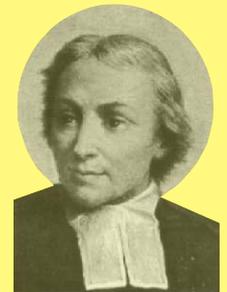


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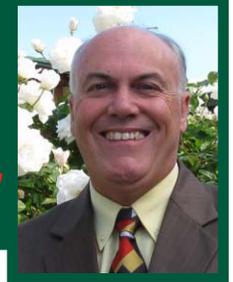
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Wayne Bull



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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

I would like to thank everyone in our community, parents, students and staff for their contributions and efforts in 2008. While the year has been very hectic and busy, so many wonderful events have demonstrated the amazing diversity of talent of the people who make up La Salle College. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has supported me in my role as principal. I am honoured and excited to have been offered the second five year term on my contract by the Archbishop.

On your behalf I would also like to sincerely thank all of our staff for their amazing and selfless giving of their time, energy and talents. We are so very blessed at La Salle to have such a wonderful group of teachers and support staff who are really committed to your children's education and welfare.

I pray that the coming festive season will be filled with the blessings of the baby Jesus - our Saviour and Lord.

THANK YOU AND GOODBYE

The end each year inevitably brings with it staff changes. La Salle has over 120 staff members and some staff turnover is healthy for the organisation. At the same time it is sad to farewell colleagues who have contributed to the Mission of the College. I would like to record my thanks to the following staff members who will not be returning to the College in 2009:

- *Scott Alder has been appointed to the staff of Hale School.*
- *Sue Bamford has completed her temporary contract at La Salle.*
- *Colette Doherty is leaving to join Perth College in Mt Lawley.*
- *Lisa Fiora departs La Salle to teach at Santa Maria College.*
- *Angelo Forte, one of our Groundsmen, has joined the staff of another Catholic school.*
- *Natasha Gajic is joining Colette on the staff of Perth College.*
- *Ashley Hosken is leaving to take up a languages teaching position at Helena College.*
- *Craig Jordan is joining the staff of Guildford Grammar School.*
- *Cassandra King, who has been on leave in 2008, is joining Cyril Jackson High School to teach Music.*
- *Rick Williams has finished his temporary contract with La Salle and is joining the staff at Sacred Heart College.*

Additionally, Alessandra Hardwick is on a year's leave, Fiona Flower is taking a further year of maternity leave and I have granted Christine Williams a further year of secondment to the Catholic Education Office.

On behalf of everyone at the College I would like to thank these staff members for their excellent work and commitment. We wish them every success and ask for God's blessings on them in their new undertakings.

I would also like to wish all the very best to those students who are leaving La Salle to go to TAFE or move to other schools. I hope that your time at La Salle has been rewarding and fulfilling.

I wish all members of the College community a safe, happy and holy Christmas. As I noted above, La Salle strives to be a school centred in Christ. It is vitally important that we take time to reflect and celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Christmas break provides all of us with the opportunity to give thanks and rejoice that Christ continues to be the focus of all of our undertakings here at La Salle.

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GRADUATION BALL

Next Monday evening our Year 12s and their parents, along with the staff, will enjoy the Graduation Ball at the Grand Ballroom at the Burswood. This event marks the culmination of the year for the Class of 2008 and is their last event as La Salle students. Thank you to Peter Sackett, Year 12 Coordinator, for his coordination of this event.

2008 ANNUAL

All students should have received their 2008 Annual. This is a fantastic record of the past 12 months at La Salle College. I would like to thank and congratulate our editor, Rachael Langdon, on this very professional publication. Special mention must also be made of John Gill for the multitude of his photographs which appear in this publication.

BUILDING

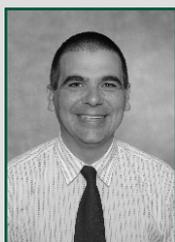
Hopefully, by the time students return to school in 2009, work will have commenced on the construction of our new gymnasium and development of the new Senior Learning Centre. I would ask that parents are more patient than ever with traffic as they negotiate a building site and vehicles connected with the construction. Further details will be provided to you in my January letter to the College community.

KEY DATES

Please see the calendar of events at the back of the Delagram for important dates for the remainder of this year and for the beginning of 2009.

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal

FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Mr Adrian Martino
Assistant Principal -
Christian Ministry

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

At this stage of Advent some people have probably got all their presents bought, wrapped and hidden, while others have hardly begun.

Before Jesus had been born, the people of Israel had been waiting ages and ages for God's Saviour to come and save them. Every young woman would pray that her baby might be the Messiah, just as her grandmother had done before her. Through all the terrible crises of normal life, the prophets had kept alive in the people of Israel their calling to be God's people. One day, the prophets all said, God would actually come in some way to be really 'with them' personally. They were to keep themselves ready and watchful for when that happened.

The prophets even gave them a kind of 'Christmas' or 'Messiah' list of things to look out for in God's chosen one, the Messiah, or Christ. They would be able to recognise the Messiah when he came because these are things he would do:

- *tell the good news to the poor*
- *comfort the broken hearted*
- *set free those feeling imprisoned*
- *announce the time when God would show merciful judgement*
- *give people clothes of praise and joy to replace their sadness*
- *be fair to everyone*
- *make what is right grow strong*
- *put wrong things right*

Now who do we know who did come and do those things, and is still doing them now? Jesus! And when was it that Jesus came into our world? At Christmas.

So all their waiting and hoping was worth it. And anyone who wasn't sure could check with the Christmas list and see for themselves. And so can we.

And so we pray,
God of tolerance, free us from every prejudice born of hate and fear and kept alive by ignorance and pride. Open our hearts and minds to new friendships and new contributions of the spirit from races and cultures, religions and classes other than our own. Enrich us by the thoughts and experiences of all peoples and countries. May we live together in love and peace.

Amen.

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

Mr Adrian Martino
Assistant Principal Christian Ministry





ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS



Ms Rachael Langdon
Principal's Personal Assistant

2008 ANNUAL

The majority of families should by now have received the 2008 Annual. Year 11 students with no siblings at the College are asked to collect their Annual from the College office next week or in the new year between 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Year 12 students with no siblings will receive their Annual at the Graduation Ball.

I would like to publicly apologise to Ms Lisa Fiora, whose Farewell article was left out of the Annual. Please see Lisa's farewell below:

Ms Lisa Fiora

Ms Lisa Fiora has been at La Salle College for three years, teaching Business and Mathematics. In this time, Lisa has established herself as a reliable and conscientious teacher with a respectful manner and passion for her students. Her organisation has been invaluable in the running of many Venture Days for her students, but even more so, in her role as La Salle House Coordinator in 2008. Lisa's enthusiasm and rapport with her students has put her in good stead for every success in the future, especially at her new school, Santa Maria College.



Written by Mr John Velardo, Learning Area Coordinator - Technology & Enterprise

I hope everyone enjoys browsing through the record of the year that was 2008!

Ms Rachael Langdon
Principal's Personal Assistant

SPORT

GARY VEEN CUP

The traditional Gary Veen Cup Year 10 Students vs Staff cricket match was played on Thursday afternoon in fine conditions. The students were once again victorious winning a nail biter. The Staff made 114 runs and the game was locked at a draw before the last bowl of the day where Toby Ashby hit the winning run. Special thanks to Mrs Quinlivan, Mrs Coniglio, Mrs Lesk and Mrs Vitali for the wonderful afternoon tea.

Mr Ben Dyer
Sports Coordinator

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL CAMP



On Wednesday 3 December the 2009 SRC leaders ventured to Ern Halliday for their Leadership Camp. During the Camp the students were faced with many problem solving and team building activities such as, 'Lost Pilot' which was designed to enhance their ability to work as a group and develop leadership skills. Other activities were designed to help students face their fears such as caving which was very confronting for some.

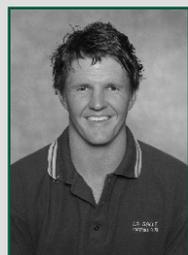
The students also had the opportunity to liaise with House and Year Coordinators to plan for events and activities in 2009 which was extremely productive. Over the course of the three day Camp the students had a variety of sessions designed to prepare them for their role in 2009. Mr Cardona ran a Christian leadership session, Mrs Keenan one on Public Speaking and Mr Bull ran a team games session. At its conclusion, the students were able to ask Mr Bull poignant questions about 2009, in particular how things would run next year without a gym.

Before their return on Friday afternoon the students had brainstormed and planned many exciting and interesting events and activities. We look forward to seeing them implemented in 2009.

Rachael Rechichi
Year 10 Councillor

Christmas waves
a magic wand
over this world,
and behold,
everything is
softer and more
beautiful.

—Norman Vincent Peale



Mr Ben Dyer
Sports Coordinator



CALENDAR **08** & 2009

WEEK 10 & 1

2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec	17 Dec	18 Dec	19 Dec	20 Dec
WEEK 10	SECOND HAND BOOK SALES 8:00AM - 12:00PM STUDENTS MAY LEAVE WITH PARENTS AFTER BOOK SALES. SUPERVISION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS. YEAR 12 GRADUATION BALL	STAFF PD	END TERM 4 FOR STAFF COLLEGE OFFICE CLOSES AT 12:00 PM	BOOKLAND NEW BOOK SALES IN GYMNASIUM 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	COLLEGE OFFICE CLOSES AT 4:00 PM FOR 2008	

2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 Jan	12 Jan	13 Jan	14 Jan	15 Jan	16 Jan	17 Jan
	COLLEGE CLOSED	COLLEGE CLOSED	COLLEGE OFFICE RE-OPENS (HOLIDAY TIMES: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM)			
18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan	21 Jan	22 Jan	23 Jan	24 Jan
	UNIFORM SHOP RE-OPENS 7:30 AM 1:30 PM		UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM			
25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY (Australia Day)	UNIFORM SHOP OPEN 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM	UNIFORM SHOP RE-OPENS 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM	TERM 1 BEGINS FOR STAFF	ST MUTIEN'S FEAST DAY	
1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb
WEEK 1	YEAR 8 INDUCTION NEW STUDENTS' INDUCTION YEARS 9 - 12 YEAR 12 SEMINAR	TERM 1 BEGINS FOR ALL STUDENTS YEAR, HOUSE & COLLEGE ASSEMBLIES YEAR 11 SEMINAR	HOUSE SWIM TRIALS PERIODS 4 - 6		COLLEGE OPENING MASS 11:30AM (St Anthony's Greenmount) TOUCHING HEARTS BEGINS YEAR 8s	





“Merry Christmas to the Lasallian Community, wishing you all a safe and holy Christmas”