



16 February 2007

Number 2

Term 1 Calendar

Monday, 19 February

Inter-House Swimming Carnival, Bayswater Waves

Tuesday, 20 February

College photographs
Year 11 Information Evening
7pm

Wednesday, 21 February

Ash Wednesday
Mass 8:00am & 3:20pm
Year 8 Camp

Thursday, 22 February

Year 8 Camp

Friday, 23 February

Year 8 Camp

CANTEEN ROSTER Week 4

Monday, 19 February

R. Cobanov, S. Mortimer

Tuesday, 20 February

W. Turner

Wednesday, 21 February

Assistance is required

Thursday, 22 February

J. Treloar

Friday, 23 February

M. Coverley

Please Note: Due to Occupational Health and Safety Guidelines, closed in shoes must be worn.

From the Principal

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LASALLIAN?

A focus of our Strategic Plan this year and into the future is to provide our community with insights into what it means to be *Lasallian*. During the year we will be offering our students, staff and parents opportunities to reflect on the wonderful legacy of St John Baptist De La Salle.

In so many ways, De La Salle was a man who committed himself to *"the last, the least and the lost."* He established schools with Christ as the central focus and urged his Brothers to reach out to those children who were lacking material possessions, support and love. Our challenge, 300 years later, is to continue to live out this call to *"touch hearts"* and to be true to the vision that St John Baptist De La Salle created.

YEAR 8 CAMP

Preparations for the Year 8 Camp are almost completed. Next Wednesday our 241 Year 8 students will be heading off to Ern Halliday Campsite in Sorrento. I would like to thank the eighty parents who have volunteered to help out in some way over the three days. A camp of this size clearly takes a huge amount of organisation. As usual, Peter Elloy has planned the event down to the finest detail. I know that the staff and students are looking forward to a happy, busy and productive time away together.

YEAR 8 INFORMATION EVENING

A large crowd of parents attended the Year 8 Information Evening on Tuesday evening. The meeting was designed to give parents relevant

information about the year ahead, along with practical strategies that parents could employ to support their children while at La Salle. Fiona Flower, Assistant Principal, and Peter Elloy, Year 8 Coordinator, did a great job in facilitating the evening. Afterwards, parents and staff were able to enjoy a *"wine and cheese"* social get together.

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

This year we will be engaging the Australian Council of Educational Research to conduct our scholarship examination for Year 8 students. We have decided to separate the old Placement Test from the scholarship exam. In the first few weeks of Year 8 next year we will conduct a series of test to determine the most appropriate learning support that our students require. The scholarship exam will not be compulsory and will be designed solely to identify high academic achievement. Registration will take place online via the College website. Parents who have children enrolled in Year 8, 2008, will receive a separate notification of this change.

NEW STUDENTS' BREAKFASTS

Over the past two weeks each of the Houses has had a welcoming breakfast for our new students and their parents. These have been great occasions for families new to the community to touch base both with each other and the PCAs attached to their child's House. My thanks to the House Coordinators, House Leaders and PCAs for their organisation and support of these events.

YEAR 8, 2009

The College is about to begin processing applications for Year 8, 2009 (current Year 6 children). If you have a child in Year 6 and have not yet lodged an application for enrolment, I would urge you to do so

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urgently. Our current figures indicate that the places for 2009 will be easily filled with a substantial waiting list.

SWIMMING TRAINING AND CARNIVALS

A large number of students have been braving early starts and cool mornings to attend our training sessions for the College swimming squad. Most mornings over forty students have been in attendance. A new initiative this year is the relationship that we have developed with Swan Hills Swimming Club. Coaches from the Club have been in attendance to provide additional expertise to the coaching provided by the College staff.

Next week our Houses will compete for the Inter-House Swimming Trophy at Bayswater Waves. The House Coordinators have been working very hard, along with their House Leaders, to select students for the various events. Silvio Lombardi and the Physical Education Learning Area have done a great job in organising the carnival, ensuring that everything will run smoothly on the day.

A JOYOUS EVENT

On a personal note, Margaret and I have become grandparents for the second time. Mia-Mae Vella (2.9 kgs) was born on St Valentine’s Day at Mercy Hospital. Mother (Rebecca), father (Noel), brother (Noah) and baby Mia are doing wonderfully well. We thank God for the marvellous gift of life and the joy that a new arrival brings.

Wayne Bull
Principal

Senior Leadership Team Notices

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - Lifelong Memories

Academy Photography, Australian and world leaders in digital school photography will be in our school on **Tuesday, 20 February** to take school photos. Individual student payment envelopes were issued to students earlier this week. It is important that these envelopes are returned **on school photo day**, particularly if you will be ordering photos. Do not send your envelopes to Student Reception - your child should retain the envelope to give to the photographer on the day.

As is always the case, students are asked to be well groomed and wearing the correct College uniform. Year 8 boys have the option of wearing the College tie. Year 9 - 12 boys must wear the College tie.

Mr R. Randazzo
Vice Principal



**FR ROMAN’S
SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE**

**THOUGHTS BY
MOTHER TERESA
FOR LENT**

“We cannot place ourselves directly in God’s presence without imposing upon ourselves interior and exterior silence. That is why we must accustom ourselves to stillness of the soul, of the eyes, of the tongue.”

“Today, more than ever, we need to pray for the light to know the will of God, for the love to accept the will of God, for the way to do the will of God.”

“Our progress in holiness depends on God and on ourselves – on God’s grace and on our will to be holy. We must have a real living determination to reach holiness.”

“Love accepts all and gives all. Love should be as natural as living and breathing.”

“Let us thank God for all His love for us, in so many ways and in so many places. Let us in return, as an act of gratitude and adoration, determine to love Him.”

ASH WEDNESDAY

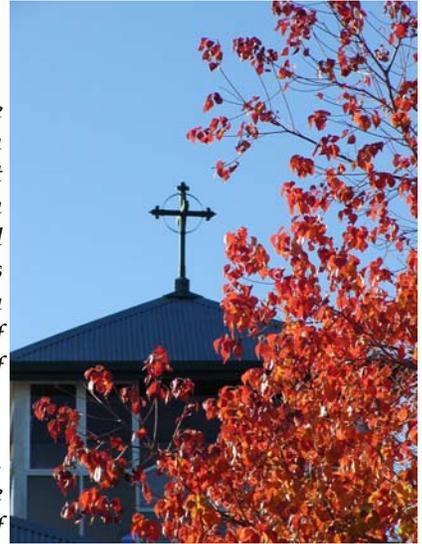
The Church season of Lent begins next Wednesday, 21 February, with Ash Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel at 8:00am, and again at 3:20pm, for any students, parents and staff who would like to attend. We will also be gathering as a College community in our College Houses to participate in a prayer service.

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter, the major Christian liturgical feast of the year.

Ash Wednesday and *Good Friday* are days of fast (one main meal) and abstinence (no meat). The law of *fasting* binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of *abstinence* binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (Code of Cannon Law 97, 1251-52). As a result, the canteen will not be serving meat products on Ash Wednesday.

REFLECTION FOR LENT

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18*





A strong sense of community

Are you hungry for God and do you thirst for his holiness? God wants to set our inner lives ablaze with the fire of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his holiness and radiate the joy of the gospel to those around us. St Augustine of Hippo tells us that there are two kinds of people and two kinds of love: "One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." We are what we love. God wants to free us from all that would keep us captive to selfishness and sin. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" says the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12). The Holy Spirit is ever ready to transform our hearts and to lead us further in God's way of truth and holiness.

Why did Jesus single out prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for his disciples? The Jews considered these three as the cardinal works of the religious life. These were seen as the key signs of a pious person, the three great pillars on which the good life was based. Jesus pointed to the heart of the matter. Why do you pray, fast, and give alms? To draw attention to yourself so that others may notice and think highly of you? Or to give glory to God? The Lord warns his disciples of self-seeking glory -- the preoccupation with looking good and seeking praise from others. True piety is something more than feeling good or looking holy. True piety is loving devotion to God. It is an attitude of awe, reverence, worship and obedience. It is a gift and working of the Holy Spirit that enables us to devote our lives to God with a holy desire to please him in all things (Isaiah 11:1-2).

What is the sure reward which Jesus points out to his disciples? It is communion with God our Father. In him alone, we find the fullness of life, happiness, and truth. May Augustine's prayer, recorded in his Confessions, be our prayer this Lent: *When I am completely united to you, there will be no more sorrows or trials; entirely full of you, my life will be complete.* The Lord wants to renew us each day and give us new hearts of love and compassion. Do you want to grow in your love for God and for your neighbour? Seek Him expectantly in prayer, with fasting, and in generous giving to those in need.

The forty days of Lent are the annual retreat of the people of God in imitation of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. We are called to journey with the Lord in a special season of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and penitence as we prepare to celebrate the feast of Easter, the Christian Passover. The Lord gives us spiritual food and supernatural strength to seek His face and to prepare ourselves for spiritual combat and testing. We, too, must follow in the way of the cross in order to share in the victory of Christ's death and resurrection. As we begin this holy season of testing and preparation, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of His Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love and embrace His will more fully in our lives.

"Lord, give me a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, and a great love of you. Take from me all luke warmness in the meditation of your word, and dullness in prayer. Give me fervor and delight in thinking of you and your grace, and fill me with compassion for others, especially those in need, that I may respond with generosity."

WORLD YOUTH DAY SYDNEY 2008

I would like to invite all students in Year 10, 11 and 12 to attend a spiritual event of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. It will be a great opportunity to meet and get to know so many young enthusiastic Christians from all around the world who search for the meaning of life and God. It will be also a fantastic chance to experience and praise our wonderful God and acknowledge His love to us in Jesus with so many girls and boys, men and women. It's all about the beauty and power of community of God's children gathered together from so many parts of our planet in the name of Christ's love and bonds of friendship. Do not worry about accommodation and food; the number of attendants at WYD is limitless.

My religious order, **Salvatorian Fathers**, organizes a special pilgrimage group of young people who belong to parishes and schools we work in. If you wish to be part of it, please let me know. Our parishes will help you in providing spiritual and financial support. Don't hesitate to let me know about being interested in it.

You can also be a part of pilgrimage group of WYD which is organizing by the Archdiocese of Perth. For further information please ask your own local priest or youth coordinator in your parish.

SPECIAL MINISTRES OF THE EUCHARIST - TRAINING PROGRAM

If you are a catholic from Year 12 and want to serve Jesus at Mass distributing His Body and Blood to other students and teachers of La Salle College, please put your name down on the list I have placed on the front doors of my office. Training will take place next Tuesday at 3:15pm in the Chapel.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you consider or want to become a member of the Catholic Church - the Mystic Body of Christ Jesus - and be prepared for Baptism at the school, please see your RE teacher or come to talk to me personally. I am looking forward to helping you have a deeper understanding of the Catholic Faith. May the Holy Spirit enlighten your mind and heart in your searching for truth - searching for truth is searching for God.

I wish you all a blessed and holy journey through Lent. May your openness to Christ's love and truth draw you nearer to God the Father.

Sincerely in Christ
Fr Roman Wroblewski SDS





A rich pastoral care system

YEAR 8 CAMP

A Reminder that the Year 8 Camp begins next week, Wednesday, 21 February 2007.

Students should report to school at the normal time. They will be required to wear their bathers under their casual attire and bring along a towel, as the first activity will be the Great Escape. Students will also be required to bring along a cut-lunch and water bottle. Lunch can be bought at the venue if necessary. This is the only occasion that students will be required to carry any money.

There will be six coaches provided to transport the students to Ern Halliday Camp site. Each coach will be supervised by two Staff members. Students will return to the College by 2:30pm on Friday, 23 February.

As Ern Halliday is currently being extended, about forty students will be required to be housed in tents. It is expected that the girls will be accommodated in the dormitories.

Students are asked not bring any valuables to Camp. This includes I-Pods, Mobile phones, etc.

Students with special dietary needs are requested to contact Ms. Lennon by Friday, 16 February.

Students who are required to take medication should ensure that this is brought to Student Reception prior to departure. The medication should be clearly marked with the name and instructions and put into a bag. It will be the student's responsibility to request the medication from Mrs Vajas, who will be co-ordinating the catering and located in the kitchen from the afternoon of Day 1.

Responsible behaviour is expected from all students. If the behaviour of any child is irresponsible and jeopardizes the safety of any other student/students, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child.

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist. We look forward to seeing you on the day and time you have indicated as your preference.

The contact telephone number for Ern Halliday is 9401 2419 or 9492 9700.

Mr P. Elloy

Year 8 Coordinator

YEAR 11 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents are advised that this important Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday, 20 February at 7:00pm** in the **Nicolas Barre Auditorium** at La Salle College.

Important information pertaining to students entering upper school for the first time will be presented by several speakers and the opportunity to ask questions is certainly an encouraged feature of the evening. An information session for parents of students enrolled in the **Onsite Programme** in 2007 will follow the main part of the evening. The Onsite Coordinator at the College, Mr Michael O'Donohoe, will present this, along with Mr Paul Baker from the Onsite Office.

Please contact me at the College if you have any queries about the Information Evening.

Mr B. Dyer

Year 11 Coordinator

SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT LEARNING AREA - ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

Please note the following structure and procedures for assessment in the Society and Environment Learning Area for Years 8, 9 and 10 at La Salle College.

YEARS 8, 9 & 10

For Year 8, 9 and 10 the students are completing a course where achievement of certain Outcomes is demonstrated. Students will be provided with an **Evidence Guide sheet with each assessment given by their teacher**. This Evidence Guide shows the range of outcomes that are achievable when an assignment is completed. It will help the student have an idea of what the teacher is expecting at each level. Students should **refer** to these sheets **regularly** as they complete assigned tasks. The **pointers** on the **Evidence Guide sheet** are provided to **help** students understand how they can **achieve** at their **highest level**.

From the range of tasks completed, levels **1-8** or **ND** indicate student achievement for the outcomes covered.

Mr F. Italiano

Learning Area Coordinator - Society and Environment



Commitment to excellence



ALEXANDER DE BARRO (Year 10)

Alexander plays the saxophone in the Kalamunda Youth Swing Band. He is the youngest band member and performs each Thursday night at Stirk Park, Kalamunda.

Alexander and the Kalamunda Swing Band will be performing at the Leuwin Estate Winery on the weekend of 24 and 25 February supporting Simply Red. Alexander was inspired to play the saxophone when he came to Open Day with his family and eldest sister Natalie (Year 12) when she was then in Year 8 and saw David Seminiuk (Class 2003) play while touring the College. David also is in the Kalamunda Swing

Band.



BENJAMIN RICHES (Year 12)

Benjamin received an award for producing an outstanding photo collage of the 2006 Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp.



LUCIUS MUSARRA FRANNANDO (Year 11)

Lucius received an award for his outstanding effort in constructing the Brain Strain timer.



DANIEL ROBERTS (Year 10)

Daniel has competed in the Flying Ants Skiff Nationals (Yachting) held in Sydney in December. Daniel competed in seven races and came second in the Nationals. Daniel has been sailing for eight years.



STAFF



MS TARYN MOHEN

Ms Mohen was presented with an award for her outstanding commitment to assisting students above and beyond the call of duty.

PAST STUDENTS



**BRONTE WOODALL (Year 9)
KIERAN CHITTLEBOROUGH (Year 11)**

Bronte and Kieran achieved their personal best performance at the 2007 SunSmart State Swimming Age Championships.



BENJAMIN GATH (Class of 2005)

Benjamin has been awarded the Veda Mekani Scholarship. This Scholarship is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic excellence and all round ability. The Scholarship is worth S\$10,000. Benjamin will be studying for his BA (Hons) Musical Theatre Level 1 in August. Benjamin will be attending the Singapore La Salle Sia College of the Arts in Singapore.

BENILDUS HOUSE

Benildus House welcomes its new members for 2007.

On Monday, 12 February, many eager Year 8s together with a few new students to Benildus House from Years 9 to 12 joined a group of very keen, early rising House Leaders and House staff for the annual "Welcoming Breakfast". It was also fantastic to see numerous parents who also came along to the breakfast to meet other parents and Benildus House staff.

After a few icebreaking games, the new Benildus House members tucked into a yummy breakfast of sausages, pastries, fruit and fruit juice.

Special mention must go to Mr O'Donohoe and Mr Pallot who did a sterling job of cooking the sausages, as well as the Year 11 and 12 House Leaders who mingled with the new students and helped serve them up breakfast.

I would also like to thank members of the Senior Leadership Team and Campus Ministry Team who were also able to join us.

I would like to wish all members of Benildus House a successful year of supporting House and College activities starting off with the upcoming Inter-House Swimming Carnival on 19 February.

BENILDUS



Benildus - *Do it Well*

Ms A. Hardwick

Benildus House Coordinator





A strong sense of community

MCCORMACK YEAR 12 DINNER

Memphis fries, whoopi burgers and large fudge sundays were just some of the delicious feast we enjoyed at Jimmy Deans on Monday night. Year 12 students from McCormack House and their PCAs had a welcome dinner to start out the 2007 school year. Staff and students are excited about 2007 and all the McCormack activities that this year holds. Both Shaun and I are proud to be Captains of this terrific house for 2007 and hope to create a strong community bond between all members, making McCormack a happy, exciting and friendly house to be apart of.

Choose Life!

Erin Coulbrough
McCormack House
Captain



MCCORMACK BIG BREAKFAST

Thursday, 15 February was our second House event for 2007. New students and their families enjoyed a feast of hot cross buns, sausages, eggs, yogurt and fresh fruit. Thank you to all families who attended our Big Breakfast, with fifty four new Year 8 students and several other new students in our House. It was a wonderful occasion for many McCormack families to come together, as part of the Lasallian community. Parents had the chance to chat with our Principal, Mr Wayne Bull, Assistant Principal, Ms Fiona Flower, McCormack PCAs and other House staff about their child's early experiences at the College. I am aware that there are some disappointed mums and dads who could not join us for breakfast because of work commitments, but I'm sure your child enjoyed their breakfast and I hope we have the opportunity to meet soon.

I encourage all McCormack parents, to contact either myself or your child's PCA should you have any questions or concerns at all. Also an enormous thank you to all McCormack staff, Captains and Year 12 student helpers, whose enthusiasm and dedication ensured that not only was the Big Breakfast possible but also a success. On a final note, I wish all McCormack Year 8 students a fantastic and fruitful time at camp next week.

Mums and dads, I hope you don't miss your sons and daughters too much. I look forward to seeing you at future House and College events.

Choose Life

Ms M. Franklin
McCormack House Coordinator



MCCORMACK



SPORTS NEWS

SWIM SQUAD

It has been a great start to 2007 with record numbers attending training in the lead up to our Inter-House Carnival on Monday. The students seem to have found extra motivation since our affiliation with Swan Hills Swimming Club which commenced this year, and the professional coaches that have been taking the sessions.

In the days following the carnival, a preliminary Squad will be named to compete in the ACC "C" Division Carnival on Friday, 16 March (Week 7). All students who wish to be selected in the final team will be required to regularly attend training. The final team will be selected on Monday, 12 March.

Training sessions:

Monday	3:15pm - 4:15pm
Wednesday	7:00am - 8:00am
Friday	7:00am - 8:00am

NB. There will be no training after the carnival on Monday, 19 February.

Mr P. Sackett

Sports Coordinator

NWAS Sport (North West Associated Schools)

During the week, over 400 students attempted to gain selection for the thirteen NWAS teams that compete on Tuesdays and Wednesdays against other schools in our area.

For the many students that were successful in gaining selection, games will commence on Tuesday, 20 February (Year 8s) or Wednesday, 21 February (Year 9s and 10s).

All students competing have received information and fixtures regarding their team. I wish all students the best of luck for the coming season.

Mr P. Sackett

Sports Coordinator

LA SALLE COLLEGE FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration forms that were not returned last week can now be left at Student Reception. Please return registrations as soon as possible so that coaches can start to arrange dates for training.

Ms C. Radziejewski

Secretary

COMMUNITY NEWS

While the College is happy to publish community news in the Delagram where space permits, the College is unable to provide endorsement to these events or any advertised material.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA * FREE INFORMATION EVENING

—Student Exchange Australia, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education, is offering a free information evening in Perth on Thursday, 22 February at 7:30pm in the Medina Grand Perth, 33 Mounts Bay Road, Perth.. The evening is designed to give students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Come and meet the staff, hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange, ask questions, listen to questions asked by other students and parents and meet other students who are considering going on exchange. Scholarships available. Contact 1300 135 331 (cost of a local call) or visit the website www.studentexchange.org.au

AFS INTERCULTURAL PROGRAMS AUSTRALIA—

A volunteer host family is needed urgently. Hafizah, from Malaysia, has come out to Perth on an eleven month exchange with AFS Intercultural Programs to live and learn a new culture. Hafizah's family can only have her for a short time so she is looking for a family who will love to host her. She loves to talk, dance, swim and play badminton and the electric guitar. The success of Hafizah's exchange will depend on the generosity of a family who will take on this adventure. If you would love to host contact Alfena on 9249 6862.

REGISTRATION—SOCCER

- The registration days for Perth Hills United FC is on 17 and 24 February from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Harry Riseborough Oval Mundaring (the home pitch). The team age groups include 'nippers' young children just starting to play, through to 'seniors' 18 years plus. We are registering players into the various age groups and squads on the above dates. Teams can be mixed male and female at all ages, with female players allowed to play a year down i.e. age 12 could play U/11 league. For further information call Peter Kitley on 92996385.

DRAMA GROUP AUDITIONS

- Are you, or do you know anyone, who is passionate about theatre as well as making a difference in the community? Are you in high school? Perth YCS is looking for enthusiastic high school students to take part in their first Theatre Group at the University of Notre Dame, Mouat Street Fremantle. Performing Arts Room on Wednesday, 21 February 4:30pm -6:30pm. Call or email Cate Creedon on 0417 954 718 or catecreedon@hotmail.com