Deo Duce - With God as Leader

from the principal

Reflection... Let us keep in our minds over the coming Easter holiday our sense of peace – not just in terms of the “peace and quiet” we often crave, but also in the deeper sense of peace – as in the prayer from St. Francis:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light, and sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning, that we are pardoned, and it is in dying, that we are born to eternal life.

St. John Baptist De La Salle . . .

Lasallian Youth Ministry... Last Tuesday evening I had the privilege of joining with a small group of Year 11 students and teachers in sharing some time with our De La Salle Brothers. This is a fortnightly initiative introduced by our Lasallian Youth Minister, Ms Simone McGill. The students spent just a couple of hours, beginning with prayer, informal discussion, and then in preparing and sharing a meal. It is a simple gesture and commitment that goes a long way to enriching the lives of all involved, and I thank Simone for the energy and leadership she brings to this aspect of our community life.

Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations... At the time of publication our Year 12 students are continuing the strong standard of commitment and practice with their Half-Yearly examinations. This is extremely important, as this is a period of development of positive habits that can be refined during the Trial HSC, so that all students are ready for the HSC examinations in October. I ask parents to be aware of their son/daughter’s exam timetable, and to ensure as much as possible their “family lifestyles” give support to the successful preparation and completion of these exams. Assisting students to arrive at the College in plenty of time prior to the scheduled start is one way you can assist.

Parent Advisory Board... The Parent Advisory Board held the first meeting for 2012 last Wednesday afternoon. After introductions, the group undertook a walk around the College to become familiar with the plant and grounds. The emphasis of the work of the PAB this year will be to facilitate collective input and energy on College projects. Members of the PAB may also act as a conduit to the College Executive when parents and people in the broader community have issues, ideas or concerns. However, please note the PAB is not a “first call” for individual family/student grievances. These should be dealt with following the guidelines outlined in the College website. The members of the PAB for 2012 are: Carolyn Riordan, Lizzy Sargeant, Maria Awad, Virginia Hughes, John Cruickshank and Renata Campbell. Mrs Morrison and myself represent the College Executive on the PAB.

Building Works Update and Refurbishment of Tennis Courts... Our major window replacement program will be finalized by the end of the Easter holidays. This will include a re-fit of the awnings to provide shelter from the Westerly sun, and the installation of new blinds to all classrooms on the Eastern side of the buildings.
This should allow more comfortable learning environments and improve facilities for class work that uses data projectors.

Additionally, I am very pleased to inform you that our tennis courts have been resurfaced and upgraded so that we now have a multi-purpose learning and recreational area that includes netball, basketball and volleyball courts and two tennis courts.

**Easter Holiday…** We are fast coming to the end of an exciting and activity packed 10 weeks of schooling. Year 11 students have made the adjustment to senior school well, while I have also been very impressed with the capacity of our Year 12 students to quickly settle and focus on their schoolwork. Additionally, we have had opportunities for community celebrations, sporting representation, and participation in ministry such as the Catechesis program. The College spirit is vibrant and engaging. My prayer for the upcoming Easter holiday is that all students and staff members have the time to rest and be with family. May all families enjoy a peaceful Easter break, marked by the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Saviour – Jesus Christ.

Live Jesus in our hearts...

**from the principal cont...**

As the term draws to a close can I take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students on how they have presented and conducted themselves throughout the term. The College has a very pleasant tone and feel about it largely due to the nature, humour, good manners and friendliness of our students.

There are however still too many students who are not taking care of our environment during recess and lunch breaks. We do not like having to take punitive measurements with young adults such as holding you back during recess, lunch or after school to clean up your mess however, we cannot continue to pollute our school environment as well as impacting on our neighbours including our Lasallian Brothers. I appeal to your sense of fairness and ask that as a community we respond positively and choose to fix the problem ‘because it is the right thing to do’.

In Term 2 there are a number of events to be aware of:

- Students resume school on Tuesday 24th April. This will be a Day 2. There will be an Assembly after recess to celebrate and remember ANZAC Day.

- Two Staff Development Day’s have been scheduled. The first is Monday 23rd April which is a Staff Development Day that involves Our Lady of Mercy Burraneer, De La Salle Catholic College Caringbah and ourselves De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla. The second is in Week 9 Friday 22nd June and is the Staff Spirituality Day.

I wish all our students, parents and their families a happy and holy Easter and a safe holiday period.

Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal

**from the careers department**

Early in Term 2, Year 12 students who are considering study at university in 2013 will have the opportunity to attend the ‘University Market Day’ held annually at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. Arranged by the Shire schools Careers Advisers, this event enables students to make direct contact with representatives from many of the major universities, some private colleges, ADFA, and others. Whilst most of the Universities each have their own, on campus open days later in the year --- this is an excellent opportunity to research and compare specific degrees and course options at a number of different institutions, all in one place at the one time.


We have a booking for a morning session for 50 students only, cost is $10.00 (which will be charged with Term 3 fees for attending students). Permission Notes will be available in the first week of Term 2 – be sure to collect one, and return it directly to Ms. Brown ASAP – if you are keen to go as this is always a popular and worthwhile event.

**UTS Will run information sessions (day & evening) encouraging young students interested in Engineering and IT in the coming months. Go to www.feit.uts.edu.au/outreach/schools for more info.**

**Good Luck Year 12 in your exams.**

Ms Brown
Careers Adviser

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**from the assistant principal**

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from pdhpe department

Southern Sydney Swimming Carnival Report... On Friday 9th March some of our students represented the College at the Southern Sydney swimming carnival at Caringbah Pool. Thank you to Mr Rush for managing this team on the day.

We had some outstanding personal and team results. We finished 1st place in point score for combined boys & girls results with OLMC and DLS Caringbah, also 1st place in boys results with DLS Caringbah and first place in girls results with OLMC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURA GRENFELL - GIRLS 17 years + AGE CHAMPION

Laura Grenfell
400m Freestyle 1st Place NEW RECORD 5.04.62
50m Breaststroke 1st Place NEW RECORD 39.75
100m Breaststroke 1st Place NEW RECORD 24.57
50m Freestyle 3rd Place
200m Freestyle 1st Place
100m Backstroke 1st Place
100m Freestyle 1st Place
200m Ind. Medly 1st Place

Brielle Mulcahy
50m Freestyle 1st Place
50m Backstroke 2nd Place

Michaela Sargeant
50m Freestyle 1st Place

Jed Boxall
400m Freestyle 2nd Place
200m Freestyle 2nd Place
100m Backstroke 3rd Place
50m Backstroke 2nd Place

Sam Vardy
50m Freestyle 3rd Place

Sam Cocokios
50m Breaststroke 2nd Place
100m Breaststroke 2nd Place

Zac Fowler
50m Freestyle 5th Place
50m Butterfly 3rd Place

Mathew Schweighoffer
100m Freestyle 3rd Place
200m Ind. Medly 2nd Place

RELAYS
Boys Medley & Freestyle & All Age Relays - 1st Place
Girls Medley & Freestyle & All Age Relays - 1st Place

Good luck swimmers at the CCC Swimming Carnival on 30th March at Homebush.

OTHER SPORTS NEWS... Congratulations to Josh Lee on being selected into the Southern Sydney Open Boys Baseball Team

Congratulations to Mathew Schweighoffer and Sam Cocokios on being selected into the Combined Catholic College Open Boys Water polo Team.

Congratulations to Sam Harris, Andrew Faddy, Peter Shanahan and Jack Keppel on being selected into the Southern Sydney Open Boys Rugby League Team.

Mrs Westwood
PDHPE Coordinator

NSW Seniors Week 18th - 25th March 2012... To support Seniors week some of De La Salle's students spent the afternoon at Stella Maris nursing home participating in craft activities with the residents. This was a very rewarding experience for the students who now have a greater understanding of some of the inequities faced by our ageing population.

I'd like to thank the girls who went, the residents thoroughly enjoyed the company. A special thanks to Ellie Rose who provided entertainment singing Somewhere Over the Rainbow most beautifully for us all to enjoy.

Mrs Degnan

Southern Sydney Knockout Soccer Day... Congratulations to all our talented players who performed excellently in this soccer tournament with some of the strongest teams in the Sydney area. Both boys and girls teams displayed great athletic ability and skill. Games were very close and the girls were unlucky to fall into 4th position, whilst the boys finished in 3rd position.

Especially well done to those students who were selected to represent the Southern Sydney (East) Soccer team:
Michaela Sargeant
Kane Currie
Anthony Bouzanis
Luke McCoster

Thank you to all involved, Mrs Degnan and Mr Geaney
from the creative & performing arts dept...

Ex student Jade Loughnan wins Executive Director’s Prize at Clancy Exhibition...Jade Loughnan finished her HSC last year at De La Salle College Cronulla and wanted her HSC artwork to express her religious beliefs. The work, Australian Gothic – Light of the World, caught the eye of Dr. Dan White, the Executive Director of the Sydney Catholic Education Office.

Dr. White’s award is for works entered into the annual Clancy Prize that explicitly express the long heritage of sacred art in the Catholic Church.

Jade used decoupage collage and layers of paint to create a depiction of St. Mary’s Cathedral where it is hard to spot the line between the two techniques.

“This symbolizes the mystery of Christ’s nature as man and God and our nature as body and soul,” explained the artist. “When you visit the Cathedral you also get the sense that it is a mysterious place where heaven meets earth.”

The Clancy Prize is an annual student art event held at the McGlade Gallery at the Australian Catholic University. It is open to all students in Sydney’s Catholic schools who chose to explore spiritual and religious themes.

Mr Hurst
Creative & Performing Arts Co ordinator

year 11 work placement...

Last week Year 11 Hospitality students attended their first work placement as part of their VET Course. Students attended various locations, and many were offered job opportunities, including apprenticeships and part time work. Annie Crowe reports on her work placement at the Shangri-La Hotel.

I attended the Shangri-La Hotel, Circular Quay for a week of work placement as part of the Hospitality course.

I worked very long hours but had the opportunity to work in various kitchens within the hotel including functions, and pastry. At the hotel they provided me with a chef uniform to wear. The first kitchen I was in was the buffet kitchen or “Cafe Mix”. This kitchen was very busy and was overflowing with chefs who had different tasks such as preparing and cooking the food to serve for breakfast and lunch and prepare food for room service to the customers.

The second kitchen I was placed in was the Functions Kitchen where they prepare and cook all the food for hired out rooms. I enjoyed this kitchen the most as they taught me lots of skills including how not to cry while chopping onions! The chefs here were really nice and more involved in what I was doing.

The third kitchen I moved onto was the pastry kitchen. This kitchen made all the desserts and pastries for functions, “Cafe Mix” and “Altitude”. I made macaroons and helped with basic preparation.

The last kitchen I visited was “Altitude” which is the restaurant kitchen on the top flour of the hotel. I really enjoyed visiting the Shangri-la Hotel as the staff were so welcoming and friendly and I learnt many new skills.

Annie Crowe
Yr 11 Hospitality Student

Any Student who has not yet collected their Student Concession Pass please see the office staff
On the 5th April all students have an opportunity to take part in a fantastic game development day. For $45 students:

- Participate in a 5 hour workshop
- Receive over $3,500 worth of Game Development Resources
- A colour workbook with step by step instructions for the world building and code writing processes
- **Video tutorials** which students can use at home to move through the material at their own speed.
- **Access to our Game Development Resource Library** where each student can download over $3,500 worth of top quality resources.
- **A Complete 10 Level Physics Game** with full source code
- **Email Support** by our head trainer Jeff Ayling who makes himself available to help students, answer questions and assist with coding issues.

**Objective:**
To educate and motivate students and give them the skills to start developing their own 3D Worlds and games. By providing students with these skills at an early age we will see an increase in the number of students who choose IT related subjects around the country.

To reserve your spot return your $45 and permission slip by Monday 2nd April to the office

Mrs Fisher
E-Learning Coordinator