

John Paul International Newsletter

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From the Director

Our new International Students Service Centre in the Bradley Building has been received positively by students; they come to visit often regarding issues relating to Visa, Passports, Overseas Student Health Cover or homestay queries and it is of benefit for staff and students to have this liaison.

We thank homestay families, as always, for the support and care provided to the international students living in their home. A happy homestay experience is essential for a student to feel secure and happy AND results in a successful study program! The College and the student's parents appreciate the role undertaken by the homestay family.

For the international student, this term the College is organising a guest speaker from the Police Force to speak with students regarding "community" awareness, highlighting the risks and dangers that could occur in the local area and surrounding regions, including the city, Sunnybank and the Gold Coast. This program will support homestay families in their endeavours to maintain safety for the student.

Russell Welch
Director

Twice the talent in Korean family

Our Primary Preparation class had a treat recently when sisters, Para and Via LIM demonstrated their musical skills by playing the Kayageum, a Korean stringed instrument which is played by plucking the strings.



Via Lim (left) demonstrated great virtuosity, with class mates, Jenny Kim and Norah Kim; and her younger sister, Para (above) also sang a beautiful song as she played.

The Primary School is looking forward to welcoming Para and Via, so that they can share in their musical interest and talents.

Dates to Note

Mon 26 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	Fri 9 Jul	New student testing (JPIC)
Mon 3 May	Labor Day Public Holiday	Mon 12 Jul	New student testing (JPIC)
Mon 14 Jun	Queen's Birthday Holiday	Mon 12 Jul	Term 3 commences (JPC)
Fri 18 Jun	Term 2 ends (JPC & JPIC)	Tue 13 Jul	Term 3 commenced (JPIC)

Head of Campus

Another term has started successfully! I would like to thank parents and homestay parents for their support in assisting students to be ready for the term. It is gratifying to know that our students are safe and secure in their school environment and home environment. This stability is a direct result of the care and attention given to our students by their homestay families; once again, I thank you for this.

As the student population at the International College turns over on a frequent basis, there is a need to constantly inform and remind students of the College's expectations in regard to care of uniform, personal presentation and grooming. Could I ask parents and homestay parents to continue to support our efforts in this regard, by checking your student's uniform and grooming each morning? In particular, that ties are worn correctly, shoes cleaned, hair neatly groomed and hats worn to and from school.

John Paul International College students have the opportunity to be involved in the wider program of activities on offer in the John Paul College co-curricular program. Students at JPIC were recently exposed to the Performing Arts programs available at John Paul College at a recent assembly. From this, a number of students have seized the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. JPIC students are also actively involved in the sporting programs at John Paul College. A significant number of our Korean soccer players represent John Paul College in the 1st XI soccer team and the premier Under 15 teams whilst studying at the International College, along with a number of our students holding representation in John Paul College basketball teams.

This reinforces the many opportunities that students are able to access whilst studying at John Paul International College that are also widely available to the whole student population on the main campus.

I would also like to remind all students of the importance of adhering to the school's *Guidelines for Mutual Respect*, to be focussed on their studies and to ensure that they maintain a consistent work ethic throughout the term. Once again, I thank the homestay parents for their support in this regard.

Finally, I would like to remind students and homestay parents that all students are expected to be on campus until the end of term on **Friday, 18 June** and back ready to start Term 3 on **Tuesday, 13 July 2010**.

Christopher Pietrobon
Head of Campus

Study Tour – Support Needed

Could I draw your attention to upcoming study tours in June, July and August? Our Study Tour Co-ordinator, Carole Wilson, is working very hard to place the large number of expected Study Tour students for this time. If you have any spare rooms in your homes, please consider accommodating an extra student for two or three weeks.

Canberra Trip

Seven of our Middle School Visa students, Jun CHUNG, Hannah JI, Peter JI, Ji Hyun KIM, Woo Jin LEE, Zeki SON and Daniel TSOU are looking forward to a trip to Canberra from 7 to 11 June. We wish them well.

The primary purpose of this annual trip is, as part of the national curriculum, students learn about our Government and how it works. They will visit Parliament House where they are able to see, first hand, a re-enactment of Parliament in session and tour both Houses of Parliament. The students will also visit the Electoral Commission Education Centre, War Memorial, National Art Gallery, Museum, Canberra Zoo and Aquarium, giving them a better understanding of our rich Australian heritage.

John Paul College Headmaster's Asia Tour

Mr Warren Peat recently travelled to Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Shanghai and while in these cities, he hosted functions for parents of John Paul College and John Paul International College students who live in the area.

College parents had an opportunity to meet Mr Peat and talk with staff; meet and talk to each other and see a presentation on their students enjoying the great facilities at John Paul College.



Mr Welch (far right) with parents at The Prudential Hotel in Hong Kong on 12 April



Mr Welch and Mr Peat with parents at the Garden Hotel in Guangzhou on 14 April



Mr Welch (left) and Mr Peat (right) with international student and John Paul College graduate, Alice Amu. Alice is a Professional Vocal Instructor and Singer, with a new album release, "Molting", <http://www.aliceamu.com/>



Mr Pietrobon with parents at the Le Meridien Hotel in Shanghai on 17 April

Student Profile – Ryan Tran

Ryan is currently studying in Level 4A in JPIC 's High School Preparation Course.

He is from Vietnam and has started to learn the violin. Ryan hasn't played the violin before and had his first lesson last week with Mrs Kariks in the Performing Arts Centre. He is really enjoying the violin and says it isn't as hard as he first expected. Ryan is very keen to improve and keep learning and hopes to join one of the school ensembles as he gets better with practice.



Easter with My Homestay Family

I had a fantastic experience this Easter holiday – one that I never had before. I went to Hastings Point with my homestay family and we stayed at a Big4 Caravan Park. I was eager to stay in a caravan, not a hotel, because it was the first time I had ever done it.

After we arrived, my homestay parents set up the annexe, where I slept with two of my homestay sisters, Claire and Laura. My homestay parents slept in the caravan with my younger homestay brother, James, and Harry who is from Korea. In the days that followed, I did many interesting things. I went to the swimming pool with everyone and we also went to the beach and fished. And guess what! I caught three fish in one day! Even better were the kayaks! Riding them was so much fun.

The caravan park had an ideal spa, and my homestay mother and sisters went there almost every day. In the evenings, we played Bingo and joined karaoke. Laura and my homestay father were great singers! Before going to bed, I sat outside the annexe, looking at the stars with Claire. The sky was magical – I'd never seen anything like it before.

I will never forget this experience. I did so many new things and would definitely like to spend holidays with my homestay family again. I am so happy to have such a marvellous homestay family.

Zhenhuan (Hannah) LUO, Level 4B

Homestay Update

“Thank you” to all homestay families for the wonderful support you provide to the international students at the College and we look forward to a continuing relationship as a “team” involved in offering a successful study program to the students

Term 2 has now commenced, known as a quiet term for new enrolments! You will soon receive notification of homestay family meetings in Term 2, where I can personally introduce myself to those families who I have not had the privilege to meet and to renew acquaintance with others.

To ensure consistency between homestay families we wish to reiterate that for all students under 18 years of age, the suggested curfew at night is 8.00pm from Sunday through to Thursday and 11.00pm for Friday and Saturday nights. Homestay families and students are asked to comply with these times. All students should inform their homestay of their whereabouts and must be contactable by mobile at all times. The homestay have a responsibility to ensure that students are safe.

We also wish to remind all homestay families that a current **Blue Card**, issued by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian, is a prerequisite for all persons permanently residing in your home over the age of 18 years. *Please be aware of the expiry date of your Blue Card!* Allow a minimum of two months for a Renewal Blue Card Application to be processed through the College. Forms can be obtained from our office in the Bradley Building, or can be sent to you via email, if requested.

We are aware that homestay family circumstances can change, e.g., a family wedding interstate or a family emergency. Please advise our office IMMEDIATELY with any change of homestay family arrangements. Temporary homestay accommodation can be arranged for your student to ensure their safety while you are absent. Any temporary homestay accommodation arrangements MUST be approved by the College.

Also, as a reminder that should an emergency occur with your student, if the incident is critical requiring ambulance or hospital treatment, then call 000 immediately. After contacting Emergency Services, please contact College Security on (07) 3826 3338, and advise that you have a critical incident and Security will contact the appropriate staff member from the College to advise them of the incident.

The College is to be advised if a student fails to return home at night. If a homestay issue is not urgent, then we are available in the Bradley Building at the College during business hours, or by telephoning (07) 3826 3478, email drobotson@jpc.qld.edu.au to assist and provide support to students and homestay families.

**DIANA ROBERTSON - INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER
WELFARE & ACCOMMODATION**

John Paul International College Term Dates 2010



TERM 1, 2010

Monday 25 January – Thursday 1 April

New students will be tested on 21 & 22 January

TERM 2, 2010

Tuesday 13 April – Friday 18 June

New students will be tested on 12 April

TERM 3, 2010

Tuesday 13 July – Friday 17

September

New students will be tested on 9 & 12 July

TERM 4, 2010

Monday 4 October – Friday 3 December

New students will be tested on 1 October

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TERM 1, 2010

Monday 25 January – Friday 26 March

TERM 2, 2010

Monday 12 April – Friday 18 June

TERM 3, 2010

Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September

TERM 4, 2010

Monday 4 October – Friday 26 November

Please note the above, and that John Paul International College term dates may differ from John Paul College. Students must be present on the last day of term at John Paul International College and must return for the first day of the new term, if travelling overseas.

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