As we draw to the end of another successful term we have a lot to be thankful for. It is timely to stop, quiet our minds for a few moments and reflect on our relationship with God. Have we lived up to our side of the agreement to be the best we can and share our gifts with others selflessly?

**TODAY** Is here I will begin with a smile and resolve to be agreeable - I will not criticise.

**TODAY** has one thing in which I know I am equal to others – time. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes and hours. **TODAY** I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are lost as a vanished thought.

**TODAY** I refuse to spend time worrying about what might happen - I am going to spend my time making things happen.

**TODAY** I am determined to study to improve myself for tomorrow - I may be needed and I must not be found lacking.

**TODAY** I begin by doing and not wasting my time - In one week I will be miles beyond the person I am today.

**TODAY** I will not imagine what I would do if things were different - They are not different. I will make a success with what material I have.

**TODAY** I will act toward other people as though this be my last day on earth. I will not wait for tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes.

_How will you use your time over this holiday break?_

**St John Baptist De La Salle** . . .  
**Live Jesus in your hearts** . . .

Congratulations to... Fr Tom, our Lasallian brothers, students, staff and the wider community on the celebration of a wonderful Founders Day! We began with a whole school mass celebrated with Fr Tom to pay honour and respect to St John Baptiste de la Salle. At the conclusion our Lasallian Youth Leader Ruby Crowe and her colleagues including ex students, talked to our student body about continuing to serve the Lasallian community world wide as they finish their senior schooling. Students heard and viewed footage of young men and women volunteering their services to be ‘big brothers & sisters’ to younger students who live in remote areas or come from underprivileged backgrounds both in Australia and overseas.

They endeavor to bring a sense of belonging and care to children through education and play and in doing so ‘touch hearts’ just as Jesus did. Living out a life that gives service to others is a worthy goal and the speakers showed us how much it had also benefited them as young people building their confidence, capabilities, resilience and making solid friendships with people their own age who are all part of the Lasallian family.

Although the weather was inclement staff and students were not put off and joyfully participated in numerous community activities for the afternoon that included donating blood, sewing teddies for sick children in hospital and hosting a picnic for some special children at Gunnamatta Park to name a few. The spirit of giving and having fun was palpable and the students proudly represented the College impeccably everywhere they went.
from the acting principal cont.

I would like to ... take this opportunity to thank sincerely on behalf of the College Mrs Danni Karis who has been the Acting Mathematics Coordinator for this term. She has performed an admirable job working with students, staff and parents and her expertise in teaching and learning has been of great benefit to our College. We thank her for sharing her gifts and talents with us and wish her well as she moves back to her position of Mathematics Coordinator at OLMC having cemented a strong connection between the two schools to our mutual benefit.

The Sydney Catholic Schools system... is embarking on the development of its next strategic plan. This will have two phases over 2014-2015. The focus in 2014 is reviewing the current effectiveness of the system of schools.

Consultation with members of school communities (students, parents, staff) is an important aspect of this review.

I am inviting all parents/guardians... to a meeting next term on Wednesday 23rd July at 6:30pm in the College Library to discuss your views about the effectiveness of our School as a Catholic School.

At the meeting, I will lead the group in completing our school’s response to a Survey prepared by the Catholic Education Office. A Survey will be completed by each school and responses will form an overall picture of parents'/ students’ / staff perceptions across all Catholic systemic schools.

Meeting details are Wednesday 23rd July at 6:30pm in the College Library and all parents/guardians are very welcome.

Please take the time to read... our invitation to the Alcohol & Drug forum run by expert Paul Dillon and open to any of our parents/guardians responsible for raising teenagers in our community. The forum will take place on Monday 18th August in our Carmody Hall.

Year 11 enrolments for 2015... Mr Gane, Mrs Morrison & Mr Ginestra have been interviewing many of our applicants as part of our enrolment process. Notifications will be sent out this week. Enrolment places at the College are very strong and we expect a 2014 Year 11 cohort of approximately 240 students the overwhelming majority 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 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 and become part of the De La Cronulla heritage.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish students, staff and parents a happy and safe holiday and look forward to Term 3, which will be another busy and exciting Term.

Mrs Michelle Morrison
Acting Principal

from the acting assistant principal

Year 11... In conjunction with the issuing of the Year 11 Semester One reports, the Year 11 Parent Teacher evening was held in the College Hall on Tuesday 24 June, from 3.00pm-8.00pm. This essential part of effective learning provided a timely opportunity for open dialogue and individualised feedback between parent, teacher and student.

Year 12... Year 12 Students have been issued with their Trial HSC Examination timetables. The examinations will be conducted from Thursday 24th July to Monday 11th August. Year 12 students need to ensure that they are well aware of the rules governing examinations as outlined in the HSC 2014 Assessment Handbook. A full version can be found on the college website: 2014 HSC Assessment Handbook.

If a student is absent from an examination it is their responsibility to:

⇒ Phone the College on the day of the task on 85221500 and leave a message for the Curriculum Coordinator – Mr Tony Ginestra (this is essential).
⇒ In cases of illness a medical certificate must be submitted with an Assessment Absence form on the day the student returns to school. These are available from the Curriculum Coordinator.
⇒ In cases of misadventure, appropriate documentation must be submitted with an Assessment Absence form on the day the student returns to school.

College Photos... College Photos were taken on Thursday 19th June. Whilst it was an expectation that all students were to have their photo taken regardless of whether they were making a purchase, a number of students elected not to have their photo taken. These students will need to provide the College with an alternative photo, wearing full school uniform, as photos are required for administration purposes surrounding the HSC examinations.

Uniform and Grooming... In the last newsletter I communicated Information regarding winter uniform. All students are required to wear their full winter uniform during terms 2 and 3. For boys this includes the College blazer, school tie, black belt and shoes, with their shirts neatly tucked in and top buttons done up. For girls this includes College blazers, black opaque stockings and knee length skirts. In particular, it is the expectation that the College blazer is worn to and from school. The College Uniform policy is clearly outlined in the College Diary and I ask parents to ensure that their sons/daughters are correctly attired for the winter terms. We ask for support in this matter. When students wear their uniform with pride it is not only reflects positively on our College, but it is also good for their own self-esteem and their sense of belonging.
from the acting assistant principal cont.

Attendance... It is also timely to remind parents that Term 2 concludes for all students on Friday 27th June. Should a student be absent from school, on this day, due to illness or misadventure, as a minimum requirement, an explanatory note signed by a parent must be provided. ‘Best practice’ would ensure that the absence is accompanied by a medical certificate or equivalent upon the students return to school in term three. All absences must be explained or they will be recorded as unexplained on the official school roll. It is a legal requirement for students to attend school in NSW and as a school we are required to follow up excessive absenteeism. If there is an issue affecting a child’s ability to attend school, parents are asked to make contact with the College and speak to their son or daughter’s Year Coordinator, in the first instance.

I wish all members of our College community a safe and restful winter break. Thank you to all staff, parents and students for your continued support during my time as Acting Assistant Principal this term. School resumes for all students on Monday 14th July.

Mr Tony Ginestra
Acting Assistant Principal

from the re department

Founder’s Day on the 6th June... proved to be another successful day of service despite the weather. Father Tom, arriving from Philadelphia the previous day celebrated Mass in Carmody Hall, emphasizing the qualities of De La Salle, the founder and our role in the contemporary Catholic Church. Students then took part in a variety of activities to take this message forward. Such activities included Blood Donation for Red Cross and the knitting of Teddies for children in hospital; a picnic lunch and morning of activities was organised for the children at Bates Drive School and Aspect School; our students organized a series of sporting activities for De la Salle Caringbah and OLMC students; others worked on sand dune restoration at Elouera and Wanda beaches; students completed maintenance work around the school and others worked at St Aloysius Parish Centre. A number of students participated in a fun run/walk and raised money for the Lasallian Foundation.

Lasallian Immersion Experiences for Year 12 students 2014... On Founder’s Day Ruby Crowe and ex-student Nathaniel McKenzie-Hicks and other Lasallian Youth leaders shared their post school Lasallian experiences, which included working in an Indigenous community in remote Balgo Hills and other ways they have given back to the community. This was inspirational and very well received by the students. For further information please access the website http://www.delasalle.org.au/youth/programmes/programme.htm and speak to your son or daughter about this.

Congratulations Father Tom... on receiving your honorary Doctorate in Divinity from Philadelphia and also on reaching a significant birthday milestone.

Thank you to our students who joined for Mass at St Aloysius on Pentecost Sunday, where they supported the Year 6 Confirmation candidates from St Aloysius and provided supper after mass. Thank you also to Mr Pocock and Ruby Crowe, our Youth Coordinators for supporting our students.

Year 11 College Retreat (24 – 25 July) at the tops conference Centre... is fast approaching. Students and staff find this experience very rewarding as they work together in small groups taking the opportunity to reflect on their relationship with one another and with God. Father Sam will be joining us to work with the students, offer Reconciliation and celebrate Mass.

On Monday 25th June... Mrs Karis’ Year 12 Catholic Studies class worked for the afternoon at Mount St Vincent’s Aged Care facility in lieu of their lesson, making an effort to help beautify the gardens. This is part of the St Vincent De Paul Green Team initiative and I thank Mrs Karis and Ruby Crowe for making this possible for the students.

Year 12 Studies of Religion... Students have been provided with a variety of revision activities and past papers to complete. I encourage students to systematically divide their time between revision and relaxation. Preparation for the trials will relieve some of the stress evident early next term.

Mrs Maree Cullen
RE Coordinator
from the year 11 coordinator

On the 18th June... the Batyr Foundation gave a presentation to Year 11 students during the College Pastoral period. They are a young, vibrant group who spoke about teenagers dealing with stress and anxiety. It was a wonderful presentation and I'm sure our students gained some insights into mental health.

Year 11 Geography class... went to the city on June 13th as part of their course on 'Cultural Integration'. We visited Madame Tussauds and Sydney Tower. They were a pleasure to take out and I'm sure they gained a few things from the experience.

from the year 12 coordinator

Term Two is drawing to a close... Where did those nine weeks go? Very soon the HSC Trials will be upon us. All students are encouraged to use the upcoming holiday period productively. Two weeks will afford ample time for study and recreation - a balance is recommended. Students preparing for the exams could be accessing local libraries and forming and working in small study groups.

Students are reminded, especially at this time of the year that one should not be giving up. It's not all over until a student's last HSC exam. It is natural for students to be feeling flat or "over it" at this stage but through persistence, hard work and determination marks can be significantly bettered. We are a team - students and staff - we all have the same goal- to bring out the very best in each and every student.

Pastoral Care Program- Guest Speaker - Brent Sanders... Year 12 students spent part of Wednesday in the College Library with charismatic speaker Brent Sanders. This is the second year that Brent Sanders has been part of our Pastoral Care Program here at the College.

Brent was a former police officer and has had a lot of experience dealing with young people. Brent's focus is on choices, especially poor choices made by teenagers and how these choices impact the rest of their lives. Brent spoke to the boys first and gave examples of young men he had dealt with who were basically good people but who had made the wrong choices. Many of Brent's stories revolved around excessive alcohol intake and the use of social media.

In the afternoon Brent spoke to the girls. The girls were empowered by the information conveyed to them by Brent. He spoke about choices to the girls and how they should not be afraid to make what they know to be the right choices.

Some students stayed behind to speak to Brent whilst others took away with them a number of information leaflets.

Josie Raftery
Year 12 Coordinator
Over the last couple of weeks... Year 12 Hospitality have been showcasing their skills by competing in a “My Kitchen Rules” competency task. The classes were divided into a RED team and a BLUE team. Students assigned to each group an executive chef and sous chef, who then worked to divide up their teams into brigades to prepare an appetizer, main course and dessert. The restaurant then became open for staff to dine at, and what a success it was! Our guests were amazed at the exceptional quality of the food and presentation of each meal. Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Chidzey congratulate each of their students on such a successful afternoon of fine dining. We acknowledge each of the chefs, in particular our team leaders:

BLUE
Junior Marshall, Liam Bryant, Sophie English, Madeline Bell

RED
Micah Manion, Madison Pinkus
Katelyn Tripodi, Emily Toutoumji

Further congratulations... to Jessica Jandric, who is a finalist in the “High Flyer Program, 2014”. This program acknowledges exceptional students who have a vocational interest in Hospitality in commercial cookery or food and beverage. Jessica will be participating in a 3 day program at the Raddison Hotel in the holidays, which will culminate in a fine dining evening at the conclusion of the training days.

Also congratulations... to Stephen Saric who won 1st place at the Community First Credit Union Inter Schools Culinary Challenge run by the Hospitality Training Network (HTN) at Loftus on the 11th June 2014. Bronte Howell is also to be congratulated for her participation in this challenge. Both students practiced extensively in their own time to ensure they were ready to compete and conducted themselves in an outstanding manner.

On the 15th June 2014... Father Tom’s birthday was celebrated in style at Cronulla South Bowling Club. A huge thank you to Bronte Howell, Charles Lowe and Anna Sammut who gave up their Sunday to assist in the preparation and service of the substantial feast contributing to a memorable birthday for Father Tom.

Mrs Yvette Kenney and Mrs Michelle Chidzey
TAS/Vet Department
Surfing... Earlier this month the College competed in the **Sydney School Surfing Titles at North Cronulla** beach over three days. Brooke Streater and Bronte Howell competed in the Under 19 Girls, while Charles Warden, Harris Pocklington, Jedd Felice, Roan O’Sullivan and Jared Hickel competed in the Under 19 Boys.

**Jared Hickel and Roan O'Sullivan** both made their way through the two rounds, the quarter-finals, semi-finals and into the four-man senior final in choppy and deteriorating surf conditions. Jared led for most of the final after stringing together two solid waves and looked set to take out the final. Unfortunately he was pipped at the post in the last three minutes when Harley Ross-Webster from St Paul’s Manly grabbed the best wave of the final to secure victory.

Jared, who finished second in the final, will be heading to the **NSW School Surfing Titles at Port Macquarie** later in July. He will be joined at the State Titles by Roan O’Sullivan in the Senior team event which De La Salle Cronulla took out at the Sydney Titles.

The boys were almost immediately back on court again to play Edmund Rice (Wollongong) in the semi final. This match was also a lengthy and close fought affair but DLS again triumphed. With darkness approaching and in freezing temperatures, DLS faced up to John Paul College (Lismore) in the final. The boys battled bravely but exhaustion and injury took its toll against a fresher opponent. DLS had to settle for the silver medal.

This is unfortunately the last appearance for JC and Patrick but the DLS community can be proud of the effort, fairness and good spirit displayed by this team over the years it has competed together.

**Written by Mr Adrian Hall**

**On Wednesday the 18th of June...** DLS Cronulla participated in the Regional Netball Gala Day, held at Bellingara courts Miranda. We entered a Year 11 and Year 12 team, both teams showed great character and skill on the day. The Year 11 team were particularly successful, being narrowly defeated by Aquinas in the Grand final and in extra time.

As hosts of the carnival we had the responsibility of organising and running the day. Mrs Croft and I would like to thank all the girls who participated by playing, and also to those who helped with the administration of the carnival. Particular mention to Makenzie for umpiring, Elyssa and Danielle for scoring and Max, Lochlan and Mitchell for running the clock, hooter and score cards.

**Sarah Fox**

**PDHPE Coordinator**
from the youth minister

On Sunday 8th June... a Pentecostal Mass was held at St Aloysius, Cronulla, to celebrate the birth of the Church. All students were invited to attend this mass from Our Lady of Mercy College, Burraneer, De La Salle College, Caringbah and De La Salle Catholic College, Cronulla. To celebrate this occasion, cake was served to the Parishioners at the end of mass by our Youth Ministry Coordinator, Mr Chris Pocock and a group of Year 11 Lasallian Youth Leaders: Tori Taylor, Laura Rooke, Michaela Matthews, Kimberley Muller and Madeline Tripodi.

Ruby Crowe
Youth Minister

founder’s day
from the careers advisor

Whilst our Careers Interviews with Year 12 students continue... all Year 12 students would be well advised to spend some time in the upcoming School Holidays researching and investigating Study and possible Course options for 2015. Many tertiary institutions - TAFE, Universities and Private Colleges - now have information specifically for 2015 available either online or as hard-copy to enable you to do this.

Questions you should be asking for example are:... specifics of Courses, Subject options for ‘Majors’, Scholarships, Bonus Points, Early Entry, Alternative Entry Pathways, International Exchange opportunities, Internships/Prac’s., Facilities, Open Days etc. You also need to be aware of the details of the ‘Application Process’ itself - do you need a Portfolio (when? in what form?), an Interview, Audition, Aptitude test? These are often conducted or required in advance of the actual Application - know the specifics, so you don’t miss out.

Logically, some forward planning now will avoid ‘distraction’ later when focus should rightly be on the Trials and HSC exam.

Remember ‘there are NO silly questions’ – you MUST ask to be fully informed in order to make good choices. All tertiary institutions are more than happy to help you with enquiries - if you succeed, they succeed; a good course ‘match’ will help ensure this preferred outcome.

Though this research may not be an easy/quick task, it is well worth your time and effort. There are so many varied options on offer, (why would you not look and compare?) - This, what you choose next, is where Study gets really interesting! Exciting opportunities lay ahead of you. YOU are choosing the direction of your studies - because finally after 12 more directed years at School, you can!

Some Points to Note:

University Applications will be due online through UAC at the end of September (The 2015 UAC Guides are expected to be available in August, and will list actual Course options and specific ‘how to’ information for students applying to study at university in 2015).

TAFE Applications, also online, will be due from October, check with the local TAFE campus for details. It is also possible for individual students to make an appointment with the ‘TAFE Course Counsellor’ to discuss their own specific study options and available pathways.

Private Colleges, contact each one directly for application dates and details.

Information Sessions’ and ‘Open Days’ are being offered by many of the Tertiary Institutions. (go to websites for more details). GO! they all want to give you the answers you need.

Students interested in Apprenticeships should start looking as soon as possible. Talk to people ‘in the business’ - enquire with Registered Training Organisations for specific industries (e.g. the Master Plumbers Assoc. for plumbing) - check out Job websites and local papers, etc. Basically, the more people who know you are looking for an Apprenticeship, the better. Get your Resume ready. Find out what TAFE require for Application, and when to apply - be ready

TAFE offer a great variety of courses, with varied entry levels - do not require an ATAR but can provide a pathway to university in some course areas – the TAFE Open Day will be later in August. Whilst TAFE consistently offer a good ‘benchmark’ (for both credentials earned and costs) there are many Private Colleges also offering a variety of Courses which may suit some students, particularly in some ‘speciality’ areas. Be thorough and compare carefully for ‘good value’ with these options

Lots of upcoming events from now on, including:

- National Art School D’hurst, (running various short courses, w/shops)
- UND Young Achievers Early Entry program
- UTS Science Schools Recommendation Scholarship applications
- Real Estate Inst.of NSW running Cert.of Reg.Course
- USYD Scholarships Info. Evening
- Sydney Design School: Open Day, interior design & decoration
- TAFE St.George Fashion Short course (1st wk School holidays)
- UTS: Galuwa Indigenous Program, applications open & visits available
- UNSW Physics Prep Course (for Yr.11’s during School holidays)
- July (var.dates) ACU: HSC Enrichment Program, lectures in var. subjects.
- July (var.dates) JMIC student workshops
- 01/07/14 William Angliss Inst. info. Sessions (cookery, patisserie etc)
- 02/07/14 BlueScope Cadetships in Engineering & Science, applications open.
- 07/07/14 TAFE St.George Business Degree Info. session
- 09/07/14 Macquarie Uni HSC Enrichment: Chemistry & Physics sessions
- 17/07/14 Get a Job Expo Parramatta
- 18/07/14 UTS Engineering & IT Discovery Day
- 26/07/14 ANCB Day of Beauty workshop, Pyrmont
- 29/07/14 Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo. Ryde Civic Hall 3.30-7.30pm
- 05/08/14 UNSW Women in Engineering Camp applications open (will run Jan’15)

Any Year 12 student who has not yet had the opportunity to see me is invited to contact me and arrange a suitable time.

I am available to speak to students (Yr.11 &/or 12) regarding Career/Study options most days in the Library, where you will also find information on a variety of these related topics on the racks and notice board outside the Careers Room.

Cheryl Brown
Careers Adviser
Parents you are cordially invited to attend an evening with Paul Dillon Alcohol & Drugs Forum
Monday 18th August 2014
7:00PM
Carmody Hall, De La Salle Cronulla
2 Cross Road, Cronulla

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for the past 25 years. Through his own business, Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia (DARTA) he has been contracted by many agencies and organisations across the country to give regular updates on current drug trends within the community. He continues to work with many school communities across the country to ensure that they have access to good quality information and best practice drug education.

In recent years, he has worked extensively with a range of sporting organisations including the Australian Cricketers Association, the Rugby Union Players Association and the Football Federation of Australia to provide training workshops to elite athletes on a range of alcohol and other drug issues.

In 2009 his best-selling book for parents was released titled “Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs”. With a broad knowledge of a range of content areas, Paul regularly provides media comment and is regarded as a key social commentator in Australia, appearing on a wide range of television programs including Sunrise, TODAY and The Project discussing topical issues. Paul also had a regular spot on a national radio program on Triple J for seven years where he dealt with current youth drug issues. Paul also has a blog where he discusses topical issues of the day, as well as addressing some of the questions and queries he is regularly asked by those attending his presentations.

Students from Year 10 at De La Salle Caringbah, Year 10 at Our Lady of Mercy Burraneer & Years 11 & 12 De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla will be participating in an Alcohol & Drugs workshop with Paul Dillon during the school day on Monday 18th August.