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St John Baptist de La Salle

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Wayne Bull



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CHRIST'S BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS

As we conclude another year it is timely to reflect on this season of Advent – a time for renewal and preparation for one of the Church's greatest feasts – the commemoration of the birth of Christ.

While Christmas is about recalling the birth of Jesus, it is also a time for us to rejoice in the coming of the Lord. As Christians we believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God. Through the human person of Christ, God provides us with the path to salvation and the promise of eternal life in the coming of the Kingdom.

Apart from enjoying this special time to celebrate with family and friends this Christmas season, take time to remember and give thanks for the coming of God's Kingdom.

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

On behalf of the College community I would like to extend my thanks to all staff, teaching and support, for their many contributions to the College in 2012. While La Salle has wonderful facilities and resources, it is undoubtedly the staff who make this school so special.

The end of any year brings with it some movements in staff, with some staff retiring, others moving to other schools, while others complete temporary contracts. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following members of staff who complete their service at La Salle:

Michael O'Donohoe is retiring from teaching after 21 years of great service to the College. Michael has been a Year Coordinator, classroom teacher and the mainstay of our Outdoor Education programme. We wish him a long, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

Peter Sackett has spent over 10 years at La Salle occupying leadership roles as a Year Coordinator and Head of Learning Area. He has been a passionate teacher of Mathematics and Physical Education. Peter leaves us to assume the role of Head of Physical Education at Corpus Christi, which was where Peter attended secondary school.

Melissa Coelho has completed 5 years of service at La Salle as a middle school specialist who played an important role in setting up the Year 7 programme at our school. Melissa's significant travel time from the southern suburbs sees her move to Kolbe College in Rockingham which will mean a greatly reduced travel time.

Carolyn Williams has been with us for two years working in the Education Support Unit where she has been a respected staff member. She leaves La Salle to spend more time with her family.

Gabriella LeGall has worked with us for the last two years as our AFL trainee. She has provided great support to the Physical Education Learning Area. Gabbie has decided that she will pursue a career in teaching and will commence her university studies in 2013.

John Van Nus has spent the last 18 months at La Salle having been persuaded to come out of retirement to teach Religion and Life. John had previously worked at La Salle in the 1990's as the Society and Environment Head of Department. John is now retiring for the second time!

Terence Gosling has completed his 18 month contract with the College having provided great flexibility as a teacher in Home Economics and more recently in Education Support.

Craig Stein completes a 6 month contract in Physical Education replacing Silvio Lombardi who has been on leave in Semester Two.

Denise Radovanovic stepped in at very short notice to complete a one term contract as a Society and Environment teacher at the College.

Stanislaus Menezes completes a 6 month maternity leave replacement contract as a Maths/Science teacher.

Warwick Connor has continued his very long association with the College having completed another short term (3 month) contract in the English Learning Area.

Stephanie Purdy from the English Learning Area will be on a year's leave in 2013.

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We thank both Wendy McDonald and Paddy O'Connell for their great efforts as Share the Mission volunteers with the College. Their tireless efforts both at the College and in Boarding have been appreciated by all and we wish them well for their future as they take up their university studies.

We also wish Beth Bellotti and Tanya Manning all the very best for their maternity leave and ask God's blessings on the respective birth of their first babies. Additionally, we wish Mark Iles all the best for his Term One Long Service Leave.

Also in Term One, 2013, I have agreed to a secondment for Natalie Calleja (Deputy Principal – Student Services) to undertake the role of Head of Secondary at St Mary's College in Broome. Nicole Huggins will be the Acting Deputy Principal in Natalie's absence. I wish Natalie and Nicole good luck as they take on these roles.

Finally, we congratulate and rejoice at the upcoming marriage of Belinda Lush who will marry during the Christmas holidays.

COLLEGE PRESENTATION EVENING

On Sunday evening our whole College community came together to celebrate the achievements of our students during the 2012 academic year. Apart from the fantastic entertainment during the evening and the academic awards presented, the evening provided us with an opportunity to acknowledge four people who have played a significant role in the College's history:

- ✍ Br Berkeley Fitzhardinge, College principal 1972 to 1973.
- ✍ Sr Frances Maguire, teacher at the College in the early 1970s.
- ✍ Peter Elloy, current staff member who celebrates 40 years' service to the College in 2012.
- ✍ Ron Dullard, foundation student, former Board member, parent and the immediate past Director of Catholic Education in Western Australia.

Each of these people was awarded the St John Baptist de La Salle Medallion in recognition of their services to the College.

Also during the evening our 2013 Student Representative Council was announced. The following Year 12, 2013 students have been appointed to the Executive positions on the Council:

HEAD BOY:	David Vella
HEAD GIRL:	Dennielle Massang
DEPUTY HEAD BOY:	Thomas Hodgkin
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL:	Chloe Katich-Placzek
BOARDING CAPTAIN:	William Farrer

2013 BOARD ELECTIONS

Last week the College community held its annual general meeting. Among the business conducted was the election of the 2013 Board. A record 11 candidates stood for the five vacancies. It is my pleasure to announce that the following community members have been elected for a two-year term: Peter Naylor, Mark Musarra, Jane Coniglio, Peter West and Neville Martino. Additionally, Joe Marino has been co-opted to the Board. To the unsuccessful candidates I express my gratitude for your interest in serving the College community.

As a result of the Board elections, the following people were elected to Executive positions on the Board for 2013:

CHAIRPERSON:	Peter Naylor
DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON:	Joe Marino
TREASURER:	Mark Musarra

I would like to sincerely thank the retiring members of the Board, Geoff Enkel, Angela Smith and Phillip I'Dell for their past contributions to the Board and the wider Lasallian community.

STARTING DATES 2013

School resumes for Year 7 and Year 12 students on Monday 4 February 2013. Students in Years 8 to 11 commence classes on Tuesday 5 February. All new students to the College in Years 8 to 11 will also attend an orientation morning on Monday 4 February. Further details will be provided in my January 2013 correspondence to families.

St John Baptist de La Salle

Pray for us

Live Jesus in our hearts

Forever

Mr Wayne Bull
Principal





COLLEGE OFFICE HOURS FOR THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

The College Office will close for 2012 at 4:30 pm on Tuesday 18 December and re-open on Monday 14 January 2013 at 8:30 am. Office hours from 14 January to 1 February will be 8:30 am until 4:00 pm inclusive.



BOOK SALES

Book sales will be held on **Tuesday 18 December** in two venues.

New book sales will be held in the Patricia Rodrigues Centre from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm for one day only.

Second hand book sales will be held in the gazebo/quadrangle area from 8:00 am until sold out (generally over by 11:00 am). Please note that these sales are not run by the College, we provide the venue for parents and students to buy and sell books.

Parking for parents on this day will be on the **back oval** with entry through the western gate.

Mrs Linda Balcombe - **Office Manager & Enrolments Officer**

UNIFORM SHOP



The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days and times:

Last week of Term 4 2012: Monday 17 December and Tuesday 18 December (7:30 am – 1:30 pm).

January and February 2013: Wednesday 30 January, Thursday 31 January, Friday 1 February (7:30 am – 1:30 pm).

First week of Term 1 2013: Monday 4 February, Tuesday 5 February, Wednesday 6 February (7:30 am – 1:30 pm).

Mrs Maria Bochrinis - **Uniform Shop Manager**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Year 7-9 students sat their Term 4 topic tests for Religious Education last week. The students' marks do make up their overall Semester Two mark, and their exam/test mark will be reflected in their reports.

We have commenced our Advent journey known as the weeks before Christmas. We begin a new liturgical year and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The colour used to represent the time of Advent is purple, the same colour used during Lent. Purple is the colour of humility, a word which is close in meaning to truthfulness. So, with humility, we start all over again and begin to wonder what it means for the uncreated to become a part of creation.

For most of us, Christmas is a time for gathering with our families and friends, for wrapping presents, decorating our homes and Christmas trees, singing carols and enjoying special food and drink. But Christmas also is a time to reflect on who we really are and how we can share the gift of life with others around us. As members of our school community, may we reach out in compassion to those who are suffering, those who need healing and those who are in despair - let us reach out and love each other as Jesus taught.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and Holy Christmas.

Ms Angela Krsticevic - **Assistant Religious Education Coordinator Years 7 - 9**



YEAR 10 DINNER DANCE

The annual Dinner Dance to celebrate a successful year was held on Friday evening 16 November at Mulberry on Swan. We had over 120 students attend who went to great effort dressing up and looking stylish for the semi-formal occasion. All enjoyed the buffet dinner before dancing to the



latest tunes and having group photos outside. I would like to thank the staff who attended and helped out, including the official photographer Mr Gill, as well as all the students who made it a fantastic night.

Mr David White - **Year 10 Coordinator**

ASPIRE UWA EXCURSION

On 22 November Aspire UWA, in conjunction with Dr Jenny Brockis, invited 20 Year 11 students from La Salle to participate in a highly sought after workshop that teaches students to maximise brain function. At this critical stage in their lives, Year 11



students are an ideal audience for the messages that Dr Brockis promotes. We believe that, with Year 12 on the horizon, the workshop helped to arm them with practical methods to get the most from their brain and approach study and revision in more effective and healthy ways.

The day's activities included the brain training workshop, where students learnt how their brain functions and how it can run for optimal effect. They were then provided with lunch in the Refectory, a session on study skills and how to study effectively, and a guided tour of the university by student ambassadors, where they found out lots of interesting historical facts about UWA.

The students found the day very valuable as they had the opportunity to experience the university atmosphere first-hand and were able to talk to current UWA students that have come from similar backgrounds.

Ms Marie Noble - **Academic Excellence Coordinator**





URGENT - HOST FAMILIES WANTED – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As part of the Italian Cultural Exchange Programme a number of our students have recently travelled to Italy where they have been hosted by families of students belonging to our Italian partner school.

In March next year it will be our turn to host a number of students from Italy and we are looking for families willing to host one of them.

If you can help to host a student please contact me on ipe@lasalle.wa.edu.au for further information.

Mrs Imma Pellone
Italian Cultural Exchange Programme Organiser



**STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR DECEMBER:
FOR PARENTS: MOTIVATING YOUR CHILD**

There is no one approach that will work for every child. Here are some tips to get you started:

1. ENCOURAGE PERSONAL BEST

While I do believe anyone can do anything if they have the motivation to do so and are able to get the help they need along the way, we need to be realistic. Not every child is naturally academic, not every child will find school easy. Many children have other skills that may not be recognised or given an opportunity in an academic setting. Encourage your child to aim for their own personal best and personal improvement – avoid comparisons with other children or other siblings.

2. FOCUS ON YOUR CHILD'S STRENGTHS

Help your child build their self-esteem and their belief in themselves as children who have the ability and potential to succeed. Help children re-define what success means. Offer praise for effort and improvement (as opposed to results and ability). Look for opportunities to celebrate these types of successes along the way, no matter how small. It might be mastering a difficult concept, understanding something new, achieving a personal best. The aim is to build children's self-efficacy, their belief in their ability to achieve. Also look for things your child is good at, whether they are academic skills or not, and celebrate these strengths. Share these successes with friends and family (making sure the child knows you have done so) and give verbal praise or write a little note expressing your pride or recognition in a job well done. You want to give your child the clear message that their worth and value as a person is not bound up in the grades they achieve at school. Many Year 12 students start to think they are defined by the number they get at the end of Year 12, not a positive approach to learning.

3. HELP CHILDREN SEEK HELP

Sometimes the reason children are not motivated to work is that there is a sense of fear, they think they will not be able to do the work, so are afraid to try as they think they will fail. If they don't try and fail, then it was because they hadn't tried, not because they couldn't do it. If you suspect this is an issue, look for ways to provide support for your child, are there family or friends that can help when they get stuck, can you encourage your child to ask questions of their teacher before class or at lunch? Does the school offer other support? Only look for a tutor after you have exhausted all other avenues. Your child needs to feel they can succeed and they need to experience success at school. Once children have a taste of success, this can motivate them to continue.



4. CHUNK DOWN THE TASK

If the work seems overwhelming for your child, help them break it down into small manageable steps so they can stop worrying about the massive task ahead and instead just do one bit, then the next bit, then the next bit. And eventually it will become manageable. Recognise and celebrate the completion of each piece, that's one step closer to the final goal. Your child needs to feel they are having success at what they do, sometimes children just focus on the completion of the task, and don't recognise their successes along the way.

5. EXAMINE HOW YOU TREAT FAILURE

One of the biggest enemies of motivation is fear of failure. Children need to see failure as an opportunity to learn from their mistakes, to grow and to improve. Think about how you personally react when you fail at something or it does not go as you planned. Do you model to your child that a setback is an opportunity to gain information to help you for next time? Think also about how you react when your child fails. Do you help them to learn from this experience and use it as an opportunity to examine ways to improve? Help your child evaluate disappointing outcomes by discussing what they could do to improve or how they could approach the work next time.

Visit the Developing Motivation unit at <http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/> to print a Tips Sheet for Parents. The other tips cover using technology, just doing one little bit, helping children consider career choices, self-rewards, external motivation, creating positive working conditions, giving children the opportunity to work with others.

Our school's subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -
Username: forlasalleonly
Password: 116results

Ms Marie Noble
Academic Excellence Coordinator

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YEAR 7 2013 ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday 27 November the future Year 7s in McCormack and MacKillop Houses attended a session on Information and Communication Technology at La Salle. The students saw what will be their device next year – the Samsung Series 7 Slate running Microsoft Windows 8. They also completed activities relating to the use in school of touch screen software (e.g. OneNote) and played Primary school version of the cybersafety game BUDD:E.



Notebook Collection, Repair and Windows 8 Upgrade

As outlined in the previous Delagram, all Year 10 students need to hand their Lenovo notebook in to the Network Operations Centre for the machine to be re-imaged with Windows 8 operating system and MS Office 2013 installed. The devices will be checked for faults or damage. If faults or damage are found, which are not covered under warranty, the machine will be repaired under the *Accidental Damage Insurance Policy*. Unfortunately if this is the case, a \$100 will be charged to parents.



Similar upgrades of notebooks for students currently in Years 7 and 9 will be completed during Term 1, 2013. The same conditions apply to faults and damage as outlined above.

Current Year 8 students do not have a touch screen device. These devices will remain under the Windows 7 Operating System. 2013 is the final year of the hire arrangement of these devices.



Backup and Delete your 2012 Documents

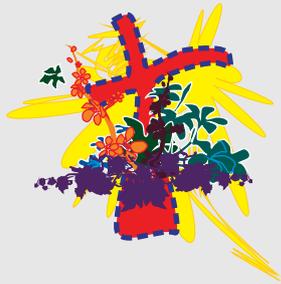
Once the academic year is complete, students need to back up any required documents from their 'My Documents' folder into a separate storage location (e.g. USB drive) and then delete those files from 'My Documents'. This will free up space for 2013 work in the student's folders which are backed up automatically at the College. Some students are running out of space because this has **not** been done in the past.



Mrs Lindy Reger & Mr Andy Vella
Integration of ICT Across the Curriculum Coordinators



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Local Parish Information

ST BRIGID'S CHURCH – MIDLAND
Fr Chrisantus Alambe
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 Chrisantus Alambe
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 Chrisantus Alambe
Toodyay Road

First Sunday of the month 9:30 am

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH - LOCKRIDGE
Fr Francis Ly
Corner Morley Drive and Altone Road

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

SACRED HEART CHURCH - MUNDARING
Fr Philip Fleay
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
Fr Philip Fleay
Wilcox Street & Northam Road

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

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH - BASSENDEAN
Fr Son Kim Nguyen
19 Hamilton Street

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

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH – MAIDA VALE
Fr Elver Delicano
Corner of Hawtin & Lilian Roads

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH – KALAMUNDA
Fr Greg Donovan
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)

ST MARY'S PARISH - GUILDFORD
Fr Blasco Fonseca
James St Guildford

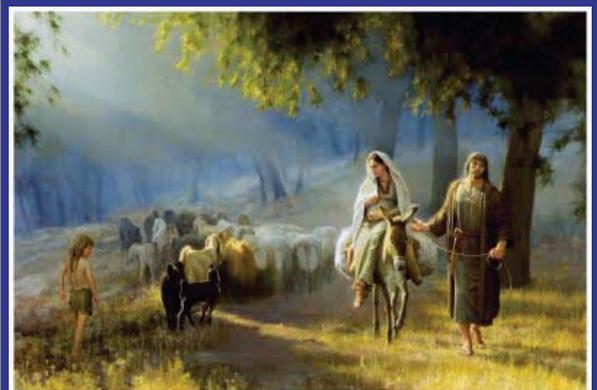
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am



PARISH news

'Remember, if Christmas isn't found in your heart, you won't find it under a tree.'

~ Charlotte Carpenter





SPORT



JESSE SCHELFHOUT IN NATIONAL FINAL!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Jesse Schelfhout who placed ninth in the final of the U/14 boys discus at the Australian All Schools Athletics Championships in Hobart. After a great performance at last month's State Championships, Jesse earned the right to compete on the national stage and he will undoubtedly be improved by last weekend's experience. With the school season now over, Jesse will look to club and state competition in the new year to continue his good form.

GARY VEEN CUP

This annual cricket match of the best the staff have to offer against a combined Year 9 and 10 team battled it out on Tuesday 11 December hoping to hold the Gary Veen Cup high at the conclusion of the match. The staff came out convincing winners and thank the students for the contest. We thank both Michael O'Donohoe and Peter Sackett who have part of these matches for many years before they leave La Salle. Mr Michael O'Donohoe, a good mate of Gary's umpired his last match before retirement and Mr Peter Sackett played his last match before he leaves La Salle headed to Corpus Christi.

LASALLE NETBALL CLUB

Preparations are underway for the likely establishment of a netball club based at the College for girls competing in the local SDNA competition on Saturdays in 2013. Any parents interested in becoming involved in the establishment of the club, and/or a position on the inaugural committee are asked to contact Mrs Barbara Dimascio via email at tikinel@bigpond.com or myself at the College at bdy@lasalle.wa.edu.au for more information.

Mr Ben Dyer
Sport Coordinator



*Wishing you
a safe and
Holy
Christmas
and a very
happy New
Year.*



COMMUNITY NEWS

KONGA WITH EDEN

Tuesday: 6:30 – 7:30 pm Bellevue, Saturday: 9 – 9:50 am Greenmount Hall. Follow 'The Jungle Body' with Eden on Facebook. Contact Eden on 0431947903 or eranelli@hotmail.com \$10 class or 8 classes for \$70.

LOLIVERS TENNIS COACHING

Book now for our January school holiday tennis clinic! Times are 2-4:00 pm or 4-6:00 pm every afternoon for the week 14 January at Darlington. Heaps of fun, games and prizes and fantastic for children 6 - 16 years of all levels. Also, book now for Term 1 tennis lessons for children, kindy to 16 years of all abilities. Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings at Darlington or Friday afternoons at Helena Valley/Boya. Heaps of fun, small classes, fully qualified coaches and great tennis! For more information, contact Lee or Lu on 9252 0209, lolivers@bigpond.com or www.loliverstennis.com.au