De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla
Deo Duce - With God as Leader

coming events

Newsletter Term 1 Week 9

1 April  Easter Monday
12 April  Term 1 Closed
29 April  Pupil Fee Day
30 April  Students return
          Term 2
1 May     Year 12 workshop
8 May     Community Day
6 May     Year 11 2014 Parent Information Evening

from the principal

Reflection... On behalf of all Support Staff and Teachers at the College I would like to wish everyone a safe, holy, and restful Easter break. I hope you have the opportunity to spend time together as a family. Remembering, we are always in the holy presence of God, I would like to share with you our staff prayer for this week:

Dear Lord,
May my words today heal myself and others.
May my words today calm myself and others.
May my words today create insights for myself and others.
May my world today express and affirm the very best of who I am.
May my words today affirm and respect the very best of who you are.
May our words today uplift our world and bring happiness to all who live in it.

St. John Baptist De La Salle . . .
Live Jesus in our hearts . . .

Year 12 Half yearly Examinations... Our Year 12 students are currently sitting these examinations and despite our share of “anxiety attacks” all students are to be congratulated on their approach. They have been punctual, settled and appear to be well prepared. Our teachers have been available to support students with last minute tutorials and already there is a strong practice of groups of students working together in a peer-tutoring model. As parents you can assist by providing encouragement and a comfortable workspace at home to support your son/daughter in their work. Collectively, we can also remind Year 12 students that:

1. We simply ask of them to do their best.
2. These examinations provide a learning platform; the feedback from teachers will assist students to identify their strengths and areas for improvement.

A strong Term 1... As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to again congratulate all students on their start to the 2013 school year. We have made an extraordinary smooth start, and my thanks are extended to Year 11 students and their families for the strong support and commitment they are showing to the College.

Phil Gane
Principal
from the assistant principal

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.

A few reminders to check the Calendar for the beginning of term 2.

- Students resume school on Tuesday 30th April. This will be a Day 2.
- A Staff Development Day has been scheduled for Monday 29th April. This day will enable staff to prepare for the National Curriculum changes.
- Students in Year 12 will be attending a workshop on Wednesday 1st May run by Brent Sanders which will focus on respect, self-discipline and making responsible life choices and staying safe.
- Community Day Wednesday 8th May where we celebrate the finale of De La’s Got Talent Quest.

I wish all our students, parents and their families a happy and holy Easter break and look forward to working through our final week 11 of school where we will be completing a number of tasks and Year 12 will begin to receive feedback from their Half Yearly exams.

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal

from re department

Year 6 Spirituality Day... Last Thursday 21 March, 30 Year 11 students facilitated a Spirituality Day for the Year 6 Primary students of St Aloysius Cronulla, St Francis De Sales Woolooware, Our Lady of Fatima Caringbah and Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda. The 200 Year 6 students spent the day at Our Lady of Mercy College, Burraneer and De La Salle College, Caringbah.

The 30 Year 11 students volunteered and were trained as Lasallian Youth Leaders (LYL) on Monday 11 March. The program, prepared by Ruby Crowe, Lasallian Youth Minister, was based on community building, interactive games, and personal reflection. The LYL’s carried out these using their strong leadership and Lasallian values.

I commend your sons and daughters for their participation as the year 6 students benefited from the day and saw our students as positive role models.

Mrs Maree Cullen
RE Coordinator
**from the year 11 coordinator**

It's hard to believe that Term 1 is almost over! Staff have been very impressed by the way Year 11 students have settled well into senior school life. Students are polite and respectful and they continue to be punctual to class and school. Minor infringements mean that some students will need to review their uniforms prior to returning to school next term. Last week students engaged in a Pastoral lesson reinforcing the study skills presented to them by the "Elevate" group. These skills, if applied, should keep them in good stead for the next two years and beyond.

I am often asked by parents about homework and recommended hours of study for Year 11 students. It is not unusual for students in Year 11 to be required to complete 3 hours of work per night. On average students will have chosen 5-6 subjects to study. Most subjects will require set homework to be completed that evening (in order for students to progress to the next level/activity). Apart from set homework, there is the expectation that students will be working on Assessment Tasks, assignments and summarising of lesson notes. I hope that this clarifies what a Year 11 student should be engaged in doing every night, in order to achieve pleasing results in both Preliminary and HSC years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our sportsmen and women who have excelled in their various endeavours. We have tremendous sporting prowess in Year 11! I would also like to thank our many Year 11 students who, every day volunteer to take up the many initiatives offered by the College. Of late, the Lasallian Leaders were particularly impressive, displaying great leadership skills on a recent day spent at our local feeder schools.

Next term is shaping up to be a busy one with our focus being on Founder's Day and community service. On a final note, I would like to wish every family in Year 11 a very Happy and Holy Easter.

Mrs Josie Raftery  
**Year 11 Coordinator**

**from the year 12 coordinator**

The Half-Yearly Exams are well under way and we've been impressed with the attitude and punctuality of students. If your sons / daughters wish to arrive early, the Library will be open from 7am. And remember, the Library is open each day until 4pm. Please encourage your children to use this facility. The College Leaders have been selling raffle tickets to raise money for Caritas. A big thank you to all those students (and parents) who contributed to the 'Monster Easter Egg Raffle'. We'll draw the tickets after the English Exam on Thursday.

On behalf of Mrs Kennedy and the Year 12 Pastoral Team, we'd like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Mr Peter Geaney  
**Year 12 Coordinator**

**from the capa coordinator**

De La Salle a Big Winner at The Clancy Prize. Paul and Bianca are hard working Art students as well as hard working Catechists. This combination of Faith and Art gave them a winning edge in the Clancy Prize for Student Religious Art.

Paul took out the Executive Director’s Prize of $2,000 for his depiction of “The Taking of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane”. This prize was instituted by CEO Executive Director, Dr. Dan White, to encourage representations of the Sacred in Catholic secondary school art works. This is the College’s second win in this category after Jade Loughnan picked up the inaugural prize last year.

Bianca won the Australian Catholic University’s School of Education Prize of $100 for her work “Nona’s Garden”. It depicts her Great Grandmother at work in her garden with an icon of the Madonna and Child behind her. These icons are commonly found shrines in Mediterranean people’s homes and gardens. Bianca is now working on an expanded version of the painting for her HSC art work.

One picture shows Paul Fenech receiving his prize from the CEO’s Director of Teaching and Learning, Michael Bezzina. The other shows Bianca's work, "Nona's Garden".

Mr Byron Hurst  
**Creative & Performing Arts Coordinator**
from workplacement

Year 11 Hospitality students... went out to their first work placement during week 8. I went to Gymea Trade Union Club (also known as The Tradies) and enjoyed my week there very much. During my week at The Tradies I was fortunate enough to meet and work with new people everyday and the staff there were more than helpful. They taught me new and quicker ways to do different things within the kitchen. I learnt some tricks that I have already tried at home much to my families delight. Simple things like how to peel a carrot quickly and efficiently, how to make wraps and not have them fall apart, how to make great pies; how to use a commercial oven in the industry, all experiences that that will be very beneficial in the future. It was a very enjoyable experience and I would recommend this to my fellow peers as their next choice of work placement. Year 11 will do another week of work placement during Term 4.

Some exciting news from Mrs Kennedy’s class was hearing about students who have been offered part time employment after this workplacement - Sean Bryce (Rix Chix) and Stephen Saric (Simone’s On The Park). Aaron Chalmers (Cronulla Golf Club) was also offered an apprentice opportunity in the future. Overall, I think the year 11 students that attended work placement during week 8 have been able to take many positive experiences and new skills away from this opportunity. By doing work placement you get a better chance of understanding what we learn in the classroom as you are going out and physically practising what we learn. I am really looking forward to our next work placement.

Alex Bielby
(Year 11 student)
Congratulations to Angus Lambie for being selected into the NSW All Schools Waterpolo Team.

Congratulations to Patrick Hall and Juan Gutierrez who won the second round of the Boys Knockout Tennis.

Soccer... On Thursday 21st March our boys and girls soccer teams played in the Eastern Southern Sydney Trials and Knockout day at Woronora Heights. Our girls played with great enthusiasm and finished in 4th place. Our boys showed their skill and determination and finished in 2nd place. Thanks to Mrs Degnan and Mr Geaney for coaching and preparing these teams.

Girls Team – Maggie Mahoney, Lauren Chadwick, Michaela Sargeant, Rebecca Byrnes, Nicole Carvalho, Adriana Maras, Chelsea Robertson, Emma Beckedahl, Beth Robinson, Rhyanna Brown, Ebony Lane and Tamiah Gagic + Diana Maras and Carla Trimboli from OLMC.

Boys Team – Nicholas Palamara, Alexander Kairies, David Pesa, Fabio Carvalho, Jack Hughes, Kane Currie, Anothoy Bouzanis, Mitchell Rutar, Dylan Lowy, Andre Tiwari, Jai Mellor and Jack Scott.

Congratulations to Kane Currie and Adriana Maras who were selected from the day to attend Southern Sydney Soccer trials.

Swimming... On Friday the 22nd of March at Caringbah Pool the Southern Sydney CCC Swimming Carnival took place with 11 of our students competing.

All competitors raced well with 10 out of 11 qualifying for the NSWCCC Swimming carnival at Homebush on 30th April.

De La Salle Cronulla combine with OLMC and De La Salle Caringbah for the day and we race as one school. All swimmers put in a massive effort. We were lucky enough to win the overall point score! This is something we should be proud of and was a great way to finish off a great day.

Overall it was a successful day. Thank to Mrs Kennedy for managing the swim team.

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have qualified for the CCC Swimming Carnival in individual events – Elyssa Pierce, Lara Moses, Rachel Read, Michaela Sargeant, Madeline Taper, Sam Fowler, Jack Ford.

Elyssa Pierce 1st Snr 400m freestyle
1st 17+yrs 100m freestyle
Lara Moses 1st Snr 200m freestyle
Rachel Read 1st 17+yrs 50m freestyle
Michaela Sargeant 2nd 17+yrs 50m freestyle
1st 17+yrs 50m backstroke
1st 17+yrs 50m butterfly
1st All Age relay
Madeline Taper 1st 17+yrs 100m backstroke
Sam Fowler 1st Snr 100m butterfly
1st 17+yrs 50m butterfly
1st All Age Relay
Jack Ford 1st 16 yrs 50m backstroke
Angus Lambie 1st Intermediate Boys Freestyle Relay
2nd 100m breaststroke

Sam Fowler set new records in 100m butterfly, 50m butterfly and the All Age Boys relay.
Congratulations to the following swimming relay teams who have qualified for the CCC Swimming Carnival –

Senior Girls Medly Relay – Elyssa Pierce, Lara Moses, Rachel Read and Michaela Sargeant

Senior Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay – Elyssa Pierce, Lara Moses, Rachel Read and Michaela Sargeant (These girls broke the SSCCC record by 4 seconds – WELL DONE!)

All Age Girls Relay – Michaela Sargeant + girls from OLMC

Senior Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay – Mitchell Rofe, Lachlan Stacker, Sam Vardy and Sam Fowler.

All Age Boys Relay – Sam Fowler + boys from DLS Caringbah

OUTSTANDING RESULTS AT THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL with us and OLMC receiving 1st Place Girls point score, us and DLS Caringbah receiving 1st Place Boys point score, and overall combined with OLMC and DLS Caringbah we received 1st PLACE OVERALL POINT SCORE – Champion School.

X COUNTRY… if you are interested in running at the Southern Sydney Cross Country carnival please see Mr Breen ASAP.

Touch Football Trials... Any students wishing to attend Southern Sydney Touch Football Trials will need to register online https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-touch-register.aspx Trials will be held at Bosco College Engadine on Monday 6th May 12.45pm-3pm.

Volleyball and Basketball... Any students wishing to try for NSW CCC teams must register online. https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx

NSW All Schools Sailing and NSW All Schools Canoeing… Any students wishing to attend these events must register online. https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx

Mrs Belinda Westwood
PDHPA Coordinator

from the pdhpe coordinator

from the careers advisor

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Plenty to choose from! It can be daunting! But starting later won’t help! A simple process, No! BUT this is where things get really interesting, YOU get to CHOOSE what happens next, you and your future are worth the effort! So start your research, be ready, know when, where & how to apply.

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It is possible to search the many and varied TAFE courses, firstly online, and also to make an appointment to speak individually with a TAFE Course Counsellor.

Don’t forget, many larger Employers offer either their own training programs or assistance with both TAFE and University study - whilst you are employed. For example, Management training through Myer, pilot training through REX Airlines, or a large Hotel chain can offer training in all facets of their business with the possibility to work (and travel) overseas.

As I said, LOTS of options. Make some enquiries of your own. Come and discuss some options with me. This is the exciting part! Watch for more information later on -- Uni Information Day in May and Careers Expo event in June. A chance to refine your research, make contact, ask your own specific questions - very useful to those who attend.

Cheryl Brown
Careers Adviser

OLMC Burraneer 50 year reunion for Leaving Certificate class of 63 and Intermediate Certificate class of 61 to be held on Sunday May 5 at:

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Rome
14 March 2013

STATEMENT FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY CARDINAL GEORGE PELL ON ELECTION OF NEW HOLY FATHER

Cardinal Pell has warmly welcomed and is delighted with the new Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Cardinal Pell said: "The Catholic Church has her first non-European pope since the eighth century.

"Pope Francis is also the first pope from South America and the first pope to take the name St Francis of Assisi, an important and symbolic decision.

"He is also the first pope to be elected from the Jesuit order, which was founded by Ignatius of Loyola and which was the major force in the Counter Reformation and in restoring the faith across Europe.

"These are all happy omens which were reflected in the enthusiasm of the immense crowd of people in St Peter's Square for the announcement of the news.

"The church has a new father, a new successor of Peter.

"He is a man of wide pastoral experience who has lived through very difficult times in Argentina during periods of military rule and financial turmoil."

The Cardinal said he was excited and looks forward to the future with confidence as we have a pope of acknowledged piety and proven orthodoxy who has shown an ability to take decisions, and hard decisions.

"He will support national hierarchies in the struggle against sexual abuse, giving priority to victims and one of his first tasks will be to examine the three hundred-page report on the workings of the Vatican by the three cardinals.

"God has blessed the church and I am sure that all Australian Catholics will continue in their loyalty to the papacy and to the new pope."

ENDS
Rome

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Dear Parents/Carers

An article in the Sydney Morning Herald last week provides further evidence to debunk the myth that Government schools receive less funding than Catholic systemic schools.

Using data from the My School website, journalist Josephine Tovey shows that even when all sources of income are added together – including funding from governments, school fees and fundraising – Catholic schools operate on less money than government schools and independent schools.

These are the facts. In 2011:

- The average total income for a student in an independent school was $15,182.
- The average total income for a student in a government school was $12,034.
- The average total income for a student in a Catholic school was $11,079.*

So what does this mean? Put simply, Catholic systemic schools already operate on less money than independent schools or government schools. So any new model that would see funding to our schools reduced in real terms would be very unfair.

The facts are clear. With this in mind, a new funding model that puts more financial pressure placed on families of children in Catholic schools would be completely unacceptable.

Make your voice heard on this important issue. Make contact with your local member today and let them know what you think. Every child in every school deserves a fair go – this includes all children in Catholic schools. You can help to make that happen.

With warm wishes

DR DAN WHITE
Executive Director of Catholic Schools

* Source: My School Website
HAVE YOUR SAY and WIN 1 OF 3 IPAD MINIS

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