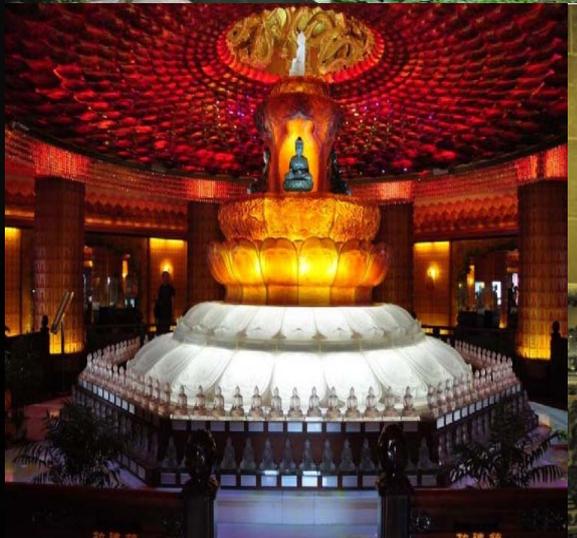




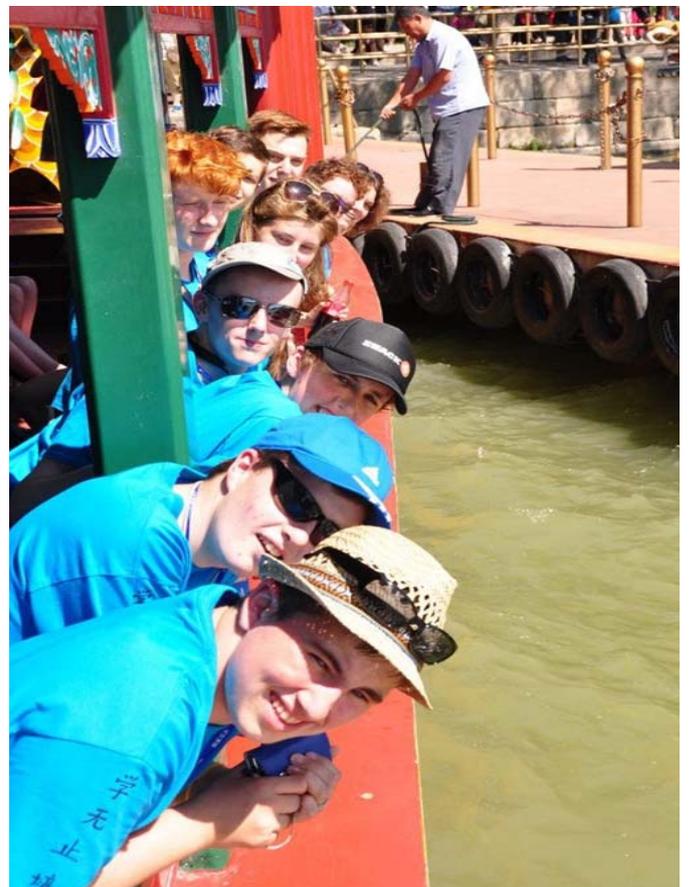
China 2013



China Continued.....



On Sunday the 14th of July, 16 very excited students set off on a once in a life time trip to China. We began our journey in Beijing, experiencing the sights of Beijing Zoo, the Olympic Stadium and Water Cube. We also enjoyed a dragon boat trip at the Summer Palace and took in the famous sights of the city. Our adventure continued as we travelled to our host city of Changzhou where we received a very warm welcome from staff and students at Changzhou Senior High School. Here we started to embrace not just the culture but also the language with our Chinese buddies to help and guide us along the way. During our visit to Changzhou we had many field trips one of which was to see a fantastic Buddhist temple and statue at Lingshan Buddhist scenic spot. We were all blown away by the sheer size and beauty of the scene. We also had the opportunity to ride one of the tallest roller-coasters in Asia, pick peaches on a fruit farm, climb a pagoda, visit Suzhou's No 1 silk factory and even see how dumplings were made. The highlight of our trip was the opportunity to spend an afternoon with our buddies in their homes. Unfortunately our journey had to end and with very heavy hearts we bid farewell to our buddies, teachers and the dinner ladies and made our way back to Beijing. On our final leg of the trip we had the opportunity to climb The Great Wall, visit the Forbidden City and explore the Art District 798. A truly amazing and unforgettable experience was shared by all.



PTA

Join us for 'An Evening of Cheese & Wine'



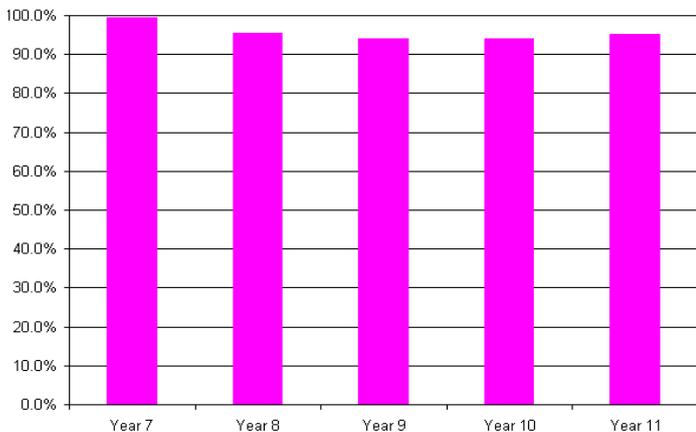
A great opportunity for new parents to the school to meet the current members of SJP PTA and find out what's coming up in yet another exciting year at St John Plessington Catholic College

Date: Tuesday 17 September 2013
 Time: 7.00pm
 Venue: College Atrium

Coming up

- PTA Welcome Meeting: 17th September 7.00pm
- Y11 Parents Evening: 19th September
- Y12 Emmaus Walk: 20th September
- DofE Silver: 21st September - 23rd September
- Open Morning: 24th September 9am-12pm

Attendance - 03/09/13 - 06/09/13



Year 7 - 99.5% Year 8 - 95.5% Year 9 - 94.0%
 Year 10 - 94.1% Year 11 - 95.1%

Literacy Corner

Spot the prepositions!

Prepositions are words such as "in" and "on" and "off" that show you the relationship between two things. They often tell you where one thing is in relation to another.

There are nine examples below that you need to find and circle.

Top Tip: A preposition always comes before a noun.

Ellie crawled under the bed and into the corner. She had had a bad dream and was scared. In the dream, she had been on a ship where ghosts flew above and around her head.

She had climbed up the steps, tiptoed past the ghost captain and sneaked across the deck. Then she hid inside a cabin.

Pass your answers to Mrs Connolly and win a prize!



Language Corner

10 Facts you may not know about Spain

1. The name Spain diverged from the word Ispania, which means the land of rabbits.
2. Spain has over 4970 miles (8000 km) of beaches.
3. There is no tooth fairy in Spain but rather a tooth mouse called Ratoncito Perez.
4. No one knows where Christopher Columbus (the famous explorer who discovered America) was buried.
5. Spaniards are famous for their contributions to art, with famous Spanish artists including Dali, Picasso, Gaudi, El Greco, and Goya.
6. Spain is the closest European country to Africa.
7. Spain produces 44% of the world's olive oil.
8. Over 98% of the population used to be Roman Catholic... presently it is around 76%
9. The Spaniards aren't known for very many inventions...but they did invent the mop, the beret and Chupa Chups, The famous lollipops that line cash registers across the world were initially created by the Catalanian Enric Bernat in 1958.
10. Juan Mica claims that his family was the first to invent the drink, called 'Nuez de Kola Coca', which he then took to the US and sold the recipe.

Maths Corner

Find the missing digits represented by the red boxes.

$$24 \times 1\boxed{} = 43\boxed{}$$

$$348 \times 2\boxed{} = 1\boxed{}092$$

$$3\boxed{}0 \times \boxed{}88 = 97\boxed{}20$$

$$\boxed{}0 \times 4\boxed{}4 = 36\boxed{}20$$

$$\boxed{}55 \times 1\boxed{}1 = 30\boxed{}55$$

$$1\boxed{}35 \times \boxed{}52 = 61\boxed{}720$$



Weekly Theme - 'Our Core Values'

Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them, He said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples."

The Catholic College has been called 'an Oasis' a place, in the desert of this world, where people can experience the loving care and values taught by Jesus. Often in our towns and cities life can be hard and dangerous but the

Catholic College should strive to be a community where there are higher values, where each individual is accepted with love.

As we grow closer to God, we see that all is a gift: people, loved ones, the environment, wealth and goods. As we learn to approach them in that light, we learn to see ourselves as lavishly gifted. We learn to be grateful. We learn to respect. We begin to experience true freedom. That is what Jesus is always talking about – not imposing burdens, but setting us free. But we need, perhaps, to grow in wisdom if we are to see it.

Being a Christian Community makes a difference, or it isn't Christian or Catholic.

Prayer

God our Father, draw us into the circle of Your life and love, that our eyes may be opened to the wonders of this life that You give us, and our hearts to one another.
Amen

