Why are humans easily deceived?
- How can a benevolent and omnipotent God permit suffering? and
- Can a robot be conscious?

The students represented the College brilliantly, coming 9th in a field of 18 local schools. This is a wonderful outcome given our team had little time to prepare. We are looking forward to the 2009 Philosothon when we will all be much better prepared.

Dr Annette Pederson - Teacher

Year 9 Parents' Summer Drinks

Friday 12th December 2008 - from 7.30 - 10.00 pm

All Year 9 parents are invited to attend the Year 9 Summer Drinks which will take place at the home of Breda Ryan, 6A Lillian Street Cottesloe.

You are requested to bring a plate of food to share and your own drinks.



R.S.V.P. Breda Ryan 0419 969 740
Suellen Bottechia 0419 917 449
Barbara Rigby 0438 348 502

Overdue Accounts

A late payment fee of \$50 will apply to all accounts that are not finalized by 14 November.

(This fee will not apply to families who have arranged a payment schedule, provided that the schedule is being adhered to.)

For account queries please contact the Assistant Bursar, Lynn Walters at walters.lynn@johnxxiii.edu.au or by phone 93830491.

Health Centre News

Allergy Awareness: The College has several students who have severe allergic reaction to nuts. This reaction is called Anaphylaxis. It characteristically occurs soon after exposure to the allergen and importantly these reactions can be very serious and require urgent treatment. The College has Anaphylaxis Guidelines which implement practical strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to known allergens for our allergic students and create a 'nut friendly' environment.

Could we please request your support with the following:

- Please avoid sending nuts or nut products to school with your child.
- Encourage your child to respect children who have food allergies.
- Teach your child not to share food, drink, food utensils or containers.
- Encourage your child to wash and dry hands before and after eating.
- If your child has a food anaphylaxis, it is preferred that food for your child is supplied from home.
- When a child with a food allergy in primary school has a lunch order could parents ensure their food allergy is written in 'red' on lunch bag.
- If your child has a food allergy, teach them to avoid foods that may trigger their allergy. If they are unsure what ingredient is in a food, they should not eat it.
- It is recommended that students with severe food allergies wear a medic alert bracelet/necklet.
- Empower your child to manage his/her allergy.

Jenny Hill - College Nurse

Tournament of Minds - Australasian Pacific Final

For the very first time, JTC students represented WA in two sections at the final round of the Tournament of Minds competition. The school is very proud of our two teams of students who competed in the areas of "Language Literature" and "Maths Engineering" in Melbourne on 25 October. While the teams did not manage a podium finish, each student is congratulated for their behaviour and outstanding efforts in reaching and participating at the Australasian Pacific Final. Each student had successfully juggled their school work to embrace the demanding challenges of this problem solving competition over the last 3 months.

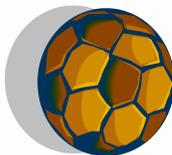
The panel of judges were impressed by the teams' creativity, knowledge and drama skills. The "Language Literature" team renamed our planets in a bid to create a new dictionary. The "Maths Engineering" team had to put their thinking caps on to design and build structures that could transform from a zig zag shape to the tallest tower using multi cubed shaped pieces. The tower had to support a specified weight and had to be built from a limited number of pieces.

Congratulations to Simon Stobie, Harry D'Souza, Tahlia Norrish, Olivia Thwaites, Ben Horgan, Thomas Beyer and Christian Forster who represented the "Language Literature" team, and to Ned D'Souza, Grayson Neal, Chris Connelly, Andrew Pham, Zoe Kilbourne, Matthew Bonser and Jordan Diffen who made up the mighty "Maths Engineering" team. The students celebrated their success by visiting some local Melbourne sites including Phillip Island. Special thanks to all parents who came to support their children in Melbourne and to Dr Nick Warrington who assisted me during this trip.

Mrs Judith McLean
Facilitator, Tournament of Minds Competition

Nick Corrigan's Soccer Schools

Before your child enters the arena of the World Game why not enjoy them learning the World Game in a **non competitive fun** environment - **Ages 3s-4s, 5s-7s, and 8s-10s**. Taught by Mitchell who plays in the Perth Glory Development Squad.



Half term available starting after school in City Beach from Friday 21st November / 19th December.

Please ring **Nick on 9304 8111** or **EMAIL on.... nick1965@bigpond.com or www.ncsoccerschools.com.au**

Parents of Year 10 Students

Last weeks of Term Four for the Year 10 Students

- Week 8 Normal Classes
- Week 9 Examination week (compulsory attendance all week) Friday 12th December is the last day for Year 10 students.
- Week 10 Year 10s are not required to attend College.

Parents of Year 11 Students

The Examination timetable has been distributed to the students. It has also been posted on the College website. It is important that the students familiarise themselves with the contents of this document.

Parents of Year 12 Students

The students have been issued with the Catholic Education Office's *Surviving the Selection Process*. The students have been advised to read through this useful booklet carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies

CALLING ALL TEACHERS

CLASS OF 1988
TWENTY YEAR REUNION
SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER 2008

As one of the people who made our time at John XXIII College so special 20 years ago, we'd love to catch up with you for a chat about old times.

6.00PM: MASS AT JOHN XXIII CHAPEL
CELEBRATED BY FATHER JOHN PRENDIVILLE
FOLLOWED BY: DRINKS AND CLASS PHOTO

DRESS: SMART CASUAL

QUERIES TO MRS ANNA GINGELL,
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