St Felix De Valois Parish, Bankstown

ST FELIX DE VALOIS CENTENARY MASS 1916 - 2016

Yesterday I was very pleased to attend the Centenary Mass at St Felix Bankstown with close to 1000 others. It was wonderful to be part of a strong contingent of LaSalle students and staff joining in the Mass and the celebration that followed.

100 years is a blessed milestone for this parish and all who contribute to it.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 9 students who completed their next NAPLAN exams last week. The teacher supervisors reported a highly engaged group of students taking part in this challenging set of tests that help inform the school of the strengths and weaknesses of students to better inform teaching.

You may recall that the College was one of a small select group identified by ACARA, the Federal body responsible for the exams, as a place of outstanding growth in performance from Years 7 to 9 in 2015.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments applications for Year 7 2017 have already far exceeded the number for the same time in 2016. First round offers will be issued this week along with calls for interviews with prospective enrolments. Parents with other children at the school and/or children at our five feeder schools are urged to get their applications in without delay to ensure a place for next year.

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

Michael Egan
Principal

2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

24 Years 7 & 8 Mass
Mary, Help of Christian Mass
@ St Mary’s Cathedral
26 Year 9 Students Bankstown Library
MCC League
SCC Netball
27 Debating Round 6
28 Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
27 May to 3rd June
National Reconciliation Week

JUNE

1 Year 10 PASS Excursion
2 MCC League
SCC Netball
3 Mufti Day St Vincent De Paul
Year 10 Food Tech Excursion
Debating Round 7
7 College Photo Day
8 LaSalle’s Athletics’ Carnival
9 SCC Netball
10 Mufti Day St Vincent De Paul
13 QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY - public holiday
FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Ms Leonie Dowd

TERM 2 – SCC NETBALL

Representative Sport – Previously I have spoken about LaSalle traditionally being involved in Metropolitan Catholic Colleges (MCC) representative sports for the boys. Now we have joined Sydney Catholic College (SCC) as an avenue for the female students to enter the representative sports arena.

Last Thursday saw the very first team of LaSalle girls win their first SCC Netball game. The team certainly showed great tenacity as they played a far more experienced college in Mary MacKillop Catholic College, Wakeley.

I wish all the girls the best as they continue to represent LaSalle in this sport. With more training and sense of gained confidence in each other in teamwork I am sure the girls will achieve more successes.

I hope you enjoy the photos of the LaSalle Netball squad.

I continue to wish our students a great Term 2. Your efforts and diligence will be rewarded as you work towards your Semester 1 report.

God bless

PATRON SAINT OF TEACHERS: SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE (15th May)

John Baptist de la Salle was born in France in 1651. His family was from the privileged class, however, after entering the priesthood, de la Salle committed himself to provide a Christian and human education to young people and especially to the poor and marginalised. In 1680, at 29 years of age, John Baptist de la Salle invited young men to join him in devoting themselves to the Christian education of youth.

On his death in 1719, there were 100 brothers in France. He was canonised in 1900 and became the universal patron Saint of Teachers in 1950. Inspired by their Founder, the de La Salle Brothers developed into a world wide Christian education community.

Today, more than 8,500 Brothers and many thousands of lay partners, supportive of the ethos and ideals of St John Baptist de la Salle, are continuing this tradition in universities, schools and other educational institutions in over 80 countries.

“To touch the hearts of the young and to inspire them with the Christian spirit is the greatest miracle you can perform, and it is the one that God asks of you; it is the purpose of your work with the young.” (St John Baptist de la Salle)

Stephanine Assad, Lasallian Youth Minister
FROM OUR LEADER OF LEARNING: Mr David Cloran

SEMESTER ONE ASSESSMENT PERIOD

Over the past fortnight, students from LaSalle Catholic College have been engaged in a rather busy period of assessments.

In Week 3, students from Years 7 and 9 completed five NAPLAN examinations across three days. Additionally, this week marks the commencement of the 2016 Year 8 and 10 Examination Week, with the Year 7 and 9 Examination Week commencing next Monday, 30th May. All students have been encouraged to focus on their preparation for these tasks in the knowledge that they will carry significant weight in informing their Semester One report which will be distributed at the end of Term.

In addition to these formal assessment periods in our junior years, our senior students are also entering into a significant assessment period which contributes directly towards their Preliminary and Higher School Certificates. Particularly during these busy periods, all students and parents are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the various assessment procedures, particularly with regards to procedures to be followed should any student be absent for a task. These procedures can be found in each year groups Assessment Handbook that was distributed during Term 1.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Semester One Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews took place on the evening of May 11, where all parents of Year 12 students were invited to meet with their son’s teachers to discuss their progress at this point of their HSC year.

This evening provided a wonderful opportunity for teachers to both affirm the work of so many of our senior students, and to devise strategies that will further support students as they prepare for both their Trial and HSC examinations.

Parents of students in Years 7-11 will have a similar opportunity to meet with your son’s teachers at the College on the evening of June 30th, and the morning of July 1st. Further information, including the process for interview bookings, will be provided in the coming weeks.

2016 NSW TRAINING AWARDS - SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICE CATEGORY

Samuel Cohen has been selected as a finalist in the 2016 NSW Training Awards School Based Apprentice Category.

After being nominated by the Saint Yon Trade Training Centre and his trainer, Mr Dimovski, Samuel attended an interview recently where his nomination was assessed against a strong field of 50 applicants.

Sam has been selected as a finalist in this category and will now be attending the Awards dinner with his family, employer and our LaSalle VET staff on Thursday 23rd June at Liverpool Catholic Club.

Mr Justin Graham, Head of Trade Trading

YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

Year 7 Vaccinations will continue on Tuesday, 31st May with students receiving the second dose of HPV vaccination from NSW Health. Students who participated in the first Vaccination Day in Term One will receive the booster shot.

If your son or daughter did not participate in the Vaccination Program in Term One but you would like them to participate in future vaccinations, please ask your child to collect the appropriate forms from their Year Coordinator.

Peter Cartledge
SPORT NEWS:

2016 SCC CROSS COUNTRY - QUEENS PARK

The following students took part in the SCC Cross Country at Queens Park, Sydney:

Youngor McGill, Isabella Silvera, Grace Le, Vivian Phan, Gabriella El-Arif, Linda Ngo, Natalie Lawani, Chloe Bozinovska, Ameila Wannous, Tiana Civkaroska and Laura Hanna.

The Cross Country team performed very well on the day representing the school with pride.

The course was extremely difficult with many long rises and hills, this didn't stop our LaSalle runners giving it their best.

With the effort displayed this year and more experience in running in this event next year we should see much improvement. Well done.

Adam Westwood

AN EVENING WITH THE SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE DE LA SALLE BROTHERS

On Thursday, 28th April, Casimir Catholic College, Marrickville hosted an evening with Superior Br Robert ‘Bob’ Schieler.

Gregory Nassar, Stephanie Assad, Miss Nemer and I attended this Lasallian Gathering along with many Lasallian representatives from across internal borders including: de la Salle Brothers, members of the LaSalle Youth Ministry Team, staff and representatives from each of the eight affiliated de la Salle schools across Sydney.

As Superior General, Br Robert, leads the largest order of religious Brothers in the Church dedicated to education as the successor of St John Baptist de la Salle - the Patron Saint of Teachers, with the mission of providing a Christian education to the poor.

We were given supper followed by a discussion regarding how they could involve the Lasallian values of ‘Faith, Service, Community’ both within and outside the school community and in modern society. Br Robert led a personal reflection and testimony of his journey with the Lasallian community as well as an engaging prayer service. A brief Q&A panel with Br Robert and Br Ricky Laguda from the Philippines also allowed student to know more about growing within Lasallian community.

It was a great privilege to have conversed with the Brothers and the extended Lasallian community. I thank Miss Nemer, the Lasallian Brothers and staff who made this event possible for the younger generations of St John Baptist de LaSalle’s mission and legacy.

Vincent Gabut, College Captain