

17 March 2006

Number 7

Term 1 Calendar

**Tuesday 21 March**

Years 11 & 12  
Biology & Human Biology  
Zoo Excursion  
Years 8/11 & 12 NWS  
-v- Carmel

**Wednesday 22 March**

8am Mass : PCGs MIE/GBO  
Benildus House Day  
Mutien House Mass  
Year 9/10 NWS  
-v- Carmel  
Year 9-12

**Thursday 24 March**

Official Opening Of  
Performing Arts Centre

**CANTEEN ROSTER Wk 8**

**Monday**

T. Chave, L. Witham

**Tuesday**

C. Rae, L. Stoate

**Wednesday**

B. Baron, E. Stojanovic

**Thursday**

S. Ryan and J. Crawford

**Friday**

J. Liddle, G. Vanderkley

Thank you for your  
assistance.

**EVENTS**

**OPEN DAY**

Tuesday, 28 March 2006  
Tour Times: 9.30, 11.30 &  
2.00pm

**COLLEGE DRAMA  
PRODUCTION 'ANNIE'**

Wednesday, 10 May to  
Saturday, 13 May, 2006

**LA SALLE COLLEGE QUIZ  
NIGHT**

Friday, 30 June 2006



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**From the Principal,**

Dear Parents

On Tuesday evening the College community held its annual meeting. The Chair of the College Board, Peter Naylor, presented his report, along with information regarding the school's 2006 budget. The following community members were also elected to the College Board for a two-year term. On behalf of the College, I would like to congratulate them and thank them for their commitment to La Salle.

Mr Darryl Burton  
Mrs Jacqueline Cooper  
Mr Anthony DeBarro  
Mr Peter Naylor  
Mr Keith O'Brien

Thank you to Mr Lou Muriale for his six year service on the College Board.

For those parents who were unable to attend this meeting, I have reproduced my report below:

**Principal's Report to the Annual  
Community Meeting  
14 March 2006**

I have been made to feel very welcome as the new Principal of the College. I would like to record my thanks to the staff, students, parents and College Board for their sincere and positive introduction to the College.

The College opened the year with a record enrolment of 1008 students. The College is full in Years 8, 9 and 10 with very limited vacancies in Years 11 & 12. Year 8, 2007 is full, and preliminary figures for 2008 also indicate a full intake.

Following discussions with the College Board and Senior Leadership Team, I sought to have a fourth foundation added to the College's Mission statement - *a commitment to Excellence*. The notion of excellence is multifaceted and centres on the concept of personal best. Excellence must pervade all of

our undertakings - academic, sporting, cultural, social and spiritual.

The final component of the College's current Capital Development Plan (CDP) has been completed - our new Performing Arts Centre and four new learning areas, including a state-of-the-art computer facility. These new areas will be opened on the 24<sup>th</sup> March and have been named to honour two former Principals of the College: Br Eric Pigott (1962 - 64) and Clem Mulcahy (1981 - 90).

The College Board and Senior Leadership Team will be undertaking work on the development of a new Strategic Plan, including a revised CDP, later in the year. This will set the key focus areas for the College for the next 10 years (see point 10).

Our 6<sup>th</sup> house, McCormack House, is now up and running. Our House system is a method of delivering vertical pastoral care to our students. With the move to 7 streams, we had to create a 6<sup>th</sup> house to ensure that numbers in each unit remained appropriate to deliver excellent pastoral care.

New girls' uniform - discussions continue regarding this issue. A major problem appears to be the weight of the material in the summer dress. A small working party will be reconvened to explore alternatives.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual quiz night will be held in Term 2, following a very successful evening last year. Increasingly, the College will need to look at alternative sources for raising funds. Community events such as Quiz Nights will provide valuable funds for future developments.

The imbedding of Vocational Education and Training (VET) competencies continues in Years 11 & 12. This will enable our students to acquire TAFE qualifications, including full certificates, while they are still at school. Our staff are also continuing to work very hard at introducing the new Courses of Study in Years 11 & 12.



At the same time they are undertaking further work in the final implementation of the Curriculum Framework and development of appropriate assessment materials and reporting mechanisms.

Our Presentation Evening this year will be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Monday, 4 December, commencing at 7.00pm. Our move to this venue has been necessitated by the growth in the College's enrolments (over 1000 students). The Perth Concert Hall will no longer accommodate our most important community celebration.

Some of the key issues confronting the College into the medium term future:

- Ensuring that the College's Catholic ethos and commitment to Gospel values is maintained (via our Evangelisation Plan).
- Maintaining our Lasallian heritage and recognising and honouring the contributions of other religious orders.
- Maintaining and further developing the College's outstanding facilities including the likely arrival of Year 7 students into high school.
- Continuing to recruit and maintain excellent teaching and support staff.
- Ensuring the continued sound financial management of the College's finances.
- Further enhancement of the College's ICT infrastructure.
- The full introduction of the Courses of Study into Years 11 & 12.
- Continuing the development of VET units of competency.
- Ensuring that our excellent pastoral care mechanisms are further developed and continue to serve the needs of our students.
- Continuing to push our students towards excellence and personal best.
- Maintaining our very healthy enrolment pattern.
- Compliance with Australian Government performance indicators and reporting requirements.

Mr Wayne Bull  
Principal

### STUDENT ABSENTEES AND LATE ARRIVALS

Parents are asked to inform the College if their son/daughter will be absent from school. It is preferable that this contact be made prior to 8.00am, by leaving a message on the College answering machine or by speaking with a receptionist. We ask that all absent students be accounted for by 9.00am.

For students who are late to school and arrive between 8.30 am and 8.45 am, they are required to present themselves, with their College Organiser, to the Year Coordinator on duty in the gazebo, who will sign them in for the day. Should a student arrive after 8.45 am, they are required to present themselves, and their College Organiser, to the front office, where a receptionist will sign the student in as a 'late arrival'. It is important that students support this process to ensure they are accounted for throughout the day.

### OPEN DAY 2006

Tuesday, 28 March (Week 9) sees the College opening its doors for our annual Open Day. All parents are welcome to attend organised tours on this day. The tours will depart from the gazebo at 9.30 am, 11.30 am and 2.00 pm. Light refreshments will also be offered at the conclusion of your tour. We look forward to seeing you on this day.

*Ms F. Flower*

Assistant Deputy Principal

### 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.

### VISIT FROM THE LASALLIAN FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

Brother Paul Smith (De La Salle Brother) and Meredith Campbell, directors of the Lasallian Foundation based in NSW, visited our College last Thursday and Friday and spoke to the majority of students. The Lasallian



Foundation supports projects throughout the Asia-Pacific region that provide poor and disadvantaged children an opportunity to break the poverty cycle. The Foundation was established in 2004 by the De La Salle Brothers of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea, to help meet the growing needs of poor children throughout the region.

Br Paul and Meredith shared their first hand experiences of providing assistance to children who attend La Salle schools in India and Sri Lanka. The schools, St Thomas and St Vincent, were destroyed in the tsunami over twelve months ago. Br Paul and Meredith's presentation showed how the money raised by Mission Aid Day 2005 at La Salle College was put to good use to assist in providing clothes, desks, chairs, etc. to these Lasallian schools devastated by the tsunami. They thanked the College for its support and hoped our generosity would continue on Mission Aid Day 2006 (Friday, 19 May).

**YEAR 11 AND 12 GEOGRAPHY HELP**

Year 11 and 12 Geography help, also known as **Tuesday Afternoon Session** is being run every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 to 4.15pm in B18. Parents are asked to encourage their child to attend these sessions if their child feels they need some additional assistance in Geography. Also note that I will be available every Friday lunchtime in B18 should your child want further assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me about these revision sessions or anything else regarding your child's progress in Geography.

*Ms A. Hardwick*

**UNIFORM SHOP OPEN HOURS**

The Uniform Shop will now be opened on **Monday and Wednesday mornings 7.30am to 1:30pm.**

*Ms C. Juvzeich*

Uniform Shop Manager

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ST BRIGID'S MIDLAND YOUTH GROUP**  
 A new Youth Group is being formed in the St Brigid's Parish for Year 7 - Year 11 students. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, 25 March after 6.30pm Mass. All welcome. For catering purposes, please call Frances Peel on 9250 7681 (a/h) if you are interested in attending.

**Commitment to Excellence**

**SIMON PARRY**  
Year 11



**ZACHARY HOWARD**  
Year 11



Unfortunately no photograph was available

**CAMERON ROBB**  
Year 11

Congratulations Simon, Zachary and Cameron on your outstanding high achievement in cricket.

Mr Wayne Bull  
Principal



# SERVICE-LEARNING

## TOUCHING HEARTS PROGRAMME YEAR 8 PROGRAMME

Last Friday marked the official start of the Year 8 Service-Learning Programme, **Touching Hearts**. This programme creates the opportunity for students to learn more about themselves and their community through active citizenship. The emphasis for the younger students is on responsible participation in their community of ‘Family and Friends’. Students may participate in other areas of service providing they seek prior approval from the Coordinator.

Each student has a received a diary to record their hours of service and their thoughts and observations on their chosen activities. The Year 8 programme will conclude on 12 May.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK AWARD

This award is given to a Year 8 student who has made a special effort with the **Touching Hearts** programme. If you feel that a student has made a significant difference to someone’s day please make your nomination by contacting me at the College with the student’s name, a brief description of what the student has done to make a difference and the date that this happened. I can be contacted by email at [cal@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:cal@lasalle.wa.edu.au) or you may leave a message on 94490675. Please make your nomination by Tuesday of the following week.

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

The following volunteer positions are currently available to students in Years 10 – 12. Please remind your child that they must complete an Application to Participate in Service form prior to commencing any service in the categories of Parish and Civic. These forms are available from the Campus Ministry office. Parents who are interested in participating in any of the Civic activities can contact Mrs Aldous on 9449 0675 or [cal@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:cal@lasalle.wa.edu.au).

## COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

*Ms Mohen’s After School Maths Homework Help* - Tutoring younger students in Mathematics. Positions available for capable mathematics students on Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm in the College Library. Interested students should see Ms Mohen to register their interest.

## CIVIC ACTIVITIES

*Swan Friendship Club* - Friendship and support for young people with disabilities. The club needs helpers to run a Soccer programme 10.45am -12.45pm and a Drama and Music programme 1.45pm – 3.45pm on Saturdays. The club is based at Altone Park, Benara Road, Beechboro and is run by Mrs Sorgiovanni. Students interested in assisting either of the programmes should direct their inquiry to Mrs Aldous.

*Perth Conservation Volunteers* - Help restore Western Australia’s heritage! Volunteers are needed to assist at the Bassandean Railway Transport Museum undertaking tasks such as painting, fence repairs and general maintenance. This programme will be conducted during the first week of the Term One holidays April 17 -21. Volunteers must have turned 15 years. This is an excellent opportunity for students with wood-work and metal-work experience. Students can register on-line at <http://www.conservationvolunteers.com.au/> or contact Mrs Aldous.

*Australian Red Cross Telecross* – Make a morning telephone call each day to a person who may be frail, aged or have a disability and who lives alone. The Red Cross is flexible with regard to volunteer availability. Further information is available on the web at [www.redcross.org.au/wa](http://www.redcross.org.au/wa) or from Mrs Aldous.

*Asthma Foundation Freeway Bike Hike* – Assist on the day with co-ordinating this mass participation bike ride. Varied volunteer roles are available. The hike will be conducted on Sunday 19 March from Belmont Racecourse to Greenwood Station on the Joondalup rail line. Email the volunteer Co-ordinator Wendy at [Volcoord@asthmawa.org.au](mailto:Volcoord@asthmawa.org.au) or contact Mrs Aldous.

*Mrs C. Aldous*  
Service-Learning Coordinator

Lord, we ask you to open our eyes that we may value and appreciate all people, recognising what we have in common rather than focusing 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.

St. John Baptist De La Salle...Pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts...Forever.

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