

7 April 2006

Number 10

Term 1 Calendar

Tuesday 11 April

Year 9 Touching Hearts
Programme Commences

Wednesday 12 April

Inter-House Fun Run
End Term 1

Thursday 13 April

Holy Thursday
Staff PD

Friday 14 April

Good Friday

Monday 1 May

Term 2 begins for staff and
students

CANTEEN ROSTER Wk 11

Monday: J. Parasiliti,
T. Chave

Tuesday: E. Vitolich,
W. Turner

Wednesday: J. Sumich

Thank you for your
assistance.

**COLLEGE OFFICE
HOLIDAY HOURS**

Please be aware that the
Office will be open during
the holidays from 8:30am -
4:00pm. However it will be
closed on Tuesday, 18 April
(Easter Tuesday) and
Tuesday 25 April (Anzac
Day).

Ms R. Langdon
Office Manager

**UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS**

The Uniform Shop will only
be closed for Easter Monday.
17 April. The normal
Uniform Shop hours apply
for the holidays. Monday
and Wednesday from 7:30am
to 1.30pm.

Ms C. Jurjevich
Uniform Shop Manager



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The weekly newsletter of La Salle College

From the Principal,

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

We are currently about to enter the most important time in the Church's liturgical calendar - *Holy Week*. This Sunday we recall the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and we will hear the Gospel story of Jesus' Passion.

Holy Week is a time for all Christians to reflect on the events of the last days of Jesus' life and Resurrection. The period of Holy Week may be compared with a modern day *roller coaster* with its huge swings: the adoration of Jesus highlighted by Palm (Passion) Sunday, the despair and utter hopelessness of Good Friday, through to the final triumph of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. In so many ways these events are a reflection of our own lives and our personal struggles. The reassuring message for us as Christians is the ultimate salvation promised by Jesus.

I pray that the Easter break will be a time of personal reflection for us all and that the *holy days* will allow us to become energized with the spirit and love of the Risen Lord.

APOLOGY

I need to apologise to our wonderful performers at our recent opening of our new facilities. While I acknowledged you on the evening, I inadvertently left you out of my piece in last week's newsletter. All of these students did such a wonderful job, with the level of performance even more remarkable given that they had only seven weeks of rehearsal time. The talent and gifts of our students are really quite remarkable, along with their commitment to the College.

YEAR 8, 2008 ENROLMENTS

The College has commenced the enrolment process for our Year 8 intake, 2008. A series of enrolment information and interview evenings have been held for children in our surrounding Catholic primary schools.

We will also be inviting other Catholic children, and their parents, who do not attend Catholic primary schools to interviews over the next couple of weeks. After these interviews have been completed we will commence the task of offering places at the College. At the present time we already have a significant excess of applications for the 240 places that are available for 2008. If previous trends are any indication, we could expect another 100 applications over the next two years. Please, if you have a son or daughter who is currently in Year 6 at the moment, you will need to fill out an application for enrolment form as soon as possible. There is no automatic entry into La Salle College. The first requirement is that we have an enrolment application for your child!

**YEAR 8 STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER
CONFERENCES MONDAY, 10 APRIL
(3.30 pm - 5.30 pm)**

I look forward to meeting all Year 8 parents this coming Monday as they attend conferences with their son's/daughter's Pastoral Care Advisors. Year 8 Interim Reports will also be issued at this time.

HOLIDAYS

After a very long term (11 weeks) holidays are upon us. This is a time for students and teachers to rest and rejuvenate for the remaining three terms. However, for our Year 12 students this point marks the completion of 1/3 of their year's work. For our senior students in particular, they must review their commitment to their study programme, and if gaps exist, take some immediate steps to rectify the situation. **Semester One exams commence at the beginning of June.**

Term One concludes for students after our Easter Focus on Wednesday 12th April. On Thursday all of our teaching staff will be involved in professional development related to the new courses of study.



We officially say good bye to Jennifer Sullivan who has resigned from the College to pursue new directions in Music education. While Jennifer was only with us for a very short period of time, her enthusiasm and love of Music were clearly evidenced. We welcome into the La Salle community our new Music teacher, Mayuka Juber who has already commenced her teaching at the College.

David White (senior) leaves us for two terms of long service leave. We wish him a very restful and relaxing period of extended leave.

My thanks to all staff members for their many contributions to our students during the term. On a personal level I have been made to feel very welcome to La Salle College. I have really enjoyed my first term as Principal and the support that I have received. My experiences have confirmed the wonderful community spirit of the College. I wish everyone a very safe and restful break!

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal

MISSION AID DAY

Every year we have a Mission Aid Day. On this day we set aside the usual curriculum and focus on others who are less fortunate than ourselves. It is a day that also commemorates our Founder's Day. This year it is on Friday the nineteenth of May (Week 3 of Term Two.) Our students run stalls and activities with the aim of raising money for missions and schools run by the Lasallian brothers. In the past we have sent substantial donations to schools in our North-West and to communities in East Timor and in South Africa.

A popular feature of the day is the BIG AUCTION. In order to make this better and even more profitable than last year we are asking for donations from our Lasallian community. If you have anything of value that you are willing to donate to the College for this event could you please deliver it to the College or contact either of the following people on 9274 6266 or via email, who will arrange to collect the goods. Many thanks in anticipation of your help.

Mrs Fiona Flower email: ffl@lasalle.wa.edu.au
Mr Mark Donovan email: mdo@lassalle.wa.edu.au

Ms F. Flower and Mr M. Donovan
Mission Aid Day Coordinators

INTERIM REPORTS

The Interim Reports are currently being finalised for all year groups within the College. To ensure that the reports are a worthwhile tool in enhancing the education of the student we welcome parents together with their children to attend meetings with their teachers. These meetings take on differing formats dependant upon the year group of the student:

Year 8 - Three way interview structure with the Pastoral Care Advisor (PCA) who will issue the report at the interview. A letter has been sent home indicating that interviews will occur on Monday, 10 April from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. All appointments must be made prior to this date with the PCA.

Years 9 to 12 - The reports, together with details of how to arrange interviews with individual subject teachers, will be mailed home prior to the holidays. These will occur on a House basis on the 8 May (Solomon, Mutien and La Salle) and 9 May (Benildus, MacKillop and McCormack) from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

Mr D. Battistessa - Assistant Deputy Principal

THE FEAST OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

John Baptist de La Salle was born on 30 April, 1651, in a town in France. He was educated, and decided early on in life to become a priest. He completed his studies with considerable success but he did not become a priest until he was 27 because his parents died and he had to take care of his younger brothers and sisters. John Baptist de La Salle became interested in education in 1679 when he helped to establish a school. He then founded several more schools in France and then in 1680 he founded the Christian Brothers who became the teachers in his schools. He was so committed to his work of educating youth that he gave away his own fortune to the poor and put his trust in God. He spent 40 years opening schools and worked hard in financing them and encouraging and sustaining his brothers. John Baptist de La Salle died on 7 April 1719. It is his feast day that we are celebrating today.

Mr J. Finley - Liturgy Coordinator

YEAR 8 VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Aaron Vanderkley from McCormack House and Stephanie Enkel from MacKillop House who have been selected as Volunteer of the Week over the previous two weeks. Aaron has completed thirteen hours of service and recorded his participation in thoughtful reflections. Stephanie has participated in activities for the RSL and SES and also organised to help the Swan Dog Haven in the school holidays. Parents and community members who wish to nominate a student who has touched the hearts of someone in their community may do so by contacting the Service-Learning Coordinator by email at cal@lasalle.wa.edu.au or telephone on 9449 0675.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I currently have four service positions available for students during the school holidays. It is important that arrangements are made prior to the holidays and that any student wishing to participate in service in the category of Civic or Parish complete and Application to Participate form.

Ms C. Aldous - Service-Learning Coordinator



EDUCATION SUPPORT NEWS

First term has been a very busy and successful term for the students in the Education Support Unit. The highlights of this term have been the launch of VET in Year 11 and 12, with students undertaking Business Certificate 1. In conjunction with this, our students have launched three enterprises. The Year 11 and 12's have a catering company and they have been supplying delicious salads and brownies to the staff. Another group of Year 11 students have started a car washing enterprise. Students in Year 8-10 have been making cards.

On 10 March, students travelled by bus to Warwick Superbowl to compete against Sacred Heart and Newman College in ten pin bowling. From there we travelled to Kings Park for lunch.

On 31 March, we went to Claremont Aquatic Centre for the Inter - School Para Swimming Carnival, where we competed against six other Catholic Colleges. Two students, Stephanie Pearson and Jez Pagotta, received medals and all other students tried their best. At the end of the carnival we enjoyed a BBQ, prepared for us by the Year 12 students. It was a terrific day and we all enjoyed it immensely.

Ms C. Williams - Education Support Coordinator.

BENILDUS DO IT WELL IN THE POOL

This year's Benildus House day was held on 22 March. This year it took the form of a Pool Party. House spirit and Inter-PCG rivalry was strong as we competed in five fun activities such as "the best bombie", "the peg grab", "the tube race", "the cup race" and the blue ribbon event, "the 25 metre dash". Prizes were awarded and much fun was had. The day's festivities were concluded by sharing a pizza lunch together. Special thanks must go to the Year 11 and 12 House Leaders, without whose help the day would not have been so successful. Thank you is also extended to Mr O'Donohoe and Mr Dyer who ran the days events and to the PCAs for their support in organising the students. A final thank you goes to the students of Benildus House who made the day a success. Well done and do it well.

Ms A. Hardwick - Benildus House Coordinator

BENILDUS HOUSE'S INTER-PCG QUIZ CHALLENGE

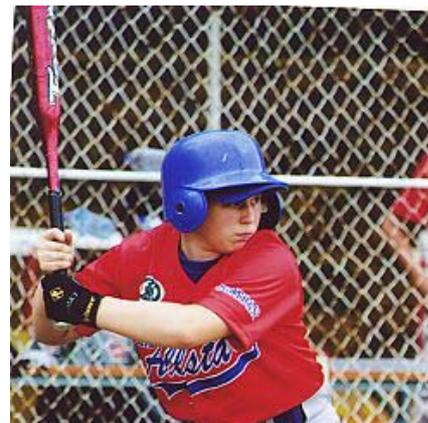
Last Wednesday, 29 March, the whole of Benildus House gathered in the Auditorium to match wits and to see who the "brainiest PCG" is. After six rounds of very taxing questions ranging from sport to children's television, from famous people to the wonders of the human body, a winner was proclaimed. Congratulations to Mrs Rachael Keenan and her band of very bright young men and women on winning the inaugural Benildus Inter-PCG Quiz Challenge. Congratulations to all other PCGs for their keen participation on the day.

Ms A. Hardwick - Benildus House Coordinator



**CASEY HARVEY
(YEAR 8)**

Casey was selected as a member of the Perth Allstars Girls U15 softball team participating in the five nation international softball and baseball tournament and competing in the annual South East Asia Youth Baseball and Softball Tournament in Bangkok.



**STEPHANIE PEARSON
(YEAR 9)**

Stephanie competed against six other Catholic Colleges to win her individual age category race - 25m and receive her medallion at the Claremont Aquatic Centre for the Inter-School Para Swimming Carnival.



Well done Stephanie.

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal



ARTS ACTION

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ANNIE TICKETS

There has been an overwhelming demand for tickets so far. Friday and Saturday nights are completely sold out. Due to the popular demand we have scheduled a matinee for Sunday, 14 May at 2:00pm. I would like to thank all families who missed out on their ticketing preference for being so understanding and changing their booking to another performance. Thank you.

Ms N. Lake

Director of *Annie* & Learning Area Coordinator – The Arts

We are desperate for people to volunteer to make costumes. If you are handy with a sewing machine or you have a friend or family member willing to help out please contact me at the College. Also, if you have any spare shoe boxes you no longer need, please bring them into the Arts Office as we can make good use of them for the *Annie* sets. Thank you.

Ms M. Franklin

The Year 10 Fine Art students had a very busy day last week painting a set for the upcoming production of "Annie". They had previously worked on designing an image suitable for a set and Amberley Moffat's striking nocturnal scene was chosen amongst the class as a creative interpretation of the theme. The students certainly had a new experience in creating artwork with a "client" in mind and trying to incorporate the director's vision for the show. Enlarging an artwork to mural size and working within the constraints of deadlines and a budget also gave the Year 10 Fine Art class a little taste of how art can operate in the wider community. The *Annie* production is proving to be a real Lasallian community effort, with many students getting involved behind the scenes as well as under the spotlights. Thanks to everyone who has put in an awesome effort so far!

Ms C. Stewart

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST BRIGID'S MIDLAND YOUTH GROUP : Year 7 - 11
The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 8 April, after 6:30pm Mass. Make sure you bring along a friend. If you can bring something small to share for supper it would be greatly appreciated. Any queries, please call Frances Peel on 9250 7681 (a/h) or 0403 249 909.

NWAS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following teams who all made it through to the Grand final. These finals were played throughout the week, and a number of our teams were successful in becoming champions in their division. Thanks and congratulations must go to all players, coaches, umpires and supporters for an outstanding season.

YEAR 8 BOYS BASKETBALL - La Salle 34 -v- JSR 30

YEAR GIRLS BASKETBALL - La Salle defeated JSR

YEAR 8 MIXED TENNIS - La Salle 4 -v- JSR 29

YEAR 8 BOYS CRICKET - La Salle 950 -v- Mercy 282

YEAR 9 BOYS BASKETBALL - La Salle 41 -v- JSR 31

YEAR 9 MIXED BEACH VOLLEYBALL - La Salle 43 -v- JSR 36

YEAR 10 MIXED BEACH VOLLEYBALL - La Salle defeated Swan Christian. 21-17, 20-16

Mr P. Sackett - Sports Coordinator

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Friday, 30 March, the Year 11 Geography class along with Mrs Hardwick and Mrs Aldous trekked out to Trigg Beach to commence a day of hard study, considering various processes that affect the coastline. Owing to our early arrival at Trigg Beach, the bus took a drive further south, where we inspected the other three areas we would study (Scarborough-Brighton-City Beach) before returning to Trigg to begin.

At Trigg Beach we studied the impact of wave patterns, the shapes of the coastline and its change over time and Trigg Island etc in relation to our school studies. We then headed to Scarborough where we had time to enjoy lunch before moving on to view and draw the vegetation and sand dunes at Brighton Beach. Jordan Hogan and Shaun Kay performed a series of surveying task with the assistance of Mrs Hardwick to determine the formation and change of the dunes, which was valuable information for our studies. Our last stop was at City Beach where we collected some more data. Once the class had finished the task, we were all happy to climb back onto the bus for the trip up the coast and back to school.

The day was very enjoyable as well as informative. A special thanks to both our teachers and our peers for making the day so much fun.

Shenae Burton & Shaun Kay

Loving Father, as we come to the end of Term One, we turn to you in confidence and place any difficult relationships into the healing hands of Jesus, your Son. Help us appreciate more the need to keep a good balance in our lives. May the holiday be for us a time of rest and recreation to help restore us and re-create us in your image and likeness as we enjoy more of the love and presence of our families, on whom we ask your blessing. Amen.
St John Baptist De La Salle...Pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts... Forever.

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