**Coming Events**

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**Newsletter Term 2 Week 9**

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**Reflection...**

Lord Jesus,
You told your friends not to worry about the future. You showed them how to have the attitude of simple trust that young children have, so that they could place themselves into the caring hands of your Father. And so I ask for the power of your Spirit that I may remain positive throughout all that is ordinary in my daily life.

I know that your touch can change people and situations, and so I ask you to join me in offering to our Father not only the good things of this day but also the suffering and sacrifices that I want to offer cheerfully and lovingly, and in a quiet and hidden way. And so may any difficulties and frustration and pain of this day be transformed in your presence for the benefit of other people. Amen.

**Founders Day...** We recently celebrated Founders Day (Friday 8th June). It was a wonderful experience for me being new to the school to view the depth of school spirit alive and well in our community. It was a time to reflect on our Lasallian heritage and come together as a whole school community to celebrate mass. We were very fortunate to have Bishop Terry Brady celebrate our mass with Br Celestine as his acolyte, as he has only recently returned from overseas. Bishop Brady has a strong connection with our school and stayed after mass to visit with staff and students. He challenged us to think outside of ourselves and focus on what we can do for others. This was taken to heart by staff and students who then spent the rest of the day ‘touching hearts’ in our local community, donating blood, cleaning the sand dunes, feeding and entertaining our elderly from surrounding nursing homes to name but a few of the events. It was a valuable time spent taking our Catholic teachings and putting them into practice in our local community. A special thanks goes to Mrs Cullen, Mr Geaney and Mrs Kennedy who organized the day to run so smoothly. And I felt very proud to be a member of such a caring school community.

Year 12 Coordinator, Mrs Raftery will be on LSL from Week 10 until Week 2 Term 3. Mrs James will be acting Coordinator during this time.

**Thank you...** to Mr Peter Hughes who has been our Acting Principal whilst Mr Gane is having a well earned break traveling overseas, for sharing his wealth of experience and his support and guidance in leading our school community these past few weeks.

As a staff we are looking forward to our ‘spirituality day’ on Friday 22nd June (pupil free day) to reflect on our own spiritual journey and spend time together as a staff deepening our faith.

As the term draws to a close, Year 12 will be planning their study for their Trial HSC exams next term and the completion of major works and the preparation of performance pieces. Year 11 will next week be participating in their first parent/student/teacher conference to review the first half of their preliminary year. It is a time to celebrate successes and to identify where they need to make improvements.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students, staff and their families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to Term 3 which will be another busy and exciting Term.

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal
from the curriculum coordinator

Year 12... With HSC Trial examinations fast approaching in early Term 3, now is an opportune time for students to consolidate their learning’s from this term. A minimum of three hours of study per night is expected. Students should be revising course content and developing their study notes. Ample time should also be devoted to the completion of HSC examination style questions. A rigorous study regime should be adopted in the upcoming school holidays. The Trial HSC examinations represent the final opportunity for students to improve upon their internal assessment marks and rankings. As most Trial HSC examinations are weighted between 20% and 30% of internal course assessment, a strong performance in these exams can make a considerable difference to a student’s final mark. Students should be issued with the Trial HSC Examination timetable before the end of this term.

Year 11 and Year 12... May I also take the opportunity to remind parents and students to ensure that they follow College procedure, as outlined in the College Assessment Handbook, when students are absent for an assessment task. Documentary evidence, such as a medical certificate must be provided upon the student’s return to school. A number of students have failed to abide by this, and have subsequently been issued with a zero notification.

Mr Tony Ginestra
Curriculum Coordinator

from student services

Car parking in the surrounding streets

Students are illegally parking on the streets surrounding the school. Residents have been complaining and have now contacted the council and the police. The ranger has contacted the school and will have no hesitation in fining any car that is illegally parked in the future.

from the TAS department

Hospitality News... Congratulations to Katinka Olynick (Year 12) who has been successful as a participant in the High Flyer program offered by The Radisson Hotel, Sydney. Katinka will now participate in the Food and Beverage Team in a three day challenge at the hotel in July. We wish her the best of luck in her efforts to gain a scholarship for 2013.

Mrs Kennedy
Hospitality Teacher

Founders Day, 2012...

On Friday the 8th of June we celebrated Founders Day. It was huge success as everyone got involved and gave back to the community in true La Sallian spirit. There were many activities that took place on this day including: the blood bank, fun run, school restoration project, entertainment, meet and greet, Saint Vincent De Paul winter appeal, sand dune restoration, bay clean up, feeder school sports and interactive day, special kids picnic, rosary bead making, aiding communities abroad and visiting the brothers. All the reports were positive from the teachers and all in all it was a fantastic day. As leaders, we got to participate in two of the activities, those being blood bank and feeder schools sports. The blood bank was a good activity because it is a continuous activity that you can do after Founders day. The volunteers there were very impressed with us and we had 20 people donate blood. Visiting our feeder schools was a brand new initiative suggested by our leadership team as an opportunity to give back to the communities which we came from. The children had a great day and loved the attention from older students. The staff at the primary schools spoke of how well all the students handled the kids, and wanted to thank everyone for giving up their time. Some of the other activities that went exceptionally well was the entertainment and the meet and greet. Elderly citizens from our local nursing homes were very impressed with the entertainment and lunch provided. We also had a successful Saint Vincents Winter Appeal and the Special Kids picnic was a great day for all involved. We would like to thank all students for participating and enjoying the day. Our true La Sallian spirit was definitely evident across all the activities.

Nathaniel McKenzie-Hicks and Kate Jansen
Students
De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla Celebrates Founder’s Day

Our Catholic Faith demonstrated in Community Service

Students at De La Salle College Cronulla have again celebrated the feast of St. John Baptist De La Salle with a day of community service. Students volunteered for activities as diverse as catering and performing for the local senior citizens through to Landcare and litter patrol work. Others gave blood or took children with special needs out for a picnic.

The College was established by the De La Salle Brothers in 1936 and a community of older brothers still lives on the property today. The brothers, who model a life based on Christ’s teaching of selflessness and community service for the students, joined them for a Mass of Celebration. The mass was celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady, an old boy and enthusiastic supporter of the college.

At the college hall the students hosted over a hundred senior citizens, treating them to morning tea, lunch and an afternoon of entertainment by the Music and Drama classes. Hospitality student, Annie Crowe, said, “We arrived early in the morning and baked 200 cupcakes before mass. The seniors certainly seemed to enjoy them for morning tea.” Music student, Bianca Vitale, said, “I’ve been practicing the old classics like Etta James’s “At Last” and Dionne Warwick’s “I’ll Never Fall in Love Again.” It was great to see the old folks really enjoying it.”

College Principal, Mr. Phil Gane, said, “It is important to have a very strong Pastoral Care program in place in Catholic schools. We are challenged to respond to some of the negative portrayals of young people in contemporary media such as reality TV. One of the best ways for young people to be positive in their own lives is to express their faith by doing something worthwhile for their community,” he said. “It is important that we have a faith formation program for students and staff and that we explicitly model our lives on Gospel teaching. Our Founder’s Day celebrations provide a perfect opportunity to act on our Faith,” he concluded.

Byron Hurst
Creative & Performing Arts

Southern Sydney Catholic Colleges Debating...

The College Debating Team has had a great season. They have won every round of the competition and the semi final to win themselves a place in this year’s final against Bethany College Hurstville. Last year the Bethany team defeated us in the final so it will be a hotly contested debate to finally take away the top honours. Congratulations to Kate Berger, Megan Muller, Larissa Grinsell and Bailey Neate who made up the regular squad. Thanks also to those like Amber Bowles and Courtney Bombell who filled in and participated in the training debates. Those girls will have a regular place in the team when next year’s competition rolls around. Mr. Bunyan and Mrs. Buic also deserve our gratitude for performing the daunting task of adjudicating for the younger teams.

Debating is a very demanding skill that requires intelligence, confidence and the ability to think under pressure. It is a great training ground for the HSC which requires those same skills, only expressed in written, not spoken, form. Many of our past debaters have gone on to prominent careers in law, politics and business where they still call upon the skills learnt in College Debating.

Byron Hurst
Debating Coach

Two weeks ago Michaela Sargeant and I travelled the long road north to Tamworth for the NSW CCC touch football competition, representing Southern Sydney. With temperatures at a top of 10 degrees you can imagine how excited Michaela and I were for leaving our warm beds for the muddy frost covered fields. We played teams from across New South Wales, and were challenged with fierce competition the entire day. It was a great experience, getting to know the girls in our team and representing our school.

Kate Janssen
Student
Attention Year 12 students...

CAREERS EXPO -- next Weds. 27/6 --- Permission notes available in the Library (return directly to Ms. Brown). Great one-off, local opportunity to research the many courses available at TAFE – meet with representatives from GROUP TRAINING COMPANIES (who connect employers with students seeking Apprenticeships in various industries) – numerous PRIVATE COLLEGES, some larger EMPLOYERS and EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES – as well as others e.g. POLICE, AMBULANCE, ANSTO, DEFENCE FORCES, and TEACH NSW. Ask questions - find out what is available so you can compare - find out when and how to apply – meet with people who can help you get the course/apprenticeship/job for you!

Other Upcoming Events include:

AUSGRID Open Day - 23/6-24/6 & 30/6 (formerly Energy Aust.) Silverwater. To Book Call 1300 305 613
WHITEHOUSE Inst. Of Design - 22/6-23/6 Open Day. Surry Hills. To book Go to www.whitehouse-design.edu.au
UTS – B/IT Scholarship Applications close 29/6
SIT TAFE Business & Finance Info. Day - 29/6 Enquiries Ph.0421084569
UNSW Info. Day for students with disability, health or medical condition - 4/7 Go to www.studentequity.unsw.edu.au
INTERNATIONAL FILM SCHOOL Sydney Open Night - 5/7 for more info. Go to www.ifss.edu.au
UMAT intensive one day ed. Program - 6/7 Registration deadline 4/7 Go to www.umataustralia.com.au
LANG & SIMMONS Scholarship applications are open. Real Estate courses & work Ph: 922-6840 for more info.
HSC in the HOLIDAYS program - lectures to assist HSC students prepare Go to www.hscintheholidays.com.au
ACCOUNTANTS McBurney & Partners (city firm) Cadetship program for more info. Go to www.mcburney.com.au

Job Opportunities on offer:

Apprenticeship - Shipwright - Southside Shipwright Services
Email andrew@shothsideshipwrights.com.au

Hairdressing – ‘Hairfunkd’ at Sylvania, ph.Eliott 9522-8501

Envy Hair Studio Caringbah, ph.Tuula 9531-2767

Look at: www.shireparents.com.au for parents of our local students, all sorts of useful info., events, and contacts.

Ms. Brown
Careers Adviser

OLMC School Reunion
CLASS OF 1983
14th July
At Cronulla RSL

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