



17 AUGUST 2007
NUMBER 24
TERM 3 CALENDAR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**MONDAY, 20 AUGUST -
FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST**
Angelico Exhibition -
Forrest Chase
Book Week
READiscover
Years 8 - 12 Academic
& Behaviour Review

**WEDNESDAY,
22 August**
Mass 8:00am -
LWA/BSE
College Assembly

FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST
STUDENT FREE DAY
STAFF PD

CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 5 TERM 3

Monday - Z. Jobson
Tuesday - T. Dease
Wednesday - M. Berardi
Thursday - M. McKie
Friday - Student Free Day.
Staff PD

DEPARTURE OF MARK FLOWER

After twelve years of outstanding service to La Salle College, Mr Mark Flower, our Systems Administrator, is leaving the College to become a fire fighter. Mark joined the College as a Design and Technology teacher; however, his love and passion for ICT led him to become the College's computer expert. I would like to thank Mark for his many contributions to the College and recognise his amazing commitment to the students and staff of La Salle.

A Flower connection with the College remains, however, as Mark met his wife, the then Ms Fiona Ali, at the College. I'm sure we will get regular updates on how Mark's new career direction is progressing.

VISITS TO CATHOLIC FEEDER PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Over the next two weeks I will be visiting our major Catholic feeder primary schools to talk to the Year 5 and 6 children about their transition to high school, and more specifically the wonderful educational opportunities that La Salle College offers. Accompanying me on my visits are Year 8 students who have come from the respective primary schools.

I would urge any parents with children in Year 5 or lower grades, if they haven't already done so, to lodge enrolment application forms with the College as a matter of urgency. While priority is always given to siblings, if we do not have an enrolment form, we can not process the application.

CATHOLIC ARTS UPDATE

Our students are continuing to excel in both the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and the Angelico Art Exhibition. On Tuesday evening, I was honoured to attend the opening of the Angelico Exhibition at the Forrest Centre in St George's Terrace. Six of our students had their work on display, along with pieces from students at Catholic secondary colleges around the state. The quality of art exhibited is quite breathtaking. As the exhibition is open until next week, including this weekend, I would urge you to take the opportunity of visiting this very impressive display. I would like to thank Ms Renee McClymont for her untiring support and commitment to her Art students.

Our Jazz Band, led by Ms Mayuka Juber, performed exceptionally in their section of the Festival, being awarded a Certificate of Merit from the adjudicator. These students, and their teacher, put in many long hours of rehearsals, and it is appropriate that they have their fine musicianship recognised.

I would also like to thank Ms Heather Gooden and her students; Sarah Clemesha, Sarah Hackett, Natalie Hadland, Kara Cepo, Tahlia Burghall, Chloe White and Tiarne Musca, for their outstanding submissions to the teenage fashion awards. While not part of our Arts Learning Area (textiles forms part of the Technology and Enterprise Learning Area) the creativity, imagination and flair demonstrated by these students is to be commended.

On Wednesday evening, our Dance students performed at the Burswood Showroom. The College's Dance Ensemble (De La Dance), our boys' dance group, and Mr Pirlo's Year 10 Dance Elective, all did extremely well, receiving glowing reports from the adjudicators. Our Dance teachers, Ms Belinda Lush and Mr Terry Pirlo, have really challenged our students to strive for excellence – a quest which was clearly demonstrated by these very talented dancers!

VISIT TO MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

I will be in Melbourne and Sydney until next Tuesday attending a series of meetings and visiting two secondary schools. In Sydney, I am meeting with Br Ambrose Payne, the Brother Visitor (Provincial) of the De La Salle Brothers in Australia, to look at ways that we can build links with the Lasallian school at Balgo Hills in the Kimberley. This very remote Aboriginal school is run by the Brothers and is the only other Lasallian institution in Western Australia. While in Melbourne, I will be meeting with Br Gerard Rummery and Trish Carroll of the Lasallian Education Services. Next year, our College leadership team will be commencing a two year Lasallian leadership course, led by Gerard and Trish.

While in the Eastern States, I will also visit Santa Sabina College in Sydney and Sacre Coeur College in Melbourne. Santa Sabina has a firmly established social justice programme which is imbedded into all of their learning areas. We hope to take some of these ideas to further develop and refine our Christian Service-Learning programme.

My visit to Sacre Coeur is to view their recently opened Senior Learning Centre. As part of the College's next capital development plan, we hope to develop new learning and teaching facilities for our Year 12 students. The state of the art facility at Sacre Coeur has been recommended as an example of what we may be able to offer our senior students into the future.

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal

FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

2008 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

2008 Curriculum Handbooks and Subject Selection Forms have recently been issued to students in Years 8 to 11. Students in these year groups have serious decisions to make regarding subject choices for 2008.

- Year 8 students have been asked to select elective subjects for Year 9, 2008. Their form must be returned to Mr Elloy by Monday, 27 August.
- Year 9 students have been asked to select elective subjects for Year 10, 2008. Their form must be returned to Ms Manning by Monday, 27 August.
- Year 10 students are currently meeting with their subject counsellor and must submit their Year 11, 2008 form to their subject counsellor, by Monday, 27 August.
- Year 11 students have the opportunity to modify their current course of study. Their Year 12, 2008 form needs to be submitted to Mr Dyer by Monday, 27 August.

Students requiring assistance, or who have queries regarding a particular subject, are welcome to contact the relevant subject teacher, Learning Area Coordinator, Year Coordinator, Careers Advisor or myself. The following websites, particularly for Year 10 and 11 students, may assist in making decisions:

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| University of Notre Dame | www.nd.edu.au |
| University of Western Australia | www.uwa.edu.au |
| Curtin University of Technology | www.curtin.edu.au |
| Murdoch University | www.murdoch.edu.au |
| Edith Cowan University | www.ecu.edu.au |
| TAFEWA | www.tafe.wa.gov.au |
| Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) | www.tisc.edu.au – provides university cut-off Tertiary Entrance Ranks (TER) |

Mr Rino Randazzo
Vice Principal



SUNDAY SPIRITUAL REFLECTION (SCRIPTURE: LUKE 12:49-53)

The readings for this Sunday are clear and grounded in reality. Life is full of challenges and struggles. And the greatest of these challenges are rooted in our standing for what is right and true, standing for God. But each challenge met, each crisis overcome, forms each us into more loving people. Making decisions is the natural process for us humans; we make thousands of them each

day. Our senses take in all kinds of information, some of which we accept, some discard and much we are not aware of. Our minds move us to a "yes or no"; that is what the will does. A faith-decision to walk the ways of Jesus needs some information which Jesus gives His disciples, but some information has to be provided by our memory and imaginations. We are invited to live lives less dominated by greed and possessiveness. This is pretty clear, but we would have to imagine what that would mean and our memories would remind us of times when we had nothing. Faith is not easy. Deciding for the unknown future is not easy. Being an atheist is not easy either, because it also demands an act of faith.

It is a puzzlement why some believe in a God and others find that impossible and even humorous. The faith to which Jesus invites His followers moves them past the impossible to lives which reflect the very person and mission of Jesus. It is much easier to follow from a safe distance and not have our lives changed by His relationship with us. The good things about this is that Jesus keeps attentively calling all outside the comfort-walls and into the life of real living, which in truth can be quite humorous. Marital love and commitment is a tremendous leap of faith. Love is a faith act, and faith is a love act. It is the commitment that costs and results in insecurity; and who desires that?

Prayer: "Lord, may your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Make me strong in love and fidelity that nothing may hinder me from doing your will."

Have a relaxing and blessed weekend.

Yours in Christ Jesus

Fr. Roman
College Chaplain

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

A vote of thanks to the students who participated in the Mass for the Assumption on Wednesday morning; readers, dancers, PowerPoint operators, sound technician, etc. Thanks also to Mr Peter Elloy and Ms Mayuka Juber for their assistance, Mr Alfiero Cardona for organising the liturgy and Fr Roman for celebrating the Eucharist with us.

FATHER'S DAY MASS

We extend an invitation to all fathers in our College community to join their son/daughter for Mass in our College Chapel on Friday, 7 September at 7:00am, followed by breakfast to celebrate Father's Day.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PRAYER VIGIL - FRIDAY, 31 AUGUST (8:00PM-6:00AM)

An all night prayer vigil for World Youth Day will be held at Sacred Heart Parish in Thornlie. (Corner of Ovens Road and Discovery Drive, Thornlie.) Come along for an hour or two, or why not stay for the entire night. For more details relating specifically to this and other WYD events, please contact the Perth World Youth Day Office on 9422 7944 or visit the Perth WYD website: www.wydpertth.com

Mr Adrian Martino
Director of Christian Ministry

YOUNG VINNIES DONATIONS

During Terms 2 and 3, the La Salle Young Vinnies Conference conducts a fundraising campaign to support worthy causes in the local and global community. At this week's meeting the group determined the following allocation of donations:

\$200 for needy families in the local community

\$250 sponsorship for two children to attend a SVDP Camp

\$90 sponsorship for three children to attend a SVDP Buddy Day

\$140 sponsorship for two overseas students to complete training courses in their chosen field.

This is the group's second allocation of funds this year. Thank you to our willing chocolate sellers, the anonymous donor from the teaching staff and the La Salle Young Vinnies, for their effort in supporting other young people in need.

WORLD VISION 40 HOUR FAMINE

This weekend, thirty La Salle students will participate in the World Vision 40 hour famine. The focus for 2007 is on supplying tools, seed and breeding animals for farming projects in Laos. Lack of arable land and drought has contributed to making Laos one of the least developed countries in the world.

Participants are asked to choose a challenge such as going without food, technology or even using furniture for forty hours. Year 9 and 10 participants will be credited one hour for their Touching Hearts project for every \$20 they raise. All money and sponsorship diaries are due by 31 August.

Mrs Christine Aldous

Christian Service-Learning Coordinator

DAFFODIL DAY

The Cancer Council is holding its annual Daffodil Day on Friday, 24 August. Since this is a Pupil Free Day, we will commemorate it on Thursday, 23 August. Daffodil Day is the largest fundraising event for cancer research, education and patient support each year. The daffodil is the international symbol of hope for all those touched by cancer. La Salle College will once again be participating in this worthy cause. Students in Years 9 and 10 who are looking for service hours for our Touching Hearts Service-Learning programme, will be given the opportunity to volunteer to sell the following merchandise at lunch-time every day next week, to staff and students who wish to support Daffodil Day:

Silk Daffodil Pins @ \$3.00 each

Pens @ \$5.00 each

Lapel Enamel Pins @ \$5.00 each

Diamante Pins @ \$10.00 each

Wristbands @ \$3.00 each

Ultra Sunscreen Lip Balm @ \$6.00 each.

If any parent would like to purchase an item, could you please send in your order and payment via your child. Orders can be placed on Monday and Tuesday mornings of next week during PCG in A4.

With your help, we will enable The Cancer Council to continue with the vital work it funds into research and education and the important part it plays in patient and family services. Thank you for your anticipated support of Daffodil Day.

Ms Margherita De Filippi

La Salle College Daffodil Day Coordinator



LA SALLE HOUSE



We have another busy term planned for our Year 12s final term at La Salle College. A reminder for parents to please put Tuesday, 18 September into your diary. On this day we will farewell the Class of 2007 with a tribute to our Leavers. This event will be held in the Chapel and we would love to see family and friends join us for this special occasion. More details will appear in the Delagram closer to the event. We also have our House Day coming up in Week 7. Here we celebrate the life of St John Baptist de La Salle and enjoy a range of activities and a BBQ lunch. Parents are also welcome to attend this day as spectators, or to offer assistance in the preparation of the lunch. Please let your child's PCA know if you would like to attend the event and receive more information.

One of the highlights of the year is the "Connor Cup". This year PCGs will compete in a Mixed Netball Competition over a few weeks to find our champion PCG.

Our Inter-House dancers have been very busy with rehearsals. A reminder that we are holding a weekend rehearsal this Sunday, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Any parents who are handy with a needle and thread are welcome to contact Ms Harding if they are keen to become involved in the making of costumes for this event.

Ms Chelsey Harding

La Salle House Coordinator

BENILDUS HOUSE 3RD INTER-PCG MIXED NETBALL COMPETITION

On 15 August, Benildus House held their much anticipated Inter-PCG Mixed Netball Grand Final which saw Ms Flinn and Mr Williams PCGs go head to head in the challenge to be the ultimate netball champions for 2007.

The healthy competitive spirit of all the Benildus PCGs was the result of the round robin competitions, held in Terms 2 and 3, which lead to the big finale. During numerous weeks, the team members were able to show their House spirit by participating either as players, umpires or the much needed support for their teams. The result of strong PCG spirit encouraged an outstanding performance by both SFL and RWI teams. However there can only be one winner. We would like to acknowledge the winners - Ms Flinn's PCG, and congratulate them on the wonderful game they played. The final score was 6 to 4.



Well done and thank you to everyone who made this event possible.

Elle Rakich and Cassandra Callus

NEXT WEEK IS SCIENCE WEEK!

National Science Week, held from 18 to 26 August, is an annual nationwide celebration of Australian achievements and capabilities in Science. It aims to increase community awareness and understanding of the role of Science, engineering, technology and innovation in maintaining and improving our society, economy and the environment. La Salle Science students and staff will be celebrating the week in style with competitions, fun activities and exciting experiments.

Mr Richard Williams

Learning Area Coordinator - Science

CHAMPION SCHOOLS SOCCER - PERTH GLORY CUP - JUNIOR BOYS.

La Salle College 4 -v- Churchlands SHS 1

The Year 8 and 9 boys came out on top of a closely fought game at Swan IC to reach the quarter finals of the Cup. Special mention to Joshua Auguste, scoring the four goals, and Ryan Han, who kept their strong striker quiet throughout the game. Some of the boys soldiered on bravely through injuries and overall the whole team gave their best. Now for Morley SHS in the quarters. Go La Salle!

Joe Nolan

INTERNET ACCESS BY TELEPHONE

People can now access the Internet on most mobile phones. This means that the potential for risks to a child or adolescent's safety has increased. Parents can access information about how to keep their children safe from such risks on a newly created webpage: The Australian Communications and Media Authority: www.acma.gov.au/mobilesforkids

The Media Authority and children's internet charity, Childnet International, has developed a checklist that parents can ask mobile providers about when purchasing a mobile phone for their child. You can download the complete guide from the website. Some of the points in the checklist include:

Safety advice, costs and charges, chat services, access to content not suitable for children, nuisance calls and unsolicited emails/text messages.

There are also things that parents can do to reduce the likelihood of their child receiving an unexpectedly high bill in association with their mobile phone service, such as blocking international calls and premium rate services.

Parents are encouraged to find out more by going onto the website.

Ms Clelia Tedeschi

College Psychologist

YEAR 10 ITALIAN EXCURSION TO ITALIAN FILM FESTIVAL

Last Friday morning began with rain and it continued throughout the day, but this did not spoil our fun. After catching the train into Northbridge, we made our way to Cinema Paradiso, a cinema which features foreign films. After stocking up on popcorn, drinks and chocolates, we were seated in the cinema to begin our viewing of the Italian film, 'La Tigre e La Neve' (The Tiger and The Snow). A romantic comedy, the film follows the story of a man who is hopelessly in love with his ex-wife. When she is injured in Baghdad, he makes his way there conquering many obstacles and hardships along the way, and then brings her back to health with his determination, hope and above all, his love for her. While at times sad, the main Italian actor who also directed the movie, Roberto Benigni, kept us laughing with his comical ways.



Following a morning fulfilled with plenty of laughs and entertainment, we were on our way to an Italian restaurant by the name of 'Capriccio Italiano Café Ristorante' for lunch. We indulged ourselves in delicious pizzas and those who were still hungry had a dessert pizza containing chocolate which was mouthwatering and 'buonissimo'! Once we had finished lunch, we had a quick look in the 'Re Store' to buy Italian sweets and presents. Then in true Italian fashion, we went and had an Italian ice-cream from 'Il Gelato'. It was near the end of the day, so we made our way back to the train station and from there we were on our way back to Midland where the school bus was awaiting us. It was a great excursion and gave us an insight into the Italian culture and film industry! Our thanks to Ms De Filippi for organising the Excursion and to Mr Velardo and Mrs Aldous for driving us to and from the Train Terminal.

Taliah Poletti and Rechael Sarmiento

Year 10 Italian Students

DE LA DANCE

De La Dance Ensemble performed at St Joseph's Church, Subiaco, as part of the Catholic Performing Arts Festival. They performed a beautiful and moving liturgical dance through prayer to a song called "Seeds". I would like to congratulate the girls for their amazing performance and reverence.

Ms Belinda Lush





COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

SIMON PARRY Year 12



Congratulations to Simon for being selected in the 2007 Belt Up Cup All Stars Team.

TAMARA HALL Year 9



Tamara has been part of the Swan Districts Junior Soccer Association for the past five years. In mid July Tamara was chosen as part of the mixed team to represent the U/12 Division in the Royal Sulangor Club International Soccer Tournament in Malaysia. Unfortunately the team did not win the tournament. However all team members received a medallion for participating in the tournament for 2007.

PAST STUDENT - TRAVIS MEYER



This month, ex Lasallian, Travis Meyer managed to pull off the amazing feat of winning not one, not two but three, World Cycling Championship titles in Mexico. To quote Travis, "The past two days have been unbelievable for me. Three World Championships is something I never dreamed of happening, let alone happening in one day!" I'm sure all the La Salle

College community joins with me in offering our congratulations to Travis. He certainly shows he has taken, "A Commitment to Excellence," to heart and that belief in himself and hard work have culminated in a very deserved triumph.

Ms Louise Atkinson



STAFF - MR JOE SORGIOVANNI

Congratulations to Mr Joe Sorgiovanni who was nominated by the College through the Swan Districts Football Club, and his selection by that club as the regions Ambassador of the Year finalist. The School Ambassadors were recognised at a special function, held on Wednesday, 15 August at Subiaco Oval, to recognise the efforts of the 636 teachers involved in this program through-out the State. The twenty five finalists were presented with a special certificate. It is a just reward for the tremendous effort he has put into football, not only at the College, but also with Swan Districts and the Football Development Trust, in the various Schools competitions.

Mr Silvio Lombardi

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 pleased to present a free information evening in Perth on Thursday, 30 August at 7:30pm. The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. Please call 1300 135 331 if you wish to attend.

SWAN ATHLETIC CRICKET CLUB

Swan Athletic Cricket Club will hold their junior registration days on Saturday, 1 and 8 September from 10:00am to 12:00 noon at the Swan Athletic Club, McDonald Street, Herne Hill. Further information can be obtained by phoning David Pavlinovich on 0425 748 135.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS CLASS OF '87

20 Year school reunion will be held for the Class of '87 on Saturday, 13 October, at 6:00pm at the Queens Hotel, Beaufort Street, Highgate. If you attended STA between 1983 - 1987, we would love to see you there. For further enquiries, please contact Cathy Bowers at Chisholm College, C.Bowers@chisholmcc.wa.edu.au

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