PRINCIPAL CONTRACT RENEWAL

Sydney Catholic Schools embrace a strong commitment to building a growth culture of Performance and Development, aligned with the Australian Professional Standards. During each contractual period our Principals engage in a formal Performance Review with a Review Panel.

The purpose of the Performance Review is to:

- confirm the leadership effectiveness of the Principal
- identify successes and affirm achievements
- interpret data collected during the term of the Contract
- inform decision regarding Contract Renewal/further appointment
- identify areas for professional development to enhance effectiveness of the Principal
- demonstrate public accountability to the Church and community.

You are invited to contribute to my Performance Review process which is to take place during August 2016.

I would be most appreciative if you would complete this Google survey according to your knowledge of me in my role as Principal of LaSalle Catholic College, Bankstown.

The collated data from all the responses will assist in identifying current strengths and areas for development in my performance of the role. Your specific comments will remain strictly confidential.

Michael Egan Contract Renewal - Parent Survey
FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

LASALLE MENTORS ST FELIX STUDENTS IN LITERACY

Every second Friday students from the LaSalle Year 8 community assist the Year 5 students from St Felix Catholic Primary School with their reading and comprehension skills.

Our students, supported by their teachers, Ms White and Mrs Oparcik, walk to the St Felix Catholic Primary School Library where the Year 5 students are gathered, waiting excitedly for our arrival.

As you can see by the accompanying pictures, the students choose a book together and then listened to the young boys and girls as they read.

Our College founder Saint John Baptist de la Salle would be delighted to see the caring guidance the students are offered.

I thank all students involved in this initiative as well as Ms White and Mrs Oparcik.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It certainly has been a very busy week. As well as the College Photo day on Tuesday 7th June, we held the College Athletics Carnival Wednesday 8th June. This turned out to be a wonderful day. We were blessed with unusually warm weather for this time of year. Many students and staff alike commented that this was the first hot (and dry) athletics carnival they had ever experienced.

The carnival was well attended and the students certainly performed to their best. I witnessed some amazing runners – both sprints and long distance, and enjoyed watching the students trying to throw the shot put, or striving to scale the heights of the High Jump bar. The camaraderie and support between the competitors was so pleasing to see.

My thanks go to the College Sports Coordinator, for all the lead-up preparations for such an event. There are many, many behind the scene hours of work to ensure the carnivals run without a glitch and this is often completed in personal time. Thank you, Mr Daher, for this dedication and professionalism to the College and the students.

Results from the Athletics Carnival are as follows:

1st: Turon 1385
2nd: Benildus 1234
3rd: Miguel 1103
4th: Liesse 1078
FROM OUR LEADER OF LEARNING: MR DAVID CLORAN

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS AND PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

As Semester One draws to a close, we take the opportunity to congratulate all students on their efforts and application throughout the first half of the year. Over the past fortnight, staff at the College have been busy finalising the Semester One reports that will be distributed at the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews on the evening of Thursday 30th June and the morning of Friday 1st July.

All parents are strongly encouraged to make themselves available for this significant opportunity to discuss their son or daughters progress to date. The conversations that take place with your son/daughter’s teacher, in addition to the detailed information included in their Semester One Report, provide crucial opportunities for students to reflect on their performance over the past two terms, affirm the areas where they have experienced success, and set their own personal goals for the remainder of the year.

All students will be issued with an ‘Access Key’ next week which will allow parents to make bookings for these interviews through the Interviews module on Sentral.

2016 SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS

As is the case each year, the Semester One reporting process is used to assist and support students and their parents from Years 8, 9 and 10, in their selection of elective subjects for the following year.

In the second half of Term 3, students in Years 8 and 9 will be given the opportunity to select two electives from the wide array of subjects that are currently being offered at LaSalle. The Semester One Report is a terrific instrument to help students identify potential subject areas that they may be interested in pursuing as one of these electives. Additionally, along with the Semester One Report, students in Year 10 will also be receiving their 2017 Subject Selection Guide.

Early next term, students will also receive their Subject Eligibility Form, which identifies the subjects that each student has met the prerequisite for and consequently, which subjects they are currently eligible to select for study in 2017. All students are required to use this guide in order to discern which subjects would be most suitable for them in senior study. Further information regarding the process of subject selection will be made available early next term.

2016 HSC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

All students in Year 12 have recently been issued with their HSC Trial Examinations timetable. This period of exams, commencing in Week 3 of next term, will be our Year 12 cohorts most significant assessment period to date and will provide them with the ideal preparation for their final HSC exams in Term 4.

While it is essential for all students to find a healthy balance between work, rest and play, it is hoped that all of our Year 12 students will utilise the upcoming holiday period to prepare themselves for these examinations.

I am sure that the wider LaSalle community will continue to keep these young men in their thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this significant period of assessment.
SNAPSHOTS OF OUR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS SESSION INCURSION

Dr Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services (www.enhanced-learning.net) ran a study skills session with our Year 11 students. The session focused on helping students identify changes and improvements they could make to their approach to studies in order to maximise their results in their final years of school.

The main areas covered with Year 11 were setting up an effective home study environment, managing resources for school (both paper and digital), working effectively at home and dealing with distractions, managing time efficiently, using the diary as a planning tool, making brain-friendly study notes and using a wide variety of active study techniques to suit individual learning styles.

Parents are encouraged to review the handout from the session with students and discuss the main areas identified where changes need to be made. Parents can also find extra study skills tips on the following website: http://studyskillstoptipsparents.com/. All secondary students at our school also have access to a great study skills website to help students develop their skills.

Go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and enter the username: lasalle and the password: 544achieve and start improving your results today!

Andrew Sortwell

YEAR 9 PASS WHEEL CHAIR BASKETBALL INCURSION

The Wheelchair Sports NSW School Roads Safety and Wheelchair Basketball Program visited our Year 9 PASS class today.

The program comprised of a 20 minute talk on road safety and the consequences of taking risks on the road, given by the road safety team, who have unfortunately experienced these consequences first hand.

It was followed by a game of wheelchair basketball with the students, to give them an experience of wheelchair sport.

Andrew Sortwell
YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 10 Food Technology students attended an excursion to Vaucluse House to investigate food preservation. Student preserved lemons by bottling with a variety of spices and also made old fashioned lemonade.

The student really appreciated the various technologies that were used at the house to solve a variety of food storage problems. A special thanks to Mr Faber for driving us on the school bus. This was a really great learning experience.

Cheryl Newton

YEAR 8 TAS 2: PANCAKE MAKING

Exemplary pancake making by the following students in Ms Rohan’s Year 8 TAS2 class.

As good as the professionals.

Mathew Bui, Jason Issy, Douglas Mai & Samuel Hanna - Bon appetite!

Julia Chmiel

KHOÁ HỌC CÁP CỨU TÂM THÀNH MIỄN PHÍ

Được sự tài trợ của Dịch vụ y tế tâm thần Liverpool và Trường Công giáo St Felix sẽ tổ chức khóa học Cáp Cứu Tâm Thân MIỄN PHÍ cho phụ huynh người Việt. (Lệ phí của khóa CTTT kể cả tài liệu thường là $250 một khóa).

Cáp Cứu Y Tế (First Aid) được coi là những kiến thức y tế cần bản cho mọi người nhằm giúp bệnh nhân trong những trường hợp tôn thương về thể chất trước khi được các chuyên viên y tế chúc trị. Mỗi phòng theo sự phân biệt và phổ biến của ngành Cáp Cứu Y Tế (First Aid và thể chất), khóa học Cáp Cứu Tâm Thân (CCTT - Mental Health First Aid) được bà Betty Kitchener và chồng là giáo sư Tony Jorm khởi xướng năm 2001 tại Canberra nhằm mục đích nâng cao trình độ hiểu biết của trường dân về bệnh tâm thần.

Cáp Cứu Tâm Thân nhằm giúp người đang gặp khó khăn hoặc không hoàn hảo mặt tình thần. Sự trợ giúp này được tiếp tục cho đến khi họ nhận được sự điều trị chuyên môn hoặc cho đến khi qua cơn khủng hoảng.

Khoa học có mục đích huấn luyện những người chăm sóc bệnh nhân tâm thần hiểu biết thêm về những chứng bệnh tâm thần, những phương cách điều trị bệnh và cách chăm sóc bệnh nhân. Đồng thời cũng biết cách cấp cứu cho bệnh nhân giúp họ vượt qua những cơn khủng hoảng và tự chăm sóc chính bản thân mình.

Thời Gian và Địa Điểm
St Felix School  Bankstown
Ngày: 27/7, 3/8, 10/8 và 17/8/2016
Giờ: 9.30 – 12.30
Liên lạc và ghi tên
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