coming events

Newsletter Term 4 Week 6
24 November  Art Show
29 November  Year 11 2017 Orientation
15 December  College Thanksgiving Mass (last day for students)
16th December  HSC Students Brunch

from the principal

Reflection... November in the Catholic Church is the month of holy souls where we remember and pray for loved ones who have died and we pray they are at peace in the presence of our God. Today’s prayer is an adaptation of the prayer he is gone, and while we grieve for loved ones who have gone to their eternal rest their qualities and goodness can live on in us.

They are Gone
You can shed tears that they are gone
Or you can smile because they have lived
You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left
Your heart can be empty because you can’t see them
Or you can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember them and only that they are gone
Or you can cherish their memory and let it live on
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what they would want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

HSC conclusion & Formal... Since our last newsletter the Higher School Certificate has concluded. We now wait in anticipation that all the hard work and efforts of our students will bear fruit when the HSC results are released on 15 December. Last Friday these students, their parents and teachers celebrated the conclusion of their school education at the year 12 Formal. They are a remarkable group of young men and women who have enhanced the traditions and reputation of the College and have concluded their time here in a very positive manner. On behalf of the staff we wish them every happiness, success and good fortune for the future.

Parent Survey... My sincere thanks to those parents who completed the exit survey. Your constructive feedback and suggestions that could further enhance the opportunities of future students is greatly appreciated. In the coming weeks the leadership team will analyse the responses and incorporate suggestions into future plans for the College.

Request for Leave... In recent weeks the College has received a number of requests for student leave for the final weeks of the school year. Please be advised vacations taken outside normal school holidays will not be accepted as a valid reason for absence from an assessment task.

Year 11 Orientation Day... In the coming weeks we will have year 10 students from our partner schools visit in preparation for their attendance next year. An Orientation day will take place on the 29 November. At present this is the largest cohort to enrol at the College with numbers at 270.

Youth Mass... A youth mass is being held this Sunday night at St Aloysius Parish, Cronulla. It is a great opportunity to further strengthen the links between parish and School and an opportunity to share Eucharist together. All parents and their son/daughter are encouraged to attend this celebration.

New House Patron... With the increase in enrolment an extra pastoral class will be added in year 11. Our student leaders were charged with the task of researching an appropriate house patron for this class. After much discussion and presenting a power point to the College Leadership team with four nominees and a preferred candidate the College Leadership team has endorsed the recommendations of the students. Saint Brother Solomon will be our eleventh house patron in 2017. My thanks to the student leaders for their work in this area.

Craig Mooney
Principal

HSC Students Brunch
15 December  College Thanksgiving Mass

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from the re department

Touching Hearts... The school’s Youth Ministry team has been very busy over the last few weeks promoting various fundraising initiatives for the Lasallian Foundation and St Vincent de Paul Society while also raising awareness of important issues such as the relocation of refugees in our society while celebrating their skills and their contribution to our society. Our main aim for this year is to encourage and build a culture of mercy, compassion and action. These initiatives and the involvement of our students is certainly making De La Salle Cronulla a place that does ‘Touch Hearts’.

St Vincent de Paul Society... Miguel has led off the homeroom charge for our St Vincent de Paul Society fundraising initiatives from our Pastoral Groups. With the wonderful guidance of our student leaders, Lasallian Youth Leaders and Mr Breen, Pastoral Class Miguel were able to achieve the amazing amount of $330 with their cake stall. Thank you for all the students who baked and bought biscuits to sell and thank you to the school community in supporting Miguel’s cake stall.

We all look forward to seeing what the other Pastoral Classes have planned for the next few weeks.

Social Justice Group ‘Touching Heart’

On Wednesday 16th of November, The Social Justice Group met to talk about the issues concerning refugees and migrants in Australian society. The focus of the meeting was to give the students an understanding of the lives and circumstances of refugees in Australia and what they bring to Australian society. The students heard the story of NSW Australian of the Year Deng Adut, a Sudanese Refugee who was a child soldier at the age of 6, and is now a Lawyer in Western Sydney and were hopefully inspired by what he as been through and what he has now contributed to our community. The students were then introduced to the various faces of refugees on Nauru and Manus Island and were challenged by societies perception of what and who refugees are and were asked to think about various ways they could be part of raising awareness of refugees and their experiences and were challenged to do something about it.

The Refugee Council of Australia
Face to Face: Understanding Refugees Program

cont. from the re department

On Tuesday 22nd of November, our students have access to an extremely important program run by The Refugee Council of Australia. Guest speakers, who are refugees, will be coming to the school to talk about:

- who refugees are and where they come from
- facts about refugees worldwide and in Australia
- the conditions refugees face overseas
- Australia’s refugee policies

This experience will hopefully provide our students with stories and information that will make them knowledgeable global citizens, humanitarians, and Christians of mercy and compassion that follow the values of Jesus and the footsteps of John Baptise de La Salle.

“Through your words, we were able to understand the inequality in our world, though many of us could never comprehend the hardships faced by so many. It made us realise and appreciate how fortunate we are, and put more emphasis on the need for us to accept everyone, from all communities, especially those who are facing the most prejudice. A first-hand account was really effective to make a huge impact on our understanding of a refugee’s experience, and was so rich with emotion. You helped us remember how much the little things count, and the effect we can have.” - Year 10 student

Youth Mass... I warmly invite all members of our school community to a Youth Mass being held at St Aloysius Cronulla on 20th November beginning at 6:00pm. It is the feast of Christ the King and will be a fantastic opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming of Advent and Christmas. Please see Mrs O’Connor or Mrs Cullen if you would like to be involved in the Mass.

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2016 HSC STUDENTS... Congratulations to all students on the completion of their final HSC written examinations which began with English Paper 1 on Thursday 13th October and concluded with Design and Technology and Business Services on Friday 4th November.

RANKS... 2016 HSC students are now able to access their assessment rank order notices via their secure personal account in Students Online > My Details > Assessment Rank. Those unable to login to Students Online should phone 1300 13 83 23 for assistance. Students should check their rank order for each of their courses. If they have any questions or believe that an error has been made, they should contact the College.

HSC RESULTS... Achieving the HSC is different from getting a driver's licence or an ATAR. Students do not receive a simple 'pass' or 'fail', nor do they get a single rank or mark for all courses. The HSC results are a detailed package showing the level of knowledge and skills achieved in each course.

The HSC Record of Achievement will list the HSC assessment mark, HSC examination mark, HSC mark (which is a 50:50 combination of the examination and assessment mark) and a Performance Band for each course studied.

Students will be able to get their HSC results online and by SMS on Thursday 15th December and their official credentials will be mailed to them in January. If students have any questions or concerns about their results there are different results services they may decide to use, including the HSC Results Inquiry Centre telephone hotline (1300 13 83 23) available after results are released. They can also order replacement certificates for a fee if they ever lose their credentials.

The Universities Admissions Centre releases the ATAR on Friday 16th December, the day after the HSC results are out. The HSC merit lists are published on the BOSTES website and the HSC showcases and exhibitions begin in January.

2017 HSC STUDENTS

YEAR 11 GRADES AVAILABLE... All Year 11 students have been able to access their Year 11 grades via Students Online from Thursday 10 November 2016. Students can log in to their personalised secure account using their BOSTES student number and 6 digit PIN. If it is their first visit to the site they will need to activate their account.

Once logged in students can review their results in My Details > Enrolments/Results section and generate their eRecord. The eRecord is their interim report showing their 2016 Year 11 grades and their 2015 Year 10 grades and results.

REGISTER OF MALPRACTICE IN HSC ASSESSMENT TASKS... The Board of Studies has implemented a Register of Malpractice in HSC Assessment Tasks. Implementation began with the 2014 HSC cohort. The Register – and further information – is available on Schools Online.

This new measure was initiated by an Independent Commission Against Corruption investigation, which required the Board to develop a new register for incidents of malpractice by students undertaking HSC school assessment tasks.

The Register is similar to the existing report on malpractice in HSC examinations and will help inform strategies for schools, school sectors and the Board on how malpractice can be prevented or addressed.

The Register applies to all HSC students and will collect information on courses where malpractice has occurred, types of offence and the nature of any penalties applied.

The Board will publish annually aggregated data in a similar way to the programs which, identify breaches of examination rules, applications for disability provisions and illness/misadventure appeals.

Individual schools will not be identified. Guidelines and explanatory notes are located on Schools Online under Down-Memos and Documents. The register is located under Data Collection.

(taken from BOSNews Official Notice 28/13)

ASSESSMENT HANDBOOK, SCHEDULES and CALENDAR... All students have been provided with the 2017 version of the College Assessment Handbook, Schedule and Calendar. These documents are also located on the college website.

ASSESSMENT TASK ABSENCE/EXTENSION FORMS... Please be aware that students who are absent from an assessment task or seek an extension for an assessment task will be required to download and complete the relevant form from the college website.

Tony Ginestra
Curriculum Coordinator
Design and Technology Major Design Projects... Design and Technology students spent a year designing and producing a Major Design Project which was assessed by officers from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards, as part of the HSC examination. There have been many creative and innovative projects presented this year and these were exhibited to friends and family after the marking process was completed.

Gabrielle Pagano and Matthew Pescud had their projects nominated for consideration for the Shape 2016 technology exhibition. This new look expanded technology exhibition will feature a selection of exemplary Major Projects from Higher School Certificate Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students from the 2016 Higher School Certificates examinations.

Gabrielle’s project was all about making use of the beautiful existing fabrics people have saved in their own wardrobe and giving them new life in the latest fashion styles.

Many mums save their formal and wedding gowns for their daughters but when the time comes for the daughter to wear it, the style is usually very out dated.

Gabrielle created an online business where customers can buy unique ready to wear fashion pieces made using fabric from existing clothing. She also does personal pieces where the customer can bring her an heirloom dress and Gabrielle will work with the client to design and transform it into a unique new style tailored to their individual tastes and current fashion trends.

This project has an environmental focus inspired by the mammoth amount of clothing being disposed of each year due to the fast paced fashion industry which renders existing styles obsolete each new season.

Matthew designed a boat which can carry at least 3 people (One in the Water), with an old/classic look but with a modern twist. This classic looking ski boat, has a fairly square bow dropping down to a shallow “V” at the nose to give the look of a classy elegant boat. This shape also aids in cutting through still water without much bow wake enabling onlookers to see the full shape of the hull.

I would like to thank all students and their families for their hard work and support during this course.

Ron Matthews
TAS Coordinator
from the year 12 coordinator (2016)

**Year 12 Graduation Formal...** What a night! Last Friday night students, their families and College Staff celebrated the end of 12 years of schooling for our Year 12 cohort. Doltone House at Darling Wharf, with the Harbour Bridge as a backdrop provided the perfect venue to party in style.

We are all very proud of our students who have proved to be wonderful ambassadors for De La Salle Cronulla. Photos of the night will be available for viewing and purchasing as from the 20th November. (see attached poster)

Josie Raftery  
*Year 12 Coordinator*

from the youth minister

Earlier in the term our College supported the schools and facilities operated by the De La Salle brothers in Papua New Guinea. Lasallian Schools in the Sydney area collected much needed supplies to send to Papua New Guinea.

Thank you to all who participated to support this initiative. It was a great success and I had the privilege of presenting an amazing effort from the Cronulla Lasallian community.

The items will greatly assist the teaching and learning environment of the schools and training facilities in Papua New Guinea. This will be a great help to the students there who often lack the supplies needed to help them learn.

The Lasallian Mission Council is currently arranging a shipping container to accommodate the resources which will be sent to PNG early in Term 1, 2017. Special thanks to Sarah Wadland who donated a significant amount of supplies and home room Miguel.

Holly Johnston  
*Youth Minister*

from the year 12 coordinator (2017)

All Pastoral classes in Year 12 are involved in a variety of fund-raising activities this Term to raise money for the St. Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The money raised will buy grocery vouchers and movie tickets for the less fortunate families who are doing it tough. Our goal is to raise at least $1000 and we are well under way to achieve this as Mr Breen’s Miguel class raised $330 with a cake stall last week. Please encourage your sons and daughters to get behind each activity with enthusiasm and energy.

Our school yard is looking great at the moment for two reasons. Firstly, our two grounds men work tirelessly on the lawns and gardens. And secondly, our students are now making an effort to put their rubbish in the bins. They now realize it’s better to clean up at recess and lunch than at 3pm.

A small number of students have to work on their punctuality to school and to class. Three unexplained lateness’s to school will result in an afternoon detention. And we have one bell only after recess and lunch which indicates the start of the next lesson. Hopefully the afternoon detentions for lateness will be an effective deterrent.

The HSC year is well under way and the first Assessment Tasks will begin in Week 7. Some will be hand-in tasks while others will be examined in class. Please encourage your sons and daughters to study at least three hours a night which should include homework, revision notes and completing assessments.

Mr Peter Geaney  
*Year Coordinator*

On November 1st, the Yr 12 Geography class did a field-study on the inter-tidal wetlands at Towra Point. We started the study at La Perouse and the reventment wall on the north side of Port Botany. We than made our way to the viewing platform at Quibray Bay and then on to Bonna Point at Kurnell. It was a great day and I’m sure the students left with a greater knowledge of our wetlands.

Once again, if you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to call.

Mr Peter Geaney  
*Geography Teacher*
Chemists have solutions! HSC Chemistry students have been very busy this week applying their laboratory skills to a real-world scenario involving assessment of human impact on natural waterways.

As part of a major assessment task, the students were supplied with water samples collected from creeks in the greater Sydney area and were required to analyse and compare the quality of the samples. Tests carried out included:

- concentrations of chloride, phosphate and hydrogen ions
- turbidity
- total dissolved solids
- relative hardness
- acidity

This has been a very demanding task requiring the students to first research the chemistry of the tests and then write up their own analytical methods, before being allocated several hours of lab time to individually perform the analyses. This has required a high degree of planning and organisation on the part of the budding chemists as well as an array of hands-on laboratory expertise.

As expected, the students rose to the occasion and performed very well, maintaining the high standards typically displayed by De La Salle Cronulla Science students. As they all know well, when faced with a chemistry problem – if you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the precipitate! (I have many chemistry jokes, but I’m always afraid they won’t get a reaction – I am only funny periodically.)

Gavin Gant
Chemistry Teacher
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