



**27 October 2006**

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**Term 4 Calendar**

**Tuesday, 31 October**

Year 12 Graduation Mass  
St Anthony's

**Wednesday, 1 November**

Grandparents' Day

**Friday, 3 November**

Music Tour to feeder  
schools

**CANTEEN HELPERS**

Thankyou to one parent who responded to our request last week. The Canteen is still in urgent need of helpers. We would appreciate even an hour of your time. Please contact the Canteen on 9274 6266 should you be able to assist.



Does your business have a till that is no longer required and that can be donated to the College Canteen. Please contact the Canteen on 9274 6266.

*Ms S. Cassidy*  
Canteen Manager

## *From the Principal*

### **YEAR 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP**

Last week eighty Year 10 Outdoor Education students were involved in their annual Camp to the Stirling Ranges. From all accounts this activity was an outstanding success with students having the chance to put into practise what they had been learning during the first three terms. I would like to thank and pay tribute to the outstanding efforts of the staff who were involved: Michael O'Donohoe, Mark Pallot, Devin Martin, Chelsey Harding, Bryan Carson and Scott Alder, while the overall coordination rested with Silvio Lombardi, our Learning Area Coordinator of Physical and Health Education.

### **PRESENTATION EVENING TICKETS**

In the coming week parents with students in Years 8 to 11 will be receiving information regarding tickets for our annual Presentation Evening. Our Year 12 parents have already received this information as they will receive priority seating for the evening. The response from our Year 12 parents has already been very strong. Please remember that our Presentation Evening is a *compulsory* event for all students. The evening promises to be a showcase of the wonderful talent of our students along with an opportunity to acknowledge those students whose achievements during the year have been outstanding.

### **YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS**

Next Tuesday evening, 31 October, our Year 12 students and their parents, along with the staff, will celebrate Mass to mark their conclusion of their secondary education. At the end of Mass, which is being held at St Anthony's in Greenmount, the students will be receiving their Graduation Certificates. Everyone from the community is welcome to attend, with Mass getting underway at 7:00pm.

On the previous day, 30 October, the Year 12s will share a farewell breakfast with the staff at Mulberry on Swan, followed by their final College Assembly as school. We hope to have the assembly underway by about 9:15am, so if any Year 12 parents would like to attend you will be most welcome.

### **COLLEGE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Included with this newsletter is important information related to our 2006 Annual General Meeting which will be held on Monday, 6 November commencing at 7:00pm in G1. Elections need to be conducted to determine three, two-year positions on the Board. If you would like to nominate, or have business that you would like to bring before the meeting, please contact Leisa Zilko, the Principal's Personal Assistant, by Friday, 3 November.

*Wayne Bull*  
Principal

## *Senior Leadership Team Notices*

### **TRANSFER OF STUDENTS TO MCCORMACK HOUSE**

It is our aim in 2007 to further reduce the size of Pastoral Care Groups in an attempt to provide students with the opportunity to build stronger relationships with their Pastoral Care Advisor. In doing so PCAs will be able to spend more time with each member of the PCG. To make this possible we are asking for students within a family to move to our sixth House - McCormack, whose patron is Irene McCormack and is represented by the colour burgundy.

Irene McCormack grew up as a fairly typical West Australian country girl. She was sent to boarding school at Santa Maria College and it soon became evident that she had two great loves - to serve God and to educate young people.

After joining the Sisters of St Joseph, she spent many years teaching in schools in country areas. She continually proclaimed the mission of the Church. In 1989 Irene was appointed to Huasahuasi in Peru. She took up the challenge of ministering to the impoverished. On 21 May, 1991, Irene's fears were realised and she was executed. Irene McCormack's death touches us because she was a West Australian doing God's will as a courageous and compassionate woman.

We invite all children within one family to join our sixth House. We will permit a Year 12, 2007 student to remain in their current PCG if all other siblings wish to move to McCormack House.

Students may collect an application form from Student Reception and return to the same place by **Wednesday, 1 November**.

Thank you  
*Ms F. Flower*  
Assistant Principal

### NEW BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT IN LA SALLE GROWTH PHASE

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

Nominations are called for three positions on the Board, all with two year terms as a minimum.

**A Nomination Form can be obtained from Mrs Leisa Zilko at the College.**

Election of nominees for three positions will occur at the La Salle College Community meeting held on Monday, 6 November, 2006 at 7:00pm.

The criteria for membership of the board as follows:

- 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 other Board members.
- 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.

Parents, Teachers, and La Salle Community interest groups are encouraged to attend this informative evening that will also outline the 2007 College Budget and new Strategic Plan.

*Ms L. Zilko*  
Principal's Personal Assistant

### GRANDPARENTS' DAY

A day for Nonna and nonno, Baba and Dida, Nanna and Pop, Grandad and Grandma, Nanny and Pa, Poppa and Nanna, Djadek and Bupcha, Ormi and Opa, Grandpop and Grandma, Renek and Kakek, Yaya and Bapou, Abuelo and Abuela, Grandpa and Grandma etc. etc.!

Students in Year 8 have invited their grandparents to come to the College at 9:00am on Wednesday, 1 November, to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in our College Chapel, followed by a morning tea. There is still time to invite your grandparents to participate in this special activity.

Those attending should have returned their forms to the Administration Office today for catering purposes.

*Mr P. Elloy*  
Year 8 Coordinator

### SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS PROJECT PEER INFLUENCE

One of the main reasons young people give in to peer influence is because they are afraid they will lose their friendships and not fit in with the group.

Explain to your son or daughter that if peer influence is telling you to do something you know is wrong without questioning why or to do something you feel uncomfortable about doing, then you need to think carefully about your choices and decide whether this is really worth doing.

A good rule is if it makes you feel bad it is probably bad for you! If peer pressure is telling you to act in a generally appropriate way, to do something that seems right, or to do something positive that doesn't hurt anyone, it is safe to say that this influence is positive.

Explain that going along with a healthy group of friends is not a bad thing, as long as following the group doesn't cause you to act without thinking about how you really feel about the situation yourself. In a situation where peer influence is positive, individuals in the group will be acting as individual parts of a whole, each working with each other in a cooperative and supportive way.

Many students who tease their peers to go along with the crowd feel uncomfortable about their own behaviour.

If you are worried about your son or daughter's friendship choices here are some suggestions:

- Get to know the friends of your son or daughter. Learn their names, invite them into your home so you can talk and listen to them and introduce yourself to their parents.
- Do not be too critical of your son or daughter's friends. Your child has chosen these friends.

- Keep the lines of communication open and find out why these friends are important to your son or daughter.
- If you are worried, check first whether your concerns about their friends are real and important.
- If you believe your concerns are serious, talk to your son or daughter about his/her own behaviour and choices -- not his/her friends.
- Encourage reflective thinking by helping your son or daughter think about consequences of risky behaviour before these situations happen.

*Ms C. Fedeschi*  
College Psychologist

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SAMUEL CALABRESE ANDREW HARPER  
Year 12

Samuel and Andrew received awards for outstanding achievement in all aspects of computer-based and written work in Year 12 Interactive Media.



MICHAEL HAWKINS Year 12  
Michael received an award for outstanding Practical Class Assessment including Power Point presentation in Year 12 Biology.



KANE EARLE Year 11  
Kane received an award for outstanding work in Year 11 Digital Media.



KARINA POTTER  
Karina received an award for outstanding effort in Term 3 for Year 11 Religious Education.

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REBECCA ARCHIBALD MATTHEW EDWARDS



ROBERT HUNTINGTON JESSICA SMIT  
Year 10

Rebecca, Matthew, Robert and Jessica received awards for excellence for their contribution during the Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp.

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MELISSA MODICA Year 10  
Melissa received an award for excellent Moral Decision Making Assignment in Year 10 Religious Education.



BENJAMIN BRIGGS CLAUDIA GERENCSEK  
Year 8

Benjamin and Claudia received awards for their outstanding Visual Inquiry Folios for Year 8 Art.

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DANIEL De GASPERIS  
Daniel received an award for his outstanding Power Point Presentation on the Great Barrier Reef for Year 8 Society and Environment.

