

10 March 2006

Number 6

Term 1 Calendar

**Tuesday 14 March**

NWAS Bye  
Community Meeting 7pm

**Wednesday 15 March**

8am Mass : PCGs MIE/GBO  
McCormack House Day  
NWAS Bye

**Thursday 16 March**

Year 10 Touching Hearts  
Programme Commences

**Friday 17 March**

ACC Inter School Swimming  
Carnival Beatty Park 'C'  
Division

**CANTEEN ROSTER Wk 7**

**Monday**

J. MacDonnell, K. Cole

**Tuesday**

K. Edwards, Mrs L Renzullo

**Wednesday**

R. Palmieri, M. Solig

**Thursday**

L. Westbrook, J. O'Donnell

**Friday**

J. Huntington, C. Ho

Thank you for your  
assistance.

**'VOLUNTEER  
EDUCATION  
SUPPORT  
PROGRAMME'**

Your urgent assistance  
is needed to support  
students with learning  
difficulties to actively  
participate in a  
mainstream class.

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## *From the Principal,*

### **DEATH OF FR ALBAN MITCHELL**

The College community was greatly saddened by the news last Friday of the passing of Fr Alban Mitchell (o.f.m.). Fr Alban was one of the pivotal figures in La Salle's history, particularly in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Fr Alban was a Franciscan priest who was assigned to the parish of St Brigid's, Midland. He had previously been the Principal of Padua College in Brisbane which is a school operated by the Franciscans. He then moved to Midland to serve as the Chaplain of La Salle. Fr Alban was one of a number of Franciscans who have worked as Chaplains at La Salle, including Fr Xavier Quinn, the 1960's, and Fr John Duigan, for much of the 1990's and early 2000's.

Fr Alban lived out the quest of St John Baptist de la Salle to "touch hearts". I had the personal honour of knowing Fr Alban through my association with the parish of St Brigid's. A number of our long-serving staff members, including Peter Elloy and John Gill, worked with Fr Alban at the College.

I think a quote from the 50th Anniversary publication says much about Fr Alban.

*"...he is remembered with great fondness by all who came into contact with him. His sense of humour, his profound spirituality and joyous presence were a great gift to the school..."*



This photograph (taken by John Gill, of course) shows Fr Alban riding his trusty bike around the College. I really believe that this photograph captures Fr Alban's zest for life and his untiring mission as chaplain.

Fr Alban is to be buried at the Franciscan Friar's Box Hill plot in

Melbourne this Friday. I will be flying to Melbourne to represent the College at his funeral Mass and burial and to show our respect to this remarkable priest and educator.

*May perpetual light shine upon him and may he rest in peace.*

### **YEAR 12 RETREATS**

During last week I had the pleasure of visiting the Year 12's at their retreats. The students were assigned to one of five different campsites. While each retreat had a slightly different focus, they all centred on providing opportunities for participants to explore their relationship with God. I would like to record my thanks to Adrian Martino, our Religious Education Coordinator, and all staff who were involved in making this such a special experience for our Year 12's.

### **DE LA SALLE VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE**

Over the next week we will be having some special De La Salle visitors to the College. On Thursday and Friday of this week Brother Paul will be speaking to all Religious Education classes about the work of the Brothers. Next week, Valentina Fernandez, a staff member from St Michael's, a De La Salle school in Singapore, will be visiting the College and working with both staff and students. Of significant interest is the fact that Singapore has six De La Salle schools. I am very keen to establish closer ties with these schools into the future and formalise an ongoing exchange with our Lasallian colleagues in Singapore.

### **PRINCIPAL'S COMMENDATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE**

As part of the College's commitment to recognising student excellence I have introduced a Principal's Commendation for Excellence. Staff members are invited to nominate students whose performance or contribution to the College is characterised by a commitment to excellence. These commendations will be presented at College assemblies. It is my pleasure to announce that the first two recipients of these commendations are:

Jaime Parora (Year 12)  
Stephanie Enkel (Year 8)



### FIRST XI CRICKET

Our first XI cricket team continue to perform at an exceptional level. While the team suffered their first defeat at the hands of a very talented Kent St Senior High School squad (which is a specialist cricket school) the boys are working together to produce consistently strong performances. My thanks to coaches Ben Dyer and Paul Morris for their support of the team

### ACC SWIMMING

Our Swimming Squad continues to train hard in preparation for their forthcoming C Division Carnival. I have challenged our swimmers to seek to swim their personal best times at the carnival and to improve on our overall position from 2005. I would like to record my appreciation to Peter Sackett, our Sports Coordinator, and all of the Physical Education Staff, for their ongoing support if the 2006 squad.

### OPEN DAY - TUESDAY 28 MARCH

Preparations are now underway for our 2006 Open Day. Three guided tours will be available during the day - **9.30 am, 11.30 am and 2.00 pm**. On this day we will be opening our doors for our visitors to see the school in action. I would encourage you to mark this date in your diary and come along to see what makes La Salle College so special.

### OPENING OF OUR NEW BUILDINGS - FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH AT 7.00 pm

A reminder to please RSVP to Leisa Zilko by 13 March, if you are planning to attend the opening of the Br Eric Pigott Performing Arts Centre and Clement Mulcahy Wing. As this is a catered function we do need to know exactly how many people will be attending.

### COLLEGE POLICY ON RINGS

At the end of last year it was decided that the wearing of all rings by students should be banned. This was a reaction to students abusing the guideline that rings should be simple. I understand that some students were wearing a multitude of rings, some of which were quite excessive in terms of size and decoration.

Several students have very appropriately spoken and written to me regarding the College's new policy on the wearing of rings. They have shared with me that they have rings which have great sentimental and emotional significance for them. The rings in question are very simple and plain. Consequently, I have spoken to the Senior Leadership Team and the Student Services Team regarding this issue. As from Monday, we will be amending the College's rule on rings to allow students to wear simple, plain and small metal rings. The number of rings to be worn in total is limited to one, and large and excessively decorated rings will still be prohibited and will be subject to confiscation by staff. The determination of which rings comply with the College's policy with rest with the individual staff member.

Mr Wayne Bull

### USE OF MOBILE PHONES

The College wishes to remind parents and students of the rules related to the use of mobile phones during the school day. As per the College Organiser, students who have mobile phones must switch them off upon arrival at school until 3:10pm. No calls or messages may be made or received during these same hours. Should a student be found with a mobile phone it will be confiscated. Parents may be requested to collect the phone from the relevant Year Coordinator, should a child's attitude be unacceptable. If parents need to contact their son/daughter *regarding an important or serious issue*, they are welcome to contact the front office. Should a student fall ill during the day, students are asked to present themselves to Ms Jacinta Carlisle, our First Aid Officer, who will contact parents, as opposed to students contacting parents on their own accord. We thank parents and students for their continuing support in this matter.

*Ms F. Flower*

Assistant Deputy Principal

### "IT PAYS TO LEARN"

#### Government Education Payment.

A reminder to all parents that claim forms for the \$200 payment for Year 11 and 12 students need to be returned to the front office no later than Friday, 17 March

### SCRAM

Ms Tedeschi is calling for students in Years 9 & 10 who would be keen to do this program. "SCRAM enables students to experience cooperative conflict resolution. SCRAM promotes and consolidates communication skills, negotiation skills and decision making skills, namely active listening, analysing, questioning, empathising, creative and logical thinking as well as the ability to speak clearly and concisely. SCRAM influences the school and its community through the skills the students learn. It provides an enjoyable and dynamic way of introducing students to the mediation process."

Four competitions are held at the school involving ten students who form two teams with two mediators working through a given problem. Ms Tedeschi will organise for a coach to come into the school to coach the group as well as running after school, weekly one hour sessions for the ten students. The final competition for finalist schools is held at Joondalup ECU School of Law and Justice.

If you would like further information, please contact Ms Tedeschi.

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be now be opened on **Monday and Wednesday mornings 7.30am to 1:00pm**.

*Ms C. Jurjevich*

Uniform Shop Manager



**ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP WORKSHOP**

On Tuesday, 7 March, Mrs Aldous and three students, Amy Firms (Year 10), Cameron D’Lima (Year 8) and I, Arielle Cooper (Year 10), attended a Service-Learning workshop with students from many other schools in the Perth metropolitan area. This very valuable workshop was held at the Salvation Army Community Centre in Swan View. The day was about promoting *Active Citizenship in your Community*. We started with a getting-to-know-you game, where we had to use the first letter of our Christian name to describe an aspect of our personality. Afterwards, for the initial part of the morning, we broke into groups and heard from three different volunteer speakers. The speakers related their lives and conveyed how the Salvation Army had helped them at some point. They told us how important it is to have a balance in our lives and explained to us to always ask questions if we don’t know. Then, before lunch, we played a game that was based on ‘real life’ situations and it taught us about how the society around us today affects us in a socio-economic way at many different levels. Towards the afternoon we got back into our groups and brainstormed different fund-raising ideas to help our schools raise money and to raise awareness around our community to help charities. It was a fun-filled and energetic day that was enjoyed by all, because we gained so much and learnt about becoming active members of our community.

*Arielle Cooper*  
(Year 10)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

The Year 9 students are currently participating in the Real Game programme in their Tutorial classes each Thursday. Over the next few weeks the students will be experiencing what it is like to be a ‘grown up’ by being assigned job profiles and living a pretend life that they need to manage. In doing this, the students will be creating budgets according to the lifestyle that they have been assigned. In order to do this properly, we are going to need a large collection of fliers and other advertising material that is put in mail boxes by supermarkets and department stores. The students will also require samples of grocery shopping dockets in order to help them with their tasks.

If you have any of these at home that you would like to donate to the college, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the school through your students, to the Careers Office as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your assistance.

*Ms R. Bryant*  
Careers Counsellor

**MCCORMACK HOUSE - YEAR 12’S**

Jimmy Deans Diner was the venue for our inaugural Year 12 dinner. McCormack’s College leaders and PCA’s spent the evening discussing and planning important and exciting events for 2006, as well as enjoying scrumptious burgers and delicious milkshakes. There were plenty of laughs and the students and staff enjoyed the time spent together. The Year 12’s have been essential to developing a strong sense of House spirit.



**Commitment  
to Excellence**



TRAVIS TURNER (Year 9)

Travis is currently on the list of 16 players waiting to be selected for the State Basketball U/16. The National Titles will be played in Ballarat from 24 June to 1 July. Since last year, Travis has been attending an Intensive Training Camp (ITC) for a period of two years.



**Mr Wayne Bull**  
Principal



Their focus on team work and their commitment to the House and College have assisted in motivating McCormack students to actively follow the House Motto “Choose Life”. I have enjoyed the journey with them so far and cannot wait to see them develop and grow over the remainder of the year.



Congratulations to Jaime Parora for her Principal’s Commendation. It is fantastic to see McCormack students striving for excellence.

*Choose Life.*

*Ms M. Franklin*  
McCormack House Coordinator

**MUTIEN HOUSE**

Dear Parents  
On Wednesday, 22 March, Mutien House will be holding our Annual House Mass. This will be held in the Chapel from 12:00pm sharp until 12:40pm. I would be delighted if you and your family could join us for this celebration if you are available. Following the mass, there will be light refreshments available for parents just outside the Chapel.

I sincerely hope you can join us. For catering purposes, please advise me if you are able to attend either via email: tma@lasalle.wa.edu.au or call me personally at the College on 9274 6266.

*Ms J. Manning*  
Mutien House Coordinator



# ARTS ACTION Term 1, Week 6 2006

## PRINCIPAL'S COMMENDATION

Congratulations must go to Year 12 Drama Studies student Jaime Parora for being awarded a *Principal's Commendation of Excellence*.

Jaime has been producing outstanding results in her Drama class this year. Although working on the difficult text *Oh What A Lovely War* has been challenging, Jaime has kept her nose to the grindstone all term and is reaping the rewards.

In addition to this, her work as Ms Hannigan in *Annie*, is of an exceptional standard. As well as being creative and intuitive, Jaime is not scared to take risks during rehearsals. This means she is progressing at a rapid rate producing thoroughly entertaining, finetuned work.

Congratulations Jaime!

*Ms Loke and Ms Franklin*

## SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAM AND COLLEGE CHOIRS

Rehearsals for Special Dance are running very smoothly and the enthusiasm from all students has been fantastic!

We are working towards the Opening of the Performing Arts Centre which is happening on Friday March 24th. Students are reminded that our next class rehearsal on Monday 13th March will finish at 4.45pm and the Choir Rehearsals will finish at 5.00pm

*Ms Lush*

# Sporting News

**YEAR 9 BOYS HOCKEY** - 1-March-2006. La Salle Kookaburras 6 defeated Mazenod 2. All players to be congratulated as they played as a team and all team members made fantastic contributions during the game. The boys will be playing in the semi finals next week. Goal Scorer: Julian Vitalich - 6.

**YEAR 9 BOYS HOCKEY** - 8-March-2006. Semi Final - La Salle Kookaburras 5 lost to Chidlow Dynamite 7. The team played a very attacking game and got away to a 5-3 lead. However fatigue set in late, after a full day of school sport prior to the game and they were beaten in the last 2 minutes of the match. The team performed very well all year considering they were playing against 15 year olds most games. To make the preliminary finals was itself a

# Sporting News

great achievement. Well done everyone. Goal Scorers: Julian Vitalich -2 , Luke Potthoff -1, Luke Hendry -1, Daniel Susana 1.

*Ms Diana Potthoff* - Team Manager

## LA SALLE FOOTBALL CLUB

Thank you for the GREAT response to our registration for this season. The numbers for our 13s, 14s and 17s are terrific but we need a few more for the 15s, so please support the school and your team mates by leaving your registration forms at the College Office. Players from the 17s can take their registration/clearance forms to training. Mrs Smith or Mr Dyer will collect them.

*Ms C. Radziejewski*

## SWIM SQUAD

*Congratulations to all students who have made the final swim team which was announced today. Our final week of swimming commitments is now upon us with morning training as usual on Monday and Thursday (from 7.00am), a specific training day for the whole team on Tuesday from 12.00 - 4.00pm, and the culmination of all their hard work on Friday's ACC carnival at Beatty Park. All swimmers have a letter outlining further details. Best wishes to the entire team.*

*Mr P. Sackett*

*Sport Coordinator*

# NWAS RESULTS

YEAR 8 GIRLS BASKETBALL - La Salle 62 -v- Mercy 2  
YEAR 8 BOYS BASKETBALL - La Salle 22 -v- Mercy 17  
YEAR 8 MIXED TENNIS - La Salle 8 -v- Mercy 16  
YEAR 8 MIXED TOUCH - La Salle 5 -v- Mercy 2  
YEAR 9 GIRLS BASKETBALL - La Salle 33 -v- Mercy 22.  
YEAR 9 BOYS BASKETBALL - La Salle 28 -v- Mercy 20  
YEAR 9 MIXED TENNIS - La Salle 18 -v- Mercy 16  
YEAR 9 VOLLEYBALL - La Salle 24 -v- Aranmore 22  
Game 1. La Salle 25 -v- Aranmore 15 Game 2.  
YEAR 10 GIRLS BASKETBALL - La Salle 26 -v- Mercy 55  
YEAR 10 BOYS BASKETBALL - La Salle 25 -v- Mercy 52  
YEAR 10 MIXED TENNIS - La Salle 25 -v- Mercy 10  
YEAR 10 MIXED VOLLEYBALL - La Salle 25 -v- Swan Christian 24. La Salle 17 -v- Aranmore 25  
YEAR 11/12 MIXED VOLLEYBALL - La Salle -v- Swan Christian - Forfeit  
YEAR 11/12 MIXED VOLLEY BALL - La Salle 10 -v- Mercy 34

Lord, inspire me always to have genuine care and concern for others, and may people be as generous to me as I am to them.

Amen. St. John Baptist De La Salle...Pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts...Forever

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