



# It's our chance to tell our story

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College.

Next week the College will host a celebration of all that has been achieved during the year. Our Annual Presentation Night is much more than "Speeches" or "Prizes". It is our chance to tell our story, express our pride in being a member of this fine community and to give a public affirmation to our teachers and students. I hope you will join us at our special celebration on the 27th November. Tickets are available at the main office and are FREE!

We have had a series of gatherings over the last few weeks that have heightened the story of John XXIII College. In the space of a week we farewelled the Class of 2008, welcomed back the St Louis Class of 1958 for their 50 year reunion, welcomed the Kindy Class of 2009 (who will be the graduating class of 2022). In the subsequent weeks we have welcomed the incoming Year 7 Class of 2009 (the graduating class of 2014) and the incoming Year 8 Class of 2009 (the graduating class of 2013). It is one of the great strengths of our College Community that the values and mission of the College have remained consistent over generations of students

### College Committees

From time to time the College Council reviews and updates its list of people who have expressed interest in serving the College in a strategic manner.

The John XXIII College Council invites parents and former students of the College to nominate for positions on the following committees established by the Council:

1. Property & Planning Committee;
2. Finance Committee;
3. Sustainability Committee.

If you consider that you have the appropriate skills, interest and time to contribute to the governance of the College by being appointed to one of the Committees please send a copy of your resume to: *Dr Shaun Ridley, Chair, c/o John XXIII College, Mooro Drive, Mount Claremont.* Committee members will be considered for appointment to the Council when positions become available.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Anne Fry - Principal

### Chaplain Calls

We have come to the end of our liturgical year, Cycle A, with the feast of Christ the King. This is a feast that focuses upon the world embracing the reign of Christ the Good Shepherd who cares for all, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised in our world today.

In 313A.D. Constantine declared that Christianity was to be the new state religion and no one could hold any other belief. It was meant to unify the Empire as trade, law, taxation and Roman culture had done, but it was a mixed blessing. On the positive side we see the end of persecution of the earliest Christians and the establishment of the Church. In some ways the Church cultivated, humanised and moderated some excesses of the Roman Empire. The Church quickly rose to become very powerful, Bishops started to wear the purple robes of the senators and Roman temple practices were assimilated into the Church's liturgy. Sadly for the next few centuries conversions were demanded at the end of a sword. No dissent or religious pluralism was tolerated. It's in this context that Islam arises against imperial Christianity in the 6<sup>th</sup> Century.

The problem with all this imperial language and culture was that it was now being used in reference to Jesus. He described himself as a King. The problem comes in how we think of Christianity in the mind of Jesus whose kingdom was not of this world. His followers could be recognised by how they feed the hungry, water the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick and visit prisoners. Matthew's idea of 'Immanuel' God with us, receives a radical extension which identifies with the least of his sisters and brothers. Effective compassion shown or not shown to them is shown or not shown to him. Friends, there is no need to wait for the Son of Man to come on our last day, in judgement. Every time, every day that one encounters a fellow human being in need, one already stands before the Judge and King. On this last day of the Church's year we are challenged by Christ, to give our true allegiance to what really matters, not ambition, greed, status and power but the quiet revolutionary work of making the world a more just and peaceful place for everyone to live.

Fr Gaetan Pereira S.J.

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# Primary

## Upcoming Events:

Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 November:

Swimming Lessons continue for Pre-primary to Year Three

Thursday, 27 November:

John XXIII College Speech Night at 7.30pm at the Perth Convention Exhibition Centre

Friday, 28 November:

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

Orientation for 2009 Kindergarten Students – Group B

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

## Primary School Reading Books

From early December, we will be completing an inventory of all the Primary School reading books. We would very much appreciate all parents and students checking in home desks, on tables and bookshelves etc to ensure all books belonging to the College are returned as soon as possible allowing us sufficient time to check them against our inventory.

Of course, in the remaining weeks of term, students may continue to take home books for reading until class teachers advise otherwise. During that time, it would be really helpful if parents would ensure any books are returned promptly.

*Mrs Erin Harrington and Mrs Thea Knott*

## *Divine; St Thomas Cook Book*

*Divine* is a 200 page full colour Cookbook containing recipes provided by members of the St Thomas School Community. It includes black and white feature photos of the local area in which your children play and live. *Divine* also features recipes from some of WA's best restaurants. Copies of *Divine* are available for purchase from St. Thomas and also from John XXIII College Administration. Cost is \$35.00. This Cookbook will make a wonderful Christmas gift.

## Head Lice

There have been reported cases of head lice in some primary school classes. **Could we please request that parents check their child/ren weekly for head lice.** This is a very important preventative measure. If your child has head lice he/she must be treated prior to returning to school. Please inform the class teacher or nurse if your child has head lice. When a student has head lice, it is required that the parent completes a "confirmation of treatment" form and returns this to the nurse. Department of Health's Head Lice Fact Sheets are given out to the class. This fact sheet contains accurate and up to date information about treating and managing head lice. Parents can visit [www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice) for further information. Please contact me if you have any queries.

*Jenny Hill (College nurse)*

## Vulnerability of Children

A recent tragedy in Perth has highlighted the vulnerability of children on their way to and from School. At school we have discussed with students the basic protective behaviour strategies of:

- Not talking to people they do not know
  - Not giving personal details (names, address, phone numbers) to people they do not know
  - Not getting into a car, or not following instructions from a person they do not know
  - Reporting behaviour that make them feel uncomfortable.
- It would be timely to reinforce these messages at home.

## Uniform Shop Dates - 2008

The final day of trading for the Uniform Shop for 2008 is Friday December 5th.

Please ensure that second-hand uniforms and blazers are deposited at the Uniform shop by the closing date as the shop will not be able to accept second hand uniforms until March 2009.

Opening times for 2009 will be given in a later newsletter.

*Mrs Bev Sainsbury - Uniform Shop Coordinator*

## 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

## Health Centre News

### HAND HYGIENE

The thorough washing and drying of hands is an important activity in the prevention of getting sick and spreading illnesses. Our hands collect bacteria from everything we touch and carry them to new places.

#### When to wash hands

- After toileting
- Before eating
- Before, during and after handling or preparing food
- After changing a nappy
- After contact with blood or body fluids (like vomit, nasal secretions or saliva)
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing
- After scratching hair, nose or other body parts
- After smoking
- After handling animals, their toys, leashes or waste
- After touching something that could be contaminated (such as rubbish bins, cleaning cloths, drains or soil)
- Before and after dressing a wound, giving medicine or inserting contact lenses.
- Wash hands more often when someone in your home is sick
- Whenever hands are dirty

#### How to wash hands:

- Wet hands with water and apply liquid soap
- Rub hands together briskly for at least 15 seconds
- Cover all surfaces of the hands and fingers
- Rinse hands well under water
- Dry hands using paper towel, clean towel or air dryer
- If possible, use your paper towel to turn off the water.
- If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol based hand rub eg. Aqium
- If using latex gloves, wash hands before applying gloves and after discarding the gloves.

**Jenny Hill – College Nurse**

## Office Hours during Holidays

The John XXIII College administration office will be closed over the forthcoming Christmas Break from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008 through to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

## Congratulations to.....

Becky Jobson (Year 3) and Ariane Beyer (Year 4) who both participated in the Stage 2 Rhythmic Gymnastics State Championships held last weekend. Becky was awarded second place overall and Ariane was awarded a third place.



Fantastic effort, girls.

## 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

## Musical Memoirs

**Notice – there is no speech night music rehearsal this Sunday 23 November as previously advertised**

**Wednesday 26 November** - Year 8 music recital

Gonzaga Barry lecture theatre – 7pm

**Sunday 14 December** – special Christmas Concert

Commencing at 5:30. Wind Band, JTC Voices, Senior and Junior Madrigal Singers, Gospel Choir, Mini Minors, Primary String Orchestra and Wind Ensembles

**Ms Toni Strong - Music Coordinator**

## Mary Ward Connect 2009

2009 is a significant year of celebration for the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters) and for Loreto schools in Australia. It is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute founded by Mary Ward in her response to God's call for active engagement in the Church and the world. Mary Ward was described by Pope Pius XII as "that incomparable woman whom Catholic England gave to the Church". She was a leader of originality, faith and daring who continues to inspire today. This anniversary will be marked by religious sisters, lay people and students around the world with gratitude for her remarkable vision and in celebration of her legacy.

Participating Schools are:

Loreto College Coorparoo (Brisbane), John XXIII College (Perth), Loreto Normanhurst (Sydney), Loreto Mandeville Hall (Melbourne), Loreto Ballarat, Loreto Marryatville (Adelaide) and Loreto Kirribilli (Sydney)

As part of Mary Ward 400 year celebrations in 2009, a special exchange program is to be held between all Loreto Associated Schools in Australia. This program will involve 6 students and 1 teacher being placed on exchange in each of the Loreto Schools in Australia (36 students and 6 teachers in total). One teacher and six students will be allocated to each school. John XXIII College in return will host 36 students and 6 teachers from the exchange schools. The response from our current Year 9 students has been fantastic. If you would like to be part of this exchange please contact Mr Mark Antulov at the College on 9383 0400 to express your interest.

For those students who have applied, a meeting will be organised in the near future.

## Second Hand Book Sale

Saturday, 13th December, 2009

9.00am to 11.00am—Chisholm Pavilion

- First in, best dressed.
- Those wishing to sell and those wishing to buy or exchange information.
- Prices are usually agreed at half of the new price depending on the condition of the book.
- 2009 Booklists will be available on the day.



*The College does not set prices or charge commission.*

## The John XXIII Library

The John XXIII Library will be stocktaking all books over the next few weeks. If any parents have some time to spare, the library staff would appreciate your help. Please contact Mrs Anette Ainsworth or just come into the library.

No previous experience is necessary - we will guide you through the simple process.

**Mrs Anette Ainsworth - Co-ordinator of Library**

## INIGO RETREATS

**'Relationships: Connecting with others at the level of the heart'**. Tuesday 25th November. Cost \$10 (donation unwaged). Commencing 7.30pm -9.00pm

**'Searching for meaning in a troubled World'**

Wednesday 26 November. Cost \$10 (donation unwaged) Commencing 7.30pm-9.00pm

**'Meeting Jesus in the Gospels'**

Saturday 29 November. Cost \$10 (donation unwaged) Commencing 9.00am-12noon. Presenter: Fr Patrick O'Sullivan( Jesuit and Author)

Venue: JohnXXIII College. MacKillop ( multi-purpose) Room. Details and Registration Telephone Murray 93830444

## NAS Golf Championships 2008

Congratulations to the four boys in the College Golf "A" Team in winning the NAS Championships held recently over 18 holes at the Wembley Golf Complex.

The Team consisted of Dan Davis, Jack Steele, Liam Bavin and Konrad Herewini. This was a stroke event in which the boys' consistent play gave them a combined score to win convincingly. The College have won this event four times out of the past five years.

Well done to the following boys who also took part in the day and represented the College admirably.

Ben Rowden, Matt Bonser, Grayson Neal, Adrian Baxter, Caillan Richards and Josh Newburn

**Mr Ken Maguire - Teacher**

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is once again providing help to families in need this Christmas. The Young Vinnies Christmas Appeal aims to help families to be able to celebrate Christmas well.

The College would like to be able to make up Christmas hampers for families. The Society is also seeking to provide gift vouchers to families so that they can do their own Christmas shopping for presents. Any donations of money will be used for this purpose.

The list below gives some suggestions for suitable donations for Christmas hampers. These can be placed in the box either at the Front Office or at Student Reception.

- Christmas Pudding
- Long Life Custard
- Bon Bons
- Plain or Sweet Biscuits
- Cordial or Soft Drink
- Spreads
- Pancake Mix
- Jelly/Powdered Custard
- Tinned Vegetables
- Milo, Coffee, Tea, Sugar



It is important to remember your hamper must contain non perishable food items. To ensure the hampers you are so generously donating are delivered to families this Christmas, please donate before 1st December.

Thank you for your most generous support at this special time of year.

The Christmas Fairies request the pleasure of your company at the

### YEAR 2 PARENTS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

To be held at the home of Evan & Kathryn Salt  
77 Peel Street Jolimont

Saturday December 6th From 7.30 pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person  
(substantial finger food will be provided)

BYO Drinks  
RSVP by placing your money in an envelope clearly marked

**"YEAR 2 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION"**  
and hand in at front reception by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December (Cash Only please).

