



John Paul College



# John Paul International Newsletter

August 2012



## From the Director

Come and join us as JPIC celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday and the success of our international students at the 2012 JPIC EXPO.

It is hard to believe that it is now fifteen years since we opened the doors of the International College in April 1997. Since then, almost 4000 students have successfully studied at JPIC and gone on to graduate from John Paul College to universities all around the world.

On Friday 24 August, we invite you to join our students as they celebrate at JPIC EXPO. This is a great opportunity to see our students interact confidently with Main School students, teachers and the general public.

I look forward to seeing you there.

**Russell Welch**  
Director



Photos from previous EXPOs



### JPIC EXPO

Friday 24 August

11.30am to 1.30pm

International student activities:  
Animal Olympic Race Game,  
performances of "The Dentist"  
and "The Bus Stop", science  
tricks, racing paper planes.

## From the Manager, Education & Administration

JPC has just completed the enormous task of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Back in Time Production. This represented the culmination of months of hard work by many students and staff throughout the whole school. It was a great success, captured on DVD and can now be registered in the annals. It is always great to share in the successes of the school as a whole and more specifically our past students. JPIC is proud to have had a number of alumni perform in the orchestra and choirs. We are pleased to see our students not only showcase their talent, but integrate into the life, culture and success at JPC.

JPIC has its own major event this term – JPIC Expo. This event also represents hard work and integration. The students and staff at JPIC have worked hard to showcase their talents and share those with JPC students, staff, families, homestay families and friends. We are pleased with the students' involvement, participation and talents, and know the success of this event hinges on these attitudes and behaviours. I know many of the staff and those able to see the event will agree.

While touching on the very positive attitudes of the JPIC Expo, I would like to remind you about the expectations of students at JPIC. Attitudes and behaviour form a basis for success. I trust that all students can adopt with vigour the JPC Guidelines for Mutual Respect and see the positives that can result from that. And particularly after the success of Back in Time and the JPIC Expo, I am sure students will wear their uniforms with a new sense of pride.

In some recent meetings with students, one of the things that struck me was that they were not reading regularly or enough. One of the things I often encourage students to do is read. There is a lot of published material about the importance of reading for second language acquisition and development. Students should be reading every day and for at least half an hour. I would like to encourage all families and homestay families to help your students in this area.

I look forward to more excellent results at the end of this term.

**Michael Bos**

**Manager, Education & Administration**

## Dates to Note

Fri 24 August	JPIC Expo	Mon 1 October	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Mon 10 September	JPIC End of Term exams	Tue 9 October	Commencement of Term 4
Fri 21 September	End of Term 3	Fri 7 December	End of Term 4

## Lord Mayor's International Student Friendship Ceremony

John Paul International College recently received an invitation to attend the inaugural Lord Mayor's International Student Friendship Ceremony. Seven students from Level 5 and their teacher Mrs Whinham attended the function at the Mercure Hotel, North Quay along with approximately 600 other guests from 88 different countries. On arrival, each guest was given their personal Certificate of Friendship.

The majority of the guests were university students who were nearing graduation. Many high profile business leaders such as Directors and CEO's from large companies such as W Pigeon, Suncorp Bank, Rio Tinto and some other mining companies were also in attendance and made themselves available to speak to the student guests.



The Lord Mayor welcomed the students to the inaugural Student Friendship Ceremony. He stated that around 80,000 international students are enrolled in Queensland universities and around 55,000 are in Brisbane at any one time. Those students represented 200 nationalities.

Lord Mayor Quirk urged the student guests to stay engaged with Brisbane for the rest of their lives both personally and professionally. A “Study Brisbane” Facebook page has been created to facilitate this ongoing friendship. The Friendship ceremony is shown under “Events”.

The MC of the ceremony was the entertaining Rupert McCall who had written a witty poem for the occasion.

However, the highlight for our students was an amazing performance by an Aboriginal dance group who presented traditional dances and songs, as well as demonstrating the astonishing skill of lighting a fire using sticks. Fortunately, they extinguished the fire seconds before the safety sprinkler system engaged.



## Olympic Alumni Update

### Soccer

Congratulations to **Ki Sung Yueng (David)** a John Paul International College Alumni who played in the South Korean Olympic team that defeated Japan 2-0 in the Bronze Medal game for Football.

In the Quarter Final, Ki Sung Yueng had an instrumental role in defeating Great Britain in their national sport.

Sung Yueng (David) set up the normal time goal for the South Korean team and kicked the winning goal in the penalty shoot-out to place South Korea into the Semi-Final match against Brazil.



*Sung Yueng (David) number 6 in action*

In 2001, Sung Yueng was enrolled at JPIC to play football and learn to speak English. He played the bulk of his youth career at John Paul College in Brisbane under the BSP (Brain Soccer Program) overseen by Jeff Hopkins.

He was part of the team that won the U-15 National final for John Paul College in 2004. Sung Yueng decided to move back to South Korea to continue his career. Since then, he has been a fluent English speaker.

John Paul College is very proud of his achievements so far.

We also are very proud of other JPC Alumni who are outstanding performing at the London Olympics.

### **Mitch Larkin in 200m backstroke final.**

The former John Paul College student lined up in his first Olympic final after qualifying seventh in the 200m backstroke event.

Mitch was ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in the world in the 200m backstroke entering the Games and lowered his Personal Best twice to cement his place in the 200m backstroke final. He has done an outstanding job at this first Olympic Games after swimming a personal best in his heat and backed it up to drop another second off his semi-final time.

### **Genevieve LaCaze in 3000m Steeplechase**

Genevieve LaCaze's first Olympic race coincided with her 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday and she slashed just over three seconds off her Personal Best in the 3000m steeplechase, to finish ninth.



*Mitch Larkin qualified for the 200m backstroke final.*

*Picture: Alex Coppel Source: News Limited*



*Genevieve LaCaze hits the water during her steeplechase heat.*

*Picture: Phil Hillyard Source: The Daily Telegraph*

## JPIC Primary Preparation Update



The John Paul International College Primary Preparation class is now situated in a classroom at the Main School. The class is in the Enright Annexe next to the Year 4 Primary classes. This means the International students have greater opportunities to mix with native English speakers. There have been some lovely Main School students who have come to make friends and help the students to settle into JPC at break times.

The students are also enjoying the proximity to the new Library (The Noelene Munns Learning Centre) - and often visit there in their lunch hour. They have a special borrowing time on a Monday, where they can borrow four books at a time for two weeks.

There is also a student who has joined the basketball team and goes to training every Wednesday morning. The teacher in charge of basketball is just next door to our classroom. The Primary class includes students from China, Hong Kong, Russia and South Korea. This variety of countries encourages the students to use English with each other in the classroom.

## Homestay Update

It has been a busy start to Term 3 with long term and study tour homestay placements. To keep up with the demand of study tours we will be advertising for additional homestay families. If you know of a family who would be interested in joining the Program please ask them to call JPIC Student Services on (07) 3826 3478 (8.30am-4.30pm) or email me at [kpincott@jpc.qld.edu.au](mailto:kpincott@jpc.qld.edu.au).

At present we have 141 long term students living with homestay families and over the June / July / August period we accommodated 236 study tour students from Japan, China, Hong Kong, Korea and Thailand.

### Blue Card Reminder

As indicated in the Guidelines for Homestay we again take the opportunity to remind you that 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.

Please ensure that you keep your details up-to-date with us so we can contact you if a student needs hosting. Thank you for your support of the JPC Homestay Program.

**Kathryn Pincott**  
Homestay Officer



## John Paul International College Term Dates 2012

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### **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.**

## John Paul College (Main Campus) Term Dates 2012

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### **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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**International Student Assistance Hotline** *(for emergencies at night or on weekends - Visa students only)*

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