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Fortnightly newsletter



St John Baptist de La Salle

La Salle College - A Diamond In The Swan Valley

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr Wayne Bull



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### COMMENCEMENT

It's difficult to believe that we are already at the end of Week 2! The last two weeks have been incredibly busy. We welcomed 1 425 students to the College, including 245 new Year 7 students and approximately 25 new students in other year levels. I would also like to especially welcome our boarders who travel vast distances, often from very remote locations, to attend school at La Salle.

A highlight of our first week was our opening Mass. Celebrated by our College Chaplain, Fr Leonard (SDS), our first liturgy for the year was really an uplifting experience. To have 1 425 students and 200 staff coming together to experience the Eucharist and reflect on God's blessings for the year was really very special.

My congratulations are also extended to all of our Year 12 students who received their senior badges at the recent Year 12 Commissioning and Information evening. This 'seniors' badge is a tangible sign that all of our Year 12 students assume positions of leadership within the College.

### TO BE LASALLIAN

The commencement of any new year allows us to focus on what really is the essence of a Catholic and especially a Lasallian school. Fundamentally, a Lasallian education is marked by a distinctive spirit. This spirit is based in the Gospels of Jesus Christ and in the spirituality and educational philosophy of St John Baptist de La Salle. La Salle College, Middle Swan is part of a world-wide network of Lasallian Schools with nearly one million students worldwide attending Lasallian institutions. Our aim as Lasallian educators is to *"touch hearts, teach minds and transform lives."*

2014 is also an important year in our school's history as it marks 60 years since the De La Salle Brothers opened the school, then known as De La Salle College. There will be a number of significant events marking our diamond jubilee.

### OPENING OF NEW FACILITIES

The first of our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations is related to the opening of our new facilities – the Peter Elloy Staff Centre and extensions to the Br Eric Pigott (FSC) Performing Arts Centre. Commencing at 7:00 pm on Friday 28 February, all students, parents and community members are invited to attend. The new buildings will be blessed by Bishop Don Sproston, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth, and officially opened by Br David Hawke (FSC), General Councillor of the Pacific Asia Regional Conference of the De La Salle Brothers.

Because this will be a catered event, please RSVP to Sabrina or Anne at [communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:communityrelations@lasalle.wa.edu.au) by Friday 21 February.

### CONGRATULATIONS



This year also marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the College by John Gill. John commenced at De La Salle College in 1964 as a student and then joined the staff in 1974. It is a wonderful achievement to work in education for 40 years, let alone to serve in one school for 40 years. Thank

you, John, for the many contributions that you have made to our College.

### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the importance of regular school attendance. Increasingly schools are finding that parents are taking their children out of school for extended periods to take advantage of cheap holidays, usually overseas. Regrettably, La Salle is not immune to this trend. I would ask that you discuss any planned holidays prior to booking with Rachael Keenan, Deputy Principal – Teaching, Learning & Innovation. An extended absence leave form must also be completed and signed by all of your child's teachers.

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### **INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

A reminder that we will be holding our annual Inter-House Swimming Carnival next Monday (17 February) at Bayswater Waves. This is a twilight carnival which gives parents an opportunity to come along and watch their children compete for their House. Those students who wish to attend the Carnival will be transported to Bayswater Waves by bus. Students not competing or attending as spectators will be required to stay back at school for supervised study. I would ask that parents support the College by not flippantly excusing your child from attending school on this day just because there is a Swimming Carnival. Usual lessons will be held for all students for periods 1 to 4.

### **SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS**

Please be aware that the College exercises its formal duty of care with regard to teacher supervision from 8:00 am through to 3:30 pm (*classes commence at 8:25 am and conclude at 3:10 pm*) unless a student is involved in a College sanctioned activity.

### **STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL AT SCHOOL**

A reminder to parents that the College is only able to provide immediate first aid to students. If your child is unwell, he or she should not be sent to school. The Sick Bay Area provides temporary respite and normally after one period (about 50 minutes) the student needs to return to class, or if still unwell, parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child. I know that this can sometimes be inconvenient, but the College is not in a position to provide long term care for sick students. It is important that you have an alternative contact so that if you are unavailable, another family member or friend can pick up and care for your sick child.

With regards to medications, parents are asked to ensure that prescription medicines are left at Student Reception for safe keeping. This will enable the First Aid Officer to supervise the administration of the medication. However, for legal reasons, we do insist that students self-medicate; alternatively if parents do not wish their child to be responsible for taking their medication, they will need to personally attend the school to administer the medication to their child. The only exception to this will be for those students who are in our Education Support Centre, and in this case a Teacher Assistant will assist the student in taking the medication.

The only medication that the College will provide is paracetamol and only if parental permission has been given via the Medical Information Sheet which was due to be returned last Friday.

Parents/guardians are requested to return three forms to the College, if they have not already done so, without delay:

-  *Student Medical Form (see above)*
-  *Student and Parent/Guardian Information & Contact Sheet*
-  *Friends of La Salle (FOLSC) Volunteer Sheet*

It is so important that we do have up to date contact details for all of our students and parents. Correct mobile phone numbers are crucial for SMS absentee alerts. Current email addresses are also important as regular information is sent out by the College electronically.

### **DELAGRAM VIA EMAIL**

As you may be aware the College's fortnightly newsletter (the Delagram) is sent to parents via their personal email address. Parents can also access the Delagram electronically via the College website. For those parents who do not have an email address hard copies are available from Student Reception. I urge you to read the fortnightly Delagram as it will contain important information regarding coming events and other College information.

### **HOME - SCHOOL COMMUNICATION**

I would ask that all parents are proactive in taking responsibility for communicating any concerns that you may have to the College as soon as possible. It is only by open and appropriate dialogue that we can hope to sort problems out before they become major issues. Teaching staff have a standing directive from me to alert you if they have serious concerns about any aspect of your son's/daughter's progress.

Please be a little patient when requesting staff to respond to a phone message or email. Teachers, appropriately, should be teaching during the day. Invariably many of them will have meetings or co-curricular commitments after school. They may not get to your message until sometime the following day and usually when they have an administrative period when they are not teaching.

### **PUBLICITY PHOTOGRAPHS**

From time to time the College may take photographs of students which could be subsequently used in various publications. If you do not want your child's photograph to appear in College or other external publications, please contact my Personal Assistant, Rachael Langdon by phone or email [rla@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:rla@lasalle.wa.edu.au)

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

**Mr Wayne Bull**  
**Principal**

# GOD IS LOVE





## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### 2013 YEAR 12 WACE RESULTS

High achievers from the Year 12 2013 student cohort were invited to the first 2014 College assembly, last week, to be acknowledged and congratulated for their hard work and commitment to excellence.

Some key results from 2013 Year 12 students:

- 99% WACE graduation.
- 17 students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) above 90.
- Over 99% of students who received an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) have been offered a university course.
- 1 Course Exhibition (student with the top Course score in the state).
- 1 Certificate of Distinction (student with a Course score in top 0.5% in the State).
- 5 Certificates of Commendation (students who achieve at least 20 'A' grades or equivalent over Year 11 and 12).
- In the top 50 schools (for achievement) for Vocational Education & Training (VET).
- 91% of students who participated in VET, achieved Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificate II or higher in Year 12.
- WACE courses with highest performing students in the state:
  - Earth and Environmental Science
  - Children, Family and the Community
- 9 WACE courses examined had scores at or higher than the state average.

I thank the students who attended the assembly – Pia Schelfhout, Liesel Morgan, Connor Callus, Melita Rajkumar, Dennielle Massang, Nicole Lendich, Benjamin Rogers, Chloe Placzek, Aleisha Jones, Savannah Norris, Sarah Arnoldi, Kimberley-Rose Young, Michael Ware, and Ashleigh Macri – and wish them well in their chosen field of study. I hope our current students took notice of some of the very sound advice on study techniques our invited guests were able to offer.

### STUDENT PHOTOS

*Academy Photography* will be in our school to take photos on:

**Thursday 20 February – Year 10, 11 and 12 students**

**Tuesday 11 March – Year 7, 8 and 9 students**

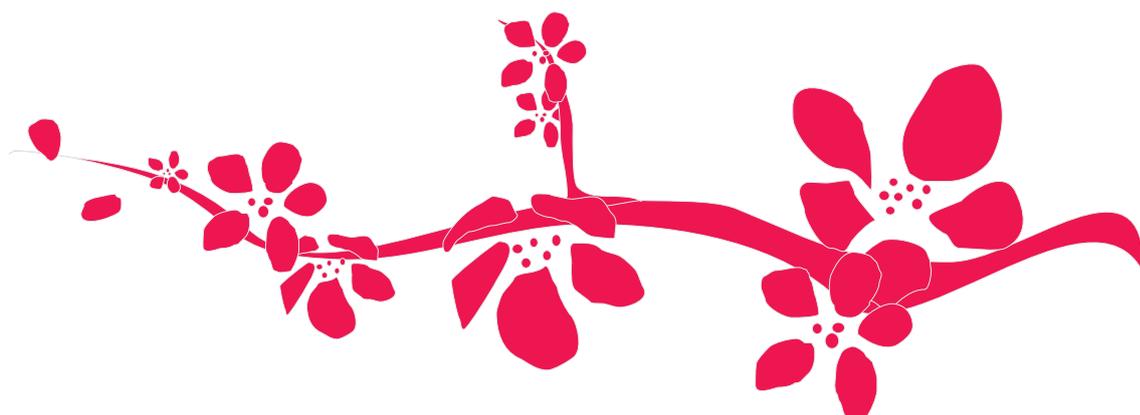


Personal student payment envelopes have been issued to students this week. It is important that these envelopes are returned **on school photo day**, particularly if you will be ordering photos. Do not send your envelopes to student reception - your child should retain the envelope to give to the photographer on the day.



I ask for parents' support in ensuring their child adheres to the College uniform regulations (pages 44-45 Student Organiser) and are well groomed on this day. Year 7 boys have the option of wearing the College tie. Year 8 - 12 boys must wear the College tie.

**Mr Rino Randazzo**  
**Vice Principal**





## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



### A REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

#### STUDENT LEAVE – 'REQUEST FOR EXTENDED LEAVE' & STUDENT ABSENCE DUE TO HOLIDAYS

Any student wishing to apply for extended leave from their studies is required to submit a completed "Application for Extended Leave Form" to Student Reception at least one (1) month prior to the anticipated date of leave. This form can be obtained from Student Reception. The College recognises the educational benefits of overseas travel and the importance to families of periodic reunions; however, if parents wish to take extended family holidays, they are encouraged to arrange for these to occur during the school holidays. Extended holidays during school time usually prevent a student from being assessed. Such holidays usually create a break in the sequence of learning which makes it difficult for the student to resume their studies without some additional tuition. NB: The College does not normally make arrangements for students to sit tests or examinations scheduled during their absence; i.e. students will receive no credit for assessments missed at this time. For Year 10 - 12 students the completion of a course may be jeopardised when extended holidays are taken. This may, particularly for Year 12 students, affect the achievement of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) – a prerequisite for Training WA (TAFE) and university.

#### SUBJECT AND COURSE OUTLINES, ASSESSMENT PLANNERS & ASSESSMENT TASKS

All curriculum documents are uploaded onto the College learning management system, Simon. Please contact the relevant Learning Area Coordinator if they are not on Simon.

#### STUDENT LAPTOPS

Students are reminded not to leave laptops in lockers overnight. Please take them home and ensure they are fully charged for the next school day.

**Mrs Rachael Keenan**  
Deputy Principal – Teaching, Learning & Innovation



#### YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION

Forms for the immunisation of Year 8 students have been sent home and were required to be returned by Thursday 13 February. Parents have the opportunity to have their child immunised against whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, chicken pox and HPV. If your child did not bring home a form and you wish to have your child immunised through this programme, please contact me as soon as possible.

The first vaccination will occur on **Thursday 13 March**. The other dates for Term 2 and 3 are listed in the Student Organiser.

#### CHANGES

Students have now been advised that earphones **are not to be worn** with the College uniform at school. A uniform infringement will be issued if seen.

Saturday detentions have now been replaced by **Friday afternoon** detentions from 3:15 – 5:15pm.

#### UNIFORMS

Parents are asked to be supportive of the College's uniform policy, especially with regards to the length of girls' dresses. It is in the interests of modesty that we require girls' dresses to be at the knee. If your daughter has outgrown her uniform and there is no more hem to take down, please purchase a new dress from the uniform shop, which is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 1:30 pm. This is especially relevant to the senior girls.

#### PEER SUPPORT BUDDIES

Thank you to all those students who willingly gave up the last day of their school holidays to come to school and meet with students in Years 8 - 11 new to our College this year. They are charged with keeping an eye out on our new students to ensure that they have someone to talk with at recess and lunch and to orientate them around the school and its policies.

**Ms Natalie Calleja**  
Deputy Principal



# F R O M T H E

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

### GENEROSITY ACKNOWLEDGED

During the Christmas break our Principal, Mr Bull received a number of 'thank you' letters in response to the generosity of our College community:

- Caritas Australia - \$2 000 for the Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.
- St Brigid's Midland Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society – who supplied over 100 Christmas hampers to local families (made up from student food donations). A \$1 500 cash donation was also made.
- St Anthony's Greenmount Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society - \$1 500 cash donation.
- Lifelink Day – support of the twelve social service agencies in the Archdiocese of Perth - \$5 000.
- Lasallian Foundation – support of development projects in Lasallian schools in the poorer nations of our district - \$20 000.

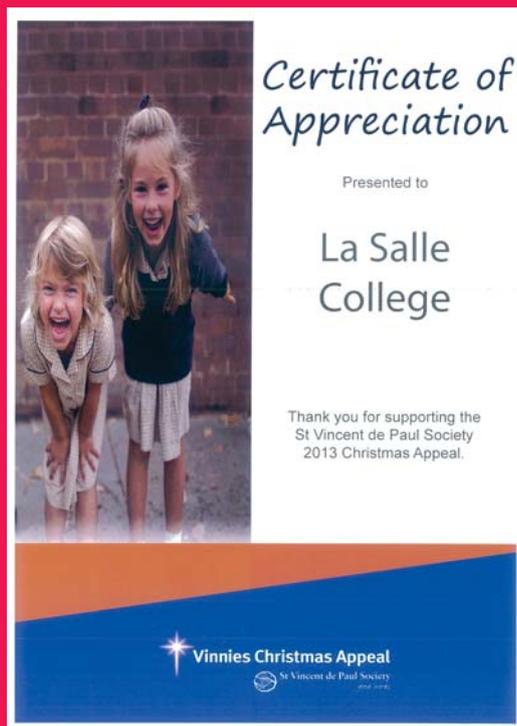
The College community should be proud of its efforts in raising over \$30 000 from the Swim-A-Thon, Mission Aid Day and other fundraising events in 2013.



### WEDNESDAY MORNING COMMUNITY MASS

Each Wednesday morning during the school term mass is celebrated in the St John Baptist de La Salle Chapel from 8:00 – 8:25am. All members of the La Salle College community are welcome to attend.

**Mr Adrian Martino**  
Deputy Principal



**"For it is in giving that we receive."**

— St. Francis of Assisi



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Units of Work

It's hard to believe we are already at the end of Week 2. The year has started very smoothly in the Religious Education Learning Area and lessons are well under way with the new units of work for this year.

The units being covered this term in Year 7-9 are:

- Year 7– *Basic RE Knowledge, Lasallian Heritage and Freed to Live Like Jesus*
- Year 8– *Belonging and Acceptance in Catholic Communities*
- Year 9– *The Human Spirit of Truth*

The units being covered this semester in Year 10-12 are:

- Year 10 – *Vocation: Called to Be and Become and The Search for Freedom*
- Year 11 1A – *Religion and Life: Why Religion?*
- Year 11 2A – *Religion and Life: Religion in Society*
- Year 12 1C – *Religion and Life: Religion and Lifestyles*
- Year 12 3A – *Religion and Life: Connection and Challenge in Religion*

### Year 7 Course

This year we have incorporated two new mini-units of work for Year 7, they are:

- *Basic Religious Education Knowledge:* prayer, Mass, vestments, vessels, liturgical seasons and colours, Chapel etiquette, Chapel visit.
- *Lasallian Heritage:* St John Baptist La Salle, La Salle College history, mission, crest and houses.

This week all classes visited the Chapel where they met Fr Leonard Macionczyk, our College Chaplain.

### Year 10 Course

As Year 10 are part of the senior school, they are working on semester programmes this year, rather than term programmes. For each semester, the students will have three assessments – two tasks and an examination.

### Course Outlines and Planners

All course outlines and planners are accessible on Simon. We encourage you to take the time to look at these so you can follow your child's learning in Religious Education.

### Year 11 Excursion - Cancelled

Unfortunately the Year 11 excursion planned for next week on Wednesday 19 February has been cancelled. We hope to have an incursion later in the year.

### Assistant Learning Area Coordinator – Religious Education

I am pleased to advise that Ms Sharon Cusack is the Assistant Religious Education Coordinator again this year. Together, with the rest of the Religious Education Learning Area, we hope to work with you in your child's spiritual development this year.

God bless

**Mrs Sharon Gregoor**  
Learning Area Coordinator – Religious Education

## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is located in Student Reception and is overflowing at the moment. If your child lost anything last year or has lost something this year they are encouraged to check lost property in Student Reception. Please ensure names are on all items.



### UWA ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP

From the 13 to 17 January I attended the Architecture Landscape and Visual Art Summer Studio course at UWA, on an Aspire scholarship. The course introduces high school students to life as an architect student. We started with a talk about the course, had a tour of the ALVA building, went

to the studio and were told about our project. We were to design an area for the top level of the new children's hospital. After morning tea a lecturer spoke about how inspiration is just as important as the concepts. After lunch we walked to the new children's hospital where we listened to an architect working on the hospital with this being a highlight of the week for me. We finished the day by going to the top level of the car park to help us get some inspiration for what we could design. On Tuesday we started drawing up our designs. We then went to the computer lab where we were shown how to draw a room, on 3ds Max Autodesk, which creates extremely realistic drawings. My design was an indoor beach. Wednesday was spent drawing and building our models. On Thursday we had a UWA entry information session. I found out that because La Salle is an Aspire school, you only need an ATAR of 75 instead of 80 to get in. We then sat in on a third/forth year critique. On Friday we finished our models and drawings before setting up for the exhibition of our work. The exhibition went really well and everyone's work looked great. These 5 days really opened my eyes to what it is like to study architecture and university life. I highly recommend the course for anyone thinking about becoming an architect.

**Amy Evans**  
Year 11 student





### **UWA ACADEMY FOR YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS – YEARS 10 & 11**

The School of Mathematics and Statistics of the University of WA is running a programme for mathematically able students. The aim of the programme is to broaden students knowledge and involve them in problem solving to extend their mathematical skills.

The academy runs on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 11:45 am. There will be 12 sessions throughout the year. The first two sessions begin on Saturday 22 and 29 March.



Students will receive printed handouts and will be expected to solve some problems for homework. If you are interested, students should contact Ms Noble.

**Mr John Angove**  
**Learning Area Coordinator - Mathematics**

### **YEAR 11 & 12 TOURISM EXCURSION**

The Year 11/12 Tourism Class began the year with an excursion to AQWA and Hillarys Boat Harbour. In this class, the students work towards their Certificate II in Tourism. Many of their projects are practical and provide them with hands on experience. The students spent their time researching the different sights and attractions of this popular tourist destination. Throughout the day they spoke with shop owners, tourists and local residence of Hillarys to gain and collect information for their assessment task. The excursion was a great success and a good time was had by all.



**Ms Denise Radovanovic**  
**Tourism Teacher**



### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NETWORKING PLANNING DAY**

On Wednesday 29 January, La Salle College hosted the planning day for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Schools Networking Day. The committee organising this event consists of four students from both Emmanuel Catholic College and La Salle College. This event will take place at the Catholic Education Office in Leederville on Friday 7 March.



Throughout the planning day the project manager consultant, Mr Johnny Swain, an employee of BHP, addressed the eight students advising them all about managing their own project and the necessary skills and knowledge required. The students then separated into smaller groups preparing for the leadership day. Approximately ninety people are expected to attend this event.

The theme for the 2014 Networking Day is 'If you can dream it... you can do it!'

**Ms Courtney O'Donnell**  
**Student Representative Council Coordinator**

### **COUNSELLING – RECENT HILLS FIRE VICTIMS**

Anglicare WA is offering free counselling for individuals, couples and families who have been impacted by the recent bushfires. To make a booking or to enquire phone 1800 812 511. Counselling is available in: Gosnells, Balga, Byford, East Perth, Joondalup and Rockingham.

### **WANSLEA FOSTER CARE**

**Do you have room for a foster child?** If you make room in your heart and home for a foster child, you'll change their life forever. You'll give them a chance to be safe and nurtured, as every child deserves to be. We need people like you.

**Unable to foster but looking to get involved?** As a Wanslea Foster Friend you can support foster families in your area by providing baby-sitting, meals, house duties, transport, mentoring, tutoring or donating clothing, toys or money. We also need your help to find more foster carers to meet the growing demand.

For more information, come to a Foster Care Information Session on: Saturday 15 March from 12:00 -2:00 pm at Wanslea Cloverdale, 311-313 Abernethy Road Cloverdale. To register call 9245 2441 or email support@wanslea.asn.au visit [www.fosternow.com.au](http://www.fosternow.com.au) or follow Wanslea Foster Care on Facebook.



# CAREERS

## CAREERS COUNSELLOR

Ms Kristy Harper is the new Career Counsellor. She has over 8 year's experience as a Careers Counsellor and is a Registered Psychologist. Students can attend the Careers Centre to make an appointment to meet with Ms Harper.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT & TRANSITION (CDT) YEARS 8, 9, 10

Years 8, 9 and 10 students will be bringing home a letter with information regarding their participation in the CDT course for this year. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Harper should you require more information.

## BARISTA COURSES

Limited places remain for the Tuesday Course starting on Tuesday 18 February from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at Central TAFE. This course is now only \$71. Contact Angel White to register [angel.white@central.wa.edu.au](mailto:angel.white@central.wa.edu.au) 9427 1236.

## DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING

Please contact Ms Harper for information on the Defence Force Recruiting information sessions in February should you be interested in attending.

**Ms Kristy Harper**  
Careers Counsellor

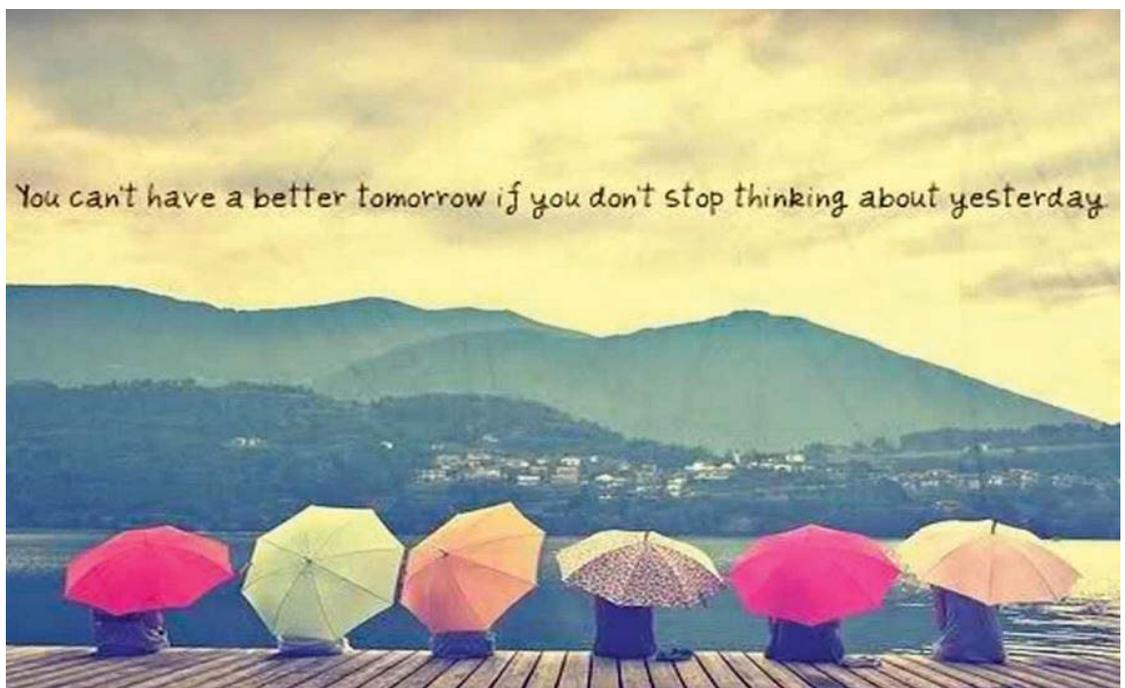
# CLICK ON

## HAVE A TROUBLE FREE YEAR WITH YOUR COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

- Use it for the purpose it is intended. That is education.
- Always use your protective case.
- Do not leave in your locker overnight. Take it home.
- Charge it all night. Double check that it is actually charging.
- Shut it down before coming to school. Start it up at school. That way it stays updated.
- Keep your school work in named folders under 'Documents'.
- Keep your e-texts and non-school files in 'Local disk C: \ storage'.
- Report any damage or battery issues to the NOC.
- Never reveal your password. If it has been leaked, go to the NOC for it to be reset.
- Questions about College software or Simon should be addressed to Mr Vella or Mrs Reger in the iCentre.



**Mr Andy Vella**  
ICT Across the Curriculum Coordinator





# COUNSELLING



## INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS NEW TO THE COLLEGE

Dear Parents, Guardians and Lasallian Community Members

For those of you who did not know, La Salle College is an **Act-Belong-Commit** School. What this means is that we have an ongoing partnership with the Mentally Healthy WA programme that assists us in promoting mental health and general wellness in the College. We even have a dedicated and active team of Senior Students lead by our Student Wellness Councillors Shanay Fairbairn and Adam Drage to promote the message at school.

Below is a small taster of what this means for us as a community. Watch this space! There are exciting things to come!

The intervention is based around the **A-B-C guidelines for positive mental health: Act-Belong-Commit.**

**Act:** represents 'being active' in as many ways possible: physically; socially; and mentally. For example: reading a book; doing a crossword puzzle; playing solitaire; exercising; gardening or taking a course. Maintain relationships with friends and family, talk to your neighbours or chat to colleagues.

**Belong:** being a member of a group or organisation has great benefits to mental health. Increasing connectedness to others and the community as a whole through joining a group contributes greatly to mental health. For example; a sports club, chess club, book club, dance class, walking or running group.

**Commit:** putting a little more effort into the things you do. So becoming more involved at a sporting club, being on a committee, not just watching the theatre but participating! Volunteering, helping at a community or church event, helping someone less fortunate and fundraising are all ways to commit to mental health.



For more information please have a look at the A-B-C Website <http://www.actbelongcommit.org.au/>, check out the lovely colour pages in the front of the student organiser or you could even download the free A-B-C app available for iPhone.

### **How do you do the A-B-C?**

#### **The College Counsellors**

**Janette, Beth, Anita & Shannon**

## PARENTING WA – POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAMME

For parents/carers of children 11 – 16 years to:

- Build a positive and caring relationship with your child.
- Understand common developmental issues.
- Develop effective management strategies for dealing with a variety of adolescent behavioural problems.

Facilitated by: Parenting WA Midland.

Where: Unit 2/42 Mathoura Street, Midvale.

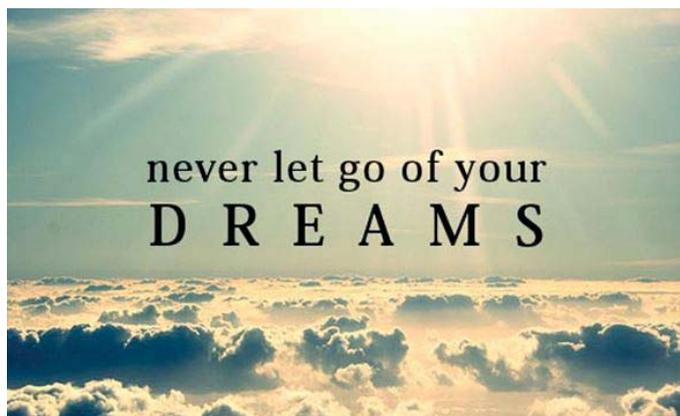
Dates: Monday 10, 17, 24 & 31 March

(Meet for 4 weeks for 3 hours each week) followed by a 15 – 30 minute phone call session once a week for 3 weeks. Finishes with a final group session on 5 May 2014.

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Cost: Free

Bookings are essential – participants must attend all sessions. Please phone Parenting WA, Midland on 9274 1666 or email [sue.marsh@dlgc.wa.gov.au](mailto:sue.marsh@dlgc.wa.gov.au)





# i CENTRE

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

To welcome students, promote excellence and acknowledge two unique global events, the iCentre opened its doors at the start of the school year with its 'Fire & Ice' display. The study of a second language can greatly benefit a student's academic achievement. To coincide with the College offering Mandarin for the first time as a language option for our Year 7 students, an eye-catching display celebrates China's culture and its most important festival. The Chinese New Year is based on a traditional Chinese lunisolar calendar and the festival is a time to reflect the previous year, spend time with family and friends, and welcome the coming year. Ms Keenan, one of our teachers of Mandarin, kindly loaned a number of Chinese artifacts and personal items for the 'Fire' display. One of these objects includes Ms Keenan's personal travel journal, which documents in Mandarin her month long tour of China as part of her language studies.

The Olympics are a place where sporting excellence can be celebrated. A worldwide audience of millions tuned in for the opening of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympics on 6 February. The iCentre's 'Ice' display highlights the Olympic ideals of international unity, understanding and cooperation symbolised by the five coloured rings, and features related resources available for student borrowing.

The iCentre offers our students a place where their learning, teaching and technology needs can be met as they strive for excellence. Resources, services and support are provided by the iCentre Coordinator, Teacher Librarians, support staff, and the ICT Coordinator, together with a number of teachers who offer after school academic assistance. The Society and Environment teachers provide an after school homework session in the iCentre every Thursday from 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm.

The iCentre staff welcome students, teachers and the wider College community to come and view the displays and make good use of this wonderful facility. Among the first students this year to use the iCentre's interactive monitors located in the 'Creator-space' booths were Year 8 students Olivia Witham and Holly Sawers. They used the technology to assist when working collaboratively on a class activity.



### **iCentre opening hours:**

**Before School  
Recess  
Lunch  
After School  
Friday**

**Tuesday - Friday  
Monday - Friday  
Monday - Friday  
Monday - Thursday  
3:10 pm - 4:00 pm**

**8:00 am - 8:25 am  
Second half  
3:10 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Mrs Lindy Reger  
iCentre Coordinator**



**SPORT**

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**SPORT**

The Physical Education Learning Area welcomes back all students and four new staff to the learning area in Mrs Jodie Walsh (Director of Sport), Mr John Simmons, Mrs Emma Stead and Mr Jake Trewin our AFL Trainee.

For the next five weeks students in Years 7 - 9 Physical Education classes will be taking part in swimming. Students have been reminded in class about the protocols for Physical Education and their uniform requirements. It is essential that students are organised and prepared for class and that each piece of their Physical Education uniform is labelled with their name. Students are not to bring valuables to class and leave in change rooms (e.g. iPods, mobiles, laptops, money, and jewellery). Change rooms are locked where possible but their safety cannot be guaranteed. Students who are not able to be involved in practical lessons must bring either a medical certificate or a note written by a parent/guardian with the appropriate reason specified. *Please be aware that minor illness does not permit students to be excused from practical lessons.*

Students are encouraged to involve themselves in the range of clubs and sporting teams on offer during the year. Students are reminded to listen to advertisements in PCG to find out when nominations/trials are running.



Please contact me at the College if you require further information about our programmes.

**Ms Belinda Sewell**  
Learning Area Coordinator – Health & Physical Education

**SPORT UPDATE**

It has been an amazing start to the year for Sport at La Salle. The Year 7s completed their swim trials and have also been trialling for the NWAS sporting competition.

NWAS is an inter-school competition consisting of a variety of summer sports. It is a fantastic way for students to interact with their peers and other school teams. NWAS is available for Years 7/8 on a Tuesday after school and Years 9/10 on a Wednesday after school, beginning in week 3 until week 9.

**INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival is again being held at Bayswater Waves, in Embleton, this Monday 17 February. It is a twilight carnival (2:00 pm – 6:00 pm) and we would love to see parents there for support. Any parents that would like to volunteer please email [jwh@lasalle.wa.edu.au](mailto:jwh@lasalle.wa.edu.au)

**Mrs Jodie Walsh**  
Director of Sport



| Sun 16/2            |                          |         |           |                         |
|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------------------|
| 10:00 am – 4:00 pm  |                          |         |           |                         |
| 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  | Orchestral Rehearsal     |         | CME & DWS | Orchestra               |
| 10:00 am – 12:30 pm | Song of the King         | Dancing | BLU       | Egyptians Butler        |
| 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | One More Angel in Heaven | Dancing | BLU       | Brothers, Western Wives |
| 10:00 am – 12:30 pm | Those Cannan Days        | Dancing | SML       | Brothers, Cannan Wives  |
| 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | Any Dream Will Do        | Singing | AWB       | Narrators & Joseph      |
| 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm   | Those Cannan Days        | Dancing | SML       | Wives only              |

# The Arts

**JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT - PRODUCTION CAMP**

On Thursday 6 February, 106 students and 7 staff members set off with great excitement to Serpentine Camping Centre for 3 days to rehearse and bond for the upcoming production of 'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. It was there that students and teachers were able to get to know each other on a deeper level and begin the long but exciting process of rehearsals.

Students worked vigilantly and with great enthusiasm despite the hot and trying conditions and at the end of 3 days, staff were elated with both the efforts and progress from every individual student and were very proud of the cast and orchestra.

Pauline Van Der Westhuizen, our amazingly talented costume coordinator, also came down to measure up many of the cast and show case a couple of the costumes and this certainly was a highlight for the cast.

On the last day, students were able to showcase to each other what they had learnt in the previous two days at Serpentine creating excitement within everybody as they started to witness the show coming together.

The camp was certainly a great success! New friendships were formed and a healthy supportive working environment was created. A massive thank you to all the staff for all your dedication and commitment. Without you all, things like this just wouldn't be possible.

**PRODUCTION REMINDERS**

A reminder that this Sunday 16 February at 10:00 am there is a meeting for all those parents and community members who have offered to assist with sewing. Pauline our lovely costume coordinator will be there and has some samples ready to show you. So if you are ready to cut, sew or just make the coffee we would love to see you.

**Joseph T Shirts** – A reminder to wash these shirts in cold water, otherwise this will destroy the logo on the shirt.

**Rehearsal Schedule**

A full schedule will be sent home this week but a reminder for this Sunday is below.

**Shellie Rodriguez**  
Director



# 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             |
| (4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month) |                     |
| Thursday Italian Mass                 | 9:30 am             |
| Reconciliation Saturday               | 11:00 am to 12 noon |

## 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 Pietrusewicz**

*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 &<br>5:15 pm to 5:45 pm &<br>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 Altona Road*

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Saturday Vigil          | 6:00 pm                                 |
| Sunday                  | 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 5:00 pm              |
| Reconciliation Saturday | 8:30 to 9:00 am &<br>5:00 pm to 6:00 pm |

## SACRED HEART CHURCH - MUNDARING

**Fr Dominic Savio**

*18 Coolgardie Street*

[facebook.com/sacredheartmundaring](https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartmundaring)

[sacredheartpriest@westnet.com.au](mailto:sacredheartpriest@westnet.com.au)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Saturday (Reconciliation)                                   | 9:00 am |
| Saturday  | 8:30 am |
| Saturday (Young Hearts Mass – children, teenagers & family) | 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 |
| (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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*

Usual Mass times:

|                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Saturday                     | 6:00 pm           |
| Sunday                       | 8:00 am & 9:30 am |
| Christmas period Mass times: |                   |
| Christmas Eve                | 7:00 pm           |
| Christmas Day                | 8:00 am & 9:30 am |
| 28/12                        | 6:00 pm           |
| 29/12                        | 8:00 am & 9:30 am |



## Prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## **MORTGAGE HELP – HISTORY TOUR FUNDRAISER**

Contact owner of Aussie Midland, Lynette Smoje who assists people with their financing needs. You can expect premium customer service that will enable you to find the best products that suits your present and future needs. She will donate \$100 towards the College History Tour 2015 for every loan application that gets to settlement. Contact her on: P 9274 7208, 0433 840 908, F 9274 7209 or E [Lynette.Smoje@aussie.com.au](mailto:Lynette.Smoje@aussie.com.au)

## **HISTORY TOUR FUNDRAISER**

Ivan Valkoff of Professionals 5 Star Realty Midland will offer a \$500 donation towards subsidising the travel costs as a referral fee if prospective sellers list/sell and settle their property with Ivan (only) before the La Salle College History Tour in 2015. On condition the prospective sellers need to mention the offer prior to signing the listing form with the Midland office. Contact Ivan on P 9274 1655, 0439 030 409, F 9274 0133 or E [ivan@5starrealty.com.au](mailto:ivan@5starrealty.com.au)

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS FEDERATION OF WA INC.**

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA (PFFWA) would like to take this opportunity to welcome staff, children and parents back to the new school year. Please bear in mind that when you have your first P&F meeting for the year, if there is any assistance or advice that we can help you with, please call Siobhan Allen (Liaison Officer) on 0409 025 683 or the call the PFFWA office on 9271 5909. We look forward to a great year working with you, and of course to seeing as many of you as possible at our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Dinner and Conference on 23/24 May. Please visit our website to keep updated on the conference, or look for us on Facebook. <http://pff.wa.edu.au>

## **RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA**

Relationships Australia have a few seminars coming up such as Mums Raising Teenage Girls and Dads Raising Teenage Girls. For information on these seminars and for more seminars coming up please contact Relationships Australia on 9489 6322 or email [bridget.john@wa.relationships.com.au](mailto:bridget.john@wa.relationships.com.au)

## **SWAN UNITED FC**

Parent Information Day & Registration Day is on Sunday 23 February at Swan View Park from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. For more information contact Jenny on 0412 948 292 or Penny on 0413 017 555 or log onto [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au) and self-register with Swan United FC.

## **ELLENBROOK UNITED FC**

Interested in playing soccer in an **all girls** team? We are the home of girls soccer in the North East Corridor. We are fielding girls teams in 11s, 13s, 14s, 15s, 17s and seniors age groups. We are currently looking for new players for the 2014 season. All players regardless of experience are welcome to come along and develop their skills in a fun and enjoyable environment with our passionate and experienced FFA qualified Team and Academy Coaches. Registrations opening soon! For more information visit at [www.eufc.org.au](http://www.eufc.org.au) email [ladiesfootball@eufc.org.au](mailto:ladiesfootball@eufc.org.au) or call Dean on 0407 227 663.

## **PERTH HILLS UNITED FC**

Perth Hills United welcomes junior boys & girls (5-18), men & women for its 2014 season. Register online at [www.phufc.com.au](http://www.phufc.com.au); [come to Harry Riseborough Oval, Hartung St, Mundaring on Sat 15 or 22 Feb from 9:00 am- 12.30 pm for more info or email \[tonywittcomb@bigpond.com\]\(mailto:tonywittcomb@bigpond.com\)](#) It's a great club for the whole family. Perth Hills Utd is a Kidsport Club.

## **PLAY SOCCER AT KALAMUNDA UNITED FC**

Soccer players wanted for junior boys, girls and mixed teams. Our Registration Information Day for new players is at Maida Vale Reserve clubrooms on Sunday 16 February, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information please email [kalamundaunitedfc@gmail.com](mailto:kalamundaunitedfc@gmail.com), or call Chris on 0401 875 249, or visit [www.kalamundaunited.com.au](http://www.kalamundaunited.com.au)



# CALENDAR Term 1 WEEK 3 - 4

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|--|---|--|--|--|--|---------------|
| Sun<br>16 Feb<br><b>WEEK 3</b><br>Production Rehearsals  | Mon<br>17 Feb<br>Year 8<br><i>Touching Hearts</i><br>Commences<br><br>Inter-House<br>Twilight<br>Swimming<br>Carnival | Tues<br>18 Feb<br>Year 8<br>Aboriginal<br>Education<br>Excursion<br><br>Years 7 & 8<br>NWAS<br>Sport -v-Aranmore<br>(H)              | Wed<br>19 Feb<br><b>Long PCG Times</b><br><br><b>Year 7<br/>Commissioning &amp;<br/>Parent<br/>Information<br/>Evening<br/>(7pm)</b><br><br>Years 9 & 10<br>NWAS<br>Sport -v-Aranmore<br>(H) | Thurs<br>20<br>Feb<br>College<br>Photographs | Fri<br>21 Feb<br>MacKillop &<br>Solomon House<br>Breakfast<br>(Year 7 & New<br>Students)<br><br><b>Year 7<br/>Big Day Out</b><br><br>Last day for<br>Years 8 & 9<br>Elective Changes | Sat<br>22 Feb |
| Sun<br>23 Feb<br><b>WEEK 4</b><br>Production Rehearsals  | Mon<br>24<br>Feb<br>Year 7<br>Big Day Out<br><br>Year 11<br>Information<br>Evening (7pm)                              | Tues<br>25 Feb<br>PARC<br>Welcome to<br>Country & to the<br>College<br>(Chapel)<br><br>Years 7 & 8<br>NWAS<br>Sport -v- Mercy<br>(A) | Wed<br>26 Feb<br><b>Long PCG Times</b><br><br>Years 9 & 10<br>NWAS<br>Sport -v- Mercy<br>(A)   | Thurs<br>27 Feb                              | Fri<br>28 Feb<br><b>Blessing and<br/>Opening of new<br/>buildings<br/>(7pm)</b>  | Sat<br>1 Mar  |
| <b>Lasallian Pacific Asia Regional Conference (PARC)</b> |   |  |  |  |  |               |



## The History of Valentine's Day Innovations

By Mary Bellis ([http://inventors.about.com/od/articlesandresources/a/Valentine\\_Day.htm](http://inventors.about.com/od/articlesandresources/a/Valentine_Day.htm))



St Valentine's Day has roots in several different legends that have found their way to us through the ages. One of the earliest popular symbols of the Valentine's day is Cupid, the Roman god of love, who is represented by the image of a young boy with bow and arrow. Several theories surround the history of Valentine's Day.

### Was There a Real Valentine?

Three hundred years after the death of Jesus Christ, the Roman emperors still demanded that everyone believe in the Roman gods. Valentine, a Christian priest, had been thrown in prison for his teachings. On February 14, Valentine was beheaded, not only because he was a Christian, but also because he had performed a miracle. He supposedly cured the jailer's daughter of her blindness. The night before he was executed, he wrote the jailer's daughter a farewell letter, signing it "From Your Valentine." Another legend tells us that this same Valentine, well-loved by all, received notes to his jail cell from children and friends who missed him.

### Bishop Valentine?

Another Valentine was an Italian bishop who lived at about the same time, AD 200. He was imprisoned because he secretly married couples, contrary to the laws of the Roman emperor. Some legends say he was burned at the stake.