



Academic Excellence & Distinction

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of John XXIII College

On Tuesday night I had the pleasure of attending the Curriculum Council's Award Ceremony for the Graduating Class of 2009. It was a great night full of excited students and proud parents, teachers and Principals. I extend best wishes and congratulations to the following students from John XXIII College who were recognised by the Curriculum Council for their academic excellence and distinction:

Certificate of Distinction

Peter Mark	Discrete Mathematics
Alice Soirat	French
Peter Mark	Human Biology

Certificate of Excellence

Anai Coffey	Catherine Crouch
Jessica Crute	Aninditha Dharma
Peter Mark	Kelvin Oo
Brett Pitman	

There has been a great deal of discussion in the media about the impact of the new Courses of study upon the ATAR's of the whole cohort of Year 12 2009 (state-wide). It would be fair to say that the gap between the level 2 and level 3 courses was greater than had been anticipated. As a result, students at most schools (including John XXIII College) have been counselled to review the subject and level choices they had made for 2010. Parents with students in year 11 and 12 have been advised of these issues and we will closely monitor this group of students throughout the year. If parents have general queries they should direct them to Mr Rob Novacsek or Ms Sarah Hammond at the College.

There has also been a good deal of comment around our College Community about the new Religion and Life Courses in Year 11 and 12. I will prepare a letter to the Community on this issue in an attempt to prevent some of the misinformation and myths that are doing the rounds.

Together, let us seek justice

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anne Fry - Principal

Chaplains Column

Twenty years ago this week Nelson Mandela was released from prison on 11 February 1990. The people of South Africa burst into tears of joy, as they read the events of February as a sign from God, calling them to commit themselves to the anti apartheid struggle, just as Moses, striding forth to the enslaved Israelites from Egypt to the Promised Land.

Last weekend the College celebrated the life of Fr. Justin Peter, a Passionist priest and the brother of Judith McLean. Fr. Brian Traynor eulogised in these words "Our lives are not so much what happens to us, but what we do with them and how we respond to what happens to us. Fr. Justin Peter's life has happened to us. We have been involved in it and know his friendship, his love, his laughter, and perhaps sometimes the sharp or angry retort! I think to accept graciously the wonderful gifts he offered us and try to give it freely to others, as Justin freely gave them to us. All we can do is say "thank you" Justin and thank you our God, for the gift of your life. He did not leave his song unsung. His song does not need lyrics, for he was a man of action. For this reason his song will live on in our hearts."

The Beatitudes in this week's Gospel are saying that we do not need to go past our own daily struggles to find the presence of God, Nelson Mandela found his in his long walk to freedom, Justin Peter through the poor, the compassionate and the mournful, and all today who campaign for a just society and suffer because of it, the gentle, the innocent, the peacemakers, and the martyrs, we are all encountering in a special way, the presence of God. As the Dominican theologian, Yves Congar, once put it ' we are first, a People of God, brothers and sisters, and secondly in the service of mission, not in exercise of power, that we are laity, priest, religious, bishops, Pope'. This is our sacramental sign to the world, to give hope to all people that our relationship to the God of the Beatitudes is our source, nourishment, inviting us to become so transparently attentive to justice, development and peace for all people.

Fr Gaetan Pereira - College Chaplain

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Around the Primary

Friendly Reminders:

Climbing Frame:

Children are not permitted on the climbing frame before or after school. We ask for your assistance in ensuring that your children refrain from being on the climbing frame at these times.

After School Pick Ups:

Upper (Administration) Car park:

Only children who are in Year 1-3 or who have a sibling in Year 1-3 must be collected from this area.

To ensure that the pickup process runs smoothly and that the safety of all children is maintained, please stop only in the pick-up zone, where the children will be waiting and a teacher will direct them to the car. If your child/ren is not waiting, please go around the loop again. It is important that parents do not double park or wait at the pickup zone, as this not only creates a dangerous situation, but also slows the process down for everyone.

Lower Car park:

All children in Year 4-6 (unless they have a sibling in Years 1-3) must be collected from this area.

Pre-primary/Kindy Car park:

This car park is only for parents picking up children in the Pre-primary or Kindergarten.

Ash Wednesday Mass:

Years 1-6 will celebrate Mass for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, 17 February at 9.00am in the Chapel. The Mass is being prepared by the 3B. All parents are welcome!

Project Compassion:

The theme for Project Compassion this year is: *Blueprint for a Better World*. The following is taken directly from a letter written by the Chairperson of Caritas Australia, Archbishop Adrian L Doyle. Explaining this year's theme, *The season of Lent that is about to begin invites us into a time of reflection, transformation and conversion as we seek healing for the brokenness of our world and its people. Our efforts should not be just inward and individual but outward and social; in this way we take the opportunity to respond to God's call for a better world.*

Blueprint for a better world is this year's theme for Project Compassion and is inspired by the Millennium Development Goals. Also known as the MDGs, they are eight life-changing goals to halve world poverty by 2015. With 1 billion people still living in extreme poverty, we must become aware of the sufferings of humanity, and put our compassion and faith into action.

For the Church, these goals are not just development objectives for freedom from hunger, for the right to an education and health, for equality and for a sustainable environment; they encompass all that is necessary for our brothers and sisters to realise their human dignity and enable everyone to 'have life and have it to the full' (Jn

10:10).

The world as a whole is on track to achieve MDG 1: eradicate extreme poverty; yet there is great concern, especially with the financial crisis, that without a collective and unswerving effort from the global community, the seven remaining goals might not be reached. In his latest encyclical Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI affirms the approach of Caritas Australia in achieving these goals through participation, subsidiarily, and solidarity. Each of us has a duty to make these goals a reality.

This Lent, as we pray, fast and give alms, may we reflect on who we are and who God is calling us to become: the loving, healing presence of Christ in the world today.

To help us raise funds for those less fortunate than ourselves, the children will be asked to contribute to their class Project Compassion box as well as other fundraising events; including the traditional Year 6 Cake Stall. The money from Project Compassion should come from the children themselves, in the form of pocket money, money that might be going towards treats or money earned from doing jobs around the house.

Upcoming Events:

Parent Information Evenings:

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

Mrs L Gardner Cluster Leader K—2

FETE 2010

Gardening Morning on Tuesday 16th of February. The maintenance department has done a wonderful job keeping the plants alive over the summer and we now need to weed, feed and tidy them up. Anyone with a spare hour or two would be very welcome in the maintenance department from 8.30am -11.30am. Please wear closed in shoes. To everyone out there who was propagating plants at home if you could drop them off to the maintenance department that would be terrific. We are also looking for empty pots suitable for herbs. Look forward to seeing you.

Angela Knight - 0408 341 834 -
a.knight@inet.net.au

Canteen Roster Week 3 - Yr 4

Monday 15th February

Tuesday 16th February

Emma Butera, Jeanette Koong

Wednesday 17th February—Ash Wednesday

(see separate item re menu)

Virginia Pak Poy, Annette Horvat

Thursday 18th February

Marion Connelly

Friday 19th February

Anna Newton, Angela Allerdig

Menu for Ash Wednesday (17th February)

Assorted rolls and Sandwiches (no meat or chicken)

Vegie or Fish Burger	\$4.00
Vegetarian Pizza	\$2.20
Nachos with Sour Cream	\$3.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$3.50
Vegetarian Burrito's	\$3.00
Thai Salad w/Tuna Patties	\$4.50
Tuna Pasta Bake (tomato based)	\$3.50

Mrs Maureen Taylor - Canteen Coordinator

First Parent Auxiliary Meeting

The First Parent Auxiliary Meeting will take place on Friday 19th February commencing at 2.00pm in the Exhibition Centre at the College. All Year Coordinators welcome!

Health Information

Year 7 vaccine forms were sent home to parents this week. The Department of Health is offering free Chickenpox, Hepatitis B and Adolescent Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough vaccinations for all Year 7 students. HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) Vaccine is offered free to Female students.

If you would like your child to receive free vaccinations at school, please read and complete both sides of the consent form. Please sign and return the form by **Tuesday 16th February**.

The Community Nurses first visit will be on March 25 to administer the vaccines.

Mrs Jenny Hill—College Nurse

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 or Ric Del Pizzo 93830468 delpizzo.ric@johnxxiii.edu.au

Free Talks for Parents on Drugs, Alcohol and Teenagers at Risk

During February and March, Christ Church Grammar will host two of Australia's leading social commentators on drugs, alcohol and children at risk as part of its ongoing commitment to parent education.

On Wednesday 17 February, the School welcomes back Paul Dillon from the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre and Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA). Paul, who has worked in drug education for the past 25 years, gives regular updates on current drug trends to agencies and organisations across Australia. He works extensively with school communities to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education. He is the author of 2009's Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs and with his broad knowledge regularly provides media commentary on a wide range of television programmes.

In March, high profile psychologist Michael Carr-Gregg returns to Christ Church to discuss identifying young people. He will share insights from his latest book. When to Really Worry offering practical information for parents on adolescent mental health issues and for detecting early warning signs. Dr Carr-Gregg, founder of CanTeen, the world's first national support group for teenage cancer patients, is recognised as an international authority on teenage behaviour. He is a consultant psychologist to many schools and national organisations, a regular media commentator and has written several, award-winning books on parenting.

Paul Dillon's talk is on Wednesday 17 February and Michael Carr-Gregg's presentation will be on Monday 8 March. Both talks are free and will be held in the School's Chapel at 7.30pm.

For more information contact Kate Chesson on 9442 1527 or kchesson@cccgs.wa.edu.au

Wanted to Buy

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



Parents' Association Meeting

The John XXIII College Parents' Association invites all parents – particularly those who are new to school – to the first general meeting for 2010.

It's on Monday, 15 February at 7.00pm in the Exhibition Centre.

Our Principal Anne Fry will address the meeting to provide an update on developments at the College, and you'll find out what's being planned by our Parents' Auxiliary and Fete Committee. Please join us!

Year 7 Transition

Congratulations to all year 7 students for contributing to a smooth transition to John XXIII Secondary College. Our first week was spent building relationships, organizing for learning and becoming familiar with the College campus. Our students met the teachers who will be facilitating their learning in all areas of the curriculum and classroom policies and procedures were established.

The Year 7 Homeroom teachers are:

- 7.1 Mrs Sue Benson
- 7.2 Miss Lauren Nish
- 7.3 Mrs Michelle Myers
- 7.4 Mr Andrew Landells
- 7.5 Mr Tony Yates
- 7.6 Mr David Nelson

The Year 7 team appreciates the partnerships we are establishing with all families. We look forward to working together to provide the best possible outcomes for the students.

Thank you to the group of parents who helped with the Year 7 sausage sizzle on day 1. We also acknowledge the work of the College Maintenance team in having the Meet 'n Greet and BBQ facilities ready for us on our first day.

On Wednesday we had a group of students meet in the Library for Afternoon Club. All students are welcome to take advantage of having Year 7 Teacher support individual learning and provide homework guidance on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:15.

We look forward to meeting parents at the Welcome event on Friday, 12 February in the Year 7 area.

Mrs Sue Benson - Year 7 Coordinator



Musical Matters

Twilight Recital.

The Twilight Music recital will be held on Sunday 21 February at 5:30 in Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre. Entry forms are available from the Music Office and need to be signed by their Music Tutor. Entry forms must be in to the Music Department by Wednesday 17 February. No forms accepted after this date.

The Twilight Recitals are limited to students who are performing classical/musical theatre repertoire. Students who perform Rock music will have a dedicated concert in Term 3.

All students who require accompaniment must sign up for a rehearsal with Mr. Dockery who will be available Wednesdays and Fridays.

Instrumental Tuition.

Students who did not return a re-enrolment form or fill in an enrolment form will not be able to commence tuition until next Term. An enrolment form is essential as the accounts are now being managed by the college, not the individual Music Tutors. Any queries please direct to Rosemary Fowler 93830440 or Fay Wilson 93830449.

Any withdrawals from Instrumental Music Tuition incur a Term's notice and must be on an official withdrawal form otherwise you will be invoiced a term's fees.

Toni Strong - Director of Music

Condolences

Our prayers and thoughts are with the Simich and Paganin Family on the recent loss of their grandmother.
May She 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@inet.net.au



Year 8 Family Camping Weekend at Woodman Point

Friday 18 – Sunday 20th March

Bring the family for a fun weekend at Woodman Point, only
10kms south of Fremantle

This is a great opportunity to kick back and relax in a great location, let the kids hang out together, and to enjoy the company of other year 8 families. Last year's campout at Woodman Point was a fantastic success and we hope to see even more families this Term.

We have reserved a block of campsites for John XXIII College families. For those families who like their home comforts, chalets are available!

Please note that you need to book and pay directly with Woodman Point, and ask to be allocated to a site in the area reserved for John XXIII College.

For additional information on Woodman Point , visit the website below or refer to the attachment to the Year 8 letter sent earlier this Term. Please could you let us know if you are going to be joining us: caz.broadway1@bigpond.com.au

Please contact Woodman Point directly:
WOODMAN POINT HOLIDAY PARK
132 COCKBURN RD
MUNSTER W.A 6167
P; 9434 1433
F; 9434 1746
E.MAIL: woodman@aspenparks.com.au
VISIT US; www.aspenparks.com.au





Year 8

Parent Welcome Drinks

Catch up with old friends and make some new ones

Date:

Friday 19th of February

Venue:

In a relaxed environment – Julie De Sales Centre (New Year 7 area)

Time:

6.30pm – 8.30pm

BYO - Drinks and a plate of nibbles

Organised by the Yr 8 Coordinators

Raelene Chaney, Cath Fletcher, Caz Broadway, Patsy Fish

RSVP: Wednesday 17th of February

Caz:- caz.broadway1@bigpond.com.

Raelene:- jachaney@inet.net.au

Host Family Required

The College has been approached to host a male Italian exchange student in Semester II 2010. The student is 16 years old and lives in the Province of Chieti, 200km east of Rome in central Italy, between the Adriatic Sea and the Apennine Mountains.

If you are able to assist in hosting this student for six months, please contact Anna Triscari at the College on 9383 0431

MercyCare Annual Book Sale 2010.

The MercyCare annual book sale is a fund raising event run by a dedicated group of volunteers who work throughout the year to sort, price and categorise the books which have been donated. Proceeds of the sale will help to provide additional support to the wide range of services offered by MercyCare including Child Care, Aged Care and Family Services. MercyCare are particularly eager to assist our foster care programme for 2010.

The book sales will be on at MercyCare offices - 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview.

- Friday 19th February from 5pm to 9pm
- Saturday 20th February from 9am to 5pm
- Sunday 21st February from 9am to 5pm

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Rachel Lee (Class of 2008) who has been awarded the Australian Student Prize for 2008. The Australian Government awards 500 Australian Student Prizes nationally each year to recognize outstanding academic achievement in the final years of secondary education. Each Prize includes a certificate and cash award of \$2000.

Have you the cheek?

Have you the cheek to help with cerebral palsy research? 500 children born in Australia are affected by Cerebral Palsy, a disorder of movement and posture.

The Cerebral Palsy Association is seeking Caucasian children (aged 5-18) with or without cerebral palsy and their mothers. All you need to do is complete a short survey and donate cheek swab. Participation is easy and takes about 10 minutes—you can help from home.

For further information and enrolment, SMS your name and address to 0439 201 795 or telephone 1800 800 254. Website: www.adelaide.edu.au/cerebralpalsy. Email: cerebralpalsy@adelaide.edu.au

Catholic Youth Ministry

Catholic Youth Ministry invite all 16 to 30 year age group young Catholics to participate in a "Sunday Sesh" at St. Aloysius Parish on Sunday 21st February commencing at 6pm with Mass with live music, followed by dinner and guest speaker Father Hong—"40 Days & 40 Nights—understanding Lent".

For more information contact Shannon on 0410 962 680 or Jenny on 9381 8724.

World Youth Day 2011

A meeting will be held on May 19th at 7.00pm in the Gonzaga Barry Lecture Theatre for students and their parents interested in participating in World Youth Day 2011. WYD is scheduled for 16th to 21st August 2011 and will be held in Madrid, Spain.

Our experience of WYD in Sydney was extremely positive with the pilgrims enjoying the opportunity to share and celebrate their faith in such a vibrant, multi-cultural gathering of young people. Going to Sydney was quite a logistical challenge.....going half way across the world is quite another story! There are several factors for families to consider:

- The faith readiness of their child to embrace this experience as a pilgrim.
- Their maturity to cope with being in a non English speaking culture, living, eating and sleeping in a very simple way for two weeks.
- The time away from studies and other commitments (our itinerary has us away from the 12th to the 28th August 2011)
- The considerable costs that will inevitably be involved.

As we will be in Spain our students will be offered a chance to travel to places of significance to the Ignatian story - Loyola, Manresa, Montserrat and Barcelona.

The WYD experience is suitable for young people 16 years or over (current Year 9, & 10 students). Students in Year 12 in 2011 will need to be extremely cautious in making a decision to attend as two weeks study time lost in Term 3 will be very significant.

Please think about this carefully and put the date (19th May) in your diary.



Sports News

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;

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		

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 opportunity.

Mr David Maxwell - Sports Coordinator

NAS SPORT Term 1 2010



NAS Sport for Term 1 begins Week 3 for Yr 7 – 12 students. All students involved have receive information and fixtures for Term 1. Fixtures can also be accessed through the College Website. Parental support or

coaching is most welcome.

Senior (Yr 7 – 12) Cross Country Training Term 1 2010

Cross Country Training will begin on Wednesday Week 3 (17th February) and continue on Wednesday and Friday throughout Term 1. We meet at 6.45am in the Pavilion, all students are welcome. So if you're looking to improve your fitness or be a part of the ACC Team make sure you come along.



EARLY BIRDS

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

Primary Netball Notice

Registration forms were emailed to all children in years 3 to 6 during the week. (Extra forms can be obtained from the office)

Please Note **Registration Day** will be held on two separate days after school, dependant on the grade your child is in.

Year 3 & 4 Netta – Wednesday 17th Feb 2010
Year 5 & 6 Subs - Friday 19th February 2010

*** In the Junior Primary Open Area between 3:00 and 3:45pm

Year 12 Information Night

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

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

Mr Robert Novacsek - Deputy Principal, Studies

Rugby Taster Evenings

Come along to Soaks for a "Taster" evening. Join in the fun activities and test your Rugby skills. No experience necessary. Bring your friends. Open to boys aged 6 to 16 years. Friday 19th February and 5th March 2010. Associates Clubhouse, Allen Park, off Odern Cres. Swanbourne. Registration time 5.45pm. Session commences at 6 pm and concludes at 7pm. Contact Ellen Tolmi 0422 935 740.

Kidact
Drama Classes for Primary Kids
Starting Friday 19th February
Years 3 to 5 (3.30pm - 4.30pm)
Years 6 to 7 (4.30pm - 6pm)

ReAct
Drama for Teenagers
Starting Tuesday 23rd February
Years 8 to 10 (6.30pm - 8pm)

Pangbourne St, Wembley
For more info or bookings
Phone Call 9387 6882 or Beverly 9383 9560
galvb@aapt.net.au & b.hooper@bigpond.com