from the principal

Reflection... At the Sydney Archdiocese Principal’s meeting this week, Bishop Peter Comensoli led us in reflection and discussion on the topic: *Contemplate the Face of Christ.* I don’t think I was the only Principal that found the reflection quite challenging. However, on deeper thought, I concluded that contemplating the face of Christ is what we strive to do every day, in our life at the College and beyond. We look for the face of Christ in the images, words and actions of both ourselves, and others. Within our La-sallian charism, we encourage staff and students to examine the life of St. John Baptist De La Salle. Our Founder’s Day activities later in Term 2 will be about celebration and service. We see the “face of Christ” quite clearly in our community on this day. As we begin another exciting school year, my prayer is that we continue to build a College community that *Contemplates the Face of Christ* in all that we do.

Welcome ... I extend a heartfelt welcome back to the 2012 school year to all students and parents. We concluded 2011 in outstanding fashion and I am eager to build upon this in 2012. We especially welcome our Year 11, all 230 students and their families, to our College community. The College plant has undergone considerable refurbishment over the holidays, with a window replacement program, and the installation of four demountable classrooms. The inconsistent weather has impacted on this work, slowing down progress. We are striving to minimize any negative impact on teaching and learning, and the work should be completed soon.

Today the College community celebrated our Commencement Mass with a theme of *zeal, faith, and community.* This significant annual event was made even more special as we included a Commissioning Ceremony for our new Assistant Principal, Mrs Michelle Morisson, and an acknowledgement of our Year 12 – 2011 HSC achievements.

On behalf of the College I welcome Rev Dr Thomas Carroll to the St. Aloysius Parish and thank him for celebrating our Mass. We look forward to working with Father Tom in the years ahead.

2011 Higher School Certificate Results... As previously publicized, we were very proud to see the HSC results of our Year 12 -2011 students. Based upon the percentage of course above state average (93.5%), the College was ranked third in the Sydney Archdiocese – an outstanding result that reflects ongoing improvement in this measure. The students recorded 106 Band 6’s, and 19 students received an ATAR greater than 90. These results are indicative of the hard work of students and teachers, and the increasing awareness of our culture of striving to achieve one’s best. Please take the time to note the individual achievements of students mentioned in this Newsletter – as a community we offer these, and all of our students, our warmest congratulations.

Year 11 Parent and Student Information Night...I look forward to meeting parents of Year 11 students at the Information Night, next Monday 20 February. As the student laptops are now ready for distribution we have decided for your convenience, to do this on the night of the 20th. This means that the attendance of every student, and at least one parent is required, both for the Information Night purposes, and to collect a laptop. College laptops cannot be distributed to students unless a parent is present to sign the “Acceptable Use Agreement”.

coming events

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from the principal (cont) ...

Please note, the College understands there will be normal wear and tear of the laptops during their “loan” to the students. However, students/families will be expected to pay for repeated damage caused through negligent behavior.

Mr Phil Gane
Principal

from the assistant principal

I wish to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the school community who support our students here at De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla. I feel very privileged to collectively be working with the De La Brothers, a dedicated teaching and support staff and a group of students aspiring to achieve their personal best in a beautiful educational environment. I look forward to meeting and working in partnership with families to support and challenge our students to be proactive members of our local Catholic community as they work towards the transition of school to university, TAFE or such employment opportunities as the world beyond may proffer.

As we commence another year I would like to welcome our new Year 11 students to the College as well as those returning for Year 12. Further, I would like to congratulate all students on the manner in which they have begun the year and additionally thank parents for their support. Overall the uniform presentation is of a high standard, one that we trust will continue throughout the year.

For our new Year 11 students and their families a reminder that any initial questions about your sons and daughters can go to their Pastoral teachers who every day meet with your children and whom are ably supported by their Year Coordinators.

For 2012 the Year Coordinator is Mr Peter Geaney and the Assistant Coordinator is Mrs Yvette Kennedy.

Below is a list of the Yr 11 Pastoral team for 2012:-

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May I remind students driving to and from school of their responsibility to act in a safe manner at all times especially in Cross Road and Gunamatta Road where there is traffic congestion and many pedestrians. Could parents please discuss with their son/daughter this issue of being a responsible driver. Please be aware that the Parking inspectors frequent the streets around the College and a number of parents and students have been booked for illegal parking and picking up or dropping off students in areas that are deemed illegal, especially the bus stop in front of the College.

The Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place in two weeks (Week 5 Tuesday 28th February). There is a letter accompanying this newsletter outlining this event.

Just a reminder that the College Calendar can be accessed via the College website for all events throughout the year including assessment schedules.

The College Blazer is a compulsory part of the winter uniform. Often these need to be ordered in advance from Lowes at Cronulla as they do not keep a large supply in stock. If you have not purchased or ordered a Blazer could parents do so in the next few weeks to ensure your son/daughter is in the correct uniform for the commencement of Term 2.

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal

from the re coordinator

Welcome to our year 11 students and their families, the settling in process has been smooth and our Lasallian community is already involved in initiatives that will help others. Welcome to all other members of the community, especially the Year 12’s and staff.

The Year 11 students have been told about the importance of making a difference and the need to take up opportunities as they present themselves. I congratulate the Year 11 students who have shown an interest in training to be a Lasallian Youth Leader. These students will undergo training with Simone McGill, our Lasallian Youth Workers and facilitate a Year 6 spirituality day with students from feeder schools later this term.

Year 12 students have also made a significant contribution to the community by their efforts and involvement in the Commencement Mass, Thursday 16 February, it certainly makes a difference when we have people willing to take on the extra tasks.

Next week we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent. During this time we will be engaging in fund raising activities to contribute to Caritas and their good works. Please encourage your children to be part of these initiatives.

Our Year 12 Catechists are busy preparing lessons for their classes which will begin in a few weeks. We have 18 students who are currently responsible for six classes in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2. I commend you on your efforts in giving of your time and energy to these young people. You are very positive role models and ambassadors of the College.

Mrs Maree Cullen
RE Coordinator
**Year 11 HSC: All my own work**... Students are currently completing the HSC: All my own work program. This program is designed to help students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

Higher School Certificate assessment tasks such as independent research projects and major works are likely to be the most challenging learning that students will undertake during their time at school. HSC - All My Own Work is a short guide to help students complete assessment tasks honestly and with confidence. 

(adapted from: the BOS website: http://amow.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

**Subject changes**... Any subject changes must be made by the end of Week 5. Changes are unlikely after this date due to the amount of work students have missed. It is the responsibility of students entering new courses to catch up on all work missed.

**Year 12 Study skills day**... Thanks to all students for their attendance, participation and contribution on Friday. Please take on board the information from the day and use it to prepare for your upcoming semester one examinations, at the end of the term.

Mr Ginestra

Curriculum

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**from the creative arts department**

2012 is underway... and there is great excitement and activity in the Creative Arts Department. Mr. Brustolini is replacing Mr. Hurst while he is on long service leave. His classes have been very busy working on practical exercises finding inspiration for their work from around the College grounds.

On Monday February 6, the Year 12 Drama class attended Onstage at the Sydney Seymour Centre. The evening was a showcase of exemplary HSC work from 2011. Our students gained a lot from the excursion and were excellent representatives of the College. We would also like to thank Mr. Brustolini for joining us in a supervisory role on the night.

The Year 12 and Year 11 Music students have been busy over the past two weeks working on the music for the Opening School Mass. It has been very rewarding for both classes to combine their talents to create beautiful music for this special event.

De La Salle’s Got Talent...There is an opportunity for every student at the College to get involved this year in raising money for project compassion. We are holding small lunchtime concerts in the Drama room from Week 5. Students will be selected from these heats to perform in a Grand Finale Concert later in the term. Students can enter any talent they have into the competition. It might be a weird or wonderful talent from juggling knives while riding on a unicycle, playing Beethoven’s 5th on spoons or busting moves ‘like Jagger’. Whatever the talent, we want students to get involved. Entry forms are available in roll call or through Mrs. Fuller at the staff centre.

Mrs Danielle Fuller

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**from the pdhpe department**

**MAIN SPORTS DATES FOR 2012**

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**Please note:-** to attend any of the above trials students will need a permission note from Mrs Westwood. This note will need to be returned to Mrs Westwood by the due date stipulated on the form, so that all entries can be entered on time.

This year there is a website for Southern Sydney CCC Sport which I encourage you to access for further information.


Also NSW Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) has gone online and has a website. Students who wish to attend CCC trials will need to register online. At present the website is still under construction. When I receive more information I will pass this on.

[www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au)

Mrs Belinda Westwood

PDHPE / Sports Organiser
Year 11 Interaction Day... Under gloomy skies, the Year 11 students of the College, headed to Gunnamatta Park for their interaction day. It was a chance for all students to get to know one another and staff and to show their leadership and teamwork skills. Students were assembled into pastoral classes and competed against each other in volleyball, tunnel ball, touch football, continuous cricket, and a pancake eating competition. A fantastic day was had by all, and staff were particularly impressed with the way the Year 11 students interacted and participated in all activities. After lunch, the day concluded with the inaugural heptathlon event – an event to test students over seven unique disciplines. Each pastoral class nominated a boy and girl to represent them, and with the point score tallies very close, Mr Breen and Miguel home room were keen to win the trophy back-to-back. However McCauley homeroom and Mrs O’Connor (and their representatives, Ryan Markey and Caitlin McCarthy) were too strong to win the overall point score and trophy. Well done everyone!!

Mrs Yvette Kennedy
Assistant Yr 11 Coordinator
Electronic Communication …
Our student rolls are marked electronically, and as an extension of this, parents will be notified by a text message if their son/daughter is absent from school, or arrive late to school. Research shows this has a considerable impact in limiting these disruptions to our teaching and learning. Parents can assist by notifying the school if their son/daughter will be absent, and no text will be sent. Please do not reply to the SMS, a phone call will be needed. Occasionally, parents will also receive general or urgent announcements by text message, so please ensure the College Student Services Office has an accurate record of your contact details.

Library cards… these cards are not only used in the library but also used for students to scan in and out of school grounds. The card should be kept in their diary or in their school bag.

Dispensing of Medication… Page 11 of the Students diary is a section for parent/Guardians to sign, this gives office staff permission to administrate 2 panadols when needed.

Concession passes… cards will be given out in the next two weeks, if they are lost or destroyed the replacement fee is $26.00, forms for replacement are at the front office.

SCHOOL FEE REMINDER
Term 1 School Fees have been sent out this week and if you have not received them please contact the office 8522 1500. Thank you.

De La Salle Caringbah
Junior Rugby League Registration

Dates
Saturday February 11  9am - 2pm
Thursday February 16  5pm - 8pm
Saturday February 18  9am - 2pm

All age groups catered for

Venue
De La Salle Clubhouse,
Captain Cook Drive, Woolooware

Enquiries
John Little 0410 517 530
Award Recipients for the
HSC 2011

Dux of the College—Alexandra Turner

Recognition of an ATAR over 90

Andrew Balding       Georgia Jackson       Simon Sachmacinski
Courtney Becker      Madeleine Jessop      Maddison Slater
Christian Chillari   Rachel Johnstone     Robert Snow
Cameron Crawford     Elias Kheir          Grant Stollery
Dario Draca          James Little         Elise Tripodi
Jordan-Lee Gauci     Jade Loughnan        Yvette Vials
Connor Hale          Lucy McNamara        Caitlin Weeks
Kate Houston         Ashleigh Murray      Hayley Weeks
Alannah Hughes       Alana Ong            Benjamin Wragg
Fabian Hurst         Blake Perry

First Place Awards in HSC Course

Andrew Balding - Equal in Business Studies, Equal in Chemistry, Physics
Courtney Becker - Hospitality
Christian Chillari - Design & Technology, Equal in Information Technology
Cameron Crawford - Senior Science
Dario Draca - Equal in Chemistry, Standard English, Equal in Mathematics, Extension 1 Mathematics
Jordan-Lee Gauci - Business Services
Connor Hale - Equal in Mathematics
Kate Houston - Equal in Ancient History, Economics, Studies of Religion 1 Unit
Alannah Hughes - Extension 1 English
Fabian Hurst - Equal in Visual Arts
Madeleine Jessop - Drama
Elias Kheir - Equal in Information Processes & Tech
James Little - Equal in Information Processes & Tech, Equal in Information Technology
Jade Loughnan - Equal in Legal Studies, Equal in Visual Arts
Lucy McNamara - Equal in Extension 2 English
Ashleigh Murray - Equal in Legal Studies
Alana Ong - Equal in Ancient History, Geography
Blake Perry - Music, Extension History
Simon Sachmacinski - Construction
Maddison Slater - Community & Family Studies
Robert Snow - General Mathematics
Grant Stollery - Equal in Extension 2 English
Elise Tripodi - Biology, Equal in PDHPE
Caitlin Weeks - Equal in Mathematics
Benjamin Wragg - Equal in Business Studies
Alexandra Turner - Advanced English, Modern History, Equal in PDHPE, Studies of Religion 2 Unit
De La Salle Catholic College

Information Night
Year 11 Parents & Students
2012

The evening is designed for parents with children undertaking Year 11. All parents and Year 11 students are urged to attend. The focus will be on providing relevant information about the Preliminary and HSC course.

- Assessment and course completion
- Expectations and Responsibilities
- Special Provisions

Student Laptops will be distributed at this evening. Please note that students & parents must sign and return the Acceptable Use Policy to receive their computers.

Monday, 20th February 2012
7pm - Carmody Hall
2 Cross Road, Cronulla
Ph: 8522 1500
February, 2012

Year 12 Parent Teacher Student Interviews
Tuesday 28th February, 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Year 12 Parent Teacher Student Evening will be held in the College Hall on Tuesday 28th February between 3:30 and 7:30pm.

The Parent Teacher evening is a significant opportunity for parents to receive feedback on how their children have progressed since commencing the HSC course.

To facilitate the running of the evening, early next week students will be given a booking sheet to make appointments on your behalf with their teachers. Interviews are set down for 5 minute blocks; however in some cases more time may be needed. If this is the case a further interview may need to be arranged for another day. Note also that teachers may seek interviews with parents and once again these times will be entered onto the booking sheet.

Students are expected to attend with their parents and are required to wear their full school uniform or neat casual clothes to the interview, not a combination of the two.

I trust that the evening will provide valuable feedback for parents and the opportunity to discuss concerns with teachers as the half yearly examinations quickly approach.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal