



16 March 2007

Number 6

Term 1 Calendar

Monday, 19 March

Mass 3:20pm All welcome
Penetial Week

Tuesday, 20 March

Mass 8:00am All welcome
Year 11 Biology & Human Biology
Excursion, Zoo
Year 8, 2009
Enrolment Evening
Good Shepherd, Matthew Gibney, St Brigid's, St Maria Goretti, St Michael

Wednesday, 21 March

Mass 8:00am PCG
BFA/SFL
All welcome
Mutien House Mass

Thursday, 22 March

Mass 8:00am All welcome "The Buzz" 1:30pm
Year 12s
Year 11 SSC
Excursion, Scitech

Friday, 23 March

X-Treme Team
12:45

COMMUNITY

BUSY BEE

Saturday,
24 March

From the Principal

YEAR 8, 2009 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

As previously advised, over the next few weeks the College will be conducting interviews for students wishing to enter the College at Year 8 in 2009 (current Year 6 students). After these interviews have been completed, offers will be made in line with the College's Enrolment Policy. Every year we have siblings of current students who do not have enrolment applications lodged with the College. Enrolment at the College cannot be guaranteed, even for siblings. An enrolment form **MUST** be lodged in order for an application to be considered.

OPEN DAY

On Tuesday, 27 March, our College will open its doors for visitors to view our school in action. Expertly led by our student tour guides, our guests will have the opportunity to visit a diversity of classes in operation. There are three scheduled tour times - 9:30am, 11:30am and 1:40pm. I would encourage you to take the time to come along and see for yourself what makes La Salle such a special place. I would like to thank Fiona Flower, Assistant Principal, for her wonderful organisation of the day.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Due to delays at the Curriculum Council with the production of curriculum materials associated with the introduction of the new courses of study in Years 11 and 12, the Director of Catholic Education has granted permission for Catholic secondary schools to have an additional student free day on Friday, 1 June. This early notice gives parents an opportunity to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their children on this day.

SWIMMING CARNIVALS

As this newsletter goes to print our ACC Swimming Squad is preparing for their Inter-School Carnival at Beatty Park (Friday, 16 March). Our team goes into the meet with some pretty impressive times, and most importantly, a positive attitude. My thanks to Peter Sackett and the Physical Education Department for their outstanding preparation of this year's squad. I look forward to reporting on our Squad's performance in next week's Delagram.

Wayne Bull
Principal



La Salle College



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2007

There is a great search for happiness and fulfillment in life now. The emphasis now is on enjoying life. That search for happiness and fulfillment is symbolized by the younger son in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son, who went in search of happiness. The only problem was that he thought he could find happiness in what the parable calls a life of debauchery. We would say now he tried to find happiness by satisfying every desire of his, no matter whether moral or immoral. This eventually led him to living with the pigs in the piggery. But true happiness is not to be found outside of ourselves, but within ourselves, in our own hearts. I am sure if his father or anybody else had tried to persuade him that he would be wasting his life and money, he would shoot them down. He had to be left to learn the hard way, from his own mistake, since there was no way you could reason with him. And he had to decide himself to come home. If someone went to bring him home he would resent it.

In the parable we are given a most beautiful description of our heavenly Father. He is outside of the house waiting for the younger son to return. And when he did return, his father ran to him, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly and he brought him in and threw a party for him. When we return to God he throws a party for us. Not only does he come out of the house once, but he comes out a second time to try to persuade the elder son to come in. Our heavenly Father comes out to welcome each of us to his party. The most beautiful line for me in the parable is what the father says to the elder son, "All I have is yours". Our heavenly Father says to us, "All I have is yours". This is a most beautiful promise and invitation. We were not told at the end of the parable whether or not the elder son went in to the party. After reading this parable we also have a choice to make, will we stay outside or will we go in to enjoy the Father's party.

Far away hills look green, there are many attractions in life, there are many voices saying to us 'Follow me', or 'Follow your desires and you will find happiness.' But the best offer of happiness is from God our Father; "All I have is yours". God, our heavenly Father, is outside the door waiting for us to come to him. When we return he runs to us, clasps us in his arms and invites us to the party. For the remainder of Lent we might try to make an effort to answer that invitation from our heavenly Father, "All I have is yours". At every Mass we receive the same invitation from Jesus, "This is my Body which will be given up for you...this is the cup of my blood, it will be shed for you".

Let us go into the house and enjoy God's party.

"Lord, may I never doubt your love, nor take for granted the mercy you have shown to me. Fill me with your transforming love that I may be merciful as you are merciful."

SOME THOUGHTS

We desire to return to the ground or land or home from which we have wandered. The Eucharist is that home, that resting place where we are welcomed again, prodigal though we may have been. We renew the divine embrace and we pledge once more to live more generously the embrace we receive.

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Salvatorian Fathers are organising a Day of Reflection on vocations to the priesthood, from Saturday, 24 March, commencing at 3:00pm to Sunday, 25 March after lunch, at the Salvatorian Community House, 2 Caledonia Avenue, (Corner Marmion Avenue), Currambine. For more information, please contact Fr Roman on 9294 3504 (after hours) or rwr@lasalle.wa.edu.au

Sincerely in Christ

Fr Roman Wrablewski SDS

TOUCHING HEARTS PROGRAMME

Year 10 students will commence their Touching Hearts programme in Week 10. The programme has been modified to meet the requirements of the West Australian Certificate of Education Community Service requirement. Students will be given information about the programme towards the end of term. They will also attend a seminar on 24 April. There are a number of service positions currently being advertised through the school that are suitable for Year 10 and 11 students. Some of these positions are outlined below. Students can find further information on the Christian Ministry notice board or on My Classes.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

National Trust, West Perth are looking for volunteers with good computing skills to scan and electronically file historical photographs and documents.

Cerebral Palsy Association runs a school holiday programme for primary school children with cerebral palsy. They also run an adult 'Opportunity' programme. The Association has centres in Balcatta, Bentley and Ballajurra.

Conservation Volunteers have positions available most days of the year. They also offer the opportunity for young people to complete a Certificate 1 course. Transport is provided to all metropolitan activities from Fremantle Train Station.

Hills Community Support Group, Middle Swan have opportunities supporting the disabled and assisting in a crèche.

Asthma Foundation, Bike Hike on Sunday, 26 August requires volunteers for a number of positions including drink stations and the help desk.

There are also opportunities during the school term with Riding for the Disabled, Swan Friendship Club, SVDP and La Salle College. Students must complete an Application to Participate in Service form prior to commencing any civic activities.

Year 8 students commenced their Touching Hearts programme in Week 5. The students are asked to find ways to support their community of Family and Friends. Parents are reminded that students in Years 8 and 9 are not expected to find service positions with agencies. The Year 8 programme concludes on 26 April.

Ms Christine Aldous

Service-Learning Coordinator



HOMWORK YEARS 8 - 12

1. Homework is any task assigned to students to do in their own time, after school hours. Homework can be seen to complement work given during class time. The teacher, in setting homework tasks, as with class work, is aware of individual needs as well as the needs of the whole class. The teacher will adopt different approaches to cover course content depending on the nature of the unit/topic and the abilities of the class.

Homework will be used to provide practice (specific skills) or consolidate lesson activities. A particular usefulness of homework is, of course, helping students to prepare for class work in the future. Students' being familiar with work to be covered is obviously an advantage to comprehension.

2. Homework Tasks Assigned
 - (a) Completion of class work if required.
 - (b) Review of class work/consolidation - to reinforce work done in class.
 - (c) Assignments/Research/Projects - these are given over extended periods of time and may require the use of various resources (library). Class time is usually allocated for students to complete the work, which has been comprehensively described.
3. As a general rule for Year 8 students, homework will NOT be set on Friday and be due on Monday. This will allow students to maintain a normal family life.
4. Teachers will be encouraged to have homework clearly set out on the classroom whiteboard with sufficient clarification of task requirements (especially Year 8).
5. The maintenance of a consistent approach to class and homework is crucial for success.
6. Non-Completion of Homework
 - (a) In the first instance it is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to take appropriate action (e.g. Note in student organiser, an extension ...) when a student does not complete his/her homework. If a student fails to complete his/her homework on more than two occasions, then the teacher may notify the parents (letter, phone), and inform the Learning Area Coordinator. This contact may be continued through the College Organiser.
 - (b) Parents are requested to send written confirmation (College Organiser entry or letter) to the subject teacher acknowledging that homework/assignment tasks have not been completed. Please note that a letter from home does not automatically mean that a student will not get a College Organiser entry.
7. In conclusion there are various guidelines which can be followed with regard to homework:
 - (a) The use of the SCHOOL ORGANISER is to be encouraged and monitored. This aspect identifies the important role of PARENTS with regard to homework.
 - (b) The following time allocations can be used as a guide to the length of homework tasks per night:

Year 8	1.5 Hours	Year 9	2 Hours	Year 10	2.5 Hours
Year 11	At least 3 hours	Year 12	At least 3 hours		

Mr Frank Italiano
Academic Excellence Coordinator



STATE GOVERNMENT \$200 EDUCATION PAYMENT

Parents are reminded that applications for this payment (previously posted out) are due to be returned to the office by FRIDAY, 16 MARCH.

This payment is made to parents of students turning 16 or 17 in year 11 or 12 in 2007.

Mr Richard Truscott
Accounts Manager

ARTS ACTION WEEK 7

WOW, how time flies when you are having fun. It is nearly the end of Term 1, and it only feels like the Term started two weeks ago. The Arts Department is starting to move along at a pretty fast pace at the moment with lots of things starting to fall into place. I would just like to inform, and remind you all, what is coming up in the Arts Department, so no one misses out on seeing any of the fabulous work of our Art students.

COLLEGE OPEN DAY -27 March

You are welcome to visit the Arts areas and witness either rehearsals from the Year 12 Drama classes for "Oh What A Lovely War", dance performances by one of our Year 8 Dance class, visit the Year 9 Music class in the Keyboard lab (Performing Arts Centre) and watch how they compose music, visit the Art rooms in "D" street and witness Art classes in action, and especially the Year 11 and 12 Art students at work, and other Performing Arts classes in the Performing Arts Centre.

OH WHAT A LOVELY WAR,

The Year 12 Drama students are putting on a production, as part of their assessments, of Joan Littlewood's *Oh What A lovely War*. It is a theatrical chronicle of the horrors of the First World War told through the songs, dance and documents of the period in a Brechtian style. It is also a light hearted comedy and the students are working extremely hard rehearsing Tuesday afternoons and Sundays from 10am to 5pm.

Dates: Friday, 27 April, 7:30pm, Saturday, 28 April 7:30pm and Sunday, 29 April, at 2:00pm. Ticketing arrangements are being finalized, and will be available very soon. We would all love to see you there supporting the great talent of our Year 12 students.

CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Are you a talented soloist or musician? If you are a musician or a singer and would like to perform at the Performing Arts Festival for 2007, now is the time to enter and start preparing. Please see me or your Music teacher for further information and entry forms on the solo/duet sections of the festival.

Entries close 17 May, 2007.

Mr Terry Pirlo
Learning Area Coordinator – The Arts

MUTIEN HOUSE MASS

The students and staff of Mutien House will be celebrating their annual House Mass in the Chapel on Wednesday, 21 March at 12:15pm. Mutien parents are invited to join us in our celebrations. If you require more information please contact myself at the College.

Mr Devin Martin
Mutien House Coordinator



CAREERS

YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mr Paul Galbraith, of Galbraith Chiropractic Clinic, is looking to hire a part time, junior receptionist, to work at his clinic on a Saturday from 11:00am to 2:30pm. The successful applicant will be well presented and responsible. If you think your child would be interested in this position, then please contact Paul on 0422 435 834.

THE NATIONAL CAREERS & EMPLOYMENT EXPO PERTH

30 - 31 MARCH, 2007 - PERTH EXHIBITION AND CONVENTION CENTRE

EOC Events would like to invite teachers, parents and students to attend the National Careers and Employment Expo, Perth, which will be held from Friday, 30 March from 9:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturday, 31 March, from 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre. This free entry, community spirited event will allow teachers, parents and students to speak directly with representatives from Australia's leading organisations and education providers.

EOC Events are very keen to get the students and their parents involved to work towards giving the students the best start to their future careers. The Expo is a direct career resource where students can obtain relevant career advice and information.

Posters advertising the event have been placed in the window of the Careers Office, or alternatively you can visit the website www.eocexpo.com.au

Ms Rebecca Bryant

Careers & VET Co-ordinator

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.

LA SALLE SECOND ANNUAL REUNION - CLASS OF 1974 - 1981 FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES - Saturday, 24 March at 14 Elmore Street, Mt Helena at 12:00noon onwards. BYO drinks, food will be provided. It took 25 years to reunite, now let's keep the legacy going. RSVP as soon as possible - Mark D'Souza 0418 928 038, Xavier Wright 9296 1092/0402 071 369, Steve Hollow 0411 649 632, Louise Cepo 95711621/0409 116 737, Paul Brazali 9294 4486/0407 441 235, Dereck Sufredo 0439 637 683, Decima Harrison 0439 685 595, Danny Vaok 0421 922 204.

ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREENMOUNT (formerly Bellevue) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary - 1957 -2007. We will be having a Celebration Mass on Sunday, 25 March, 2007 commencing at 2:00pm at St Anthony's Church, Innamincka Road, Greenmount, followed by an Open Day at the School. Joining us for our Celebration Mass will be Ms Marie Morris (formerly Sister Clare) who was one of the Daughters of Charity who taught at our school from 1959 - 1966. We cordially invite all past and present students, staff, parents and friends of the school to attend this celebration.

ST ANTHONY'S NETBALL - Registrations are being taken for 2007 winter season. Anyone wanting to play must contact Mrs Marg Smith on 9294 2994, after 7:00pm by this Saturday, March 17.

BUS NO. 371 - will be under repairs from Thursday and will not be available until further notice.





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SOPHIE BATTISTESSA



HANNAH MORLEY



TALIAH POLETTI

Sophie, Hannah and Taliah received the Principal's Commendation Awards for outstanding work on their Year 10, Course 1 English In-Class essay.



KRISTOPHER COYLE



ROBERT HUNTINGTON



TONY TRAN

KRISTOPHER COYLE (Year 12)

Kristopher has been chosen to compete in the Nationals for the Australian 360 Sprint Car Championships to be held in Kalgoorlie.

ROBERT HUNTINGTON (Year 12)

Robert has been selected for the March Australian Basketball Development Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport.

TONY TRAN (Year 12)

Tony received the Principal's Commendation Award for outstanding work on his Year 12 English 3A In-Class Comprehension Test.



MASS TIMES

Fr Roman will be celebrating Mass from Monday to Thursday in the College Chapel. Parents, students and staff are all welcome to attend these Masses.

Monday	3:20pm	
Tuesday	8:00am	
Wednesday	8:00am	PCG: BFA/SFL
Thursday	8:00am	

CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 9

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

Monday, 26 March	R. Cobanov. M. O'Brien
Tuesday, 27 March	L. Renzullo
Wednesday, 28 March	M. Redfern
Thursday, 29 March	A. Greenfield
Friday, 30 March	M. Coverley

Thank you for your assistance.

HOMEWORK CLASSES

Homework help is available in the College Library after school, Monday to Thursday until 4:30pm. Specialist teachers are available to assist students.

Monday:	Mr Rigoli	Science
Tuesday:	Ms Flinn	English
Wednesday:	Ms Mohen	Mathematics
Thursday:	Ms King	Society and Environment, Mathematics

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Monday to Thursday 8:00am to 5:00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 7:30am to 1:30pm
Wednesday 7:30am to 1:30pm

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

STUDENT SERVICES

Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

