FEAST DAY OF ST JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

Saint John Baptist de la Salle - 7 April (1651-1719: the Patron Saint of Teachers)

God, ever-faithful,
we thank you for the gift of Saint John Baptist de la Salle.

We pray that, like him,
we may deepen our friendship with you and grow more aware
of your presence in our lives each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
St John Baptist de la Salle
Live Jesus in our hearts.

“Remembering that God is with you, he will help and inspire you in all that you do.”

(de la Salle 15 May 1701)

◆ Founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools
◆ Patron of Christian Teachers
◆ Father of Modern Education

Wishing our parents/carers and students a wonderful and restful holiday.

Keep safe

Looking forward to seeing all our students back here on Day 3 of Term 2:

Wednesday, 27th April 2016.

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

Michael Egan
Principal

2016
DATES TO REMEMBER

25 Anzac Day Public Holiday

TERM 2 2016

26 Staff Development Day—no school for students

27 Students Return
Anzac Day Liturgy Period 2

29 Debating Round 2

MAY

2 Year 11 Visual Arts Excursion
Year 7 2017 Solomon Selection Testing

4 Year 9 Reflection Day
Year 8 African Music Incursion

5 SCC Year 7 Netball

6 SCC Year 7 Cross Country
Debating Round 3

10 Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN
Years 11 & 12 Mass

13 Year 10 Reflection Day
Debating Round 4

17 Year 11 UWS Fast Forward
Years 9 & 10 Mass

18 Year 9 ACV History Incursion

20 Debating Round 5

22 St Felix Centenary Mass
12.00pm
COMMITMENT • CONFIDENCE • SUCCESS

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Ms Leonie Dowd

YEAR 7 – 11 PARENT-TEACHER-STUDENTS INTERVIEWS

Recently LaSalle Catholic College hosted the Year 7 – 11 Interim Parent-Teacher-Student Interview Evening. Firstly, I would like to thank the marvellous response from parents and caregivers to join this Learning Conversation opportunity.

God has a plan for each individual; ‘a plan to prosper’ (Jeremiah 29) and be the best person God intends them to be. At LaSalle we want to harness the gifts and talents of each student, working together to allow their dreams and aspirations to bear their fruit.

Our expectations for personal success are high and captured in our whole school vision for learning. An opportunity such as these interviews, scheduled early in the academic year, provide teachers, students and parents a time to discuss these strengths as well as a time to work in partnership to explore strategies of improvement. I congratulate the majority of students and parents/caregivers for their positive approach to this evening and am confident that the conversations will serve you well in the following Term.

At LaSalle Catholic College we aspire to: commit to a deep love of learning, engender confidence in one’s ability and to celebrate the success of all the all members of our community.

I would like to thank Mr Cloran for all the lead in preparations for this evening as well as all the staff members who conducted the interviews in such a dedicated and professional manner.

TERM 2 UNIFORM

The College continues to impress upon the students the importance of wearing the College uniform and PDHPE uniform neatly and with pride, and the staff work hard to ensure the students are well attired during the day. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and students who support the College in this manner.

I ask parents and students to check the Uniform Guidelines that are published in the College Student Diary. It is the College’s expectation that all students wear their uniform in a neat and tidy manner and that the full correct College uniform be worn at all times.

As we all know, when one is dressed properly one feels much better about themselves and this optimises the learning environment of the College. We will continue to apply high standards of uniform at the College in the belief that it instils self-discipline in our students.

As we start Term 2 on Wednesday 27th April I would like to remind all students of the correct full winter uniform that is to be worn to and from school.

 GIRLS: College kilt length just below the knee, white College shirt, College blazer, optional College bottle green jumper, black leather low heeled, lace-up shoes and College stockings 70 denier opaque black tights. The same rules for make-up, nail polish, hair grooming and jewellery applies all year round.

 BOYS: Long grey trousers, white College shirt, College blazer, optional College bottle green jumper, College tie appropriate to Year group, black leather lace-up shoes, short grey socks, black, plain belt with simple buckle. T-Shirts, polo shirts and spencers are not to be visible.

A reminder to have all items of clothing clearly labelled with your first and second name.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you again in Term 2. God bless.

Ms Leonie Dowd
FROM OUR LEADER OF LEARNING: Mr David Cloran

YEAR 7-11 INTERIM REPORTS AND PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Over the past week, students in Year 7-11 have received their 2016 Interim Reports. These reports are produced in order to give students and their parents a snapshot of how they are progressing in each of their subject areas. The focus of the Interim Reports is on the level of effort and application demonstrated by each student towards each of their subjects.

The overwhelming majority of students are to be congratulated on the positive feedback that they received from each of their teachers and they are encouraged to maintain this consistent approach into next term and beyond.

In addition to the distribution of the Interim Reports, the College also hosted the years first Parent/Teacher/Student Interview evening on Wednesday of this week for students in Years 7-11. Once again, the College was most appreciative of the incredible support that was demonstrated through the levels of attendance on the night.

The conversations between the three key stakeholders in each student’s education will no doubt serve them well as the year progresses. A special thank you to all parents who made themselves available on the night.

YEAR 12 HSC HALF-YEARLY EXAMINATIONS

This week saw the conclusion of the Year 12 HSC Half-Yearly Examinations. These exams mark the final time that students gather for a formal period of examinations before their Trial HSC Exams in Term 3. Of critical importance will be the feedback that students receive from their teachers from the beginning of Term 2, which will allow them to better prepare for future assessments in the second half of their HSC year.

Students are to be commended on the outstanding, mature and conscientious approach that each took towards this significant period of assessment. Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for Year 12 students will be held on Wednesday 11th May between 3:30pm and 8.00pm at which time, all students will receive their Year 12 Semester One report.

Interview booking procedures and further details will be provided at the beginning of Term 2.

WINNERS OF COIN LINE COMPETITION

Year 7 Turon homeroom won our Year’s coin line competition.

They raised nearly $300.00 for Project Compassion.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

YEAR 7 TURON

Ms J Chmiel
HEALTH AND FITNESS PROGRAM

The PDHPE KLA is offering a health and fitness program for students in Years 7, 8 & 9 to participate in physical fitness sessions every Tuesday in Term 2.

The sessions will focus on: improving physical fitness; strength and conditioning; high Intensity and interval training; flexibility training; cardiovascular and muscular endurance; diet and nutrition; speed agility; games and obstacle course challenges.

The program addresses research that shows physical activity is beneficial in reducing stress and anxiety in teenagers and that it improves self-esteem and confidence. Through the implementation of this tailor made program, LaSalle Catholic College is empowering our students to become engaged, motivated, active and healthy learners.

To encourage the students throughout the course, an external professional who is an Exercise Physiologist, and ex-student of the College who also won Personal Trainer of the Year (2015) will speak to the students, conduct basic pre-screening fitness testing and run through a session emphasising the importance of exercise on their health currently and for the future.

Miss Natalie Di Benedetto (PDHPE Teacher) & Mr Adam Westwood (PDHPE Coordinator)

SAINT YON TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

Late last year, Saint Yon Trade Training Centre was able to support Bankstown North Public school by manufacturing a "lone soldier" mural using our CNC plasma cutter.

On Thursday, 7th April, Mr Graham and Mr Barrett were invited as special guests to the opening ceremony for the primary school’s ANZAC commemorative garden.

We are blessed with fabulous facilities in our Trade Training Centre and it was a great privilege to be able to support the project of a local school.

If you would like to organise a tour of our trade training facility, please feel free to contact the College next term to organise a personal tour.

Justin Graham, Head of Trade Training

TO OUR VIETNAMESE PARENTS:

I would like to thank our parents for contacting me in regard to school information and their son/daughter’s teachers.

I am looking forward to working with you again next term.

I would like to wish all of you a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Ms Anh Mai, Vietnamese Liaison Officer
INTRODUCING: ONLINE STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK

LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown, has purchased access for ALL STUDENTS and parents to the Online Study Skills Handbook. Students will be issued a flyer with the user name and password to be used when going online.

Here is the first tip:

MAKING GREAT STUDY NOTES

With the end of term approaching it is time to think about study notes. But why now? Well many students wait until just before examination time to even consider their study notes then there is no time to learn them and no time to practise the skills of the subject. If you know you will have tests later in the year, then a smart thing to do is to get all of your Term 1 study notes up to date during the holidays.

Imagine coming back Term 2, you haven’t done your study notes for Term 1 and you get slammed with new work – it becomes impossible to catch up! So make a smart decision and ensure you have all of your Term 1 study notes complete by the end of the term.

You can learn more about making great study notes in the SUMMARISING unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.

Top 5 tips to improve your notes:

1. **POINTS:** Avoid long sentences and focus on key points
2. **TABLES:** Use tables wherever you can to create structure
3. **KEY WORDS:** Pull out keys words (as shown in this list)
4. **HIGHLIGHT:** Make sure the key content stands out (but don’t go crazy with colour)
5. **FEEDBACK:** Show your notes to teachers, parents and friends so they can suggest ways to improve them

We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their child’s study skills abilities through this online resource.

Mrs Anne Nowakowski

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NOAH NAYEF: SKATEBOARD CHAMPION

One of our Year 9 students, Noah Nayef, competed in the 14-17 age division Annual Skateboard Competition at Bass Hill.

Although the competition was fierce, Noah completed the course in a flawless run and was rewarded with first place. This is the third year in a row that Noah has been crowned title winner.

Congratulations Noah
YEAR 8 HISTORY SOLOMON CLASS:

Every second Friday, the students of 8 History Solomon Class go to St Felix Catholic Primary School for a buddy reading program.

During the visit, the LaSalle students assist younger students with their reading ability.

This is a fantastic program as it encourages reading amongst all students and builds leadership and maturity in the LaSalle students.

Mrs Sophie Oparcik/Ms Katie White
IMPORTANT - Temporary service changes to your School Bus Timetable,

Amy Street Railway Bridge closure (Regents Park)

Following the Temporary Road closure of Amy Street Railway Bridge for replacement works, local diversions are in place in the Regents Park station area for the duration of the road closure:

- **Route 908:**
  - Detours via *Wellington Rd and Auburn Rd* along both directions;
  - 3 bus stops on *Carlingford St* not serviced by the 908 services; students are requested to use alternative stops to board/alight services.

  Refer to map.

- **School Route S405:**
  - Detour from *Amy St* (not overbridge) into *Auburn Rd, Wellington Rd, Woods Rd*, then back onto Clapham St;
  - No bus stops missed.

  Refer to map.

- **School Route S407:**
  - Detour from *Park Rd* (not overbridge) into *Carlingford St, Woods Rd, Wellington Rd, Auburn Rd*;
  - 2 bus stops on *Auburn Rd* not serviced by the S407 services; students are requested to use alternative stops to board/alight services.

  Refer to map.

- **Other Routes:**
  - Whilst works are being carried out and local detours are in place, minor delays may occur on all other bus services travelling within this area.

These changes will be in **effect from 19:00pm Friday 15 April, and are anticipated to end on Tuesday 30 August 2016.**

We will notify you closer to this planned completion date of the status of the road closure and resuming of your normal School Bus Timetable.

Updated temporary School Bus Timetables will be updated as appropriate and available for download as of 13 March:


From the ‘Timetables’ menu, simply select the appropriate school or route to download the latest timetables.

We apologize for the unavoidable inconveniences caused and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

If you require any further details please do not hesitate to call our office on 02 8700 0555.

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**ST FELIX NEWS:**

Parents and Friends are invited to view The Centenary Historical Display.

The Display will open on Saturday 14th May 2016.

**Official Centenary Mass** is being held on Sunday, 22nd May 12.00pm Mass followed by celebrations, food and drink.

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