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TERM 4 CALENDAR

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER
Grandparents Day

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER
- College Assembly
Year 11 ECS Nutrition
Incursion

THURSDAY, 1 NOVEMBER
TEE Commences

FRIDAY, 2 NOVEMBER
Year 11 River Cruise

PRESENTATION EVENING - SUNDAY, 2 DECEMBER

Ticket order forms are in the process of being posted out to parents for this year's Presentation Evening. Year 12 parents receive priority seating for this event and have already received information about how they can order tickets. The rest of the College community will receive this information early next week.

PRESENTATION EVENING IS A COMPULSORY EVENT FOR ALL LA SALLE STUDENTS.

It is the culmination of the year's activities - a chance to thank God for the many gifts of our students and to celebrate their successes. Please support the College by ensuring your attendance at the most important event in the College's calendar.

COLLEGE AGM

A reminder that the College AGM will be held on Tuesday, 27 November, at 7:00pm. This is a very important gathering where the Board Chair, College Treasurer and I will present reports on key events of the year. Details of next year's fees will also be tabled. Another important function of the evening is to elect members to the College Board. At least four positions are vacant and I would encourage you to consider serving on this very important body. Nominations should be lodged with Rachael Langdon, Principal's Assistant, at least 7 days prior to the AGM.

YEAR 12 FAREWELL

This week we formally farewell our Year 12 students. On Thursday afternoon a very moving assembly was held in the College gymnasium which enabled the rest of the school to say goodbye to the Class of 2007. Thank you to Natalie Calleja, the Year 12 Coordinator, for her organization of this event.

On Friday evening, all of our Year 12s and their parents will be attending the Graduation Mass at St Anthony's in Greenmount. Mass commences at 7:00pm and all members of the community are very welcome to attend. A significant amount of work has gone in to preparations for our Mass, coordinated by our Liturgy Coordinator, Alfiero Cardona.

FAREWELL TO JIM FRAWLEY

This week we say farewell to Jim Frawley, who has been the Manager of Grounds and Maintenance at La Salle for the past fourteen years. Jim is moving on to pursue new opportunities. On behalf of the College community I would like to thank Jim for his efforts over these many years in continuing to ensure that La Salle's wonderful grounds and physical environment were presented in the most appropriate manner.

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal

FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

THE PANEL - YOUTH INITIATIVE

The Office for Youth has developed 'The Panel' - a new and exciting way for students to get involved and have their say on the issues that matter to them the most. Over the next twelve months, members of 'The Panel' may be contacted and asked to get involved in online discussions, email surveys and targeted focus groups on everything from climate change to the latest fashion trends! Students may log onto www.childrenandyouth.wa.gov.au and complete the questionnaire to become a member.

Mr Michael Pepper
Assistant Principal

INTERNATIONAL LASALLIAN DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

On Monday, 22 October, La Salle College, joined in with the rest of the Lasallian schools from all around Australia to pray for peace by organising a Liturgy. This day was celebrated with all the other Australian Lasallian communities because peace can only be achieved within communities. Peace is a communal stand against all that makes us lose our unity in Christ Jesus. During the liturgy, the students reflected on a number of reasons why we, as Christians, are called to live in peace with one another. Students also focused on different verses of the scriptures in which Jesus shows us how we can establish and maintain peace. Forgiveness is perhaps one of the major keys which help us restore our unity. If we cannot forgive each other - even those who have hurt us deeply, we can never achieve peace within ourselves and our communities.



If we want peace we must ensure that it starts within our smaller communities. So, all the students were given pencils and papers to write why they are deciding to forgive someone who has hurt them. The notes were then collected and put in bags. The bags were then tied to helium balloons and all the students, held each other hands, while they watched the papers rise to the sky; letting their hurts go. The Liturgy ended with all the students holding hands saying the prayer of Our Father, so that we may remember that we are all sons and daughters of the same Father.

Mr Alfiero Cardona
Liturgy Coordinator

TOUCHING HEARTS

All Year 11 students have received a report on their performance in the Touching Hearts programme. A summary of your child's performance can be found on page 32 of their Student Organiser. Please acknowledge that you have sighted this information by signing in the appropriate place. Year 10 students have commenced their Senior Project. This section of the Touching Hearts programme runs over Years 10 and 11. The reasons for selecting this structure are that:

- Students who made a commitment to an organisation through the Year 10 Touching Hearts programme can gain recognition for their on-going commitment.
- There is continuity in providing service participants to organisations.
- A large number of service opportunities arise during the Christmas holidays.
- During the ten months students have to complete the programme, they have thirteen weeks of school holidays with no study commitments during the seven weeks of Christmas holidays.

Although the Senior Touching Hearts Project does not conclude until 25 July, 2008, students are encouraged to be pro-active in finding a suitable placement where they can make a regular commitment throughout the programme. Once a placement has been found, an Application To Participate in Service form must be completed. Students returning to organisations they assisted during the Year 10 Touching Hearts programme MUST complete a new form for the Senior Project.

Mrs Christine Aldous
Christian Service-Learning Coordinator



EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS

As part of the College's continuing efforts to promote an academic focus among students, the College Library will continue to open until 8:00pm on the following evenings during Term 4. With exams taking place at the end of the term this is a great opportunity for students to undertake additional preparation. I would particularly encourage Year 11 students to take advantage of these extended hours. Students leaving before 8:00 pm must be picked up from the Library by a parent.

Monday, 22 October	Wednesday, 24 October	Monday, 29 October
Wednesday, 31 October	Monday, 5 November	Wednesday, 7 November
Monday, 12 November	Wednesday, 14 November	Monday, 19 November
Wednesday, 21 November	Monday, 26 November	Wednesday, 28 November

Mr Frank Italiano

Academic Excellence Coordinator

YEAR 12 SOLOMON HOUSE FAREWELL MASS

On Monday, 22 October Solomon House celebrated its traditional Year 12 Farewell Mass attended by the students and their families. The theme of this Mass is 'Celebrating Life', as we watch our young adults move off into new phase of their journey of life. It is always heart warming to witness their growth as they stand before us for the final photos in front of the Altar. I thank all parents for their support over the years their family has been involved within the College, and especially Solomon House. For the many families that have completed their relationship with La Salle, I wish you all the very best for the years ahead and have appreciated your support of the wonderful Solomon House. I would like to acknowledge two families that I have know for many years, The Vallelonga family, since Tony arrived from Italy some fifty years ago, and the Muller family. Harry Muller was the Head of Science when I began my teaching career twenty seven years ago and played a big part in making sure that I made the transition from farming to teaching a successful one. Thank you, Harry. To our Year 12s, may Blessed Brother Solomon always be present in your lives as you continue through life touching hearts of those around as you have done mine over the years. God Bless.



Mr Joe Sorgiovanni

SOLOMON HOUSE YEAR 12 FAREWEL MASS

On Monday, 22 October, Solomon House celebrated their House Mass to formally farewell the Solomon Year 12 students. Fr Roman delivered a touching homily that aptly related to the students' futures and Mr Joe Sorgiovanni put a celebratory touch to the evening by organizing a shower of confetti to rain upon the graduates. A poignant feeling was experienced as contrasting photos of the students flashed upon the screen depicting them as Year 8s and now as Year 12s. These last five years have gone so quickly! After the mass, students and their parents socialised and many recounted stories of time spent at the College, whilst sharing supper in the Chapel foyer. I am sure everyone, along with our family, greatly appreciated the opportunity to share a Mass with our young men and women in a relaxed environment.

Rita Vallelonga

SOLOMON YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS

There were a few shrieks of surprise and a couple of gasps and 'how could you?' when the students entered the Chapel and saw the photo montages put together by their parents with a little encouragement from Mr Sorgiovanni. It was interesting to see the physical development of the students over the years and the changes that were evident. This melded well with the theme of the Mass. We are all the sum of all of our previous experiences and we are influenced by our family, friends, school and the community. The gathering was a way of expressing gratitude for the achievements of the students to get this far, and to recognise that now is a stepping stone to their future lives. Soon they will be in a much larger world, be it further studies or work or travel. They will meet many things they have not yet encountered and will still need faith and guidance as they find their way through life. Each of the readings was a reminder that we are responsible for our actions and it is each individual alone that can make the decision on what is right and wrong, just or unjust, fair or unfair. As parents and teachers, we can be confident that between us we have given our children the skills to judge what is right, just and fair and now we must trust that they will use those skills and be responsible for themselves and others as they enter the New World. Good luck to all Year 12 students.

Mr Peter Johns

