from the principal

Reflection... It is great to see the camaraderie and strong friendships among our Year 12 students. This is an exciting time for all as we prepare for successful completion and graduation from secondary school.

Our prayer is devoted to our Year 12 students: We thank you Lord, for this opportunity to be together today. We pray that you will continue to unite us as a team capable of listening, receiving and shaping future directions. Empower us to plant the seed of your truth and love in the hearts and minds of those whom we serve so that your presence will become a stronger and clearer reality in our world. As we make our prayer through the Spirit of Jesus alive in us. We trust in your abiding and faithful love

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

Year 12 Information and Expectations for the end of term... Parents and Year 12 students are reminded to carefully read and note the information contained in the letter sent out this week. This College has a very proud and positive tradition around how our students conduct themselves over the last few weeks of Year 12 studies and we once again, call upon our Year 12 – 2013 students to uphold this tradition.

Year 12 Parent/Teacher Evening... Please ensure you book to meet with your son/daughter’s teachers for our interviews next Tuesday 27 August. Research informs us that strong improvement can be made in HSC results if students commit to a structured study and revision program. Teachers will offer guidance on “how to obtain an extra mark in all courses”. This advice can be put into practice immediately.

Year 12 – 2014 Student Leaders... I would like to congratulate and thank all those Year 11 students who have nominated for student leadership positions. While I acknowledge it takes some courage to put yourself forward for election in such a way, these students are true witness to our Retreat theme: “who will speak if you don’t?” Elections will be held this week, and regardless of the results, all of our nominees are already leaders in my mind.

Phil Gane
Principal
from the assistant principal

**Year 12**... have returned from their HSC examinations with much to reflect on. They should be proud of their successes in each subject and they are certainly wiser for the experience. Now comes the time to work both as an individual consolidating the knowledge and skills involved in the course work and as a team sitting each course. This is a time for sharing of notes, peer teaching and working closely with your teachers to improve your marks as you work toward your final HSC examinations. Parent can support their son’s and daughter’s efforts through their attendance at Parent/Teacher evening next Tuesday. Can pick up specific advice from their classroom teachers.

The College will continue to support students study opening the school library from 7am – 4pm each day and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays stay open until 6pm to encourage them in reaching for ‘one more mark’.

**Year 11**... are currently working towards the completion of their Preliminary courses and will have final exams in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term.

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

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from the re coordinator

**News from the RE Department**... Last Thursday, 15th of August Mrs Raftery and a group of Year 11 students celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with the parishioners of St Aloysius Cronulla at 7am Mass. Congratulations of your efforts and for representing our College.

On Thursday, 8th August Ruby Crowe arranged an afternoon tea with the Brothers, Year 11 students and staff members. This began with a prayer, remembering the Feast of St Mary McKillop, led by our students and followed with some lively chat concerning World Youth Day experiences in RIO and talk about school. Thank you to the Brothers for welcoming us into your home, to Ruby and Chris Pocock and our students.

This week we have been inviting interested Year 11 students to bring our Catechism initiative into its 6th year. This is a partnership between the college, parish of St Aloysius and Burraneer Bay Primary School. Six years ago we were one of the first schools to take part in delivering lessons on being Catholic to Kindergarten, Years One and Two. Today our students are responsible for six classes. Please encourage your sons/daughters to collect an information pack this week. Interested students will view our current Year 12’s teaching over the next two weeks and spend time in training at school. In September, the Year 12’s will join the Archbishop at St Mary’s Cathedral, where they will celebrate Mass and be presented with a certificate to mark their contribution to the education of others.

Since our retreat and following on from the theme ‘Who will speak if you don’t?’ a number of students have expressed interest in being part of Social Justice initiatives. These have included donating blood and future involvement in St Aloysius projects. Thank you to Daniel Nikitaris, Ruby Crowe and Mr Pocock for helping make a difference in the lives of others.

Maree Cullen  
Religious Coordinator

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from the tas/vet department

**Year 12 Construction**...Year 12 Construction students have been learning about the construction industry in a hands on way. Part of the course required them to build a traditional stud wall building using industry standards.

They worked in teams to build a cubby house with tiled floor and colourbond roof which they have completed recently. Its dimensions are 2000 long x 1200 wide x 2200 high. The cubby house can be dismantled into each of its sections and flat packed for easy transport. Reassembly is quite straightforward with easy to follow instructions.

The class used in excess of $1000 worth of materials in this project and it has been built to a good standard. We wish to make this available to any person who might have a need for it and have listed it for sale for a $350 donation to the school.

Please contact this school if you are interested. Note that the second Construction class will have another cubby house available later in the year.

Ron Matthews  
TAS/VET Coordinator
Dear Parents...

With only about four weeks left until the end of term, the countdown is certainly in sight. The Trials are well and truly finished and your sons/daughters are now digesting the feedback from staff. The aim now over these last few weeks is simply – ‘how can I gain one more mark’? Students will need to take the advice of our experienced staff and start planning individual and group tutoring work. If your sons/daughters are disappointed with their results, encourage and support them. Stay positive with them and reject negative thoughts.

On Friday, August 16 Paul Dillon addressed students on drugs and alcohol. His content was relevant and at times confronting, but a very important part of our Pastoral Care Program at De La Salle. I would suggest you continue this conversation at home.

Congratulations to Jenaya Hardy who was a recipient at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Year 12 Award Ceremony on August 15 at the Catholic Education Office in Leichhardt. The Key Note Address was given by author and poet, Dr Anita Heiss. The Executive Director of Catholic Schools, Dr Dan White, presented Jenaya with a beautiful certificate acknowledging her achievements.

Information about this year’s Formal will be released shortly. Please don’t hesitate to call if you need to discuss any of the above or talk to me at the Parent/Teacher/Student Night on August 27.

Mr Peter Geaney
Year 12 Coordinator

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**Student Leadership 2013-2014...** Student Leaders play a very important role in the running of the College. They are seen as role models and spokespersons for the rest of the students. We are in the process of electing our School Leaders. Interested students have already formally applied. Year 11 will be given the opportunity, on Wednesday of making their selections. Leaders will be announced late this week/early next week and will attend a special Leadership Training Day at Cronulla Surf Club on Thursday 29th August. We have some very impressive applicants and I am confident that whoever is elected will give the College and their peer’s great service.

**Leadership Opportunities...** Not every student wishes to make the commitment of being School Leader. For this reason we have many opportunities for students to become a leader in other ways. Mr Pocock, our Youth Minister and Ruby Crowe, our Lasallian Minister are organising many exciting new ventures next term for interested students. Please put your hand up and volunteer- there are lots of people out there who need your help.

Josie Raftery
Year 11 Co-ordinator

**Blood Donors For Life...** The theme of our Retreat this year was “Who Will Speak If You Don’t?” Year 11 students have taken this on board and have already begun to “speak.” One of our activities on Founder’s Day was Blood Donation. This was a very popular and worthwhile activity, and, as a result, a number of Year 11 students have decided to become regular donors. The Red Cross Miranda provides mini bus transportation to the centre on a Tuesday afternoon. Transport back to the College is also included. The Red Cross Blood Service needs 27,000 blood donations every week. 34% of all blood donated goes to helping patients with cancer and blood diseases. With each donation, 3 lives are saved. Parents, please encourage your son/daughter to ask about giving blood. Donations are taking place every week. Please see Mrs Vesperman for details.

Sam Chivers
Student

**The Assumption Mass...** On the 15th August, a number of Year 11 students and Mrs Raftery attended the 7am morning Mass at St Aloysius Gonzaga Church, Cronulla. The Mass was said by Father Tom and it was a lovely Mass. We were given specially blessed Miraculous Medals together with a little information leaflet which read: “The many sides of the Miraculous Medal. Wearing the medal will receive grace upon them.” The church was filled with people and we all heard the good news about Mary and how important she is to every one of us–she is Our Mother and, it is to her that we are encouraged to turn to in times of need. We all left the church full of grace knowing that Mary watches over us.

Marijana Erceg
Student

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from the year 11 coordinator

from the year 12 coordinator
After winning the Sutherland Shire leg of the competition the team travelled to Canberra to take on Hawker College. The trip proved a fruitful one with a 44-12 victory on the back of some tough defence and 'no nonsense football.' Joey Chisholm and Josh Longmuir proved a handful in attack, while Matt Crealy tackled his heart out.

Next up the team was back on local soil to tackle Oak Hill College, Castle Hill at Shark Park in the quarter final of the competition. Despite a first half try to Sam Hudson, who along with Josh Vaughan proved difficult to stop all day, the boys trailed 4-10 at half time. In the second half the team showed a lot more respect for possession and managed to cross for two unanswered tries to Matt Crealy and Andrew Faddy and secure a 16-10 victory.

Next up was the metro final at Jubilee Oval against a strong Eaglevale High School team who, in their quarter final, defeated Hallam College, Victoria – whose Rugby League Academy is a joint venture with the Melbourne Storm.

The game started well with the boys completing their first three sets of the game. A clearing kick from our opponents, however, was left to bounce and Eaglevale retrieved the ball and scored in the corner. De La quickly recovered from the early setback and drove the restart all the way back to their opponent’s 20m and chanced their arm on the last tackle with a flat Joey Chisholm pass to Ben Kennedy on the left flank. The pass was unfortunately judged marginally forward and a try went begging with De La still trailing 4-0.

A relieving penalty a few sets later helped piggy-backed the boys back down into Eaglevale territory. Two strong hits ups from the tap by Josh Longmuir and Paddy Driscoll then landed De La on the 20m. Josh Hammon fired a quick pass to Andrew Faddy who got a miracle ball away, despite the attention of two defenders, to Toby Keene. Toby wrong footed two would-be tacklers as he angled back inside before knocking two others over to crash in under the posts. Josh Hammon converted from under the sticks and De La edged in front 4-6.

The boys put together some great runs from dummy-half to get straight back out of our half from the restart but dropped the ball on the fourth standing flat-footed and handing Eaglevale a chance to get back on the score board. Eaglevale didn’t need an invitation and snuck over for a soft try from dummy-half. The successful conversion put them back in front 10-6.

Not long after Eaglevale crossed again from less than 10m out but missed the conversion, putting them in front 14-6. Ten minutes later Joey Chisholm took a short ball from the play-the-ball on the opposition’s 40m, dummyed inside and set sail for the try line before being pulled down only two metres short. Second-rower, Josh Vaughan tried to sneak over from dummy-half but was held up over the line. The promising set fizzled out after we kicked the ball dead on the next play.

Eaglevale drove the 20m restart right down to our try line and again scored a soft try from 5m out with only 2 minutes left on the clock before half time after what looked like an Eaglevale fumble into an offside player the play before. Despite an 18-6 deficit heading into half time, De La was well and truly still in it.

Four minutes into the second half Andrew Faddy retrieved a wayward De La grubber and the tackle count was restarted. Hooker, Matt Crealy took off from dummy-half on the next play but the ball was dislodged as he tried to ground it over the line.

The boys regrouped and a few minutes later and Paddy Driscoll hit the defensive line hard, taking three defenders with him before eventually being pulled down. Joey Chisholm, on the front foot after the quick play-the-ball from Paddy, double pumped a flat pass to Andrew Faddy on the fly. Andrew shrugged off two defenders to touch down in the corner. Josh Hammon’s conversion attempt hit the post but the boys at 18-10 were in striking distance and at this stage looked like they were finishing stronger than their much bigger opponents.

Now full of running, De La attacked the Eaglevale try line and shifted the ball quickly to the left but the final pass from centre Josh Longmuir was batted down by the opposition denying Ben Kennedy a try in the corner. A penalty from the ensuing scrum saw Andrew Faddy nearly sneak over for a try on the first. The next play, however, was the turning point in the match when we decided to grubber kick on the second despite a five on two overlap and four plays remaining in the set.

Josh Longmuir and some of the other outside backs continued to look dangerous with the ball in hand and made plenty of metres but with a mountain of possession Eaglevale rallied from this point and scored the next three unanswered tries and ran out convincing winners 34-10.

De La was far from disgraced and all our players made an important contribution, however, it was our starting front row of Alex Haangana and Paddy Driscoll, along with hooker Matt Crealy, who carted the ball forward all day and tackled themselves to a standstill. A special thanks to our groundsman Mark Piper who expertly assumed the role of trainer for the final. The game was replayed on Foxtel the following Saturday morning and some snaps of the earlier Oak Hill game, courtesy of Our Footy Media, are at the following LINK.


Dave Callander
from the curriculum coordinator

Year 12... Students are currently in the process of receiving feedback from their Trial HSC examinations. This feedback enables students to recognise their strengths as well as areas for development, and to identify and plan with their teachers the next steps in their learning. Whilst the Trial HSC examinations represent the end of formal internal assessment, this time provides a tremendous opportunity for students to improve their knowledge, understanding and skills in the lead up to the HSC examinations. It is essential that students use the time remaining to consolidate their learning and thoroughly prepare for the HSC examinations, ahead in order to maximise their results. The College will provide students with the learning facilities by making the library available before and after hours. I also encourage students to continue to seek advice and support from their most valuable resource, their teachers, to assist with their HSC preparations.

Year 12 students must also check that their particulars (courses studied, personal and contact details etc.) are up to date by logging on to schools online. If there are any anomalies, they must see me ASAP to address the situation.

Year 12 (ATAR) students: Your UAC PIN should have arrived in the mail last week. Keep it safe - you'll need it when you apply. Undergraduate admissions are now open. Educational Access schemes are now open. Equity scholarships are now open. Visit the UAC website for more information at http://www.uac.edu.au/

Of course, HSC examinations have begun for a number of students. Students have completed the oral component of their Languages Exam. Drama performances are being undertaken at the time of writing with Music, Visual Arts and Design and Technology practical examinations taking place in the coming days and weeks.

Year 11... Students should be consolidating their notes for the Preliminary course as part of their preparations for the upcoming examinations. Students should revisit and implement the various tips and strategies from the study skills seminar earlier in the year and continue to seek assistance from their teachers.

Tony Ginestra
Curriculum Coordinator

from the careers advisor

Careers Update... Although the momentum of our school year continues to build toward the HSC in Oct. & Nov. - all Yr.12 students are reminded to be diligent in knowing ‘How’ and ‘When’ to apply for their preferred Course, Apprenticeship, Traineeship or Employment options for 2014. You need to be sure of what to do and when. If you are unsure of any Application details or requirements -- ‘go to the source’ -- approach the Institute or Employer -- an ASK. 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 as well as Notre Dame and some other specialist Tertiary institutions. The UAC Guide will help you research ‘which uni offers what’ - and then to compare individual degrees at different universities (further online searches will give greater detail). This combined with attendance at the numerous upcoming Open Days will greatly assist you in the selection of ‘Preferences’ for your UAC Application which should be completed online by 27/9/13.

Electrical Apprenticeships - NECA Group Training are now recruiting for 2014 intake. A pre assessment test will be conducted in English, Maths and Science skills. To apply send your resume to apprentice@necagt.com.au and applications close 5/9/13.

The NSW Real Estate Training College offers flexible online learning and Certificate of Registration and ‘Licence’ courses. Go to www.macadonieducaion.com.au or call 02/9987-2322.

Australian Pacific Travel & Tourism (APTT) offers both Cert.III and Diploma courses as well as job placement opportunities with travel agencies, tour operators, airlines & cruise companies. For more info. go to www.aptt.edu.au/ or phone 02/8288-8130.

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

A reminder to students that a Resume should be concise and address the Job Criteria outlined. There are online templates for examples, and you should get approval from any Referees before listing them on your Resume.

Our School participates in a special program through the ATO where students are able to apply for a TFN (tax file number) via the School whilst still enrolled here, a much simpler process - see Ms. Brown for the form.

Open Days offer the opportunity to not only investigate further Course and subject options specific to your interest - but also to ‘check out’ the institution (TAFE campus, University or College), it’s facilities, environment and culture, all relevant to your selection of a study/career pathway.

All tertiary intuitions will offer either Information Session/s or an Open Day for prospective students and their parents. 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, Bonus Points, travel &/or accommodation arrangements, etc.
Upcoming Events include: (a very busy next few weeks)
21/08 UOW Info. Evening Campbelltown (find out about ‘Early Admission’ program)
24/08 Billy Blue ‘Day in the Life of a Designer’ Workshop - RSVP billyblue.edu.au/DITL
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. - TAFE Ultimo campus) UND Open Day - Broadway
USYD Open Day - City campus UTS Open Day - Broadway
01/09 UWS Open Day - Parramatta campus
03/09 Western Sydney Apprenticechip & Traineeship Expo - Penrith Panthers
Parent & Carers Support Session - Gymea Tradies 6.30-8.30pm
04/09 TAFE St.George campus Open Evening 6pm-7.30pm
07/09 TAFE Design Centre Enmore Open Day 10am-3pm
TAFE Petersham campus Open Day 10am-3pm
Hotel School Sydney Open Day 9am-1pm - Phillip St., Sydney ACU Open Day Nth. Sydney campus - 8.30am-2.30pm (find out about ‘Early Achievers’ program)
UNSW Open Day Kensington campus 9am-4pm
ACU Open Day Strathfield campus 8.30am-3pm
Bedford College Open Day - 9.30-3pm - P’matta Rd., Glebe
14/09 Macquarie University Open Day 10am-4pm - Nth. Ryde

The most up-to-date hard copies of Course Guides are available to look at in the Library, as well as the the Jobguide, 2014 UAC 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. Valid 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

FROM STUDENT SERVICES...
A kindly reminder to parents to ensure your son/daughter’s name is clearly marked on their school uniform.
If your son/daughter has misplaced their uniform items, please ask them to come to the school office as a number of items of clothing have been handed into the office.