

# D LA SALLE COLLEGE elagram

Fortnightly newsletter



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Mr Wayne Bull*



*"Believe you can, and you can. Belief is one of the most powerful of all problems dissolvers. When you believe that a difficulty can be overcome, you are more than halfway to victory over it already."*

**Norman Vincent Peale (1898 – 1993) American writer and Minister**

### BOARDERS' LONG WEEKEND

As La Salle College is a boarding school we need to make provisions for our boarders to have the opportunity to travel home at least once during each term. Known as a boarders' long weekend, the suspension of classes for all students allows our boarders to visit their families and friends. We have scheduled our boarders' long weekend adjacent to the Foundation Day public holiday allowing our Kimberley students in particular the opportunity, where possible, to have time away with family.

This Friday should not be viewed as a holiday by our day students, rather a home study day. Our senior students in particular should use this timely break in preparation for their Semester One examinations which commence next Tuesday. It is also an opportunity for all students to catch up with any outstanding assignments or tasks.

Teachers and support staff, of course, will be at school as usual undertaking professional development along with planning and preparation tasks.

### SENIOR SCHOOL (YEARS 10 - 12) EXAMINATIONS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

As noted above, our senior students commence their mid-year examinations next Tuesday. This is a critical time for students to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of their course work from Semester One. Students only need to be in attendance at the College for their examinations. If students have gaps between their exams, they must use their time to thoroughly revise and prepare for forthcoming papers. I wish all of our students the very best of luck. I would ask that if students are visiting Midland Gate before or after their exams that they bring a change of clothes with them to wear while not at the College.

The College continues to offer our students a range of support mechanisms to assist them in their quest for academic excellence. Most upper school subjects have extra study sessions held at lunchtimes or after school. Our Prometheus and Daedalus Clubs regularly have 100 students in attendance after school, receiving support and tuition from their teachers, former students and each other.

### HOMEWORK

During my career as a teacher and administrator in Catholic schools, one constant that I have witnessed is the angst experienced by parents regarding the issue of homework. Teachers set homework, or home study, as a means of helping students reinforce concepts that are being covered in class and to practise skills that have to be acquired. Homework should never be given by a teacher as a punishment. It needs to have a purpose and should be directly linked to what the students are studying in class.

Because of this, homework is not always marked or corrected. Certainly, teachers should be monitoring that students are keeping up with their assigned homework. This can be achieved by a quick walk around the room checking students' work. Alternatively, the teacher may ask a series of questions of students to elucidate from them their understanding of the work which has been set. It is not possible, or realistic, to expect that every single piece of homework is marked. Teachers may do spot checks for homework, or wait until a topic is finished and then collect files or portfolios for a more thorough check.

### **Make no mistake – all students should be doing some form of homework or study!**

The recommended guidelines for home study are outlined in the College Organiser. If your son or daughter is coming home and stating that he/she has no homework/study to do, then they are not being honest. While a student may not have set or written homework on a given night (this would be most unlikely in Years 10, 11 and 12), when this does occur, students are expected to be engaged in 'study'. This includes revision, preparation for new work, organisation of notes and files, reading ahead in the text, and so on.

Parents do have a responsibility to ensure that their children are developing regular and consistent study habits. Don't accept the comment "I've got no homework!" Insist that they set aside an appropriate amount of time (see the College guidelines) in an appropriate venue (not in front of the television) to undertake their homework/study. If you are concerned that your child is not completing sufficient homework/study in a particular subject, please contact his/her teachers for advice and support. If the problem appears to be across all subjects and is endemic, please contact the relevant Year Coordinator so that we can work with you to devise strategies which will support your child's home study habits.

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### RED SHIELD APPEAL

Last Sunday a group of students and staff, coordinated by Mark Ielasi collected for the annual Red Shield Appeal. This activity is an example of our 'Touching Hearts' programme in action. I would like to thank these students and staff for their commitment to such a worthy cause.

### ACC CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

As I write this Delagram article our students are preparing for the annual ACC Cross Country Carnival to be held on Thursday 30 May. Competing against students from approximately 70 Catholic and independent schools, our team has been training hard under the direction and support of Ben Dyer (Sports Coordinator), Silvio Lombardi and Amy Bennett. Good luck!

### STUDENT SUCCESSES

Well done and congratulations to our students who are involved in the Inter-School Mock Trials competition. Last week saw our teams record significant results against other schools in the competition. Our staff, coordinated by Padminee Raja-Snijder, spend countless hours assisting our student teams prepare for these mock trials. Best wishes for the remainder of the competition.

### SIR FRANCIS BURT LEADERSHIP AND SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Deputy Head Girl, Chloe Katic-Placzek, on reaching the state finals of this prestigious competition to be held on 14 June. Good luck, Chloe.

*St John Baptist de La Salle*

Pray for us

*Live Jesus in our hearts*

Forever

Mr Wayne Bull - Principal

## FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM YEAR 10 – 12 STUDENTS – SEMESTER ONE EXAMS

During the two week exam period, students are reminded that normal classes are suspended and they only attend school when an exam is scheduled. An allocated study room will be provided; however, students must be in correct uniform. Normal school rules apply (particularly, the use of mobile phones). Break-out times for recess and lunch occur with the rest of the school.

**Mrs Rachael Keenan**

Deputy Principal – Teaching, Learning & Innovation



### STOMP – FRIDAY 5 JULY

La Salle College has a tradition of holding 'Stomp' on the last day of Term 2, allowing students to dress up to a particular theme. This year the Student Representative Council (SRC) had many options to choose from and ended up deciding on the theme of 'Blast from the Past'. The costumes can basically be anything stereotypical, from what is 'old', 'retro', 'vintage' or from 'back in the day.' Students can also dress as characters or icons from childhood.

The SRC paraded a variety of costume ideas at the recent College Assembly to assist students and staff with ideas of what they can wear. Towards the end of the day there will be prizes for the best dressed and there will also be a Lip Syncing competition where teachers and students are able to mime songs to do with our theme of 'Blast from the Past'.

We look forward to seeing the wide variety of costumes and Lip Sync acts from the students and staff.

**Jacinta King**

Brigid House Captain



### UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Mondays and Wednesdays 7:30 am to 1:30 pm, unless otherwise notified in the Delagram.

**Mrs Maria Bochrinis**

Uniform Shop Manager

### HOST A FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT

18/7 – 19/8/13

For the last five years a programme has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 16 – 17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

Families willing to host students for the four weeks of their visit (two weeks would be fine as well if more convenient and the student will stay with 2 families). The students will be part of a larger group of 25 students who spend 4 weeks with their respective school. They will travel to and from school with your children.

The purpose of this programme is for these French students to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The programme is highly successful and both Australian and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

The students are fully briefed about the school rules, are not to leave school premises and will attend classes daily. They will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Host families will be visited prior to the arrival by the organiser to explain the programme. It is believed that such an exchange is also highly beneficial for modern languages students, opening their eyes (and ears) to similarly minded students for an extended period.

If you are interested, please contact **Martine Floyd** on 0403 019 609 or email [aupairoz@iinet.net.au](mailto:aupairoz@iinet.net.au)

## CAREERS

### ECU – STUDENT IMPORTANT DATES

4 June	Year 10 Pizza Night
5 June	Teacher Ed Information Evening
5 June	Business and Law Lounge
11 June	Health Careers Evening
11 June	Mining and Science Careers Evening
11 June	Sports Industry Careers Evening
12 June	University Preparation Course Information Session
18 June	Communication and Creativity Information Evening
18 June	Business and Law Lounge
19 June	Future Student Information Evening

For further information and to register for the events please visit [www.reachyourpotential.com.au](http://www.reachyourpotential.com.au)

**Mrs Nicole Huggins**  
Careers/VET Coordinator



## The Simon Parent Access Module



Open  
[www.lasalle.wa.edu.au](http://www.lasalle.wa.edu.au)  
Click Simon Parent  
Access Module

### Parent Access Module Login

Enter Login  
details

Username:

Password:

CLICK ON

### HOME PAGE

Administrative  
notices read to your  
child in morning  
PCG

Upcoming Yr 11 and  
12 assessments  
(not general events as  
name suggests)

Your children.  
Click a name or  
photo to go to a  
student's page.  
See details this article

On-line information.  
Click a topic to enter

Not in use. See links  
on main website

### STUDENT PAGE

Subject Lesson times

Behaviour notes. Numbers only. You need  
to make contact to find out more

Attendance records for every lesson of the  
year

Most recent Report

See below

### Personal Det:

Title :  
Initials :  
Surname :  
Given 1 :  
Given 2 :  
Preferred :  
Gender :  
Date of Birth :  
Email Address :  
Login Name :

### LEARNING AREAS PAGE

Click here  
to see this

### Timetabled Classes

(Click Subject for Task Results)

Click subject  
for  
summary of  
assignments

CHEMISTRY  
ENGLISH  
MATHEMATICS  
PCG -  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
RELIGION AND LIFE

Click digits  
for details

Assessment Tasks		
Complete	Active	Overdue
0	0	0
2	1	1
0	0	0
0	0	0
1	1	0
2	0	0
0	0	0

- Notes:
1. "Homework Tasks" is not in use.
  2. Tests are not necessarily logged on this page. It is primarily used for assignments.
  3. Staff are not required to display marks on this forum, though many do.
  4. The Parent Access Module does not have all the resources etc. available to students. To see these, use your student's login via College Website|Links|Simon External.



## COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE



### **GOOD LUCK MATTHEW!**

Good luck to Year 7 student, Matthew Teraci who is heading off to Queensland this weekend to participate in the National Little League Baseball Australian Championships!



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ZAC & MAX!**

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Zacchary Ashby and Year 10 student, Maxwell Gipson who competed at the State and National Kayaking Titles, both achieving outstanding results!



### **BEST WISHES ELLIE!**

Best wishes to Year 10 student, Ellie Buswell who is training hard before she competes as part of the WA Intermediate Calisthenics Team at the National Championships in Melbourne in July.



Zac won 1 gold and 2 bronze medals at the state champs and a bronze at the nationals!

Max won 2 silver and 1 bronze at the state champs and 1 silver and 2 bronze at the nationals!

## 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 Bronislaw Pietruszewicz**

*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 Dominic Savio**

*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 Dominic Savio**

*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

## ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL HIGH TEA FUNDRAISER

Sunday 16 June at St Mary's Cathedral Parish Centre, \$50 per person to experience fine high tea with your partner, family and friends. Proceeds go towards educational materials for the orphanages in Brazil. Tickets and info, contact Tammy via email [smcpps@yahoo.com.au](mailto:smcpps@yahoo.com.au) or visit the Cathedral Piety Stall. Tickets must be purchased before Sunday 2 June.



## CALENDAR & COMMUNITY NEWS

Sun 2 June	Mon 3 June	Tues 4 June	Wed 5 June	Thurs 6 June	Fri 7 June	Sat 8 June
<b>WEEK 5</b>  CPAF De La Dance Rehearsal  ONSITE Placement 1 Concludes	<b>Foundation Day</b>  <b>Public Holiday</b>		<b>Long PCG Times</b>  Years 8 - 9 Aboriginal Education & Year 10 Education Support Excursion	Year 10 CGEA Incursion		
		<b>Year 10 - 12 Semester I Examinations</b>				
Sun 9 June	Mon 10 June	Tues 11 June	Wed 12 June	Thurs 13 June	Fri 14 June	Sat 15 June
<b>WEEK 6</b>	Year 9 Touching Hearts Concludes	Year 9 Specialised Football Excursion  Year 7, 2015 Enrolments & Information Evening III (7pm)	Long PCG Times  Benildus Long PCG Mass	Year 9 Italian Excursion	Years 7 - 9 Junior Inter-House Athletics Carnival  Para Activity Fun Run	
	<b>Year 10 - 12 Semester I Examinations</b>					
	<b>Year 10 CGEA Work Examinations</b>					

### TENNIS COACHING

During the school term Ross Gerrans' Tennis School will be conducting tennis coaching for children and adults. Application forms are available from the College or by calling Ross on 9284 9588 or 0408 945 509. If the times and venues on the forms are not suitable please call for details of alternative venues.

