



50th Anniversary
 Celebrating
Catholic Education
 in the Swan Valley

Dear Members of the La Salle Community,

A reminder that next Wednesday 25 February is Ash Wednesday. This is an important date in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church, as it marks the beginning of the Lenten season, which leads us into Easter. For the next forty days we are encouraged through prayer, fasting and abstinence to reflect on how we are currently living our lives as followers of Christ. Unfortunately, in today's frantic world, more often than not, we drift from one crisis to the next with very little personal reflection and as a result do not take the time to evaluate our lives.

Whom to Contact

La Salle College seeks to assist parents who are the prime educator of their children. During the year, parents should feel free to contact the following staff if they require help or advice.

- Chaplain: Father Ian
- Deputies: Debra Sayce
Rino Randazzo
- Bursar: Bob Allison
- School Psychologist: Clelia Tedeschi
- Careers Advisor: Nicole Huggins
- Liturgy Coordinator: John Finley
- Education Support Coordinator: Christine Williams

Learning Area Coordinators

- English: Fiona Ali
- Society and Environment: Frank Italiano
- Mathematics: Fiona Leck
- Science: Paul McAuley
- Information Technology: Danny Battistessa
- Physical Education: Brent Butcher
- Design and Technology: Michael Pepper

- Music: Cassandra King
- Drama: Nicole Loke

Year Level Coordinators

- Year 8: Peter Elloy
- Year 9: Ben Dyer
- Year 10: Elizabeth Gardner
- Year 11: Freda Rogan
- Year 12: Natalie Calleja

House Coordinators

- Benildus: Rita De Filippi
- La Salle: Jane Gordon
- MacKillop: Brooke Hyland
- Mutien: Peter Pavlinovich
- Solomon: Joe Sorgiovanni

2003 Year 12 Results

There was a core of students at La Salle College last year who achieved at a high level. A large number of others achieved at a level that was pleasing. There would also be some students who would be disappointed with their final grades. Overall 93.5% of the students satisfied the requirements for secondary graduation. There can be no doubt that academic results at La Salle College are very important but there are other factors to be considered when determining whether our school is successful.

At La Salle College we emphasise the all round development of our students. It is important that our students treat each other with respect in their daily interactions. We expect our students when they represent the College in sport, to live the values of good sportsmanship by playing hard, winning with humility and loving with dignity. We want our students to recognise and value the differences in each other, whether ethnic, religious or socio-economic. We expect our students to resist the temptation of taking things which aren't theirs or spreading rumours about individuals. We hope that our students understand that they are children of God and as such are called to a deeper relationship with a God who loves them.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Inter House Twilight Swimming Carnival

A reminder of the House Swimming Carnival which will take place next Monday 23 February at the Bilgoman pool. The format of the day is that normal classes will run until lunch time. Students will then be transported to the pool for a 2.00 pm start. We anticipate that the meet will finish at 6.00 pm. Students are expected to be picked up from the pool. All students are required to be at school on the day and we strongly encourage those students not competing to support their House and help build up the community spirit in the College. This is definitely one occasion when we rely upon parental support to ensure that the day is a great success for all concerned.

Dress Code

At La Salle College we want to maintain a high standard on the wearing of the College uniform and general appearance. It is my experience that parents also regard this as an important aspect of the school. It is with this in mind that we thank the many parents who reinforced this with their child at the beginning of the year. The staff have had to speak to some students recently in regard to jewellery and general appearance. I ask that parents please talk to your son/daughter about the dress code which is outlined in the student diary. As we want to maintain our standards I thank you for your cooperation.

Year 12 Parent Information Evening

A very successful Year 12 Information Evening was held at the College last Monday evening. The College Executive and our Year 12 Coordinator, Ms Natalie Calleja, were in attendance to welcome parents to the College for the year. These evenings are very important occasions and I sincerely thank those parents who were present.

As I suggested on the evening, if we are going to be successful in encouraging and supporting our students, we need to work in partnership and display to them that we do take a real interest in their education and are prepared to make the effort to spend time learning about their needs and how we can support them in their schooling. It has to be a cooperative venture that is based on open and honest communication.

Kind regards



Michael Kenny
Principal

2003 YEAR 12 STAR PERFORMERS

I am pleased to inform you that La Salle College had six students achieve a Tertiary Entrance Rank (TER) above 93 (indicating their performance was within the top 7% in the state) in the Tertiary Entrance Examination (T.E.E.) results.

The top two students *Rachael Dziadowicz* and *Urszula Cichy* had a TER above 97. This equates to final subject averages of around 80%.

A Certificate of Distinction (students who achieve in the top 0.5% for the subject) was awarded to *Mark Gresser* (Art & Design).

Certificates of Excellence (students who achieved at least 10 "A" grades during Years 11 and 12) were awarded to *Rachael Dziadowicz* and *Urszula Cichy*.

Dux of the College (top student in school assessments) was *Rachael Dziadowicz*. Proxime Accessit (runner up to Dux) was *Urszula Cichy*.

The College was also a top ten school (defined by the proportion of students who achieved a grade of "A" in that subject) in the subjects Early Childhood Studies and Furniture Design & Technology.

On behalf of the College community I wish to congratulate all these students and hope that they continue their standard of excellence within their chosen fields of study or work.

Mr R. Randazzo
Deputy Principal

YEAR 12 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Despite the warm and sultry weather conditions, an encouraging number of parents attended the information night on Monday night whereby Mr Kenny, Ms Sayce, Mr Randazzo and myself spoke about the expectations and demands of students in Year 12. From the College viewpoint, it is great to see such positive support from our parents as we journey this year together.

Ms N. Calleja
Year 12 Coordinator



38TH INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Bilgoman Pool, Darlington

Monday 23 February 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Can Solomon end their 20 year drought? Confidence is high in the Saints camp after claiming the junior shield in 2003. Or will Mutien deny them again and win back to back carnivals? All members of the La Sallian community are invited to one of the biggest events on the College's calendar!!

Important information for parents and students:

- Normal school timetable will operate for Periods 1-4 on Monday.
- Swimmers and students wishing to spectate in house areas will be travelling to Bilgoman Pool for a 2.00 pm start.
- Students opting not to travel to Bilgoman Pool will attend private study classes supervised by Year Coordinators until 3.10 pm.
- Swimmers must swim in correct College bathers. College taslon shorts are acceptable. Board shorts are **not permitted**. Swimmers are required to wear correct PE uniform to school.
- Students are requested to remain at Bilgoman Pool until the completion of presentations at approximately 6.00 pm and should be collected from the pool after this time.

Parents are reminded that the surrounding pools are not to be used during the carnival. A fee of \$1.50 will be charged for spectators. We look forward to seeing many parents and friends at Bilgoman Pool on Monday afternoon. Carnival programs are available from the front office.

Mr B. Dyer
Year 9 Coordinator

NEWS FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Our Annual Community meeting is planned for Monday 8 March commencing at 7.00 pm in the MPR. With high interest in developments at the College and new construction commencing later this year, all are welcome to attend. The Board will deliver the 2004 Budget and discuss the Capital Development Plan. Three, two year, positions will be open to nominations in the lead up to the Annual Community Meeting. Nomination forms are available from the Principal's Secretary, Ms Leisa Zilko by phoning the College on 9274 6266.

We are often asked just what skills are required to participate on the Board and if it is likely to be time consuming. Certainly interest and enthusiasm are essential. In terms of time we meet eight times a year for two to three hours after work and the personal satisfaction in making a contribution is something that makes participation even more enjoyable.

The criteria is quite straightforward:

- Possess enthusiasm for and a willingness to promote Catholic Schooling.
- A deep interest in the welfare of staff and students.
- A desire to give service to the Catholic school community.
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board.
- Sufficiency of time to devote to the Board.
- An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality on Board matters.
- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board.

Mr C. Stein
Board Chairperson

COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS

Student photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 2 March**. As is always the case, students are asked to be well groomed and wearing the correct College uniform. Year 8 boys have the option of wearing the College tie. Year 9 - 12 boys must wear the College tie. Envelopes for photograph orders will be issued to students next week.

Mr R. Randazzo
Deputy Principal

LA SALLE COLLEGE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Students are asked to please see Mr Finley before Friday 27 February if you are interested in the La Salle College Sacramental Program. This is intended to include all of the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. Bishop Sproston has kindly agreed to conduct the Sacrament of Confirmation later this year.

Mr J. Finley
Liturgy Coordinator



YEAR 10 & 11 MASSES

Mass for Year 10 and Year 11 were celebrated this week in the College Chapel. Although it was extremely hot, the students are to be congratulated on their excellent participation and behaviour. On both occasions the theme of the Mass was growth: both spiritual and personal. Each P.C.G. representative was given a container of seeds, in soil, for their group to nurture in the weeks to come. We pray, that like the seed, their spiritual growth will continue to flourish this year.

Ms E. Gardner Ms F. Rogan
Year 10 Coordinator Year 11 Coordinator

WANTED OLD MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS

Do you have any unwanted magazines and newspapers? We would gladly take them off your hands. These are most welcome in G05.



Ms S. Prendegast

WANTED - SCHOOL UNIFORMS FROM PAST YEARS

What was our uniform like in days gone by? The Library would like to display our College uniform as it had changed throughout the 50 years. If family members still possess their uniform or any other memorabilia, we would greatly appreciate it for our display for Open Day. Please contact Ms Purcell in the Library.

Ms S. Purcell
Library Coordinator

MUSIC NEWS

TALENT QUEST ON FRIDAY 26 MARCH

Groups, soloists, singers, instrumentalists. Performances will be judged by a panel of professional musicians. A well prepared and polished performance will be required. All applicants will be auditioned before the event. Entry forms available from the Music Department. Entries are one per item and are due by Friday 5 March to the front office.

MUSIC NEWS

Tutor days for this week are as follows:-

Tuesdays

Mrs Jennifer Tuinder – Keyboard – H6
Ms Elisa Wilson – Voice – Room H7
Mr Andrew Neve – Guitar – H3

Wednesday

Mr Phillip Murray – Flute – H6

Thursday

Ms Emma Gardner – Voice – H6
Mr David Way – Trumpet & Trombone – H8
Ms Bree Avery – Violin – H7
Mr Paul Tanner – Percussion – H9

Friday

Mr Andrew Neve – Guitar – H3
Mr Mark Sprogowski – Clarinet & Saxophone – H7



Rehearsals for this ensemble will now finish at 6.00 pm on Wednesdays this term (instead of 6.30 pm)

***FRIENDS OF MUSIC "MEET AND GREET"
MONDAY EVENING 16 FEBRUARY***

While we all mingled and ate, the friendly atmosphere of this gathering was delightfully enhanced by the musical offerings of a number of our talented musicians. *Chris Perella* on Guitar, *Ashleigh Perrella* on Flute, *Candice and Tenille Shehan* on Guitar and Voice and *Yiannis Maxwell* on Piano must have made their families very proud.

The smooth flow of organisation from beginning to end was the result of cheerful assistance of students and parents alike. It was a very pleasant evening. Worth repeating.

INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL TUITION

The timetables for the rest of the term will be placed on the Music Department Notice board as they are finalised. Please remind students to check regularly.

Please feel welcome to contact the Music Department for any queries.

Ms C. King
Music Coordinator

Chaplain's Chatter : Next Wednesday (25 February) is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of six weeks of Lent. Ashes remind us of the *deadly* things in our lives – when we choose the death of sin and selfishness rather than the life that comes from God. Ashes are a sign that have been used for over two thousand years to signal our desire to make changes in our lives, to be more like Christ. The words used as the ashes are placed on our foreheads remind us of the meaning of Lent: *“Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the gospel”*.

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