



# Purposeful Activity

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

The First Term is underway and it is a delight to walk around the campus and see such purposeful activity. The new Year 7 students are embracing all the wonders of their big new campus while the new kindy children are showing maturity and poise way beyond their years. Thank you for sending your children back to school so well prepared. I am very optimistic we will all have a wonderful year.

We have welcomed the new Coordinator to the Library, Ms Angela Cull. Mrs Ainsworth resigned very late last year to take up an appointment at another College and we are delighted to have appointed Ms Cull. Ms Cull has an extensive background in English Teaching and most recently held a position in the library at John Curtin College of the Arts. I am sure that all our community will soon make her welcome.

The summer is making its presence felt and it therefore has been disheartening to return to the new school year to find that our swimming pool has suffered major vandalism. It is out of commission completely and it is likely to stay so for a considerable time. We did capture some CCTV footage of young people around the College at night and we would like the community's help in identifying them in the photo if possible. Photos will be available for viewing at front administration and student notice boards.

The summer sun also makes the use of a school hat very essential. It is important that every child from K-Year 12 has and wears a school hat. For the secondary students, we are insisting that the hat stays at school in their locker so it can be retrieved when required for PE lessons, carnivals, outdoor assemblies and excursions. I would strongly request your help on this issue. Young people seem resistant to this message about needing to take responsibility for their own health.

I look forward to working with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anne Fry  
Principal

## Chaplains Column

Welcome to the New Year in John XXIII College! I hope each one found some time to relax, refresh and spend time with family and friends. As we begin the new year with all our goals and plans, we have once again been reminded of the fragility of our lives.

In Haiti, we are watching with shock and sadness the aftermath of the devastating earthquake. International aid organizations responding to the disaster say that the death toll may reach as high as 200,000. A University volunteer writes, "This whole trip has made me step back from everything and think about how life works. Isn't it also strange, how we in the developed world are so wealthy but not necessarily happy or spiritually fulfilled, yet so many people crowded onto this tiny island of Haiti can have so little money, yet have so much fulfilment spiritually and mentally and have such strong community ties? I am just overwhelmed by it all..... the generosity of the poor".

In January, I had the privilege of welcoming the first child of a John XXIII College family into the community of the Church, then, marrying a lovely couple, past pupils of John XXIII College and burying a young past pupil of John XXIII College. The cycle of life reminds us that ultimately we depend on God for what happens in our lives and that we rely strongly on those loved ones around us in good times and bad times. For our western wealth and technology, I think it's very hard to have a happy and balanced family life today. So what's the secret? Family studies tell us that forgiveness is the key. True forgiveness does not deny reality, it deals with it. Revenge and spite, is so endemic in society, but forgiveness is necessary if we are going to follow Jesus.

Our young people entering John XXIII College enjoy the challenge of facing down their fears, trusting the track record of their seniors who have done it before them and publicly showing courage at the brink of difficulty. This defines us as Christians and how we are sent to change the world, by changing ourselves. May 2010 give courage for the task at hand.

**Fr Gaetan Pereira - College Chaplain**

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# Around the Primary

There were many very excited and eager children starting school for the first time on Monday. The kindy children came in during the afternoon for a meet and greet session with their new teachers. The children in Preprimary and Years 3 - 6 also started the term with great enthusiasm on the Monday. On Tuesday the children in Years 1 and 2 commenced. It always feels like such an occasion when you see last year's pre-primary children dressed in their brand new school uniforms jumping up and down with excitement while waiting for the classroom door to be opened. We hope that enthusiasm stays with them throughout the year.

Thank you to all primary parents for your cooperation in having your children so well prepared for the first day. The commencement of the 2010 year seemed very smooth, despite the new format of the staggered start.

Some children from Year 1 were asked the question: Why are you excited about Year 1?

*Edward Drake:* Because it's fun and because I'm not in Pre-Primary but in the Primary School.

*Nicholas Paganin:* Because it's lots of fun and I'm going to learn how to read.

*Abbey Chapman:* Because I like doing writing and drawing and because it's lots of fun in my class.

*McKenzie Richardson:* Because I can learn how to read and do maths.

*Christo Fuller:* Year 1 is pretty cool. I feel a bit grown up

*Dylan Palmer:* I think Year 1 is really good because there are different things to do than PP

*Rosie DeFrancesco:* We learn more things and we play better games

*David Thomson:* I think it is great in Year 1 because we play fun games

## Swimming:

The children in Years 3-6 have started the year with Swimming Lessons at Claremont Pool. Given the hot weather, this has been a refreshing way to start the school year. They are all to be congratulated on their superb behaviour. We all look forward to seeing their swimming skills in action at the Swimming Carnival in Week 4.

We welcome the following new children to the primary:

Preprimary: Shenae Baker, Bridgette Beament, Kyan D'Castro, Sebastien Monti, Jordan Smith, Oliver Stickland, Milo Williamson-Wong

Year 4: Marcus Comyn, Ian Gopfert Espinosa, Lauren Harding, Liam Horvat, Montego Wheeler, Andy Yang, Brandon Young

Year 5: Sam Collins, James McCormick, Anthina Papali

Year 6: Angelica Blazeska, Mallory Comyn

## Parent Information Evenings:

Please take note of the dates for the primary information evenings in Week 3. These evenings are an opportunity for your child's teacher to outline the curriculum they will be covering, along with year level expectations in regard to homework, rules and behaviour. Parents will be able to access the Information Booklet through the College website.

These meetings will be held in the relevant classrooms.

### Tuesday, 16 February:

- Years 4 Parent Information Evening at 6.30pm
- Years 5 & 6 Parent Information Evening at 7.30pm

### Wednesday 17 February:

- PP Parent Information Evening at 6.30pm
- Year 1 & Year 2 Parent Information Evening at 7.30pm

### Thursday 18 February:

- Year 3 Parent Information and Reconciliation Evening at 6.30pm

### Forthcoming Events:

#### Monday, 8 February to Friday, 12 February:

- 3-6 Swimming Lessons Continue
- Kindy Split Starts (9.00am-11am and 1.00pm-3.00pm)
- Pre-primary Start (8.45am-12.30pm)

#### Friday, 12 February:

- Year 1-6 General Assembly in the Thomas More Exhibition Centre at 9.00am

**Mrs L Gardner Cluster Leader K—2**

**Ms A Coniglio Cluster Leader 3—6**

## Kidsmatters

Last year in the Primary School we worked on continuing to encourage the children to do what they can to assist make our school a safe and happy place for all. This was promoted and encouraged through presentations at assemblies, class based activities and the introduction of new and alternative games.

This year we are very pleased to be included in the first round of Kidsmatters Primary. Kidsmatter Primary is the Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention Initiative and is being implemented in partnership between the Australian Government Department of Health and Aging, Beyondblue, the Australian Psychological Society and Principals Australia. It aims to:

- improve the mental health and wellbeing of primary school students,
- reduce mental health problems amongst students, and
- achieve greater support for students experiencing mental health problems.

KidsMatter Primary has identified four areas (components) where schools can help to strengthen their students' mental health and wellbeing.

The four components are:

#### Component 1:

A positive school community

#### Component 2:

Social and emotional learning (SEL) for students

#### Component 3:

Parenting support and education

#### Component 4:

Early intervention for students experiencing mental health difficulties.

On Thursday 28th of January, Primary Staff joined with the staff of St John's, Scarborough and Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Hilton to be introduced to the Kidsmatter Initiative and discuss Component 1, A Positive School Community. This fits in well with our work last year of helping to make our school a Safe and Happy Place and will be our focus for the first half of the year. If you would like more information on Kidsmatter please visit the website [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au).

We will also continue to work on encouraging positive relationships in the school community. If your child is facing challenges with relationships, please discuss this with their class teacher. If the challenges continue please discuss with Adriana Coniglio or Liz Gardner in their role as Cluster leader. I am also available to assist the children in developing positive relationships.

**Daniel Moylan**

**Primary Counsellor and Coordinator of Pastoral Programs**

## Health Information

**MEDICATION:** If a parent requests the nurse administer medication to their child, they must complete a Medication Request Form, which is available from the College Nurse. The medication must be in its original container or packaging and clearly labelled with the following:

- Name of medication, expiry date, Child's name, dose and time to be administered.
- If a student is required to carry and self-administer medication while at school, only a single measured dose for one school day can be brought onto the College premises. Medication must be carried on the student or locked in that student's locker.
- Students with asthma should carry their reliever medication with them at all times.
- Students who have anaphylaxis are advised to have their epipens with them at all times.
- Students who have documented anaphylaxis and are involved in after school activities eg, sport, drama etc, must carry their epipens with them.
- Students who have other medical conditions requiring medication or treatment and are involved in after school activities, eg, sport, drama etc must ensure they have their medication/treatment with them at all times.

**HEAD LICE:** As a preventative measure, could parents please check their child/ren's hair regularly for head lice. Please inform the class teacher or nurse if your child has head lice. For information about head lice, go to [www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice).

## Wanted to Buy

A parent is looking to purchase a quarter size violin. If you can help, please contact Karen on 0403 307332.



## Situation Vacant

Would you like to be the 2010 John XXII College Kindergarten Coordinator? It is quite easy and loads of fun. If you are interested and would like to ask some questions, contact Cathryn Urquhart on 0413 735 189 [cathrynu@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cathrynu@bigpond.net.au) or Ric Del Pizzo 93830468 [delpizzo.ric@johnxxiii.edu.au](mailto:delpizzo.ric@johnxxiii.edu.au)

## FETE 2010

Second- Hand goods Drop-off at the Show Grounds is open again for your GOOD QUALITY treasures. We are collecting books, toys and games, sporting equipment and household items - Wednesdays and Fridays 8.30-10.00. Pre-loved clothing can be left just inside the pre- primary gate. PLEASE make a huge job easier by only donating things that are in good condition. For information contact:-

Andrea Paluch 0402 900 611 books  
Claire Vlahov 0412 144 456 clothing  
Louise Walsh [jlwalsh@inet.net.au](mailto:jlwalsh@inet.net.au)

## Careers Corner

### Study Skills

A small number of students took advantage of the Study Skills course available at the College in January and have started the year with some great tips and tricks. All students from Year 7-12 should be settling into the routines of the school day by next week and committing some time at the end of each day to reviewing the day's work and preparing for the next. Please encourage your son or daughter to talk with you about their lessons each day, a discussion like this begins the 'recall and review' process so vital in establishing a good study pattern.

### John XXIII College Student Planner

All students new to the College were issued with their Student Planner on Monday. Returning students need to dust off their Planner from last year and write in their new timetable, as well as setting some goals for Term 1. There are a small number of Student Planners left over, and replacements may be purchased at a cost of \$20 each from Student Reception.

*Ms Sarah Hammond - Careers Counsellor*

## Canteen Roster Week 2 - Yr 3

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Paula O'Connell, Sally Voce

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Liz Richards, Ange Paganin

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Michelle Todd, Angela Steens

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Kris Thong, Nicole Matthews

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Kerry Judge, Di Vardenega

Don't forget High School students can order their lunch but they must order first thing in the Morning.

Also available now on Wednesdays Thai Salad with Tuna Pattie.

*Mrs Maureen Taylor - Canteen Coordinator*

## Year 7 Parent Welcome Drinks

All Year 7 Parents are invited to attend the Year 7 Welcome Drinks which will take place on Friday 12th February 2010 commencing at 6.30pm.

This function was originally planned to take place in the pool area, however the function will now be held in the Year 7 area, The Julia De Sales Centre.



## Parent Association Meeting

The first Parent Association Meeting will take place on Monday 15th February at 7pm in the John XXIII College Thomas More Exhibition Centre

## Summer Design Studio 2010



In the week beginning 18 January John XXIII and UWA collaborated to run a design studio in the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts. John XXIII College staff member Annette Pedersen and old girl

Sophie Giles worked with 22 Year 12 students from seven schools including John XXIII.

The studio is designed to give year 12 students an academic extension experience well beyond their school experience. They are faced with the very challenging problem of solving design problems, learning to work with new computer design tools and ultimately drawing and then constructing a model of their design concepts. This all takes place in the Faculty over one week and culminates with an exhibition of the student work. The studio is a very intense learning experience. The students are treated as university students and need to work well beyond their comfort zones. While the studio gives our students a taste of the discipline of Architecture, it also provides them with very stimulating intellectual experiences and is a wonderful, positive beginning for year 12.

**Mrs A Pederson - Teacher**

## Condolences

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Simich Family, including Matt (Year 5), Tim (PP) and Georgia (Year 3) on the recent loss of their grandmother. May She Rest in Peace

Condolences to Jacob Bennett (Year 12) and the Bennett family on recent loss of his grandfather, Donald Bennett. May He Rest in Peace



Prayers and condolences to the Townsend family, including Peter (Year 12) on the recent loss of their grandfather. May He Rest in Peace

## After School Sacramental Programmes

If you live in the Parish of Floreat/Wembley and wish to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation, we invite you to attend the After School Sacramental Programmes commencing 3rd March 2010. For further details, contact Prue Pupazzoni at the Floreat Church Office on 9387 1158 or email: florcath@iinet.net.au

## Musical Matters

Chamber Choir commenced Week 1.

All Secondary ensembles commence Week 2

Concert Band - Monday 7am – Osborne Room

Orchestra – Tuesday 7am – Osborne Room

Wind Band – Thursday 7:30 – Osborne Room

Jazz Choir – Thursday 3:15 – Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre

Gospel Choir – Friday 7:30 – Chapel

All Primary Ensembles commence Week 3

Year 6 Band – Wednesday 7:30 – Osborne Room

Year 5 Band – Wednesday – 8am - Osborne Room

Instrumental lessons commence Week 2. All Tutors should make personal contact with students.

Any problems contact Rosemary Fowler—Music Department. Any student who did not put in a re enrolment form will not be on the teaching lists.

**Toni Strong - Director of Music**

## Welcome to staff and students from Notre Dame de Sion

Soyez les bienvenus

On Thursday 4th February, Ms. Fabienne Kesser, accompanying staff members and 24 students

arrived from our sister school,

Notre Dame de Sion in Marseilles,

in the South of France. A heartfelt Aussie welcome to these staff and students. We wish them a wonderful stay filled with opportunities to learn about our culture, language, home life, leisure and education systems in Western Australia.

The Language Department would like to express gratitude to families in our community that have offered to host our exchange students from France. Their generosity and hospitality is very much appreciated. Without their support we would be unable to give our students these wonderful international experiences.

Mrs Carmelina Grassi has put together a terrific schedule that incorporates immersion into our classes, specialist lessons in Australian History, Aussie Rules Football, Aboriginal Art and communication classes in French. In addition they will participate in excursions to the City of Perth, Fremantle, AQWA, Caversham Wildlife Park and Rottnest Island. Thank you to the many staff who assist, drive, supervise, teach, book, cook and support the French Exchange Program.

**Ms Shane Glass Learning Area Coordinator Languages**



# ACC Swimming Training

## Senior (yr 7 – 12) Swimming Training 2010

Due to the John XXIII College Pool currently being unavailable for Swimming Training, bookings have been made at Challenge Stadium during Term 1 on the following dates;

There is no cost involved for the students. Students will need to be dropped at Challenge and will be bussed to school at the conclusion of training. Training is open to all students from Yr 7 – 12. So if you are looking to improve your race times or just work on your fitness make the most of this

Feb 9th	6.45 – 8.00am	Feb 11th	7.00 – 8.00am
Feb 16th	6.45 – 8.00am	Feb 18th	7.00 – 8.00am
Feb 23rd	6.45 – 8.00am	Feb 25th	7.00 – 8.00am
March 2nd	6.45 – 8.00am	March 4th	Nil
March 9th	7.00 – 8.00am	March 11th	Nil
March 16th	6.45 – 8.00am	March 18th	6.45 – 8.00am
March 23rd	6.45 – 8.00am		

opportunity.

**Mr David Maxwell - Sports Coordinator**

# Year 12 Information Night

The Year 12 Information Night will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> February in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre commencing at 7pm.

A variety of topics pertinent to Year 12 students will be covered.

## **Year 12 Assembly**

The Year Twelve students were addressed at their opening assembly on Monday. The key discussion points centred on;

- *The Year 12 Dinner Dance*
- *The issue of Academic Awards from Year 11*
- The distribution and explanation relating to the *Curriculum Council's Student Permission Form -2010*. These forms are to be returned to Student Services by *Friday 5 February*, complete with a Parent or Guardian Signature. The students were issued with a blue sheet explaining the importance of the form.
- *Scaling of Stage Two WACE (TEE) Subjects*
- Scaling was explained to the students and they were given two documents from TISC to share with their parents. If your child has neglected to pass the information on to you, they can be obtained from the TISC website. You will soon receive a letter outlining the issues relating to this topic.

**Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies**

# Rowing Club

The John XXIII College Rowers may have been having a well earned break from school but didn't opt to break from training over the school holidays. The squad continued with their water sessions and fitness sessions at Cottesloe Beach before many others would have even considered getting out of bed.

The holiday rowing program culminated with camp week. Camp week is an intensive week of rowing, giving the squad the opportunity to improve technique and build a good level of fitness before regattas in first Term.

During camp the squad undertook the talent identification and development testing, run by Rowing Australia. The program is intended to track the progress of rowers around the country and promote school aged rowers to continue the sport after leaving school.



Camp finished Saturday morning on the 23rd of January celebrated with a cooked breakfast on the shore of the Canning River.

**Mr Trent Leach - Rowing Coordinator**

Photo - Rowing Australia Talent Identification and Development morning during camp week

# CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Jamie Glaskin (Year 9) who competed in the "43rd Australian Flying Ant Championships" at East Fremantle Yacht Club over the summer holidays with his Skipper Will Boulden (Scotch College) and won. They are currently the 2009/2010 National Champions.



The Flying Ant is a high performance junior sailing dinghy that prepares the sailor for high performance racing, in any class of sail boat. Adam Glaskin (class of 2009) competed in his national championships in South Australia and had a successful regatta finishing fourth overall. He then went on and sailed back to back regattas and competed in the Australian Youth Nationals and finished a credible Fifth in heat wave conditions.

# EARLY BIRDS

Please note that Student Reception is now open from 8am daily.