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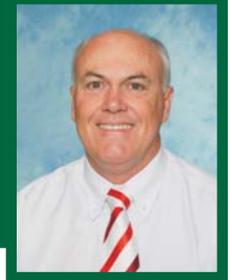
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Wayne Bull



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END OF SEMESTER ONE

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of Semester One! For our Year 12 students their time at La Salle is quickly coming to an end. It has been an extremely busy year so far with over 500 new students and 32 new staff members commencing at La Salle. Our new facilities, the Patricia Rodrigues Centre, Laurence Murphy Senior Learning Centre and Michael Ciccarella Lecture Theatre have provided a wonderful boost to our learning and teaching programme. Our Year 7s and 8s have also made a very successful transition to high school.

I would like to thank all of the staff for their efforts during the semester and wish all of the teaching staff a well deserved break. Several staff members will be taking leave in the second half of the year. We wish the following staff all the best on their travels:

- Margherita De Filippi (Semester 2)
- David O'Keeffe (Semester 2)
- Trish Kapor (Semester 2)
- Adrian Martino (Term 3)
- Fr Leonard (Term 3)
- Michael Pepper (first 3 weeks of Term 3)

INVITATION TO THE BLESSING AND OPENING OF NEW FACILITIES

I would like to extend an invitation to all parents and friends of La Salle to attend the official blessing and opening of the Patricia Rodrigues Centre, Laurence Murphy (SDS) Senior Learning Centre and Michael Ciccarella Lecture Theatre. Monsignor Kevin Long will bless the new facilities with the official opening performed by the Director of Catholic Education, Ron Dullard. Details follow:

Date: Friday 13 August 2010
Time: 7:30 pm
Venue: Assemble in the Patricia Rodrigues Centre
Entertainment: College Arts and Outdoor Education students
RSVP: To assist in catering, please RSVP to the College Office by Friday 23 July 2010

CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of the College I would like to congratulate Zanamarica Bodey from Year 11 on being awarded a BHP Billiton Catholic Education Scholarship for 2011. The scholarship is valued at \$20 000 and recognises Zanamarica's outstanding efforts this year. Well done!

NEW ZEALAND AND MELBOURNE TOURS

The July holidays promises to be an exciting and busy one for nearly 100 students. We have representative football, netball and debating teams travelling to Melbourne to compete against De La Salle, Malvern, St John's College and Star of the Sea College. I know that the students and staff have been training hard in preparation for their competitions. We also farewell a group of students who will be undertaking a cultural tour of New Zealand. My thanks to all of the staff for their support of these tours.

CONGRATULATIONS - GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM

Our girls' basketball team won the grand final of the All Schools Division for the second consecutive year. After a successful regional elimination series the team made it the grand final where they had a fantastic win over St Norbert College 53 to 31 at the new State Basketball Centre in Mt Claremont. Well done to Sophie Doyle who was MVP of the match. Congratulations girls on an outstanding series. Thanks to Shaun Alvar, Steve Hearne, Ms Sewell and Mr Sackett for their assistance with the team.

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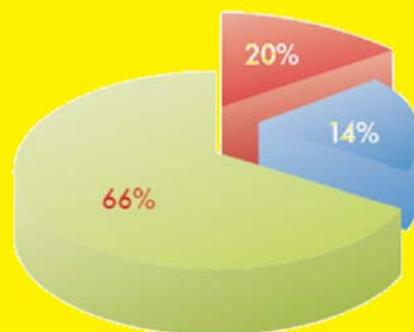




FACTS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

- Catholic schools have been providing quality education for Australian children for over 180 years.
- There are approximately 1700 Catholic schools in Australia with an enrolment of almost 700 000 students - that is one in five of all Australian school students.
- Two out of every five Catholic schools are located outside of Australia's major cities.
- In Australia, the Catholic school system employs over 78 000 people. This is more people than the entire Australian workforce involved in the manufacturing of motor vehicles, or the same number of people employed across every single department store in Australia.
- Catholic school students receive significantly less government funding than students in government schools.
- Some of this gap is made up by contributions from parents and parishes through fees and levies, however Catholic schools strive to keep fees low so that schools remain accessible.

PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS PER SCHOOLING SECTOR

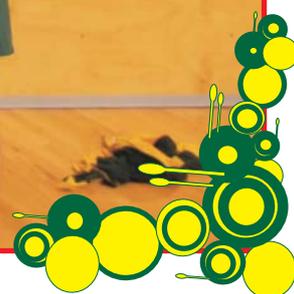


- Other non-government schools 14%
- Catholic schools 20%
- Government schools 66%

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal



GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPS





FROM THE **SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**



PROCEDURES FOR STUDENT ABSENTEES

The College is currently working towards the implementation of an SMS alert system for notifying parents of their child's absence from school. Further correspondence will be mailed to parents with the Semester 1 Reports to explain the procedures associated with the SMS absentee messaging system. It is hoped that the new system will be running early in Term 3. However, please note that parents will still be required to call the College office to notify us of their child's absence from school.



Mr Michael Pepper
Assistant Principal

2010 INTER-HOUSE DANCE COMPETITION

The Annual Inter-House Dance Competition is an event that gives students in each House the opportunity to express their creativity by telling a story through dance and music.

This year's competition will take place at **7:00 pm on Sunday 19 September** at the **Perth Concert Hall**. The performances are completely student run productions. The students choreograph, rehearse, and create costumes and props all in their own time. This year's event will also be supported by a number of talented musicians and singers from our College.

Tickets will be available from the College Office commencing Week 3 next term. An order form will be included in the next Delagram. Please book early to secure your seats for this exciting event.

MISSION AID DAY & SWIM-A-THON FINAL TOTALS

It is most pleasing to announce that a final total of \$32 587.00 has been raised this year through our Swim-a-thon and Mission Aid Day. Our proceeds from this year's Mission Aid Day and Swim-a-thon have been directed towards supporting the Lasallian Foundation Projects in Pakistan, the Archbishop's Lifelink Appeal, the St Vincent De Paul Society, The Shopfront and the College's mission in supporting the Balgo Hills programme.

Thank you again to all students and families for your generous support of these events this year.

Mr Michael Pepper
Assistant Principal

YEAR 8 CYBER BULLYING SURVEY

Last week all Year 8s completed an online survey regarding cyber bullying as part of the ongoing research by Edith Cowan University's Child Health Promotion Research Centre. La Salle College is keen to support this research as we are very well aware of the impact of technology and how it can be used in a negative way. Parents are asked to communicate openly with their child/children about such matters and be sure they know what sites are being used.

YEAR 7 & 9 WAMSE TESTING

Parents are advised that during Week 3 of next term, Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting the WAMSE (Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education) tests in Science and Society and Environment as per our College calendar.

Parents will receive a report indicating their child's performance in these tests later in the year. The tests will provide both teachers and parents with a very useful tool in monitoring each student's achievement and learning. While students certainly should not feel anxious about completing the tests, parents are asked to encourage your son/daughter to do their very best in each test.

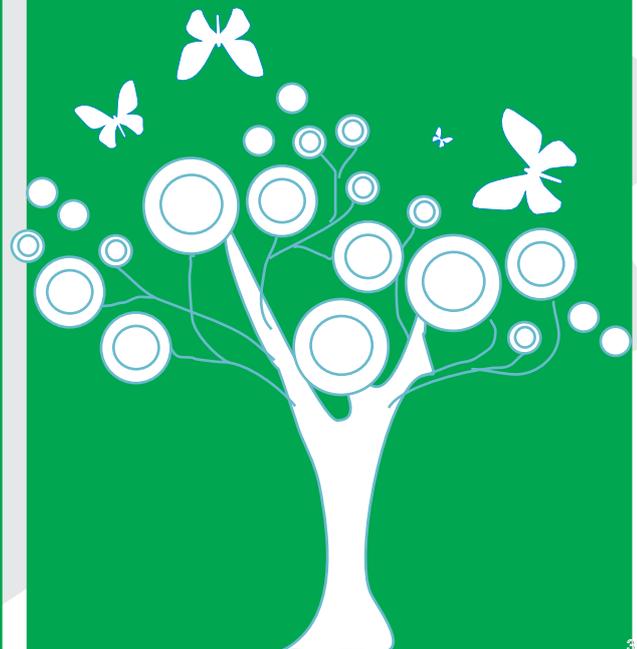
YEAR 9 BISHOPS' LITERACY TEST

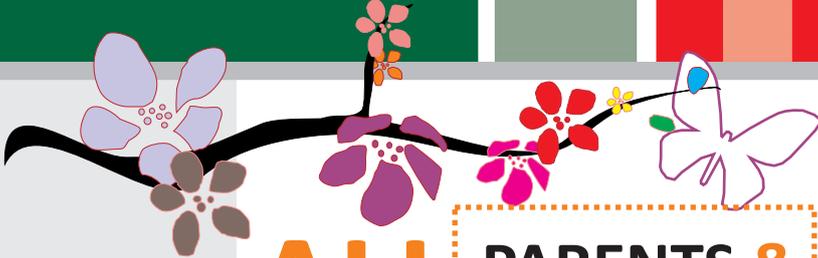
At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools in Western Australia will take part in *The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment*. Year 9 students at La Salle College will sit the test on Friday 30 July. Students, who follow a regular classroom programme, will participate in the assessment process.

LOST PROPERTY

The amount of lost property has escalated to an alarming proportion in recent weeks. Year Coordinators will display all lost property over the next week so students can claim what is theirs. All unclaimed items will be disposed of or given away. Parents are urged to ensure that all items of clothing and sports bags are clearly labelled with the student's name so that it can be returned if misplaced. Some of these items, such as blazers, are very costly and there is no way of knowing to whom to return the item of clothing. Your support in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Ms Natalie Calleja
Assistant Principal





ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS



Ms Maria Bochrinis
Uniform Shop Manager



Ms Linda Balcombe
Office Manager & Enrolments Officer



Ms Alicia Keating
Student Representative Council Coordinator



Ms Rachael Keenan
Learning Area Coordinator - Society & Environment



Ms Lisa Jones
Business Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed for stock take this Wednesday 30 June and also on the first week of the July holidays. We will re-open on the second week of the holidays (Monday 12 July and Wednesday 14 July at the usual time of 7:30 am to 1:30 pm). We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Ms Maria Bochrinis
Uniform Shop Manager

ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

A reminder to parents to please remember to ring the absentee line 9449 0682 by 9:00 am on the day their child is absent.

Messages and forgotten items can only be dropped at College Reception for students to pick up from Student Reception. Unfortunately due to the large number of students at the College, administration staff cannot be going to class rooms to pass on messages or forgotten items. Please inform your child if they ever forget anything, especially their lunch or lunch money to check at Student Reception at recess or lunch to see if it has been delivered.

Ms Linda Balcombe
Office Manager & Enrolments Officer

STOMP



On the last day of term the College will hold its annual STOMP day where this year students are invited to dress up in costumes starting with the letters S, T, O, M or P. Students are asked to provide a gold coin donation on the day to go towards raising money for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Normal classes will run in periods 1, 2 and 3 and then during period 4 the Brainstrain Competition between the Houses will be held. In period 5 and 6 the Lip Sync Competition will take place where students and staff have entered themselves to mime and perform to songs or artists beginning with the letters S, T, O, M or P. Parents are reminded that this is a normal school day and attendance is compulsory. We ask that students dress appropriately for the day and get into the spirit to help raise money for a very good cause.

Ms Alicia Keating
Student Representative Council Coordinator

THANK YOU LA SALLE

Dear Mr Bull

Just a quick note to express my heartfelt thanks to your staff and students for the Deputy Prime Minister's visit to La Salle College. She spoke to me last week about how much she enjoyed it and of her appreciation of the magnificent effort of the school on the day. You are justifiably proud of your school and its' community.

Ms Sharryn Jackson MHR
Member for Hasluck

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION Premier's ANZAC Student Tour 2011

Any student in Years 8-11 with a genuine interest in the ANZAC experience are invited to apply for the 2011 Premier's tour. The tour is a fantastic opportunity for 10 secondary students to represent Western Australia as youth ambassadors on a history study tour to Greece in April 2011. Entries close 13 August. Please contact Ms Keenan through the College by phone or by email rke@lasalle.wa.edu.au.

National History Challenge 2010

The National History Challenge is a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be a historian, investigating their community and exploring their own past. It emphasises and rewards quality research, the use of community resources and effective presentation. Students from Years 5 to 12 are judged at State and National level, and have a chance to win a variety of cash prizes. Entries close 27 August. More details can be found at www.historychallenge.org.au or please contact Ms Keenan by phone or email rke@lasalle.wa.edu.au

Ms Rachael Keenan
Learning Area Coordinator
Society & Environment

SIMPLY STATIONERY!



On Friday the Year 12 Business Management and Enterprise class opened the doors to the new stationery shop at La Salle College - Simply Stationery. The opening was a great success with lots of students stopping by to check out the new shop. Simply Stationery will be open every lunch time and will be supplying a wide range of stationery products to students and staff of La Salle. The shop is located in the foyer of the Auditorium and the Year 12s hope that the students of La Salle will continue to support them in their venture. They would also like thank all the staff and students who helped make the opening a great success!

Ms Lisa Jones
Business Teacher



*Ms Margherita De Filippi
Teacher of Italian*

LANGUAGES WEEK

In what has become a tradition at La Salle College, we celebrated Languages Week in Week 6 of this term, as our way of promoting the importance and enjoyment of learning another language. The events organised provided students and staff with the opportunity to appreciate other cultures in society.

PCGs were tested in our daily Languages Week PCG Quiz and the staff and Upper School students contested the sixth annual Languages Week Cup, previously won by the staff on four occasions, however, the students have been victorious in the last two competitions. We would like to record our congratulations and thanks to all the staff and students who volunteered to play in what was an entertaining match of a very international sport. Who needs the World Cup!

Students and staff were also treated to an Italian and Indonesian BBQ, where on offer were such delicacies as Italian sausages and chicken and beef satays. These sold out quickly and many late-comers were left disappointed! Again, many thanks to the students and staff who assisted and supported the food stall.

During the week, the Year 8 Italian and Year 8 Indonesian students played in the Mini-World Soccer Cup during their normal Language classes, with the Italians the eventual overall winners. The games were played in good spirit and it was great to see the camaraderie between the students.

The staff were not forgotten and were treated to an Italian and Asian Banquet, catered by the Year 12 Food Production class and from all accounts, they are to be congratulated on their fine culinary skills. Languages Week also coincided with the Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea, so on Thursday 27 May, staff participated in a Morning Tea with an international flavour. My grateful thanks to all the staff who supported the Cancer Council by donating to the Morning Tea and/or purchasing tickets for our raffle. A total of \$512.60 was raised for this worthy cause.

Overall, Languages Week was a fantastic celebration of the cultural diversity of our school and nation. We encourage all students to continue with their language studies, to further enhance their communication, social development, better understanding of English, learning about other cultures, developing their skills for the future and improving their vocational prospects. We thank all staff and students for embracing and supporting our events during Languages Week and look forward to you joining us for our festivities in 2011.

*Ms Margherita De Filippi
Teacher of Italian*

YEAR 9 ITALIAN EXCURSION TO NORTHBRIDGE



Finally, the 2nd of June had arrived. We had been waiting for our Year 9 Italian Excursion to Northbridge with anticipation. After PCG, we left on the College bus for the Midland Train Station where we caught the train into the city. Our excitement on the train was sky-rocketing. We took up a

bit of room, but no one seemed to mind. As we walked out of the buzzing metropolis of the Perth City Station, we meandered along some quiet streets, marvelling at the cosmopolitan feel to Northbridge. Our first stop was Marchesi Menswear. Currently undergoing renovations, we were still greeted with a smile and all our questions were answered. The store sold exclusive menswear with well known labels such as Dolce and Gabbana, Hugo Boss and Versace to name just a few. Some of the girls were impressed with the man bags, but at \$1000.00+, this was out of our price range.

Our next stop was European Foods Wholesalers, where we were taken on an interesting and highly informative tour by our cheerful and humorous guide, Oriana. From Italian cheese, to coffee, chocolates, bread-sticks, tiramisu, we tried it all. European Foods stocks an amazing array of Italian food products imported from Italy and we witnessed first-hand how much of our food choices have been influenced by Italy and the Italians. After our fantastic tour, we were presented with gifts, Italian pasta, coffee, torroni and chocolates to share with our families. We would like to thank Oriana and European Foods for being so generous!



*Ms Margherita De Filippi
Teacher of Italian*



*Mr John Rovedatti
Year 8 Indonesian*

The Re-Store in Lake Street, which sells Italian products retail, was our next stop. Awaiting us for lunch was our delicious Italian continental rolls, which we had ordered earlier. It was such a beautiful day, that Ms De Filippi made the decision for us to go to a very picturesque park close by, where we sat in the gazebo and enjoyed our lunch. All that was missing was a siesta! We returned to the Re Store after lunch to complete our worksheets and some of us purchased more Italian chocolates and other delicacies for our trip home.

We then split into groups to look at other Italian influences in the area and interview the proprietors, so that we could share the information with the rest of the class. Some of us went to Corica's to look at the variety of Italian pastries on offer, some visited Torre Butchers, not your typical butcher's, as apart from meat, you could also buy vegetables, pasta, Italian drinks and other products. Our final stop was looking at a variety of Italian Restaurants along James Street, to get some ideas for our Italian Menu task this term.

No Italian Excursion is complete without a visit to Il Gelato, so on our way back to the Train Terminal, this was our final stop. Those of us who could fit it in had a delicious Italian ice-cream where we were spoilt for choice. Amazed by how quick the day had flown by, it was time to return to school. What a fantastic Italian cultural extravaganza it had turned out to be! To summarise the day in four words, I would have to say, "The best excursion ever!" Our thanks to Ms De Filippi for her awesome organisation of our excursion and to Mr Rovedatti for his assistance on the day.

*Louise Jasiorowski
Year 9 Italian Student*

I would like to acknowledge the Year 9 Italian class on their exceptional behaviour on the day. It was a privilege to take students of such high calibre to Northbridge to experience the Italian influence on this area in Perth. They were truly great ambassadors for La Salle College. 'Mille grazie, ragazzi. Siete stati bravissimi!'

*Ms Margherita De Filippi
Teacher of Italian*

**ALUMNI
CLASS OF 1985 REUNION**

La Salle College Class of 1985 (Year 8 1981 Year 12 1985) Cocktail Reunion Party will be held on Saturday 20 November 2010 from 7:00 pm to 11:30 pm at the Great Northern Distillery (Kimberley Rum Co), 496 Great Northern Highway, Middle Swan. Please contact Therese Kilkenny on 9493 2238 or 0411 593 216 or email functionjunction.com.au by 31 August 2010. Cost is \$45 per person (partners welcome).

ALL PARENTS & STUDENTS

YEAR 8 LANGUAGES LUNCH & SPORTS AFTERNOON

As part of the cultural component of the Italian and Indonesian programmes, all Year 8s, including the English Enrichment classes, will be involved in the Year 8 Languages Lunch and Sports Afternoon on Tuesday 29 June in Periods 5 and 6, when normal timetable will be suspended for the Year 8s. Please note that Periods 1-4 are normal timetable and that students need to come adequately prepared for those lessons. Students have permission to wear their full sports uniform to and from school for the day. All students will be given the opportunity to partake in a fully-catered Italian and Indonesian lunch and will then be involved in Italian and Indonesian sports activities. If you are able to loan us a Bocce set for one of the activities, kindly ensure that your family name is clearly labelled on the set and send it in with your child on the day. Your child will need to remember to collect the set at the end of the activities to take it home.

A letter has been sent home this week with all the details. If your child has any dietary requirements or food allergies, please send a note with the permission slip which is due by Monday 28 June. Alternatively, you may phone the College and leave a message on our voicemails. We expect that students will be on their best behaviour and participate fully and enjoy this inter-cultural activity.

*Ms Margherita De Filippi
Teacher of Year 8 Italian &
Mr John Rovedatti
Teacher of Year 8 Indonesian*

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Emery family I would like to thank Brandon Cooper for organising a fundraiser for Courtney (Year 12). A substantial amount of money was raised which was greatly appreciated by my whole family. Our sincere thanks go to all the students and staff who donated their time and money. Also we would like to thank all at La Salle for their flowers and kind thoughts at the passing of Karen, wife of myself and mother of Tammy, Allan, Ashleigh, Danica and Courtney. My deepest thanks.

Mr Neil Emery

IMPACTERS WINTER CONFERENCE

Impacters Winter conference is a Catholic youth conference for teenagers and above to be held in Perth from 13 - 15 July 2010. Presented by Youth Impact and Impact Catholic Ministries, this three day holiday event is being held at the Nexus Theatre, Murdoch College. This conference is aimed to further the faith of teenagers whether they attend church or not. Impacters Winter Conference features huge games, live bands, dynamic youth speakers and heaps more. The event costs \$119 which includes sessions, activities, lunch and dinner each day. \$50 additional includes accommodation, breakfast and buses. For more details, parent information and to download a registration form, visit www.youthimpact.com.au or phone the Youth Impact office on 9445 3700.





ART - i - FACTS

ARTS NIGHT

Last week I had the privilege of attending The Arts Night, an opportunity for students of The Arts to perform in front of an audience and display their many talents. For those who were able to attend, I am sure you were just as impressed and entertained as I was.

Thank you to all students for such a wonderful night's entertainment and also for the wonderful support of parents and family members in the audience. Of course, no event can be organised without a lot of behind the scenes effort and so, to all the ever hard working Arts staff of our College, a very special thank you for your consistently industrious efforts and support of the talent here at La Salle.

Ms Natalie Calleja
Learning Area Coordinator - The Arts



Ms Natalie Calleja
Learning Area Coordinator
- The Arts



~ **Importance of parental monitoring** ~ Home computers and access to the Internet can offer families many opportunities, however, there are also drawbacks to access that will see families facing many challenges too. Not only are there risks when online, but there are also questions as to the value of being online. A study conducted by Professors Jacob Vigdor and Helen Ladd of Duke University, North Carolina, compared the reading and math scores of 150 000 students before and after they acquired a home computer. The study concluded that effective parental monitoring, where children are guided in the use of computers for educational purposes, results in home computers being put to more productive use when compared to households where there is no parental monitoring. The following links may assist in guiding students to appropriate educational resources.

~ **Check out Exploratorium** ~ One of the first science museums to build a site on the World Wide Web. Visit <http://www.exploratorium.edu/> and for a list of the top ten sites check out <http://apps.exploratorium.edu/10cool/index.php>.

~ **Check out Writing Fun** ~ Jenny Eather produced this site which uses text organisers to help with the writing process. Visit <http://www.writingfun.com/writingfun2010.html>.

~ **Check out National Geographic Education** ~ The National Geographic Society inspires children and adults to find out more about the world around them. Visit the home page for National Geographic at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/> and the Education section at <http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/>.

~ **Check out BBC Skillswise** ~ Factsheets, worksheets, quizzes and games to help improve your skills at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>.

Ms Lindy Reger
Integration of ICT Across the Curriculum Coordinator



Ms Lindy Reger
Integration of ICT
Across the Curriculum
Coordinator

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE



CONGRATULATIONS ELLA!

Well done & good luck to Ella Gobald of Year 7 who has been selected to represent WA in the 2010 State Schools Basketball Team. Ella will be competing at the national championships in Darwin in August.



GOOD LUCK JAMES!

Congratulations to James Cam of Year 10, who has been selected to represent WA in the U15 Rugby Union Team. James is headed off to Sydney in early July to play against teams in NSW.



QUIZ NIGHT

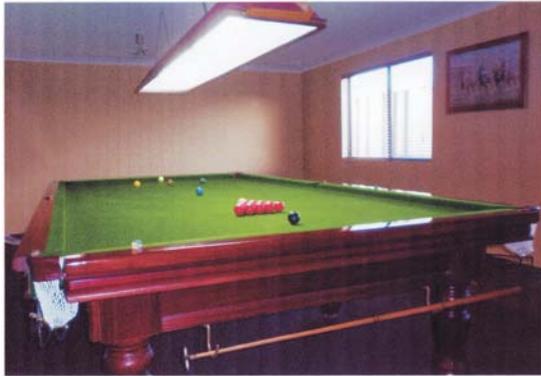


Ms Sabrina Lynsdale
Executive Assistant
(Marketing &
Public Relations)

LOUD AUCTION ITEMS AVAILABLE

Thank you sincerely to the generosity of businesses and families for donations towards the Annual Quiz Night and Auction.

Businesses, parents, staff and the wider community have the opportunity to bid for the following items. All proceeds go towards enhancing student resources at La Salle College.



This snooker table is available for immediate bidding

FULL SIZE SNOOKER TABLE (2ND HAND IN EXCELLENCE CONDITION) VALUED 2ND HAND AT \$3000

Full size snooker table with lights and full accessories, kindly donated by: Mr Darren Pierce. Please contact me by 2 July on 9449 0635 or email sly@lasalle.wa.edu.au with your bid.

QUEENSIZE BED ENSEMBLE \$4 000

Kindly donated by Mr Phil Barndon (La Salle College student 1961) Midland Discount Bedding. To view the ensemble please visit Midland Discount Bedding, 291 Great Eastern Highway, Midland or call 9274 0999.



9 PIECE OUTDOOR SETTING \$1199

1 SLV Amethyst Table 2.1 x 1.06 and 8 x SLV Ascot Cushion Chairs kindly donated by Mr Franco Randazzo - Outdoor Furniture Specialist.

TRAINING COURSE : USE OF PORTABLE FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR BUSINESSES (UP TO 12 ATTENDEES) \$600

Course covers dry chemical power, Air/Foam, Air/Water, Carbon Dioxide Fire Extinguishers, Fire hose reel and Fire blanket. Certificate will be provided on completion for all attendees. Kindly donated by: Mr and Mrs Darren & Leanne Mc Kercher - FIREtrain.

4 TYRES \$400

Choice of 4 tyres from Ian Diffen Tyre Factory Malaga up to the value of \$400. Kindly donated by: Mr and Mrs Greg and Kerry Doust - Ian Diffen Tyre Factory Malaga.



SINGLE BEDS (2 each \$399)

Drawers (white not orange as seen in the photograph) kindly donated by Mr Phil Barndon (La Salle College student 1961) Midland Discount Bedding. To view, please visit Midland Discount Bedding.

2 WHIRLY ROOF VENTILLATORS COLORBOND SELECTION \$390

Fully fitted if in 20km radius of Midland. Kindly donated by: Mr and Mrs Peter & Peta Paszko - Midland Outdoor Centre.

WAECO 12 Volt 32 Litre Fridge \$350

Kindly donated by: Mr and Mrs Brian and Angela Staines - Stainesaway Cleaning.

6 HOURS TRAINING IN MYOB BOOKEEPING \$330

Kindly donated by: Mr Cliff Wiggin - Compliant Bookkeeping.

QUIZ NIGHT AUCTIONEER REQUIRED

Are you attending the Annual Quiz Night on Friday 30 July and are a budding auctioneer? We would greatly appreciate your services. Please contact me for further details by phone or email sly@lasalle.wa.edu.au with your expression of interest.

**Ms Sabrina Lynsdale
Executive Assistant
(Marketing & Public Relations)**





TALENTED & GIFTED NEWS



Ms Lindy Reger
Talented & Gifted
Coordinator

Students from the Year 7-10 Talented and Gifted classes have had a busy programme this semester. They will present an overview from their year's work at the annual *Night with the Nobles*, on 24 November 2010. Below are their achievements to date.

YEAR 7



A group of very enthusiastic Year 7 students commenced their study of biodiversity in Term Two. In the classroom students have used a web quest to seek answers about the importance of biodiversity, both in the short-term and for the future. To further their studies, students have been on regular field trips to Blackadder Creek, investigating the various habitats and organisms, particularly the macro invertebrates, in the area.

The community of living things at Blackadder Creek interacts with the non-living world and during these field trips students have noted the weather conditions for the day and recorded measurements for air, soil and water temperature, soil and water pH and wind speed. Over time the data will provide students with information about the abiotic factors that influence the Blackadder Creek ecosystem. The students sincerely thank Mrs Bombardieri and Ms Thorne for their valuable assistance during the field trips to Blackadder Creek this term.

YEAR 8



A study of the planet Mars and a comparison to our planet Earth, has been the driving force for a group of keen Year 8 students who have furthered their knowledge and understanding of the two planets in Semester One. The students have investigated the importance of finding water on Mars, studied geologic structures such as impact craters and examined the spectrum of different energies in terms of wavelengths for rock samples from the two planets in their quest to find out more about the similarities and differences between Earth and Mars.

Practical sessions have also included the building and launching of rockets, the construction and testing of simulated 'Mars' landers', and investigating the effects of friction when studying science concepts related to space travel. A final laboratory session in Week 11 will see students investigate how living organisms survive

extreme environments. The students sincerely thank Ms Fairbairn and Ms Redfern for their assistance in setting up for all laboratory sessions.

YEAR 9

What is eminence? This was the question posed to the Year 9 Talented and Gifted students at the start of the year and heralded the beginning of their major project for Semester One. Students were required to investigate what is meant by eminence and then find a person who they thought was eminent and whom they admired. The students were required to thoroughly research their person and not only find out about the life of their person, but also to investigate the major contributions their person made to society and how these contributions are still impacting on society today.

Each student had to produce a 2 000 word biography, timeline, bio-riddle, PowerPoint and speech on their person of eminence and all this involved many hours of research as well as practice presentations. The culmination of their work will be seen at the annual *Night with the Nobles* where students will become their person of eminence and present their work on stage to parents and friends. Next semester Year 9 Talented and Gifted programme will be run by Ms Nicola Anderson and the theme will be Conservation.

YEAR 10

Unfortunately due to public holidays, normal school interruptions and exam breaks the Year 10 Talented and Gifted students were unable to complete their chosen projects and struggled to find continuity so they could develop their project ideas. In response to this, these students will be running the annual *Night with the Nobles* and will be taking on responsibility for directing students backstage, introducing acts and supporting lower school students. The Year 10 Talented and Gifted programme will finish at the end of Semester One and we would like to take the opportunity to thank the students for their contributions to the programme for the past three years.

Ms Angela Johnson
Learning Area Coordinator - Learning Support & Literacy

Ms Lindy Reger
Talented & Gifted Coordinator



Mr Darren Perrett
Christian Service-
Learning Coordinator

TOUCHING HEARTS

YEAR 11s

Your Touching Hearts senior project ends Week Two next term. You need to make sure that over the holidays you are completing activities and being of service to others to meet the required 20 hours.

Please keep an eye out in the PCG Notices next week for when opportunities arise for the holiday break. You can also check out the website volunteerwa.org.au as it has a lot of different opportunities over the holidays.

People Who Care is a not for profit organisation located in Guildford. They are looking for volunteers for holiday programmes they are running. If you are interested in them please send me an email and I can forward them your details.

YEAR 10s

The holiday break provides you with an opportunity to complete a lot of the service learning hours you need to successfully complete the programme.

QUIZ NIGHT

Those students who have put their name down to volunteer at the Quiz Night please don't forget it is being held on Friday 30 July.

BALGO TOUR 2011

Thanks to all the students who applied. In total 67 Year 10 students applied to go on the trip for a maximum number of 16 places. All the applications were completed to a very high standard and has made the selection process a very tough one. The 16 applicants who will be selected will go through a rigorous process. The successful students will be notified by mail by the end of Week 11. I ask those successful students to please send me an email accepting their place on the trip at dpe@lasalle.wa.edu.au

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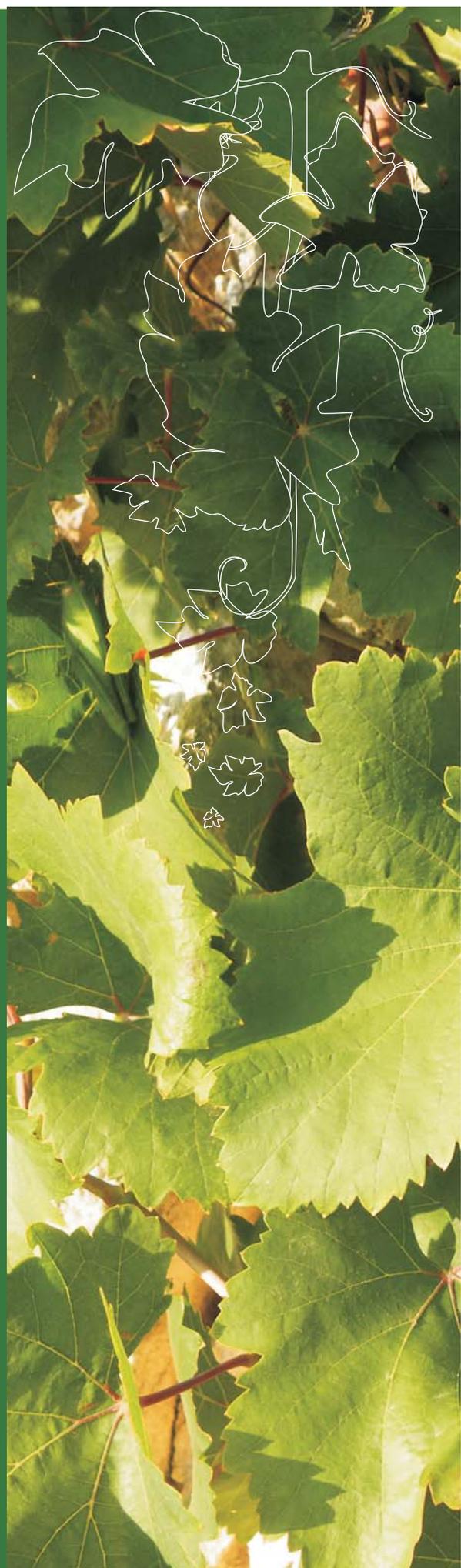
Over the holidays it's important to remember that a number of people this winter will be suffering in the cold due to homelessness. The St Vincent De Paul Society always organises blankets and a number of toiletry items for people who during winter really suffer. If you have any blankets, jumpers or tracksuits you no longer need, please donate them to Vinnies this winter.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." ~Mother Teresa

Through the Touching Hearts programme, you do not need to change the world by creating big projects and by trying to fix big world issues. It's by the little things people do which can create a better world. Give generously this winter! Have a great holiday break.

Live Jesus in our Hearts... Forever!

Mr Darren Perrett
Christian Service-Learning Coordinator



**ST BRIGID'S CHURCH MIDLAND****Fr Joseph Angelo***Corner Great Eastern Highway and Morrison Road*

Saturday Vigil	6:30 pm
Sunday	9:30 am and 6:00 pm
Children's Mass	9:30 am (Every second Sunday of the month)
Thursday Italian Mass	9:30 am
Reconciliation Saturday	11:00 am to 12 noon & 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH HERNE HILL**Fr Joseph Angelo***Great Northern Highway, Herne Hill*

Sunday	8:00 am
Children's Mass	8:00 am (Every second Sunday of the month)

ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH - GREENMOUNT**Fr Adam Babinski***96 Innamincka Road*

Saturday	6:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am, 9:00 am, 6:00 pm
Polish Mass Sunday	10:30 am
Youth Mass	6:00 pm (First Sunday of the month)
Reconciliation Saturday	10:00 am to 10:30 pm & 5:15 pm to 5:45 pm & any time on request

GIDGEGANNUP COMMUNITY CHURCH GIDGEGANNUP**Fr Joseph Angelo***Toodyay Road*

First Sunday of the month	9:30 am
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GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH - LOCKRIDGE**Fr Francis Ly***Corner Morley Drive and Altone Road*

Saturday Vigil	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00 am & 9:30 am
Reconciliation Saturday	8:30 to 9:00 am & 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

SACRED HEART CHURCH - MUNDARING**Fr Elver Delicano***18 Coolgardie Street*

Saturday (Reconciliation)	9:00 am
Saturday	8:30 am
Saturday (Vigil)	6:00 pm
Sunday	9:15 am

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHIDLOW*Wilcox Street & Northam Road*

Sunday (Rosary)	7:00 am
Sunday (Mass)	7:30 am
Reconciliation	7:00 am
(3 rd Sunday of each month)	

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH - BASSENDEAN**Fr Jim Sheldon***19 Hamilton Street*

Saturday Vigil	6:30 pm
Sunday	7:00 am & 9:00 am

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH MAIDA VALE**Fr Stephen Durkin***Corner of Hawtin & Lillian Roads*

Saturday Vigil	6:30 pm
Sunday	8:00 am, 9:30 am & 6:00 pm

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH KALAMUNDA**Fr Paul Raj***2 Burt Street*

Saturday Vigil	6:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 am & 9:00 am (Children's Mass)
Reconciliation Saturday	5:45 to 6:15 pm
Italian Mass	11:00 am (Last Sunday of the month)

LOCAL PARISH INFORMATION



CALENDAR & CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 11 & 1

* *Canteen Volunteers*
In italics & underlined

Canteen volunteers are asked to please wear enclosed shoes for occupational health & safety reasons.

Thank you.

Sun 27 June WEEK 11	Mon 28 June <i>Help required</i>	Tues 29 June YR 8 LANGUAGES LUNCH & SPORTS (P5/6) CURTIN ENGLISH SEMINAR DAY <i>Help required</i>	Wed 30 June BIRTHDAY MASS 8AM <i>Help required</i>	Thurs 1 July YR 10 OUT MOUNTAIN BIKE EXCURSION (ALL DAY) YR 11 ITALIAN DINNER 6:30 PM <i>Help required</i>	Fri 2 July STOMP! BRAINSTRAIN FINAL END OF TERM 2 <i>Help required</i>	Sat 3 July
Year 7 - 9 Exams						
Sun 18 July WEEK 1	Mon 19 July STAFF PD DAY	Tues 20 July STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3	Wed 21 July COLLEGE ASSEMBLY	Thurs 22 July MONDAY TIMETABLE	Fri 23 July YR 12 GEO NORTHAM FIELD TRIP CATHOLIC PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL OPENING MASS	Sat 24 July YR 12 GEO FIELD TRIP

COMMUNITY NEWS

HUNGARIAN FOLK DANCING

La Salle College plays host to an exciting production produced by the Keszkeno Hungarian Folk Dancers. With authentic and vibrant dance styles, unique to the Hungarian culture, this light-hearted folkloric tale is sure to entertain the entire family. Saturday 26 June @ 7pm or Sunday 27 June @ 2pm at La Salle College Auditorium. For ticket bookings please contact Andrew on 9275 9328 or email keszkeno@iinet.net.au

MUNDARING ARTS CENTRE

July is a wonderful month for making art in workshops at the Mundaring Arts Centre: July 7, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, *Screen Printing a Landscape*, children up to 15 years, \$35 ea. July 14, 10:30 am - 2:30 pm, *Create a Sculpture for Trek the Trail*, All ages, \$35 ea. July 15, 10:30am - 2:30 pm, *Create Wearable Art in Worn Out Worn Art*, All people up to years, \$15/ea. All materials are provided and bookings are essential. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Mundaring Arts Centre on 9295 3991 or email info@mundaringartscentre.com

LEE OLIVER'S TENNIS COACHING

Now taking bookings for Term 3. Tennis lessons for children, 7 to 16 years of all abilities. Friday afternoons at Helena Valley. Heaps of fun, small classes, fully qualified coaches and great tennis! For more information, contact Lee or Lu on 9252 0209 or email lolivers@bigpond.com

QUIZ NIGHT-DINNER DANCE

Help raise funds for a family member of the Lasallian community who suffers from Spinal Stenosis whilst having a great time. Head to the quiz night-dinner dance on Saturday 24 July at Belmont Bowling Club. Tables of 8, tickets \$100 per person including entrée platters buffet dinner deserts, entertainment, door prizes. Silent auction & bar facilities available. For information & bookings phone 0416 920 303 by 10 July.

AFTER SCHOOL ARTS

An independent cooperative run group by local artists offering creative courses for young people. After school enrolments for Term 3 will take place on Monday 26 July & classes commence on Monday 2 August. Classes are held at the Midland Junction Arts Centre & include drawing, painting & pottery. For more information contact Barbara on 9454 5186 or 0437 858 023.