Coming events

**Newsletter Term 3 Week 6**

**16 July**  
Term 3 commences

**23 & 24 August**  
HSC Drama Performance Exam

**27 August**  
HSC Art & D&T projects due

**28 August**  
HSC Hospitality Assessment Lunch

**28 August**  
Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 3.30–7.30  
Dinner Break 5.30–6.00pm

**29 August**  
HSC Hospitality Portfolio due

**30 August**  
Yr 11 Senior Science Excursion

**30 August**  
Student Leadership Training

**3rd & 4th Sept**  
HSC Music Performance Exams

**10 September**  
Yr 11 Final Prelim Exams commence

**20 September**  
Year 12 Farewell Assembly

**21 September**  
Staff Development Day - No students  
School Holidays commence

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**from the principal**

**Reflection...** As our Year 12 students begin to reflect on graduation, HSC examinations, and life after secondary school, we are reminded of a great sense of newness, of opportunity for growth:

*Dear Lord,*

*May we never lose our sense of wonder, our innate curiosity, our capacity to imagine and dream, our hope that life can be better because God is walking with us on the journey of life. May every step reveal a little more of God’s splendour to us and sustain us in the difficult times when problems seem larger than the answers.*

*Live Jesus in our hearts . . .*  
*Amen.*

**The Archbishop’s Award...** Last Tuesday 21 August I had the very great pleasure of attending the annual Archbishop’s Award at St. Mary’s Cathedral. Forty-eight Catholic Secondary (including Congregational) Schools in the Sydney Archdiocese nominate an outstanding Year 12 student for this award. The recipient for De La Salle College Cronulla was Ethan Harvey, and Year 11 student Courtney McCrohon read his citation beautifully. It was a wonderful ceremony, one that truly celebrated the magnificent contribution our young men and women make to society and their strong commitment to our Catholic Faith. Ethan’s family, including Grandparents and Great Grandparents were able to be present to witness the occasion. The full citation is enclosed within this newsletter.

**Student Leadership for 2013...** With the Year 12 student graduation not too far away, it is time for our Year 11 students to assume greater responsibility in student leadership. I have been very impressed with the maturity and pride in the College the vast majority of Year 11 students have demonstrated thus far, and we look forward to working with the newly elected twenty leaders in planning for 2013. The full list of student leaders is enclosed within this newsletter.

**Suggestions for Parents of Year 12 Students:**

To ease the pressure and stress around this time we strongly suggest you:

- Help your son/daughter to prioritise schoolwork, avoid distractions and attend school, on time, every day.
- Attend Parent/Teacher Evening on 28 August.
- Be aware of all College expectations around Graduation week, and all processes/commitments for “signing out”.
- Talk up good results – be confident that with hard work guided by teachers, results will improve between the Trial and HSC examinations.
- Discuss Board of Studies HSC Examination rules, procedures, and necessary equipment for each course studied.
- Suggest your son/daughter make use of the College Library (open after school hours) to: do extra study, peer tutor in groups with other students, attend Master classes and additional tutoring offered by teachers.

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Mr. Gane  
Principal
from the science department

Congratulations to Courtney McCrohon (Yr 11)… on winning a place in the 2013 National Youth Science Forum.

The NYSF is a unique program that gives students the opportunity to get a hands-on feel for careers and to learn about study options in science, engineering and technology. Students meet researchers and scientists who are leaders in their fields, visit laboratories, take part in personal development workshops and debate the hottest issues in science, while living on campus in a university college.

Only 432 places are offered to talented students from across Australia and selection is extremely competitive. The NYSF works with Rotary Clubs all over Australia to select participants, who must have a passion for science. Beyond that, the selection relates to personal qualities, the ability to interact with others and interests outside of school.

Courtney was selected by Rotary Club’s District Chair after a rigorous interview process in which she gave a presentation to a committee of senior members. It is a credit to her talents and personal qualities that she was successful. Early next year, the College will have an opportunity to congratulate Courtney and hear about her experiences.

Mr Olson
Science Coordinator

from the year 11 coordinator

Student Leaders … last week, both students and staff voted for student leaders for 2013. The 10 boys and 10 girls elected were presented to the Year 11 cohort on Monday. It is with great pleasure to announce that the new student leaders are:-

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This group of leaders will meet on the 30th August for a leadership training day, with the aim of selecting our Captains and Vice Captains for 2013.

Mr Peter Geaney
Year 11 Coordinator

from the curriculum coordinator

Year 12… The period between the Trial HSC and the HSC examinations can be critical in raising student achievement. Now that students have completed their Trial HSC examinations, it is an extremely important time for them to accept and learn from the feedback provided. Acknowledging that most courses are still delivering course content, students should use this time to consolidate their learning through constant revision and practise of past examination papers. Students should also avail themselves of the opportunities provided, such as extended library hours, and extra tuition.

The 2013 UAC Guides have been distributed to students today. Students are encouraged to read the relevant sections in the UAC guide and/or website for details on what they need to do before they apply through UAC.

To be eligible to be considered for a course, students must:

- meet the admission requirements of the institution offering the course and
- meet the entrance requirements of the course some courses have course prerequisites or
- additional selection criteria.

All students were re-issued with their BOS Confirmation of entry forms for one final check. The information on this form should clearly match the information on the BOS ‘students online’ website. It is essential that students check this and report any anomalies to Mr. Ginestra immediately.

Year 11… Year 11 students were issued with a ‘Subject selection for Year 12, 2013 form today. This form is to be completed and returned to the box at student services by Monday 10th September. This must be done whether or not they are seeking to drop a subject at the end of the Preliminary course, or picking up and extension course in the HSC.

Mr. Ginestra
Curriculum Coordinator

from the pdhpe department

Our students have been working with St Francis De Salle Primary School throughout term 3. Each week Sport Lifestyle and Recreation students spend the morning coaching a variety of different sports to a group of very enthusiastic and appreciative students. Well done to Corey Boerma, Jason Andrews and Joe Chisholm pictured here, who volunteered to take on the difficult task of running the first session, our students have shown some inspiring coaching qualities, watch out for them on the sidelines in Rio De Janeiro.
Whilst our Yr. 12 students are presently focused on their Trial HSC Exams, this next month or two offers a number of Open Days and/or Information Sessions at both Universities and many of the Private Colleges. These are well worth attending – not only to gather specific course information and see the facilities (e.g. computer or science labs, creative arts spaces, sporting facilities, etc.) - but also an opportunity to get a ‘feel’ for the culture of each institution of interest. Exposure to the actual learning environments in this way will assist the sorting of ‘preferences’ process for each student.

UAC Guides for Courses offered at University in 2012 were distributed to all interested students last week. These are invaluable - answering every question students (or parents) may have regarding not only the UAC Application process itself, all the significant dates, and, an outline of each Degree offered by each of the participating Universities. Whilst this is an excellent tool for comparing similar degrees at different universities – students should also ‘go to the source’ for more detailed information on any course, scholarships, double degrees early entry etc. UAC Applications open early August and should be lodged online, with up to 9 ‘preferences’ by 30/9/11. For more information, check out the Guide. (Note the two exceptions to the UAC Application process are Bond and Notre Dame Universities – for these, apply directly to the University itself).

TAFE also offer a wide variety of courses aimed not only at numerous specific industries, but also courses focusing on ‘employability’ and more generic ‘work skills’ - all available to assist students in their chosen career pathway. Don’t forget, students are able to make an individual appointment with the TAFE Course Counsellor to discuss their own TAFE course options, and the Application process and/or requirements for these. The new Course Guide for 2012 is expected out soon. Applications for some TAFE courses will open soon and close at the end of October – other TAFE courses have a different enrolment process. Students need to be fully aware of the application process required for their course of interest and any prerequisites (such as interviews, portfolios, aptitude testing, auditions etc.) so as to avoid disappointment.

Students in Yr. 12 and Yr. 11, are reminded that hard copies of many Course Guides are available to read in the Library (I am happy to photocopy relevant information for you) -- and that I am available most days, or by appointment, to discuss possible study and/or career options and pathways with you.
Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence

Ethan Harvey
De La Salle College, Cronulla

Read by: Courtney McCrohon

Ethan Harvey is an outstanding student who encapsulates the charism of our College Patron St John Baptiste de la Salle.

Ethan is a humble, kind young man. His selflessness and sensitivity towards others is seen in the contributions he makes to both the school and the wider community.

Ethan is a Youth Leader in his Parish; he tutors younger students and is a Youth Ambassador for the Rainbow Club teaching disabled students to swim.

Ethan has a very strong faith and is involved in all aspects of Parish life including; reading and commentating at Sunday and Weekday Masses.

Ethan Harvey is a worthy recipient of the Archbishop’s Award.

Your Eminence, I present to you Ethan Harvey
OLMC Burraneer and De La Salle College Caringbah proudly present their production of

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.

Sutherland Memorial School of Arts

Wednesday 12th
Thursday 13th
Friday 14th
Saturday 15th
September
at 7.30pm

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice
Book by Linda Wolverton

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Robert Jess Roth
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