

John Paul International Newsletter

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From the Director

Term 4 is always a busy term and we are already half way through the final term of the academic year.

My thanks to the John Paul International College staff, who have worked diligently to ensure that all students are achieving to potential and progress to the next level.

Our strong academic focus also needs support out of school hours, and it is only with the support from the students' home environment that such results can be achieved. Thank you to Homestay families and parents for your increased support as we near the mid-term assessments.

Our final Study Tour group of 42 students from Urawa Gakuin in Japan, arrives on 9 November for a week and we look forward to welcoming the group to John Paul International College.

The highlight of Term 4 will be John Paul College's 29th Annual Speech Night and Prize Presentation at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Monday 8 November at 7pm. This is a celebration of our students' successes, recognises the academic and sporting achievements of our students and reviews the College's achievements throughout the year. The event will be video streamed from the College's website at www.jpc.qld.edu.au.

Many of our students who receive Awards, of course, are graduates of John Paul International College and it makes us very proud to see them continuing to succeed. Of course, all Homestay parents and parents are invited to attend but note that attendance is compulsory only for the higher levels of the International College and voluntary for the lower levels.

Recently, I met with all our full-fee paying overseas students to cover several issues including attendance, Overseas Student Health Cover and payment of 2011 fees.

Attendance and course completion are conditions attached to their Visa directly. In order to assist students to remain compliant, the College issues a notification at 90% attendance and two subsequent letters at 85% and 80%. Unapproved absences at the start and end of Terms often push attendance rates beyond the limit and at this stage, the College is obligated to report to Immigration. That is why it is so important that students make sure that both they and their parents make all travel arrangements for the holidays during vacation time and not during Term time. Term dates are clearly published on the website, in newsletters and on our websites so there can be no misunderstanding.

Look forward to seeing you at Speech Night.

Russell Welch
Director

Dates to Note

Fri 26 Nov	Term Ends John Paul College
Fri 3 Dec	Term Ends John Paul International College
Mon 31 Jan	Term 1 Commences, John Paul College & John Paul International College

From the Director of Studies

We welcome all new families, Homestay families and students to John Paul International College for Term 4. Also, we welcome back returning students and trust your break was an enjoyable and refreshing one. This term is a shorter-than-usual, nine-week term. It will be busy with a lot to pack in.

This term, we will see a number of our students graduate. Last term, we saw 17 students successfully enter Primary School, Middle School and Senior School. A tremendous effort and result for them all. This term, we hope to farewell an equally large number. There is a lot of work, testing and interviews ahead of them but they have seen the successes of their peers in previous terms and we are sure they can match it.

In Week 6, the International College will issue mid-term reports. Formal and comprehensive tests are conducted for Maths and Science during the mid-term exam week, while English is continually assessed using different tools and methods. These will give you a good indication of how your child has progressed in the first five weeks of the Term.

Also in Week 6, the International College will be pleased to participate in Speech Night. Our high level classes are invited to attend this auspicious occasion. Speech Night is the pinnacle of the JPC year, highlighting the many and varied students' achievements. We often see past JPIC students receiving awards and we look forward to sharing in the successes of current ones.

A personal commendation must go to the returning families and Homestay families. I acknowledge the work and effort that you put into the students under your care each and every day. The task is not an easy one and with the added element of acculturation, I extend gratitude for your hard work. We are particularly grateful for your vigilance on uniforms, grooming and study habits, and we trust this support of our school's *Guidelines for Mutual Respect* will continue. If you are a new family to John Paul International College and would like to know more about our guidelines, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

I look forward to meeting many of you over the term as we work together to help our students achieve their goals.

Michael Bos
Director of Studies

Homestay Updates

Homestay Payments

The last payment for year 12 students will be on 20 November and leaving students will be paid to 27 November, 2010.

We have been speaking to students about it, but in your household, would you please ensure that you are aware of the movements of your students and if they happen to be in your home in the last week of December and first week of January, the homestay payment is made direct to you by the student in your home. Please refer to Homestay Fees in the Guidelines for Homestay 2010. Updated Guidelines for Homestay will be forwarded to homestay parents in January.

We also take the opportunity to remind you of the need to retain current Blue Cards to have students in your home. Should you have any queries regarding homestay or homestay payments please contact Kathryn Pincott on 3826 3442.

On Arrival – Airport Meet

We would like to remind you of the availability of our airport pick up service with BCT Transfers. If a student has arranged an airport pickup with their enrolment application they will be met at the airport by BCT Transfers.

The driver will meet the student at their luggage carousel for Domestic Travellers or for International Passengers, at the international customs doors and will assist with their luggage to the vehicle. They will deliver the student to their homestay in complete comfort to settle in prior to attending their first day at school.

This pick up service is not only available to students upon their arrival to Australia but may be arranged through Shirley Mao at the International Student Services Centre whenever students travel to or from Australia.

Victory for TY Sports Academy

The Borneo Football Cup gives soccer teams throughout Australia and Asia the opportunity to participate in an international soccer tournament.

We are excited to announce that TY Sports Academy celebrated their victory to lay claim to the champion's trophy at the Borneo Football Cup Junior (Under-16) Tournament final in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, East Malaysia. The Under-16 tournament is a three day competition among six teams from Australia and local sides. TY Sports Academy opened with an impressive two wins on the first day and the boys won the final game, coming back from being 1-3 down in what has been described as an entertaining match.

Congratulations to the TY Sports Academy soccer boys!!



See Us As We Are in John Paul International College Primary

Our Primary students in the Primary Preparation class at John Paul International College were able to demonstrate their improving ability with the English language recently, to a group of parents and guardians.

The afternoon began with a short introductory talk by Director of Studies, Mr Bos, after which the students sang the School Song and then another favourite, "This Old Man". This performance was then followed by several of the students giving short oral presentations, introducing themselves or giving information on Australian animals with the help of the posters which had been made by the students that week.



Parents left to right: Mr Viamonte (with Hector), Mrs Viamonte,(Spain) Mrs Tavares, Mrs Lee, (South Korea), Jay (Soccer Village coach) and Mr and Mrs Alakel (Saudi Arabia).

Following this, the class had a THRASS lesson with Mrs Tavares, during which, the students thought of words which used the "i" vowel sound- eg. tiger, kite, light and, fly. The parents were then included in a Bingo game, which used the words from the THRASS lesson. Even little Hector (Francisco and Ignacio's little three year old brother) wanted to join in!

Payment of Fees for 2011

Invoices for 2011 fees have been emailed for the first time and not posted by mail. They have been sent to parents/agents and a copy to students, so that they can discuss with their parents.

The dates for payments are clearly set out on the invoice but to secure a place next year, the first payment is due by 15 November 2010 and the second payment is due prior to the commencement of Term 1, 2011.

Parents are reminded to please ensure that your student's name is clearly added to the electronic transfer from the bank in your home country, so that we can clearly identify that these fees are for them.

If there are any questions or problems with regard to fees, please direct these to the John Paul College Finance Department in the main administration office on Ph: 3826 3333 or email accounts@jpc.qld.edu.au.

Overseas Student Health Cover

We are pleased to announce that we now are also able to offer student health cover through OSHC Worldcare. OSHC Worldcare has direct billing arrangements with many medical providers throughout Queensland and a list of Medical Providers is available in the Bradley office. In the Logan area, the following providers have recently been included to the list: **Springwood Group General Practice**. The centre will most likely be charging a small co-payment. **Mooney Street Family Practice** (1/1 Mooney Street, Logan Central, PH: 3209 5311). The practice has a Mandarin and Cantonese speaking doctor and will bulk bill students fully, with no gap fee payable.

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC) is due at different times for every student. Shirley Mao at the International Student Services (ISS) will remind students, personally, when their health cover is due to expire and arrange for them to pay to extend their health cover. Please direct any queries regarding OSHC to Shirley on Ph: 3826 3478 or email smao@jpc.qld.edu.au.

John Paul International College Term Dates 2011

TERM 1, 2011

Monday 31 January – Friday 8 April

New students will be tested on 27 & 28 January

TERM 2, 2011

Wednesday 27 April – Friday 1 July

New students will be tested on 27 April

TERM 3, 2011

Monday 18 July – Friday 16 September

New students will be tested on 15 July

TERM 4, 2011

Monday 3 October – Friday 2 December

New students will be tested on 30 September



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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TERM 2, 2011

Wednesday 27 April – Friday 24 June

TERM 3, 2011

Monday 18 July – Friday 16 September

TERM 4, 2011

Monday 3 October – Friday 2 December

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