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International College Newsletter

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From the Director

While the events of 2009 have presented much uncertainty, enrolments at JPIC have remained strong. However, as is often the case at JPIC, our source countries have once again shifted.

In 2008, there was a decline in the numbers of students from Mainland China and an increase in students from South Korea. 2009 has seen this trend reversed with an increase in students from PRC. We have also seen a greater spread, as we enrol students from Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan. We remain optimistic that interest in our college will continue in 2010.

One of the most exciting aspects of our College is to observe the successes of our graduates. One of our past graduates has risen to great heights in South Korea. Many of you will remember David Ki, who began his soccer career as part of John Paul College's Soccer Program. This highly- ranked 20 year old made his full international debut in a World Cup qualifier against Jordan in June last year and is now being sought by leading clubs including "Celtic". We eagerly watch future matches to follow the ascendancy of one of our high achieving graduates.

Closer to home, another of our International students from Vietnam, Nam Phuong NGYUEN won the Queensland Education and Training International (QETI) 2009 International Student of the Year Award in the School Sector. This is another student whose future we watch with great hope and pride.

If you would like to share in the joy of watching our students' achievements, then I invite you to attend our upcoming Speech Night at the Convention Centre on Wednesday November 4.

Russell Welch
Director

Head of Campus

John Paul International College has had a smooth start to Term 4. With 30 new students enrolling into the International College this term staff have worked diligently to ensure that all students have settled into their new schooling environment. The students have also received the same care and support from their home environment. Thank you to Homestay families and parents for their ongoing support throughout the year.

Teachers have undertaken the orientation process with new students, outlining the Code of Conduct and the expectations of our College. John Paul College is recognised internationally because of our standards and expectations. These can only be maintained if we all work together to uphold our reputation. Therefore, I seek the support of Homestay parents, to continue to monitor student dress and grooming standards, reinforcing the expectations regarding the wearing of our full school uniform to and from school.

Students are also reminded they need to be focussed on their studies to ensure they maintain a consistent work ethic throughout the term, especially with mid-term exams only a fortnight away.

On Wednesday, 4 November the annual John Paul College Speech Night will be held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. This event celebrates John Paul College students' successes, recognises academic, sporting and cultural achievements, and highlights student excellence throughout the year. **Transition** and **Level 5** students will be attending the evening in full school uniform, commencing at 7.00pm and concluding at approximately 9.30pm. Students will be required for roll call in the foyer of the BCEC at 6.15pm where they will be met by their teachers.

As you are aware, John Paul College students finish on Friday, 27 November and John Paul International College students finish on Wednesday, 9 December. There will only be limited bus service and no tuckshop operating for the last two weeks of our term. Therefore, students will need to bring their lunch to school each day.

During this time, may I remind you that, students are expected to continue attending school as per schedule and to maintain the expected standards of dress and grooming. As such, I seek your co-operation in ensuring that your student attends school until the last day of school, and in full school uniform.

Please remember that all students are expected to be on campus ready to start the school year on the **25 January 2010**. It would be most appropriate to remind them to arrange their return to Australia in the week prior to this.

Christopher Pietrobon
Head of Campus

Dates to Note

Tue 6 Oct	Term 4 commences
Fri Dec 9	End of Term

Student Reports Online

Homestays would have received a letter in May this year advising that the mid-Term report was the last hard copy student report you would have access to. All future student reports will be accessed online via a username and password.

In light of the *Privacy Act*, we have contacted all parents, asking them if they give permission for you to access their son or daughter's reports online. If they have returned the form indicating yes, then you will be issued with your username and password.

We take this opportunity to remind you that if you have not received permission, you need to take this up directly with the parent.

Poetry

The following unedited poems were written by our Transition students, who were experimenting with poetry:

Night Without Light (Nick Lin)

Dark is whale's mouth
 Swallowing brightness all around
Dark is devil's claw
 Covering people in the small space
Always guess in the darkness
 Always recall in the darkness
Always fear in the darkness
 Always feel in the darkness
Always make a vow in the darkness
 Always keep hope in the darkness

Love (Jason Wang)

...If you can stay with me, I will do anything for you,
 even your distress;
 I will erase it for you.
I will fine-touch you by snowflakes;
I will emblaze you by sunlight.
Do you remember that road
we have walked together on it,
but has that road been rebuilt?
Why am I in this world? Why am I still alive?
Maybe it is for you, maybe this is love...



Forever Friend (Rosy Gao & Teddy Xiang)

You are my forever friend
You are my guide
When I lose the way
 You will catch me like my teacher
 You are my forever friend
 You are my sunshine
When I cry
You will comfort me like my mother
You are the person
Who I can always rely on
You are the person
Who I can always talk to
You're like a warming sunshine
That's touched my heart
Our friendship will stay until **forever**



Mother (Sandy Zhao & Tracy Chan)

She is nice,
She is kind,
She'll always be with you.
 She's as sweet as honey,
 Has all the lovely stories,
 To lead you in the dream.
 She is helpful,
 She is delightful,
 She always looks after you.
 She is an angel,
 Has all the knowledge
 To keep you safe.
 She cares about you,
 She loves you,
 World will be touched by her.
 Keep your eye in your mind,
 Who is your love?
 Who is the best?



Moon City (Gabriel Xiao & Eva Gu)

Memory steep under the moon
I'm waiting
Wind passes the smile
Everything was silent
I lose my way

Who is heaving a sigh?
With no reason in the mind
Who is listening?
A sound called cry

A serene moon
A shadow alone
A star pours out
A secret of mine

A serene moon
An angle shy
A star whisper
Eyes close quiet



Student Teachers from Hong Kong University Welcome at JPIC



On Friday 16 October, twelve students from Hong Kong University visited John Paul International College as part of a three month course they are doing at the University of Queensland. Class 4A provides an insight into why they are studying in Australia, and who they are...

Miss Tsang is 21 years old and she is from Hong Kong. She graduated from Hong Kong University but later came to Australia to study more English. She wants to be an English teacher in Hong Kong and today, she is teaching international school students to practise for her future. *Ben*

Miss Tsang has been to Europe, China, Japan, and Korea. She came to Australia because she wants to study English as much as she can. After seven weeks, she and her classmates will go back to Hong Kong and graduate to be teachers in Hong Kong. *Rita*

Though I met her for only a very short time I think she was a very smart teacher, so I'm sure she is going to be a nice teacher. *Howard, Minchan*

Miss Ho (Vivian) graduated from university in 2008 and now she is doing her postgraduate Diploma in Education. Her major is English. She is going to be an English teacher, so she is learning how to teach English. She came to Australia to improve her English and learn interesting English activities. After graduating, Miss Ho will be looking for a job and start teaching in Public Secondary school.

Miss Ho is having fun in Brisbane and will stay in Brisbane for seven weeks. She likes Brisbane because the weather is lovely and she also said that people are considerate. She is going to travel to Lone Pine, the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast. Miss Ho likes Kim Chi, because it is delicious and she likes spicy foods.

I was so happy to meet her. She was calm and she taught us well. She spoke with scrupulous care so it was very good to listen. Miss Ho will be a wonderful English teacher who has a desire to teach students. *Sophia, Sam, Andy*

Miss Lee has just completed the comparative literature degree. There are four people in her family (including herself). She has a cat called "Milk" and as you may guess, the colour of it is white. Miss Lee loves to watch movies and go shopping. Most of her friends call her a "shopaholic". She doesn't like sport at all, but she used to play hockey when she was studying in High School. *Moses*

Miss Lee came to Australia because she wants to look at different schools. She wants to study in Australia because she said Australia is a relaxing place. Miss Lee went to the Gold Coast last week and wants to travel to Tasmania because she says the environment there is very beautiful. *Nikky, Andrew, Tay*

JPIC Term Dates 2009/10



TERM 4, 2009

Tuesday 6 October – Wednesday 9 December

New students will be tested on 5 October

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

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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