from the principal

Reflection... There is much excitement this week as we prepare for our Founder’s Day celebrations, to be held on Friday 7 June. Our reflection comes from the writings of the Founder:

Do not have any anxiety about the future,
But leave everything in God’s hands
For God will take care of you.

Be satisfied with what you can do, since God is satisfied with it,
But do not spare yourself in what you can do with grace;
And believe that, provided you want it,
You can do more with the Grace of God than you think.

Do not forget to thank God for all the blessings he bestows on you.

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

Our students will engage in community service on Friday – living out St. John Baptist De La Salle’s charism of Faith, Community, and Service. Only they will know if they have given of their best, rather than choose an easy or “painless” option. The one thing of which I am certain is that the great tradition of this day, collective service, and the goodwill of many will make a difference to the lives of others.

Year 11 Student Progress... Our Year 11 students also now find themselves returning to class and waiting on Half-Yearly reports. The students, as a group, are to be congratulated on their conduct throughout the formal examination period. Many would now realise the workload and dedication necessary to complete an HSC. The study skills developed in Term 1 need to be implemented on a regular basis, and as parents, you can support further development in this area. In addition, please speak to your son/daughter about re-committing to their school-work. If they are unwilling to do this, you might wish to discuss alternatives such as TAFE and/or seeking employment.

Assistant Principal Contract Renewal... Thank you to the parents who responded to the survey to assist Mrs Morrison in developing her work in this challenging role. The formal review will take place next Wednesday 12 June, and will include student and staff contributions. We are also grateful to have Father Tom from our parish at St. Aloysius Cronulla, contributing to the process.

Our students have received their Half-Yearly reports. Please take the time to discuss the report with your son/daughter. Focus on the advice offered by their teachers, and discuss ways in which this advice can be actioned. As parents, by simply showing an interest and asking the right questions, you can make a huge difference in encouragement and support for the remaining weeks of term and preparation for the Trial HSC. It is never too late to find “one more mark”!

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from the assistant principal

As the weather is getting colder... I would like to remind students that it is a requirement of the College to be wearing their full winter uniform. This includes wearing your blazer to and from school as well as the school jumper underneath the blazer for warmth. No other types of jumpers are permitted with the exception of the Year 12 jersey on a Friday only. The girls are reminded to wear black opaque stockings with their skirts to knee length. I ask parents to ensure their sons and/or daughters are correctly attired for school.

On Thursday 20th June students will be having the College photos taken. A letter and form to purchase the photos will be coming home next Tuesday 11th June. The forms must be filled in with correct money (or be paid online beforehand) and returned on the day to the photographers. All students will have their photo taken for use with examinations even if they are not purchasing them. We will also be offering a Year group photo through a separate envelop for purchase by interested students.

We look forward this week to our Founders Day, which will begin with the whole College celebrating Mass in the Carmody Hall with Fr Tom Carroll and our Lasallian Brothers. Students will then disperse to their chosen community service for the day. Please ensure your son/daughter is dressed in full school uniform and that they have returned the requisite permission notes for their community activity particularly if they have your permission to drive.

This has been a very busy term! Year 12 received feedback from their Half Yearly exams and worked with their teachers to individualise their study. This allows them to specifically focus on the process of building their skills and knowledge as they continue with their courses of study. Year 11 have completed their first block of formal exams and will soon be receiving feedback from their teachers on their progress. This will be supported with more specific advice during Student/Parent/Teacher interviews in the last week of the term, Tuesday 25th June. More information about booking these interviews online will be published shortly.

In week 8 on Friday 21st June there is a Pupil Free day as all College staff will be participating in a Spirituality Day. As Catholic school educators it is vital that we take time to focus on our Catholic identity and our role in the evangelizing mission of the Catholic Church.

Mrs Michelle Morrison  
Assistant Principal

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from the year 11 coordinator

Congratulations... A big "Congratulations!" to Angus Lambie, an elite water polo player. Angus is a NSWIS scholarship holder and will represent NSW in the ALL Schools Team in Perth later this month. He will also be travelling to Germany and other European countries as part of the Australian Development Squad in August. Another big "Congratulations!" to Elyssa Pierce who has been selected in the NSWIS Netball Squad.

Like Angus, Elyssa is an elite athlete and, she too, will be representing her sport during the year. Elite athletes are required to show dedication and commitment to achieving the very best- on and off the field. They learn about the art of setting goals, adopting winning attitudes and accepting responsibility.

We wish Angus and Elyssa all the very best- we are very proud of you and we celebrate your success!

Josie Raffery  
Year 11 Coordinator

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from re department

The Mercy Mission... was a time for parish groups and representatives from the parish schools of St Aloysius to share with others their works of social justice.

On Friday 17th May our current College Captains, Amber Bowles and Bailey Neate, our past College Captain, Nathaniel McKenzie-Hicks and Ruby Crowe, our former student and current Lasallian Youth Minister, presented their experiences with social justice initiatives.

I was privileged to hear the positive messages of hope our students delivered to parishioners and members of the feeder schools. While all had a different message, they were able to articulate the ways each of their Catholic schools provided them with an awareness of social justice issues and opportunities to take part in them. Our students also recognised the way the Religion curriculum plays in articulating the responsibilities Christians have to pursue social justice.

I was particularly impressed with our past students who on many occasions return to our College to spend time with our students, continue to keep links with Lasallian associations, and work to make a difference in our world. I am very pleased to say that our your younger generations are both the hope and promise for the future.

This spirit of social justice has continued with students cooking and selling their cakes and slices for the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. We also had students volunteer to door knock for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal and on Friday the entire school community will begin Founder's Day with Mass in the hall at 9am, followed by a series of activities where we are able to give back to the community.

Mrs Maree Cullen  
RE Coordinator
from the year 12 coordinator

It continues to be a busy time for our year 12 students. Balance is the key. Juggling studies with sport, tutoring and part-time work can be a struggle at times. But the priority at this time of the Term should be preparing for Assessment Tasks. There were a number of Tasks last week and they will continue to the end of Term. Encourage your sons / daughters to be pro-active and organised.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was a great success and we'd like to thank all those students (and mums ) who baked a wonderful display of cakes and biscuits. Congratulations also to Anthony Bouzanis who has just been selected in the Young Socceroos as goal-keeper. This U/20 Australian side leaves next week to compete in the World Cup in Europe. We wish Anthony all the best.

Mr Peter Geaney
Yr 12 Coordinator

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea...On Thursday, 23rd May, De La Salle College hosted Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, to raise much needed funds for Australia’s Cancer Council. Since Cancer Council’s Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea began in 1994, thousands of hosts and millions of guests have come together in the fight against cancer. Students did an incredible job in donating an array of cakes, biscuits, and other delicious treats, and participated equally in helping sell and buy these at the cake stall held during morning tea. With the much appreciated help of Mrs Hook, the school’s cafe was also opened for the teachers, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council. Everyone has been touched by cancer, with 1 in 2 Australians being diagnosed before the age of 85. By signing up to Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, our College helped to fund research and support services for those touched by cancer. The morning was a great success and overall we raised over $450.00, which will go a long way to supporting the fight against cancer.

Ryan Macquart & Courtney McCrohon
Students

from the curriculum coordinator

Year 12 Economics students attended the University of Wollongong HSC Economics Day on Thursday 30th May 2013.

A key theme throughout the day was global economic integration and the extent to which successive mining booms have contributed to Australia’s economic prosperity. For some, the highlight was the relevant, useful and practical tips on HSC examination technique presented by HSC Examiner Barbara Clarke. For others, it was the informative presentation on structural change in the Australian economy, delivered by Economics textbook author Tim Riley. Whilst for others, it may have been the discussion on the nature and extent of Australia’s unemployment and income inequality problem by teaching and learning coordinator and Macquarie University lecturer Peter Kennedy.

For many, however the highlight was the insightful presentation on Australia’s Conflicting Macro Policy delivered by SMH Economics writer and ‘Guru’ Ross Gittins. For mine, it was the class photo with Ross! Congratulations to all students on their positive attitude and exemplary conduct throughout the day.

Mr Tony Ginestra
Curriculum Coordinator

Reminder to parents & students to please label jumpers & blazers with name, these are expensive items & this will make it easier to identify owners of lost property. We also have a few sets of keys that have been handed in. Thankyou
from the careers advisor

Reminder, for Yr. 12 students interested in study or work pathways other than Uni --- the next event, The Sutherland Careers Expo will be held on Wed. 26th June. Like the Uni one, this excursion is a valuable research occasion allowing students to speak directly with representatives from TAFE, RTO’s (groups who can connect students wanting Apprenticeships in various industries), Private Colleges, some large Employers, the Defence Force and more. This is a great opportunity to research courses, and actually talk to people who can inform you about industry specific apprenticeships, work/study options and employment.

***Permission notes will be available next Tuesday 11/6 in Roll Call &/or from the Library.***
These must be returned directly to Ms. Brown ONLY. Be quick to avoid missing out.

Whilst this event is aimed directly at our Yr. 12’s, various other upcoming information sessions such as those listed below frequently welcome Yr. 11 students and their Parents who wish to begin their own “What happens after MY HSC?” enquiries and attending could prove very helpful. Having a clearer goal or direction - knowing what you are aiming for - is a good motivator during the two HSC years of study.

Some Upcoming Events include: (LOTS happening -- more info available on individual websites for each, these can be really informative and helpful).

**Engineering Cadetship** Applications - now open - go to etcad.com.au
**Business Cadetship** Applications - now open - go to businesscadetships.com.au
**UNSW Scholarships** (other than co-op) Information Evening - Thu. 6/6
**Careers in Medical Research Information** Session at P’house Museum - Thu. 6/6
**USYD Faculty of Engineering & IT** Parent Info Night - 6/6
**UTS B.Accounting Scholarship** program applications close 7/6
**UTS IT Scholarships & Info Evening** 11/6
**UTS Big Day In (IT Careers)** 13/6
**UOW** launch of two **NEW Business Degrees** - Circular Quay - 13/6
**Syd College of Event M’Ment** - info session, Surry Hills - 14/6
**ANU Sydney Advisory Day** - York St.,Syd. - 15/6
**UTS Law Info Evening** - Haymarket - 18/6
**UND Parent Information Evening** - Thu. 18/6

**Billy Blue College of Design** Open Night - 20/6
**Western Sydney Careers Expo** - Olympic Park - 20/6
**AIM** You’re the Voice **master class**-contemp.music, theatre, classical - 21/6
**Whitehouse Open Day**, Surry Hills - 21/6 & 22/6
**UTS applications for** **B. IT co-op Scholarship** program close - 21/6
**ACN Nursing & Health Expo** at Syd.Town Hall - Sun. 23/6 - go to acn.edu.au
**Western Sydney TAFE ‘Try a Trade’, Mt.Druitt** - 24/6
**UTS Engineering Info Evening** - 25/6
**Meet the Business Leader** (for Yr. 11’s) - Sun 30/7 - go to - charteredaccountants.com
**UOW and USYD 2014 Course Guides** - I have extra copies, see me in the Library if you would like one.
**UND Early Entry** Applications - now open - go to und.edu.au or see Ms. Brown.
also, helpful - **HSC Workshops**/Sessions will run e.g.UND and UOW in July, Sutherland Shire Council (at the Library) - 18/6 (these are usually ‘subject or topic specific’ - go to websites for more info)

The most up-to-date hard copies of **Course Guides** are available to look at in the Library, as well as the 2013 UAC Guide (new one out in Aug), the Jobguide, etc. Whilst these stay in the Library, I am happy to photocopy relevant information for students to assist with their career/course research and enquiries. This information will of course be found at the individual website of the institution/business of interest too.

***Normal round Application entry to all major Universities is via UAC in late September. (Exception is UND, use the Application Form in the back of their Prospectus.)***
We must be sure that students know What is on offer? How? and When? to apply, is a portfolio, interview, test session required? You should also consider, Scholarships, Cadetships, Traineeships, the facilities/technology available, opportunities for study overseas, internships (pracs)-where and when? fees and fee help, etc., etc. Be informed and you will make the best choices

This is not an ‘easy’ task -- but it is where things get **really interesting, YOU** get to choose what and where you study and work. Begin your enquiries NOW and work through the available information and options, and through this process, your preferences will begin to unfold. You can then confidently know the application process, dates etc., freeing your mind to concentrate on your studies at school and to achieve the best HSC you can. (Leaving making these choices till later is risky as it simply leaves you less time to do it!)

I am available to discuss options and help with course/application enquiries in the Library.

C. Brown
Careers Adviser
Tickets are available for purchase at De La Salle Catholic College, Cronulla through Ruby Crowe on 0401132212.