

# John Paul International Newsletter

Edition 4 - November 2011



## From the Director

Term 4 has proven to be both a busy and successful one so far, at the International College and of course, as the term progresses, it becomes busier.

I am pleased to announce that Peter Foster has accepted the permanent appointment as our Headmaster. Peter's understanding of the culture of John Paul College, his passion for education and his enthusiasm to move the College forward are consistently delivered in his communication to the John Paul College family. His clear view and communication on uniform and grooming expectations has been positively received by our community. Please join me in congratulating Peter on his appointment as the Headmaster of John Paul College.

Thank you to the John Paul International College staff, who have worked diligently to ensure that our students are achieving to potential and progress to the next level, while balancing this with the care and concern that our international students need while studying and living away from their family, friends and country.

We farewelled Karen Milburn this term as she left to take up a new appointment and I take the opportunity to thank her for all her efforts during her time with us and wish her all the very best in the future. Mrs Karen Redford has joined us in the role of International Admission & Recruitment Manager and I am sure you will make her welcome. This term, we also farewelled Kerry Cochrane and welcomed back Leila Reid, as she resumed full-time front of office duties at the International College.

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, therefore, also goes to Homestay families and parents for their increased support as we near the final assessments for 2011.

Of course, the highlight of Term 4 was the annual John Paul College Speech Night held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. Once again, it was a very proud night for the International College as many of our graduates were presented across the stage, receiving many of the top prizes. It makes us very proud to see them continuing to succeed. All of our successful graduates are listed in this newsletter.

At this time, could I also remind you that standards do not change in the last two weeks, and I seek your co-operation in ensuring that your student leaves home in full school uniform each morning and changes out of school uniform in the afternoon if they wish to go to places such as the Hyperdome or Garden City.

In recognition of Chinese New Year, our Term 1 start date has been moved to Wednesday 25 January, so that students can spend time with family and friends. Please encourage all students to be on campus ready to start the school year on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Finally, I would like to wish all members of our International College family a safe and relaxing Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Russell Welch**  
Director

## From the Manager, Education & Administration

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Term 4, 2011 has been marked with many successes. As the year closes, we share in the achievements at JPC but also mark our own achievements at JPIC.

One of the great successes of Term 4 has been Speech Night. On this momentous occasion, we have seen many past JPIC students receive academic, sporting and cultural honours. We are proud that JPIC has played a role in helping these students achieve. A full list of our prize winners are in the following pages.

We realise that this is not just the school's efforts but also the many hours at home that parents and Homestay parents have invested. We wish to acknowledge your contributions. Our strong academic focus needs support out of school hours, and it is only with the support from the students' home environment that such results can be achieved. We thank parents and Homestay parents for your dedication in these students' lives.

We have also seen the graduation of a large number of students into JPC. Each term we farewell groups of students as they embark on the next stage of their education. This term is no exception and we are proud to have 26 students preparing for graduation to JPC. Again, we thank the contributions of all involved – teachers, staff, parents and Homestay parents.

I would also like to recognise the hard work of some individual JPIC students this term. We have formally acknowledged a few students this term for their hard work and achievements. These students have been awarded merit certificates and are set-up as benchmarks of achievement. I congratulate all of our merit certificate recipients. I encourage those who haven't received awards to keep working hard.

One great success is the completion of our Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. These students have been with us for a year, preparing for entry to a university course. This course sees students enter universities after one year of study. The direct pathways include universities like Griffith and QUT. We will farewell the students at the end of this term and wish them the best in their next stage of study.

I would like to invite all Homestay parents and parent to the John Paul College end of year **Graduation Ceremony**. The ceremony this year will be held on **Friday, 2 December at 11:30am** in the Gorman Lecture Theatre. Students can be collected at the completion of the ceremony at 12:15pm and start their holiday.

It is my recommendation that all students study over this long holiday. As there will be no class for eight weeks, it is essential to continue, practise and extend on what has been learnt through the term. If students don't use or study English for 8 weeks, there can be regression. Help to build on the good work that has been done in Term 4 by doing some study over the break.

I wish all members of the John Paul International College family a happy and safe festive season. All the best for the New Year and I look forward to sharing more success stories with you in 2012.

**Michael Bos**  
**Manager, Education & Administration**

## Dates to Note

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Fri 2 Dec 2011	Term 4 ends, JPC & JPIC
Mon 23 Jan 2012	Term 1 commences John Paul College
Wed 25 Jan 2012	Term 1 commences John Paul International College
Fri 30 Mar	Term 1 ends JPC & JPIC

## Speech Night Award Winners

Congratulations go to the following JPIC graduates who were presented at the annual John Paul College Speech Night.

### Major Prize

Sandy Zhao Year 12 Academic Honours  
The Year 12 Chinese Prize  
The Robinson Prize for Mathematics B

Sally Kim Year 12 Academic Honours  
The KH Farmer Memorial Award (for the student who has shown the greatest development in academic performance and/or general attitude)

### Year 7

Via LIM Year 7 Academic Honours  
Julie PARK Year 7 Academic Honours  
Year 7 Christian Living Prize

### Year 8

Walter HO The Year 8 Chinese Prize

### Year 10

Moses LEE Year 10 Academic Honours  
Sophie ZHONG The Year 10 Chinese Prize

### Year 11

Lloyd TRUONG The Year 11 Hospitality Prize  
Sumin JANG Year 11 Academic Honours  
The Year 11 International Baccalaureate: Mathematics Prize,  
The Year 11 International Baccalaureate: Experimental Sciences Prize

Alex HUNG Year 11 Academic Honours  
The Year 11 Mathematics C Prize

Porter YANG Year 11 International Baccalaureate: Languages B Prize  
School Vice-Captain assigned to the Primary School

### Year 12

Bill Kim Year 12 Academic Honours  
Angela Chou Year 12 Academic Honours  
Autumn QU Year 12 Academic Honours  
Karen Wu Year 12 Academic Honours  
The Merrett Trophy for Accounting

Vennice Zhang Year 12 Academic Honours  
The Year 12 Mathematics C Prize

## Top Prize to Student Photographer

Congratulations to year 12 student and JPIC graduate, Geon Woo PARK who won the Pixel Prize Brisbane photo competition with a photo titled "Busyness Man". It was the first time Geon Woo had entered the competition, where a total of 69 artworks were on display from Queensland school aged students. After taking more than 400 images of businessmen, Geon Woo cut out 40 males and rearranged them to create a new photo. He said that the theme of the competition was community spirit and he had tried to convey that through his artwork. Geon Woo plans to spend his prize money on a new camera.



## Return of Laptops to TechSphere

We would like to remind you JPIC students are required to return their computer to Techsphere by Wednesday 30 November. Students should back up their personal data prior that date. Students will return the items listed below:

- A notebook computer
- A notebook case
- A power cord
- A charger



All these accessories have to match with your computer number that was assigned to you when you first started at JPIC. Any incorrect accessories are returned, Techsphere will charge to student's accounts for replacement.

## Aurora Study Group

Students from Shanghai, China, are making good use of the technology made available to them at John Paul International College.

In the picture, Angel Tian (Wenjun) in the Primary Preparation Green class is presenting a PowerPoint about Transport. She has also prepared palm cards using her notebook computer and her pictures are being projected onto the whiteboard through a data projector. This use of technology enables all of the students to enjoy their weekly oral presentations in an interesting way.



## Student Profiles



### James Yang (Composite A)

My name is James. My Korean name is Taegyu Yang and I'm from South Korea. My city's name is Changwon and it is a large city in Korea. I was born on 21 November 2000, so I am 11 years old. In Korea, I am 12 years old. I was 142cm in July but I don't know my height now. I am 31kilograms. I'm in fifth grade and in Korea I attended Sam-Jung-Ja school. My house is an apartment and I have a mother, a father and a brother, who is 9 years old. My personality is outgoing because I like to talk to my friend. My favourite food is pizza, curry and Kimchi.

My favourite sport is soccer and my hobbies are playing soccer and reading a book. I have four homestay brothers and three sisters, who are very kind. My happiest day was last year when I went to Japan with my family. I don't have a worst or saddest day at all. My dream is to be a mathematician because I'm good at Math. My favourite subject is Math, P.E and Science.

### Monica Paik (Composite A)

My name is So Hyeon Paik but everyone calls me Monica. My birthday is January 13 and my age is 11 years old. Now I'm going to Year 5. I came from Korea. I want to be a kindergarten teacher because I like kindergarten. My favourite food is hot chips. My favourite sport is baseball - I love baseball. My hobbies are listening to music and drawing pictures. My favourite subject is Science. My favourite animals are kittens and puppies. My family members are father, mother and younger brother. My homestay family members are father, mother and three sisters. My personality is a little bit shy.





Luke To (Level 5)

My name is Luke To and I'm from Tokyo, Japan. I came here in April, so it has been about seven months that I have been here. My hobby is reading comic books. Since I came here, I started to read comic books that have been translated from Japanese into English. Actually, it is a bit hard to read but in fact, it really helps me to learn English. For example, words I can use in all kinds of situations. I listen to any kind of music and if I like it, I just add it into my favourite song files. I'm very happy when I find someone who likes the songs I like too. In addition, I like to talk about the song with those people.

My favourite subject is English, because I want to be able to speak many languages in the future. JPIC helped me a lot with improving my English skills and making lot of friends from different countries. The teachers are very kind and enthusiastic. They help me a lot and answer my questions kindly and clearly. My dream is to be a dentist or a teacher. The idea of a dentist came from my mother. When I couldn't decide what I wanted to do in the future, she suggested that I be a dentist, because they earn a lot of money so I don't have to be worried about money in the future. I'm also considering being a teacher now. This idea came from my teacher in Japan who taught me a lot, not only the study. He taught me some of the ways to live. He has meant a lot to me.

## Short-Term Homestay Families Needed for 2012

In 2012, we are hosting additional students from China for one Term. These students are aged eleven to twelve years of age and will be placed in pairs (boys or girls). As these students are younger than the usual study tour students we host, we are looking for caring homestay families who may have children of a similar age.

Students require a safe, happy home, three meals per day and transportation to and from John Paul International College. Families will receive a payment of \$32.00 per student, per night.

For further information, please contact Lan or Carole at JPIC on 3826 3474, or email [studytours@jpc.qld.edu.au](mailto:studytours@jpc.qld.edu.au).



## Homestay Issues

### Blue Card

As indicated in the Guidelines for Homestay and reiterated in our March newsletter this year, it is your responsibility to ensure that your Blue Card is current. The 'Renewal Notice' is posted to you. The school does not receive any communication from the Children's Commission. *If your card expires, any student in your home will need to be relocated until such time as you have a current Blue Card number.*

The Children's Commission does take a few weeks to process a Blue Card application or renewal. If you have any questions regarding your Blue Card please contact the Commission on 1800 113 611; visit their website at [www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au](http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au) or contact John Paul International College Student Services.

### Homestay Families with Swimming Pools

You may already be aware that all swimming pools in Queensland must be registered with the Department of Local Government and Planning (DLGP) by Friday 4 November 2011. If you have a pool at your home and are currently hosting, or intend to host JPC/JPIC international students in the future, your pool will need to be registered by this date. If your pool is not registered by this date and you are hosting a student(s), the student(s) may be removed from your home. Please visit <http://www.dlgp.qld.gov.au/poolsafety> for more information.

If you already have a Licence for your pool please forward/email a copy to [kpincott@jpc.qld.edu.au](mailto:kpincott@jpc.qld.edu.au) or to the JPIC Student Services in the Bradley Building.

## Trip to Uganda 2011 by Robin Rough

During the September holidays, my husband and I went to Lugala, near Kampala, Uganda, in East Africa to run training programs for national teachers.

It was through a Christian organisation called COME Uganda, which has four schools, a medical centre, and a hospital program.



The schools only have children who are from very poor families. These children would not be able to attend school, without the support of others around the world.

The students are given breakfast, lunch, a school uniform, school supplies and the teachers are paid a wage.

Last year, COME Uganda started an Adult Literacy Program, we have been writing curriculum, and sending it over to help their national teacher, who has had no formal teacher training.

In addition, during our two weeks, we were able to run some workshops to train the local teachers from the COME schools, and also teachers from 5 other schools in the area.

John Paul International College, kindly donated a no longer needed class set of resources for the English classes. A couple of teachers from the International College also donated money to the schools.

We were able to purchase the first readers for one of the schools with no electricity and no resources at all. Another teacher from JPIC donated some books she had written herself.

It was such a privilege and honour to see the faces of the students and teachers when presented with donated resources. Their eyes lit up; they were so appreciative.

So thank you John Paul International College and be assured that your generosity is appreciated in Kampala, Uganda.



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## John Paul International College Term Dates 2011/2012

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### TERM 4, 2011

Monday 3 October – Friday 2 December

*New students will be tested on 30 September*

### TERM 1, 2012

Wednesday 25 January – Friday 30 March

*New students will be tested on 23 January*

### TERM 2, 2012

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 22 June

*New students will be tested on 16 April*

### TERM 3, 2012

Tuesday 17 July – Friday 21 September

*New students will be tested on 16 July*

### TERM 4, 2012

Tuesday 9 October – Friday 7 December

*New students will be tested on 8 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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## John Paul College (Main Campus) Term Dates 2011/2012

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### TERM 4, 2011

Monday 3 October – Friday 2 December

### TERM 1, 2012

January 23 Monday - March 30 Friday

### TERM 2, 2012

Tuesday 17 April – Friday 22 June

### TERM 3, 2012

Monday 16 July – Friday 21 September

### TERM 4, 2012

Monday 8 October – Friday 7 December

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