coming events

**Newsletter Term 2 Week 9**

28 June  Last Day of Term 2
15 July  Term 3 commences
23 July  Yr 11 2014 Subject Market Evening 4-8pm
25-27 July  Year 11 Retreat
25 July  Year 12 Trial HSC Begins
1 August  Yr 11 2014 Subject Selection Interviews (Boys)
6 August  Yr 11 2014 Subject Selection Interviews (Girls)
12 August  Year 12 Trial HSC Finishes
27 August  Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
28 August  D&T Exhibition/Music Night
3 September  Archbishops Award
9 September  Year 11 Preliminary Exams Begin
19 September  Year 11 Preliminary Exams Finish
20 September  Pupil Free Day –Staff Development
8 October  Term 4 Begins

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

**from the principal**

**Reflection...** In the month of June we celebrate our Founder’s Day, and we also spend time as a College staff to reflect on our own Spiritual journey, both personally and professionally. We also begin the preparation for the Year 11 student Retreat Program. With all this in mind, our prayer again comes from the writing of St. John Baptist De La Salle. The prayer is often used in many Lasallian communities.

Dear Lord,

We give thanks for our strong sense of community, for the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements.

May we “touch hearts” and inspire others with the Christian spirit.

May our students be filled with a desire to learn and to do their best in all aspects of school life.

May we as a College, live out Your message and with God as our Leader, commit to excellence in every aspect of our lives.

Guide our College in the traditions begun by our Founder, St. John Baptist De La Salle, and help us to continue building faith.

We thank you for this nurturing spiritual environment and we pray that we may not live by our fears but by our hopes, not by our words but by our deeds.

St. John Baptist De La Salle . . .

Live Jesus in our hearts . . .

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**Year 11 Writing Task...** Our Year 11 students were asked to complete a pre-enrolment writing task prior to commencing this school year. All parents who attended the Year 11 parent teacher evening this week received a copy of the feedback from this task. This feedback is a very constructive way in which students can improve their Literacy skills across all courses. As an individual follow-up, all students will have the opportunity to work with Mrs Johnson throughout term 3 to further support the improvement of their writing. Again, my thanks are extended to Mrs Johnson for undertaking such a comprehensive process so thoroughly, and with great expertise and enthusiasm. Students will improve their results if they commit to the feedback provided. My understanding is that all teachers will engage students in this process, but as parents, you can also support this learning.

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**Year 11 Student Retreat...** A reminder to parents and students that attendance and satisfactory participation in the Retreat program is a condition you agreed to when your enrolment position was offered. The Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for so much development, both as individuals and as a year group. Please embrace the religious life of the College and come ready to give your best.

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I want to also acknowledge what great ambassadors the boys were for the College. A long trip to Canberra followed by a very physical game, and the trip back to Cronulla in the one day is a demanding task. Mr Callander advises me the boys handled all extremely well, and were a credit to our College.

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**Boys Rugby League Team...** Congratulations to our boys Rugby League team on their decisive win against Hawker College ACT.

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continue from the principal

Year 11 – 2014 Enrolments... I am currently working through the applications with our enrolment committee, and this involves interviews with many of our applicants. Notifications will be sent out this week. Enrolment places here at the College are in strong demand, and we predict a 2014 Year 11 cohort of approximately 225 students. I am very pleased to say that almost all of these are students from our Catholic Feeder schools. Under the CEO enrolment policy, these students are given priority. However, to ensure all students adequately prepare for “senior school” our expectation is that all students work hard in Year 10, and commit to our College policies around schoolwork, conduct and uniform. The living out of our Lasallian charism underpins all our work. We have many fine traditions at De La Cronulla and it is the responsibility of every future year group to build positively on these.

Contract Renewal – Mrs Michelle Morrison... I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Morrison has completed a successful Contract Renewal. Mrs Morrison embraced this extensive process with an open heart and mind. The review process yielded many areas of commendation for her work as Assistant Principal. It also suggested some recommendations in which she can use to develop her work and I congratulate and thank her for the way she has participated in the process. Well done Mrs Morrison!

Farewell to Mrs Karen Hook... It is with disappointment that I advise you that Mrs Hook has decided to resign her teaching position here at the College - effective Friday 12 July. Given Karen’s work and involvement in the College, I have no doubt this decision was reached after considerable discernment. I would like to thank Karen and acknowledge her contribution and commitment she has shown to the College. This has been especially evident by her generous work with the Hospitality students, and in the way she has supported some of our students who have “struggled” through their HSC studies.

On behalf of the College staff and community I wish Karen well.

Holiday wishes... Thanks to all in our College community for your efforts and support during Term 2. I think we are all feeling like it has been very much a “sprint”. My particular thanks to our teachers and support staff, as they have managed the normal 10 - 11 week workload over a 9-week term. Best wishes to all for a safe and restful mid-year holiday.

from the assistant principal

As this busy term comes to an end... I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the diligent effort that students have shown in both completion of class work as well as assessment tasks, homework and study.

Year 11 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews held Tuesday 25th July were very successful in providing an opportunity for specific feedback on student progress. The holidays can be a time for celebrating what you have achieved and reflecting on what knowledge and skills you need to build on next term. We look forward to next Term Week 2, 25th & 26th July when Year 11 will be participating in a special College event, the overnight Retreat that is an integral part of their experience in our Catholic school.

Year 12 will be starting their HSC Trial examinations Week 2 next term on Thursday 25th July through to Week 5 Monday 12th August inclusive. Students must attend their exams as indicated on the schedule that they received last week and in full school uniform with the equipment they require. Students are not required to attend school between exams however, the library will be open for student use from 8am – 4pm. To support students study needs teachers will extend supervision in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 6pm. For Year 12 students the holidays will need to include some exam preparation for the HSC Trials as well as participating in leisure activities.

We continue to invite families to work in partnership with the College to support students in their studies in order for them to reach their full potential.

A reminder with the increasing number of our students driving to school, to be careful and courteous when driving and parking. The local Council Parking Police regularly patrol the area and a number of students have been booked this term. Please note that there is some information from the NRMA in the newsletter in regards to School Safety Zones that parents may wish to respond to.

Congratulations to all our school community on the level of enthusiasm displayed on our recent Founders Day. Fr Tom and our Lasallian Brothers expressed praise for our students’ reverent participation in our College mass. There were numerous reports from members of the local community about our students being great ambassadors for the College displaying a positive and caring attitude in their selected activities.

I would like to wish students and their families a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to working with you all next Term.

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal
World Youth Day Update... In less than a month, millions of young people will descend upon Rio De Janeiro, Brazil for World Youth Day 2013. De La Salle Cronulla will be represented by student pilgrims: Lauren Chadwick, Holly Johnston, Maggie Mahoney and Derek O’Brien as well as teacher pilgrims Mr Pocock and Mr Wallis. Some pilgrims will perform work in Lima, Peru while others do so in Santiago, Chile. The pilgrims are then reunited for the World Youth Day Celebration in Rio with the Holy Father, Pope Francis. They will then travel to Iguazu Falls, Argentina to begin a retreat for deep reflection upon the meaning of World Youth Day. We look forward to sharing our experiences when we return.

Chris Pocock
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Southern Region Primary School Evangelisation Day... On Wednesday 26th June Olivia Bilic and Paddy Johnson represented our College and assisted students from our primary schools in a day filled with activities that are focusing on evangelising students from Years 5 and 6. They joined other year 11 students working with the primary students at St Mary’s Cathedral, the Mint, Hyde Park Barracks and the Australian Museum.

Staff Spirituality Day... Last Friday Father Elio Capra, a Silesian Priest from Melbourne worked with the staff as part of the annual spirituality day. The theme of the day: What Makes Our School Special? Here the staff explored the nature of Catholic Schools, as places where witness to Jesus Christ is the primary focus and responsibility of the community, with that witness seen in the message of the Gospels, in all aspects of Community, in the way we Pray and Worship and also in our works of Service and Mission. Father Elio provided an engaging, thought provoking day where we were able to celebrate all we do in the college and also remind us of our ongoing responsibilities in Catholic education.

Mrs Maree Cullen
RE Coordinator

High Tea Fundraiser... After leaving OLMC many students still have the passion to serve the poor and continue a mercy tradition with a Lasallian influence. Last Saturday, some of our current students - Holly Johnson, Isabella Awad, Tanika Hartwell, Rosie O’Neill, Anna Sammut and myself with past students Ruby Crowe, Mikayla Mulchay and Loren Meehan collaborated with OLMC Burraneer and Mrs Overton to create a fundraiser as a High Tea for the Lasallian Foundation and Mamre Homestead.

The Mercy Centre at OLMC Burraneer was filled to capacity with over 130 very happy men and women eating fabulous food, laughing and smiling. They were there for a very important reason … they have kind and generous hearts and wanted to give. During the afternoon, they listened to heart wrenching stories from Sister Mary Louise from Mamre Homestead about long, sad journeys from war torn homes and the culture shock for families coming to a new country very different from their own. Miranda Chow from the Lasallian Foundation told them about life in Sri Lanka after the war, and the work that the Brothers are doing for better health and education for women and the under fives. Raffles, Lucky Door Prizes, world class entertainment, a candy bar, a coin toss and a plethora of cakes and pastries made the afternoon lots of fun. We raised $4,100 to be split evenly between both Mamre Homestead and the Lasallian Foundation. This was the first time that we have done a combined event with OLMC and it was an outstanding success.

There were so many people involved, the organizing committee, those who generously gave donations for prizes, the performers, the MAG girls who set up and served, the kitchen team led by Mrs Kennedy, the ticket sales ladies and of course those who attended. They generously gave their time and talent and this is to be admired by all. Everyone pitched in to make a difference to those who are not as fortunate as us, that is true Faith in Action and a demonstration of our Lasallian charism.

Natalie Ryan
Student
Founder's Day 2013 - A Day of Faith, Service and Community...

Founder's Day, celebrated on the 7th June started with a Mass in the Carmody Hall. Following Mass, students were dispersed into the local community where they participated in works of service. Some students were sent to the Blood Bank at Miranda, and this year, to the Mobile Blood Bank in Mascot. Others entertained and baked goodies for the residents of the Cronulla Nursing Home. Another group picnicked with students from Bates Drive and Aspect Special Schools. Other activities included aiding communities abroad by jewellery making, rosary bead making and knitting squares in order to make rugs. Care and Concern was another worthwhile activity where Hospitality students made winter meals including soups for distribution to those in need. The Brother Stan Charity Run and the Brother Luke Coyle Charity Walkathon helped raise funds for the Lasallian charities overseas. Students at school weeded the gardens and sanded and painted outdoor furniture, whilst other students cooked a BBQ lunch for our hard workers. Some of our more energetic students ran an Interactive Sports Day at St Francis de Sales Primary School at Woolooware. Sand Dune Restoration was a popular choice with students who laboured tirelessly to beautify our local environment. A small group of students went to St Aloysius Parish and cleaned the Church and then proceeded to help out with Parish administration. A small group of girls assisted me on the day in the capacity of "Personal Assistants." We also had our group of student photographers who visited all the venues and captured many wonderful moments - moments of Faith, Service and Community.

KNITTING...

Some of our Year 11 girls have learnt a new skill thanks to Founder's Day. These girls were involved in the group that were taught how to knit squares in order to make rugs for women in Ethiopian hospitals. The girls have taken on knitting with great gusto and many are knitting during lunchtime. Mrs Vesperman is allowing the knitter’s circle to use one of the rooms in the Library at Recess and Lunchtime so the group can meet and knit together. Knitters will be allowed to bring their lunch with them. Mrs Wallace has kindly offered to help the girls with their knitting and it is hoped that many more students will want to join this group. We have quite a few pairs of needles and lots of colourful wool. The more pairs of hands we have, the faster we can make a blanket for those poor young women in need of some warmth and comfort.

Josie Raftery
Year 11 Coordinator

Tennis...

Congratulations to our boys Patrick Hall and Juan Gutierrez who represented the College in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Knockout Tennis Team event. These boys combined with 2 students from DLS Caringbah to form a team. This team was successful in winning all their local matches, to then go on to represent Southern Sydney at Bathurst, where they played the final rounds. The boys had further success where they ended up finishing 4th in the State. Well Done boys!

Congratulations – Sam Vardy and Jansen Pocklington for being selected into the Southern Sydney/Wollongong Rugby Union Open Team

Congratulations – Michaela Sargeant, Mitch Finnegan, Casey Shelley on being selected into the Southern Sydney Open Touch Football Team.

Congratulations – Madeleine Taper, Lara Moses and Lachlan Stacker for representing Southern Sydney at the recent NSW CCC Cross Country Carnival.

Congratulations – Angus Lambie for representing the College in the recent Australian Schools Waterpolo Championships in Perth.

Pierre de Coubertin Award...

The prestigious award is named after Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympics. He believed international sports competitions between athletes from different countries would promote a more peaceful world and would motivate and encourage all young people to strive for their personal best.

The award is presented to young people across Australia who demonstrates attributes of fair play and respect for others through their participation in sport.

This award for 2013 goes to Michaela Sargeant. She has represented the College in swimming, athletics, soccer, touch football, and cross country. She has also played numerous sports at a high level outside of school such as swimming, soccer, surf lifesaving and kayaking. Michaela always participates with great sportsmanship and leadership, which encourages others to participate at their best.

Michaela spent last Friday with 99 other students from various schools at the presentation day held at Homebush. She heard stories from Olympians of their highs and lows. One of the speakers was James Chapman, silver medalist at the 2012 Olympics for rowing. She also received an Olympic pin and a book about the Olympics. Congratulations Michaela!

Mrs Westwood
PDHPE Coordinator
Netball... The storm from the night before casted a shadow as to whether the challenge would go ahead or not, however we were fortunate for a dry and sunny day. The gala day began with two of our four teams coming up against each other. Fortunately we had a win, but we also had a loss. There were many tight games that put us in close contention for the title. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in attaining the senior girl’s title; however the girls were winners in various other ways. The sportsmanship and collegiality amongst the girls was outstanding. They worked together to ensure that each team had an umpire and a scorer at every game. The girl’s half time talks were inspiring as they encouraged each other and gave praise to their team mates who had limited netball experience. The injuries were kept to a minimal and we managed to finish the day on a high with all our teams winning their final games.

Mrs Fisher
Teacher

NSW Cross-Country Report... Congratulations to the following students who successfully competed in the recent N.S.W. Combined Catholic College Cross-Country Championships held at Eastern Creek Raceway: Lara Moses, Maddie Taper & Lochie Stacker-Galea.

All 3 athletes represented the College and Southern Sydney Region with courage, endurance and pride. Well done runners!

Mr Greg Breen
Teacher

Founder’s Day Celebrations... De La Salle Cronulla Students Lend a Hand. Every year, around the world, students and teachers celebrate the feast day of the Founder of the De La Salle schools and the patron saint of teaching, St John Baptist De La Salle. Joining celebrations that happen from places as diverse as Bethlehem on the West Bank to Wirrimanu Balgo Hills in the Kimberly, De La Salle College students at Cronulla have been out and about helping in the community.

Students have been visiting nursing homes, cleaning and rehabilitating beaches and waterways, picnicking with children from Special Schools and raising money for charity.

One group visited the Blood Bank at Miranda to donate blood. Zane Maber, a regular donor and Year 11 student said, “It’s really important to be giving blood at times of high demand. The Friday before the Long Weekend is ideal because of the unfortunate high accident rate during this holiday.”

Beth Robinson is a Year 12 student who is a first time donor. “This is something I have always wanted to do and I am glad that the college has given me this opportunity to help out.”

College Principal, Mr Phil Gane, said, “This day of service has a very considerable history at the college and it is now more important than ever. Our new Pope Francis is challenging us to get out into the community to work for social justice and this call has given fresh impetus to our longstanding tradition.”

The day traditionally starts with a College community Mass which was celebrated this year by our Parish Priest, Father Tom Carroll. He is pictured here with Brother Maurice and the school captains after the liturgical celebration.

Byron Hurst
Teacher
from the careers advisor

Our recent Careers events have given Yr. 12’s the opportunity to speak directly with representatives from Universities, TAFE, Private Colleges, Group Training Companies and some larger employers. These experiences will have provided each student with valuable information and assisted with enquiries for their individual options for 2014 after this year’s HSC, which is of course, approaching very quickly. The current ‘window’ between the Half Yearly and Trial HSC exams is now the preferred remaining time to research and sort information about Courses, Apprenticeships, University Degrees, Scholarships, etc., to be ready for Application requirements and deadlines.

For any student who hasn’t already begun - Research is the key. Imagine where, or at what, you might see yourself working - then search the providers of that kind of training for the course/courses that will give you the credentials you will need. There is often more than one possibility, so sorting and comparing them is essential. To assist, there will be a number of upcoming ‘Open Day/Information Events’ presented by many of the Universities, TAFE Colleges, and private providers themselves at their own campus (see the list below or go to individual websites). These are well worth attending - find out specific course information and application details, and also to experience the ‘culture’ of the place, see how it appeals to you in general?

There are hard copies of course information available in the Library, however the most up-to-date information will always be found online, at the institution’s own website. These websites will also provide some avenue to make contact (phone, email, student help line, etc.) - and ASK any questions that you may have. Matching students with the most appropriate course is a priority - for everyone - if you succeed, they are also ‘successful’. So - ASK - anything you are unsure of (e.g. “I want to study Science but would love to include overseas exchange within my degree, and maybe another language, is it possible to combine these?” or “Do I begin with a Cert.IV or Diploma as entry point to Early Childhood studies and can this lead into a university degree later?”) ASK - If you are properly informed you are best placed to make the right choices and subsequently to make a success of whatever it is you have selected.

Do your research now - don’t leave it till you are swamped by Trial and HSC preparation and exams - that’s way too hard and you could miss out on a great course/scholarship/cadetship opportunity. The aim is to know what you have to do and when to do it! - to have a plan and not have to make significant decisions in a panic as deadlines approach.

Points to Note: UND Early Entry Applications - now open - see Ms. Brown UWSyd Course Information for 2014 will be out in ‘July’ UMAT test (entry to Medicine/Dentistry/some Health Sc.) 31st of July New TAFE Course Guide for 2014 will be out in ‘July/August’ New UAC Guide for 2014 will be out in August UOW Early Admissions Applications open 1st of August UAC Applications are due at the end of ‘September’

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)

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

School Holidays: -

CSU MyDay Policing & Justice Studies - Bathurst - 1/7
Macleay College Industry day events - Sports M’ment - 1/7
- Advertising - 3/7
- Event M’ment - 5/7
- Travel & Tourism - 5/7
- Journalism - 5/7
- Public Relations - 5/7
- Marketing - 5/7

UTS Engineering Scholarship Information Evening - 2/7
William Blue Hospitality Manager Workshop - 2/7
AIE Industry Experience Day (gaming, 3D anim., visual FX) - 3/7
UOW Open Night - W’gong campus - 3/7
AIE Information Evening - 4/7
ACU Enrichment Day (economics & english) - 9/7
(law & business) - 10/7
(health sciences, law & business) - 11/7
(exercise science & psychology) - 12/7

Curtin University Sydney Open Day - 10/7
end of School holidays, a busy Term 3 begins, more to come.

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, the Job-guide, 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.

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

C. Brown
Careers Adviser
6 June 2013

Dear Principal

NRMA Motoring & Services – Keep School Zones Safe Survey

NRMA Motoring & Services recently launched its “Keep School Zones Safe” survey. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information on the number of 40 km/h school zone signs and road markings that are faded or obscured by trees or poles.

I would like to encourage your school to participate in this short internet based survey to help us improve safety around schools. Last month we advised Roads and Maritime Services (formerly the RTA) of a number of faded school zone signs and these have already been replaced. Anyone can complete the survey, however you may wish to advise your school’s parent/citizen body of this survey.

The survey contains just six questions and allows respondents to upload photos of the signs and other safety features at their school zone.

The survey will remain open until the 29th July 2013.

School zone signs were first installed in NSW over twenty years ago and many signs are now well past their use by date.

In 2009 NRMA successfully campaigned for the standard yellow school zone sign colour to be upgraded to a much brighter fluorescent yellow green. This colour really stands out and can be seen twice as far away as the standard yellow signs.

The NSW government has committed to upgrading all faded signs. The feedback from this survey will provide NRMA with vital information which will aid us in ensuring that the upgrade of school zone signs is completed so that we can “Keep School Zones Safe”.

If you have any queries about this survey, please contact Jonathan Hennessy, Policy Advisor – Traffic Projects, NRMA Motoring & Services on 02 9279 7219 or Jonathan.Hennessy@mynrma.com.au

To complete the survey please visit www.mynrma.com.au/schoolzonesafety

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Chris Siorokos
General Manager, Corporate Affairs

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