coming events

Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

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 End Term 3
8 October  Term 4 Begins

Reflection... On the 9th August 2013 we celebrate the International Day of the World’s Indigenous people. I share with you the Aboriginal Profession of FAITH.

We believe in God our Father, who mothers us with compassion and love, the creator of light, desert, darkness and rain, of oceans, cities, rainforests, and of all that breathes in this our Australian land.
We believe in Jesus, gift of our God, who journey with us, who challenges and calls us, the community, to build justice and live in peace.
We believe in the Spirit that breathes life in a creating force.
We believe in Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, whose life, death and resurrection resound in us through communities gathered to break bread and share wine.
We believe in the story of prophets, old and new, in our Catholic tradition, and in the celebration of all saints.
We believe in our peaceful world and our role to live the Gospel with our brothers and sisters,
Amen.

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

Welcome back to Term 3... I want to offer a specific welcome back to Term 3 and offer encouragement to all - it is such an important and exciting term in our College life. Year 12 move significantly closer to graduation and the Trial HSC examinations are already underway. The students and staff have been working hard in preparation for these examinations, and the students have approached each day in a settled and mature way. We mention it frequently, but parents’ help in encouraging their son/daughters to simply do their best is very timely. We do not like to see students suffering stress and anxiety to a level which renders them unable to function. A great message is for them to be confident in their preparation, and to understand that the Trial is in itself, a positive learning experience. Another tip is to use the College Library as a venue for students studying together. The Library is open at 7.00 am, and late into the afternoon each day. Shared learning and peer tutoring is a very effective way to develop confidence and deepen understanding. Our Year 11 students have just returned from an outstanding Retreat experience.

The students are to be congratulated on the way they participated in the program – we were all witness to a deep sharing of our faith, personal stories, and commitment to the Retreat theme: “Who will speak if you don’t?” The program also contained lots of “fun” activities and the positive response and participation from our students says a lot about the very fine young adults they are becoming. The Retreat experience and the fact that our Year 12’s are moving close to graduation invites the opportunity for our Year 11’s to step up as the future leaders of the College. I am confident we are in great hands!

Catholic Education Office – Parent Forums...
You will see advertised in this Newsletter an extremely relevant and valuable Parent Forum. Student (& family) Wellbeing is a key issue in our complex lives of today – if you would like to attend the Forum please contact Mrs Davies here at the College for further information.

The 2012 Annual Report to the Community...
Parents are advised that the College 2012 Annual Report to the Community has now been posted on the College website. Please take some time to access and read this important document.
Rugby League Knockout... The boys Rugby League knockout team has performed extremely well, but unfortunately were eliminated in the final of the second tier group. The team lost a very physical contest against Eaglevale High School. However, the players can feel very proud of their achievements, and for the way they remained competitive against the strong, skilful team from Eaglevale. The match was played in very good spirits and the boys from both sides displayed exemplary sportsmanship. You will be able to view the game as Fox Sports covered it as part of their regular schoolboy rugby league program. Finally, my thanks to Mr Dave Callander for coaching the team in such an expert and “school appropriate” manner.

Phil Gane
Principal

The theme of the 2013 retreat... ‘Who will speak if you don’t?’ allowed the students and teachers to explore ways people work to make a difference in the lives of others; ways we can speak out against an injustice, no matter how small; ways we can be role models for others and ways we can look to God in times of need and also in times of gratitude.

The students are to be congratulated on their ability to engage in meaningful sharing and discussion; the ways they were willing to do without their phones; their sense of spirituality connection they made within their small groups.

A wide range of activities were planned to facilitate these experiences. These ranged from prayer and reflection, a survivor challenge, a night of trivia and a meaningful Mass for the year group celebrated by Father Sam Lynch from St Aloysius, Cronulla.

This positive experience allows for the students to grow into senior role models when they begin Year 12.

Mrs Maree Cullen
RE Coordinator

Year 12 have made a very positive start to their HSC Trial Exams. The HSC Trial examinations started Week 2 Thursday 25th July and continue through to Week 5 Monday 12th August inclusive. Students must attend their exams as indicated on the schedule 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 7am – 4pm. To support students study needs teachers will extend supervision in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until 6pm.

Year 11 have also made an enthusiastic start to the term with the wonderful variety of experiences of the College Retreat. I would like to congratulate them on their inclusive and whole-hearted participation in all the Retreat activities including our Mass celebrated by Father Sam from St Aloysius Parish.

A reminder with the increasing number of our students driving to school, to be careful and courteous when driving and parking in the local area. We have had a number of complaints from local residents and those dropping or picking up their children from local Primary schools in the area about excessive speeding. Many of our local streets are restricted to 50km and include schools zones requiring 40km restrictions.

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal

‘Retreat was a great experience as we had the time to escape from school and reflect on who we truly are as leaders.’ ‘The Retreat was a lot of fun spending a couple of days with my fellow peers and teachers and getting to know more about them. I was disappointed when Kanye west and Kim Kardishan didn’t show but I was impressed that the school was able to hire Sonny and Cher to host the trivia night.’

‘The retreat was a good experience for all of us and a good break from the hard pressures of school. The survivor activities was the funniest part of the retreat and the rope ladder course and the participants who attempted it was the highlight of the retreat’

‘The retreat was very beneficial to the students because it helped us bond as a year group.’

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Assistant Principal
from the year 12 coordinator

Dear Parents.....With our Year 12 students currently sitting the Trial HSC, this may be a good opportunity to share some thoughts on fixed mindsets V growth mindsets. Toward the end of Term 2, I attended a Conference called, “How to Grow a Good Person”. There were many speakers including the Dalai Lama, but I’d like to spend a moment on the work of Carol Dweck, Professor of Psychology at Stanford University in the USA. Quite simply, she believes a fixed mindset about intelligence can undermine children’s motivation and confidence and lead to poor achievement. She has 3 rules:

Mindset Rule 1. Fixed Mindset – look talented at all costs. Growth Mindset – learn at all costs. (Children with a growth mindset work through the setbacks better)

Mindset Rule 2. Fixed Mindset - it should come naturally Growth Mindset – hard work and effort is the key (One of the worst beliefs ever is that if you need to try hard, you’re not smart).


And finally, she spoke about ‘intelligence praise’ as opposed to ‘process praise’. For example: ‘Intelligence Praise’: wow, that’s a really good score-you must be smart at this. ‘Process Praise’: - wow, that’s a really good score- you must have tried really hard. If you use intelligence praise, children seek tasks that they can succeed at. If you use the process praise, they seek learning opportunities even if they may not succeed at peaking along the way. What praise type do you use? Anyway, we’re all learning. No one said that parenting was easy.

Mr Peter Geaney
Year 12 Coordinator

from the year 11 coordinator

Retreat 2013... I would like to commend our Year 11 students on their co-operation, behaviour and courtesy on the recent College Retreat. There was a strong sense of spirituality amongst the students and many friendships were formed. What really struck me was the consideration shown to students by their peers. There were many prayerful moments but also the opportunity for many laughs. It was a pleasure for Staff to spend time with such a wonderful Year Group.

Josie Raftery
Year 11 Coordinator

from the curriculum coordinator

Congratulations..... to Year 12 students on an exemplary start to the Trial HSC examinations. I encourage all students to continue their hard work throughout these exams and to make as much use as possible of the resources available to them, namely, the College facilities, their teachers, and their fellow students. It has been wonderful to see the number of students who are studying in the library, or seeking individual or group assistance outside of normal school hours. Ensure that you organise your time well and be productive and ‘on task’ during the days in which an examination is not scheduled. Remember to follow the College policy if you are absent for an examination. Year 11 students will be required to complete one more assessment task this term for most courses. This will be followed by their final Preliminary examinations, which are scheduled for the last two weeks of this term.

May I also take the opportunity to congratulate the following students who recently visited the Year 10 students at OLMC and DLS Caringbah to talk about their patterns of study, as part of the subject selection process and the transition from junior to senior school. Our students were great ambassadors for the College. They were honest and engaging and provided the Year 10’s with much vital information. Isabella Palisi, Michaela Sargent, Ellie Rose, Alana Giovenco, and Bridget Castro, as well as Jaiden Connell, Liam Berry, Anthony Halpin and Samuel Chivers.

Mr Tony Ginestra
Curriculum Coordinator

from the pdhpe department

Congratulations..... to the following students who represented the College with distinction at the recent Southern Sydney Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown:

Year 12: Chelsea Robertson, Micaela Sargeant and Matt Querzoli
Year 11: Ebony Lane, Bronte Howell, Will Stratford, Lochie Stacker-Galea, JC Gutierrez, Micah Manion and Morgan Edmunds

Special congratulations to Will Stratford who broke the Southern Sydney high jump record! He and Micha Manion (1st in Javelin) progressed to the NSW CCC Athletics Carnival at Homebush in September.

Well done to all our College Athletes!

Mr Greg Breen
Teacher
Youth Parliament in Session... Bailey Neate represents the seat of Cronulla. Congratulations to Bailey Neate who was selected by our local state M.P. Mark Speakman, to represent the area in the Youth Parliament. In this program, each electorate in NSW is represented in the Lower House on Macquarie Street by an outstanding young student who is interested in the demanding business of politics and government. Bailey is a member of our college debating team and an avid follower of political and current affairs. He introduced and spoke on bills to tax unhealthy foods and to reduce time in remand for juvenile offenders. “I believe that tax reductions on the cost of healthy foods for families can be brought about by taxing junk food. This will change the state of play in the battle against obesity related diseases,” said Bailey. “This Youth Parliamentary program has been a great opportunity for me and it really has got me thinking about a political career,” he concluded.

Mr Byron Hurst
CAPA Coordinator

Young stand up and speak out

By Eva Tjezzerski

THE state's likely future leaders showed the polish what mattered to young Australians at the recent Youth Parliament.
Youth MPs battled it out at an annual event that gave students the chance to exchange opinions. Participants faced each other on controversial topics including marriage equality.
They certainly showed power when it came to a united voice.
Students voted in overwhelming support to pass their Marriage Equality Bill 2013.
Year 12 Menai High School student Melissa Huseyn was part of the committee.
"This really shows that the next generation of leaders can change and can see the need for change to create equality," she said.
"The bill passing shows that there is hope that our youth will create an equal Australia, a place that we will all be proud to call our home."
"It makes me so proud to say that I’m apart of a generation that wants equal marriage and recognises that we should all be afforded the same rights as one another."
De La Salle Senior College Cronulla student Bailey Neate was also involved in the debates.
"It was filled with emotion, passion and some of the most motivated young people in our state," he said.
"I’ve always been interested in politics. I spoke about the taxing of unhealthy food to subsidise healthy foods and the number of juveniles in jail while on remand."
Upper house MP Penny Sharpe watched the lively debates unfold through Twitter.
"They were really terrific," she said. "There are lots of budding politicians there."
"The Youth Parliament really reflects young people wanting their family and friends to be treated equally and be fully included in the life of the community."

Voice heard: High school student Bailey Neate has his say.
from the careers advisor

Good luck to our Year 12 students who should now be concentrating on the current Trial HSC exams. Remember these results can be significant e.g. for inclusion in an upcoming Application or, if anything should happen to you (ill health/accident etc.) just before or during the HSC itself.

Students considering an application to university in 2014 have been issued with a copy of the 2013-14 UAC Guide. Keep this. It will tell you everything about application to all our major universities (except Notre Dame - apply directly to the University itself). Use it to see - ‘which uni offers what’ - and then to compare individual degrees at different universities. This research, combined with attendance at the numerous upcoming Open Days will greatly assist you in the selection of ‘Preferences’ for your UAC Application. Note, application to UAC opens 7/8/13 and should be completed online by 27/9/13.

University Open Days offer the opportunity to not only investigate further Course and subject options specific to your interest - but also to ‘check out’ the University, it’s environment and culture, all relevant to your final selection of ‘preferences’.

All tertiary intuitions will offer either Information Session/s or an Open Day for prospective students and their parents (some listed below) with August and September particularly busy. The individual websites for each institution will give details and I would recommend attending for clarification of Course details, Facilities, opportunities for Exchange, Internships, Scholarships, travel &/or accommodation arrangements, etc.

Some Upcoming Events include:

Laing +Simmons
Scholarship program (real estate) OPEN now

OPTUS
2014 Engineering Cadetship program OPEN now

McDonald’s
Careers Evening - RSVP by 01/08 - on 14/08 at ‘your local restaurant’ with focus on professional management careers.

01/08 UOW Early Admission applications OPEN
UTS B.Accounting Scholarship program OPEN

06/08 UTS Women in Engineering & IT Hands On day - B’way

07/08 USYD Early Offer Year 12 (E12) Scheme OPEN

08/08 Le Cordon Bleu Sydney Open Day - Ryde

11/08 Marcus Oldham College Open Day - (equine/agribusiness) Geelong, Vic

13/08 UOW Yr12 Information Evening - Gymea Tradies 6.30-8.30pm

17/08 JMC Academy Open Day - Harris St., Ultimo
William Blue College of Hospitality M’ment - Nth Syne

18/08 ICMS Open Day (International College of M’ment) - Manly
UTAS Open Day (Uni of Tasmania) - Sydney campus, Rozelle

19/08 UOW Yr12 Information Evening - St.George Leagues Club 6.30-8.30pm

24/08 University of Newcastle Open Day - Newcastle campus
Macleay College Open Day - Surry Hills

31/08 Canberra Tertiary Open Day (ACU, ADFA, ANU, Uni of Canberra & Canberra Inst. of Technology - all in Canberra, all on one day)
SIT Open Day (Sydney Inst. of Technology - TAFE Utimo campus)

UND Open Day - Broadway

31/07 USYD Open Day - City campus
UTS Open Day - City campus

Course information for TAFE 2014, I’m told will be ‘available on line mid September, go to - sydneytafe.edu.au

The most up-to-date hard copies of Course Guides (now including UWS) are available to look at in the Library, as well as the 2014 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 with students and help with course/application enquiries.

C. Brown
Careers Adviser

Hello from Argentina

We had a fantastic time in Chile, We helped repair a church in the small town of Maipo and they were extremely appreciative. The students found this to be a very rewarding experience and has been the highlight of the pilgrimage.

Brazil was very different, but still fantastic. We spent a lot of time on Copacabana Beach for the various WYD events, including the sleep out. We saw the back of Papa Francisco’s (Pope Francis) head twice, all while surrounded by crying Brazilians.

I look forward to regaling you all with other tales of our pilgrimage and I am sure the students will be very vocal on the subject too!

Chris Pocock
Youth Ministry Coordinator
WELLBEING – Regional Parent Forums Term 3 2013

“Student safety and wellbeing are enhanced when students feel connected to their school, have positive and respectful relationships with their peers and teachers, feel confident about their social and emotional skills and satisfied with their learning experiences at school.”
National Safe Schools Framework (revised 2011)

You are invited to help build safe and supportive schools by joining the conversation on one of the following evenings…

Inner Western Region  Wednesday 21 August – 3 Keating St Lidcombe
Eastern Region  Wednesday 28 August – 33 Banks Ave Daceyville
Southern Region  Tuesday 3 September – 300 The River Rd Revesby
RSVP pcs@syd.catholic.edu.au

Term 3 Regional Parent Forum

wellbeing
BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION

with Dr Toni Noble
Author of BounceBack! and key architect of the NATIONAL SAFE SCHOOLS FRAMEWORK

and Dr Michael Bezzina
Director of Teaching & Learning, CEO Sydney

• WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST  7.00-9.00pm
  Inner Western Region - 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe
• WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST  7.00-9.00pm
  Eastern Region - 33 Banks Avenue, Daceyville
• TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER,  7.00-9.00pm
  Southern Region - 300 The River Road, Revesby

RSVP essential via email only pcs@syd.catholic.edu.au

For more information please contact Mary Ryan 9568 8115
OLMC & DE LA SALLE CAREINGBAH REUNION

School Reunion for OLMC and De La Salle Caringbah Year 10 1981 and De La Salle Cronulla Year 12 1983 Graduating Class

Date & Time:
7pm Saturday 19th October

Venue:
Cronulla Leagues Club, lounge area behind the Steve Rodgers Bar,
No cover charge, meals and beverages available at own expense - order from the bar

To RSVP or for further details please contact:
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Nerida Robinson nerida@goshpr.com.au
ST FRANCIS DE SALES
WOOLOOWARE

Mass
13th Aug 9am
St Aloysius Church

Morning Tea
12th & 13th Aug 11.30am

Art Gallery
12th - 16th Aug 11.30 - 4.00
13th 11.30 - 7.00pm

Open Classrooms
12th Aug 9.40 - 12.00pm

Picnic
16th Aug

Dance Group
14th Aug

Memorabilia
12th - 16th Aug 11.30 - 4.00pm
Tues 13th 11.30 - 7.00pm

Dinner Dance
16th Aug

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For more information phone
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12th - 16th August 2013