

10 February 2006

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Monday 13 February

Year 11 Parent Information
Evening 7.00pm

Wednesday 15 February

Year 8 Camp
ONSITE Parent Information
Evening

Thursday 16 February

Year 8 Camp
Elective Changes for Years 9
& 10 to be completed

Friday 17 February

Year 8 Camp

**CANTEEN ROSTER
Week 3**

MONDAY:

J. McDonnell, S. Howlett

TUESDAY:

F. Hunstock, W. Harries

WEDNESDAY:

J. Musarra Frannando,
A. McCarthy

THURSDAY:

D. Spencer, Y. Abercromby

FRIDAY:

M. Coverley

Thanks.

Thank you for your
Assistance.



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The weekly newsletter of La Salle College

From the Principal,

LA SALLE - A BUSY PLACE!

While we have only been back at school a little over a week so much is already underway. I am amazed at the dedication and commitment of our staff in terms of the support that they provide your children. A brief snapshot of just some of the events which have taken place or commenced since last Wednesday makes for interesting reading.

- *The Year 12 Leaders Camp*
- *The Year 12 Parent Evening and Badge Ceremony*
- *The commencement of rehearsals for Annie*
- *The College Opening Mass*
- *The commencement of swimming training*
- *The Arts Camp*
- *Final planning for the Year 8 Camp*
- *House breakfasts for new Year 8 students*

I would like to thank all of the staff who have so willingly given of their time and talents to ensure that these events were so successful.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

As you are aware from my earlier correspondence, we have introduced a fourth foundation into the College's mission - *a commitment to excellence*. Clearly, academic excellence is an important focus of this commitment. On Monday evening all of our Year 12 students and their parents attended an information evening. The focus was to outline the expectations for the year ahead. We were fortunate to have in attendance John Nelson, Post Compulsory Consultant from the Catholic Education Office, who spoke about some of the strategies to ensure a successful Year 12.

John assured parents that La Salle has the staff and facilities to ensure that your children have the best possible opportunities to ensure academic success. He emphasised, however, that the central requirement for success is the individual student and the attitude that he or she displays towards his or her studies.

An initiative that we are introducing this year to provide academic support to our Year 12s is a mentor system. All Year 12s will be mentored by senior members of the College's staff. The mentors will meet with their selected students on a regular basis, monitoring progress and providing support in this critical year. I would like to thank all of our staff in leadership positions for so willingly taking on this role.

YEAR 12 STUDENT LEADERSHIP CAMP

All of our Year 12 student leaders attended a three day leadership camp last week under the direction of the Year 12 Coordinator, John Finley, and supported by La Salle House Coordinator, Chelsey Harding. Other staff in leadership positions also visited the Camp to work with the students.

I had the pleasure of meeting with these outstanding Year 12s on Thursday evening. I was so impressed with their energy, maturity, commitment and pride in their College. I am really looking forward to working with these outstanding young men and women in the year ahead.

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal



NEW BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

Parallel with providing your child with a La Salle education, is the rewarding opportunity to contribute to the planning and financial management of the College.

Nominations are called for 3 positions on the Board, all with 2 year terms as a minimum. One of these positions results from the retirement of Board member, Mr Lou Muriale, following six years service completion. Mr Peter Naylor and Mr Darryl Burton will seek re-election following completion of their two year terms.

**Nomination forms can be obtained from Mrs Leisa Zilko at the College.
Nominations close Tuesday 7 March.**

Election for these three positions will occur on Tuesday, 14 March, at the La Salle College Community meeting.

The criteria for membership of the Board is as follows:

- Possess enthusiasm for and a willingness to promote Catholic education
- 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 other Board members
- Sufficient time to devote to the Board (normally 2 meetings are held each term)
- An ability and desire to uphold confidentiality on Board matters
- Possession of special skills that may be an asset to the Board
- Board members are required to undertake an induction programme conducted by the Catholic Education Office.

Parents, Teachers, and La Salle Community interest groups are encouraged to attend this informative evening that will also outline the current Capital Development Plan.

YEAR 8 CAMP

A final reminder that the camp begins next week – Wednesday 15 February.

Students should report to school at the normal time in casual clothing. They will need to bring a cut lunch and don't forget the water bottle. Responsible behaviour is expected from all students. If the behaviour of any child is irresponsible and jeopardises the safety of any other student/students – parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

Thank you to Mrs Vajas and Ms Skipworth who have volunteered their services for the duration of the camp. Many thanks also to the 95 parents who have offered to come and help at different times. Your interest and commitment makes it much easier for us all.

Mr P. Elloy
Year 8 Coordinator

YEAR 11 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents of Year 11 students are strongly encouraged to attend this important gathering on **Monday night at 7:00pm in the Auditorium**. Our College Principal, Mr Bull, will be introduced to parents of this year group for the first time and important information for 2006 will be presented by Mr Randazzo and Mr Pepper. Parents of students enrolled in the ONSITE Program will be addressed by Mr O'Donohoe, College ONSITE Coordinator, and Paul Baker, from the ONSITE office, after the main part of the evening. Please contact me with any queries.

Mr B. Dyer
Year 11 Coordinator

BUS BAYS – NO PARKING PLEASE

It would be greatly appreciated if parents would not park their cars in the bus bays on Muriel Street. The College has been advised that any cars parked will be issued with a parking infringement notice.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

A friendly reminder to all Parents/Guardians:

- To return the mauve coloured Health Record forms for all new school entrants
- Current students medical forms to be up-dated if new medical problems have occurred during the holiday period

If a student requires short term medication or preventative medication (eg antibiotic or antihistamine) it should be placed in an envelope with the student's name and instructions of medication frequency and handed into the front office. The medication will then be locked away in the First Aid office.

First Aid Officer, Ms Jacinta Carlisle, is available Monday –Friday 8:45am – 2:45pm to discuss any concerns.

NWAS SELECTION TRIALS

NWAS selection trials are on next week. Year 8s, 11s & 12s on **Tuesday, 14 February**, and Year 9s & 10s on **Wednesday, 15 February**.

Training/Selections will commence at 3:15pm and **conclude at 4:30pm** on both days. It is expected that students will wear their College PE uniform.

All students who are selected to represent the College will receive a letter of congratulations and details outlining game times, venues etc.

The games will commence in Week 4 (21/22 February) with the 8s, 11s & 12s playing on Tuesday's and 9s & 10s on Wednesdays.

Any queries should be directed to Mr Peter Sackett in the College PE department.



SWIM TRAINING

It was great to see the large number of students attending training during our first week. With less than 2 weeks until our Inter-House carnival, we urge students to make use of our training sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 7am. Breakfast will be provided for all participants.

Mr P. Sackett
Sports Coordinator

Sunsmart Senior Cricket 2006

The College's Senior Cricket Team will again tackle the Kim Hughes Shield in 2006, the very competitive top tier division of the secondary school competition, and there are high hopes held for this year's squad. Home games will be played on turf at Lilac Hill in Caversham and spectators are very welcome. Our Captain in 2006 is Ben Stockden and the squad features some very talented players from Years 10, 11 and 12. The season kicks off with a home game against Mater Dei College at Lilac Hill on Monday afternoon starting at 1:00pm.

Mr B. Dyer

STUDENT CONGRATULATIONS

The College wishes to congratulate *Jez Pagaotto* (Year 12) for achieving a gold medal in the individual shot put and was part of the team winning a silver medal in the Pan Pacific Para Games in Melbourne in December. Well done Jez!

MCCORMACK BIG BREAKFAST

Wednesday saw the first of the McCormack's Big Breakfast. Year 8 students and those students new to La Salle College, along with their parents came together to meet PCAs and help cement that special relationship between child, parent and school. The breakfast was a great triumph, parents had the opportunity to chat with PCAs about any concerns and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all. I would like to thank all parents who attended for their support. I am sure the breakfast was of benefit to you and your child, however if you have any unanswered questions or inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's PCA. Finally it is important to give thanks to those whose effort and commitment ensured the breakfast was a success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank McCormack staff, Captains Alexander Mugford and Kathleen Ross, leaders—Jaime Parora, Rebecca Satie, Erin Coubrough and Shaun Kay who made this morning possible.

Choose Life

Ms M. Franklin
McCormack House Coordinator



YEAR 9 BOYS HOCKEY

La Salle Kookaburras 1 Lost Helena Headhunters 3.

After last weeks win the team set about the business of winning and quickly scored the first goal. The boys worked hard but in the end just couldn't hold them out, going down 1-3. Goal Scorer: Julian Vitalich - 1.

Ms Diana Potthoff
Team Manager

LA SALLE FOOTBALL CLUB

Support your school football teams!!

The Swan District Regional Junior Football season will commence on 30 April. We are now calling on all football players, old and new, to sign up for another great season.

Registration Days:

Thursday, 16 February	8:00-8:30am
Friday, 17 February	8:00-8:30am
Thursday, 23 February	8:00-8:30am
Friday, 24 February	8:00-8:30am

Where: In the gazebo area at the school entrance.

Completed registration forms can be returned on the next available registration day or to the school office marked 'La Salle FC - Registration'.

COACHES: We are looking for expressions of interest for coaching positions for our 13s, 14s & 15s. Application forms are available from Carmel Radziejewski 9291 8099(W) or email Carmel.Radziejewski@det.wa.edu.au. Applications close and must be received by 24 February 2006.

CANTEEN MANAGER

The football club is also in need of a manager for our canteen. Interested applicants should contact Marina Brennan on 9250 6508 or email BrennanPM@bigpond.com

Remember - together everyone achieves more

Ms C. Radziejewski





ARTS ACTION Term 1, Week 2 2006

ANNIE JUNIOR Volunteers Needed

Are you handy with a needle and thread or whiz bang with a sewing machine? Then we need you! The College production is now less than 13 weeks away and with a cast of 70, any assistance with costumes would be greatly appreciated.

If you are able to lend a hand in any way please contact Michelle Franklin or Maria Locantro in the Arts department on 9274 6266 to register your interest. Thanking you in advance for your time and generosity.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAM

The Special Dance Program held its first meeting on Tuesday and the response was amazing!! Thankyou to all students who attended! Students have now been asked to take this week to think about whether they would like to commit to the program as permission slips will be issued at our next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13 during the second half of lunch. Hope to see you there!

Ms B. Lush



COMMUNITY NEWS

Swan Hills Swimming Club is hosting a **Junior Novice Invitation Swim Meet** on **Saturday 25 February** at Swan Park Aquatic Centre, for school age children **8/under up to 16 years**. It's a fun day with lots of spot prizes and all swimmers are awarded. CALL 9255 1003 or go to website <http://swanhillsswimclub.tripod.com/> to **ENTER ONLINE!**

ASPERGES SYNDROME

For parents, teachers, teacher-aides, classroom volunteers, guardians and family of children/teens with Asperger Syndrome.

Visiting Author & Presenter from Brisbane Josie Santomauro

Josie has been working/living in the field of Asperger Syndrome for the past eleven years, after her son was initially diagnosed at the age of 5. Josie is an internationally published author and presenter on the topic of Asperger Syndrome. Her resources specialise in discussing the diagnosis, strategies and social skills. Her presentations are based on personal experience and are light, informative and the audience leaves feeling positive and self-empowered.

Thursday, 30 March at 4:00pm – 5:00pm at the Citiplace Community Centre, Upper Level Walkway, Perth station Complex, Corner Wellington & Barrack Sts, PERTH.

\$15 per person (\$10 pen/concession): Numbers limited

In this hour, Josie will share successful strategies and systems for home and school, how to discuss the diagnosis, and more. Various resources on discussing diagnosis, strategies and social skills program will be on display and available for purchase on the day. Read more about Josie on www.users.tpg.com.au/jsanto

TEEN SCENE DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM

If your son/daughter has low self esteem, lack of confidence or peer relationship issues then the following may be of interest to you. **Teen Scene**, a Developmental Program aimed at 11-15 year olds, will commence mid to late March at Harmony Hall, Verissima House in Mundaring, and will run on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:30pm for an 8 week block. Facilitated by Jacqui Self, Occupational Therapist and Dr John Dockerill, Clinical Psychologist, the program aims to enhance self esteem, confidence and peer relationships. The full 16 hour program fee is \$480. There are three payment options including an early bird discount. Both Jacqui and John are registered with Health Care providers and you may be eligible for rebates, depending on your level of cover. For more information, please contact Jacqui on 9295 6111, 0424 032 355 or John on 9295 0800 or 0418 950 659 when an assessment interview can be arranged.

Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognising what we have in common rather than focussing on what our differences might be. Inspire us to distinguish between what is important and what is not, and open our minds and hearts that we may always be people of good will who bring life and joy to others.
Amen.

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