IN THANKGIVING FOR THE LIFE & MINISTRY OF BROTHER MICHAEL JOHNSON FSC OAM (Joseph Aloysius)

2nd December 1926  Born, son of Thomas & Mary Johnson
31st January 1943  Reception of the Habit
2nd February 1944  First Profession
15th January 1951  Perpetual Profession
30th October 2016  Entered Eternal Life

“A eulogy that does justice to a life well-lived and a reward well merited and especially again in the presence of former students, colleagues, friends and acquaintances all representative of the so many varied stages of a long and engaging life.

It is difficult these days to envisage an incoming Principal sending 100 boys home on the first day of school because there were no desks or chairs in classrooms. It is difficult to imagine that at the end of that first day, local government authorities would arrive to condemn the overgrown blackberry bushes on the school property and threaten gaol only to be confounded by a “one-liner” for which Johnno was famous: ‘if anyone is to go to gaol please put my name down’. It is difficult these days to recognise that the school had been in operation for six years and that there was still no electricity in the classrooms because the pastor was of the view that it was not a night school.”  Segments from Brother Ambrose Payne FSC AO Eulogy

On Australia Day 2002, Brother Michael received the Bankstown 2001 Volunteer of the Year Award.

An Address to a School Assembly by Brother Michael:
“Be grateful, the Lasallian star is the light of learning and the flame of faith. Keep that light shining and the flame burning by:

1. saying a prayer each day “let us remember that we are in the presence of God”
2. being faithful to the Mass and the Sacraments, and
3. have strength of character: respect not exploitation is the manly virtue”

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

Michael Egan
Principal

2016
DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER
7  Years 8 & 10 Exam week
8  Year 11 Legal Incursion
   Years 7 & 8 Mass
   Year 12 Sign Out Day 9-11am
9  Year 12 Sign Out Day 9-11am
10 SCC Touch Football/Softball
11 Remembrance Day P3
15 Year 7 Geo Fieldwork Day
16 Year 7 2017 Information Evening
17 SCC Touch Football/Softball
21 Mufti Day
   Year 11 Encounter Day
24 Year 7 2017 Transition Day 1
   Lasallian End of Year Mass
30 Mufti Day

DECEMBER
1  Year 7 2017 Transition Day 2

Sunday, 20 November 2016
2.00pm (More info inside)
COLLEGE LEADERS 2017

Charbel Naoum
College Captain

Steven Hoang
Vice Captain

Anthony Chadrawy
Lasallian Captain

Joshua Mollica
Saint Yon Captain

Ethan Hua
Prefect, Year 7

Thomas Hinwood
Prefect, Year 8

Anthony Kazanis
Prefect, Year 9

Jayden Gulasi
Prefect, Year 10

Anthony Eltarraf
Prefect, Year 11

Binh Tran
Benildus House Leader

Faiauga Tai
Liesse House Leader

Benjie Asomaning
Miguel House Leader

Nathan Nguyen
Turon House Leader
FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

SHARK TANK @ St Felix Catholic Primary School

On Wednesday 26th October, 2016, I was accompanied by Ms Dowd and several Year 10 students to attend the “Shark Tank” presentation of the St Felix Catholic Primary School students.

The Year 6 cohort of St Felix had organised a showcase whereby three different teams presented their products before the investors, Fadi Chadayda (Year 10) and myself, to convince us to provide the money needed for their businesses.

Each group presented with an extraordinary professionalism and maturity, much to the admiration of the Lasallian students, while highlighting their remarkable creativity and originality in each of their products.

Personally, it was a day of great enjoyment for the Lasallian students and I cannot thank St Felix enough for giving us this opportunity.

I’d also like to thank Ms Dowd, who accompanied us on the day, for allowing me to attend alongside our Year 10 students.  

Binh Tran

FROM OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR: MS KATHRYN WHITE

On Monday 31st October, members of the College Executive took the Year 12 College Leaders on an overnight Leaders Retreat to Geringong.

The aim of the retreat was to decide on the specific leadership roles for each student and to build the students leadership capacity.

Mr Egan facilitated the retreat and ran sessions on Jesus’ leadership style, focus areas for leadership and meditation sessions.

Ms Akkari, the Leader of Pastoral Care, and myself, ran a goal setting session with the students about what they wanted to achieve as a leadership team. Thank you to Mr Cloran, for joining the leaders retreat as well.
FROM OUR LEADER OF LEARNING: MR DAVID CLORAN

YEAR 7-10 EXAMINATION PERIODS

Students in Years 8 &10 will commence their Yearly Examinations from this coming Monday 7th November through until Friday 11th November.

Students in Years 7 & 9 will commence their examinations on Monday 14th November and conclude on Friday 18th November.

At this point, all students have been issued with examination timetables, confirming the dates, times and locations of each of their exams. Subject teachers have also distributed assessment notifications for all examinations, which are intended to assist students in the preparation of each of these tasks.

In recent year assemblies, students have been challenged to develop and adopt a strategic, realistic and committed study regime that will allow them to plan appropriately for each of these tasks, so that the results that they achieve, are an accurate reflection of their potential.

Students have also been reminded of the need to leave a phone message at the front office on any day that they are absent for an examination due to illness. These procedures are also detailed in each respective year groups Assessment Handbook. Any questions regarding these examinations may be directed to each subject teacher via the front office or the College Diary.

YEAR 11 REPORTS

All Year 11 students have now received their 2016 Preliminary Reports. These documents offer students and their parents a detailed overview of how students have performed throughout the Preliminary course. Significantly, these reports should be used by all students to reflect upon their progress throughout 2016, and to set their own realistic, challenging and measurable goals for 2017 in the lead up to their HSC Examinations.

Parents are invited to direct any questions regarding their son’s progress in any specific subject towards the respective subject teacher and, as always, are invited to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews to meet with each teacher, during the last week of term.

HSC EXAMINATIONS CONCLUDE

As most would be aware, HSC examinations have been underway across NSW over the past four weeks. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all students on the way that they have applied themselves in the lead up to, and throughout, this significant assessment period.

The exam supervision team from BOSTES forwarded consistent reports to the College regarding the outstanding manner in which our students sat each exam and the clear preparation that had been carried out in the lead up to the exams by our entire Year 12 cohort.

We, along with our students, look forward with great anticipation to the release of the HSC results on Thursday 15th December.

ST FELIX de VALOIS CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS:

Walk With Christ Completing The Year Of Mercy

The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.00pm on Sunday, 20 November; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter’s Basilica, Rome, it will be the concluding event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. The ‘Book of Life’ is now in the Church foyer. We encourage parishioners to write their petitions in it over the coming weeks. This book will then be carried during the procession on 20th November and will be presented during the concluding Adoration held in St Mary’s Cathedral Forecourt.

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BYOD FACT SHEET

From 2017 incoming Year 7 and 10 students will move to BYODD for their device to use at school.

BYODD: Bring Your Own Designated Device refers to schools designating the type of laptop that students are bringing into school for educational use and connectivity.

The device for BYODD will be selected by the College informed by parents, teachers and research into the best available devices.

For 2017 the device is the 11" Macbook Air, 128GB. Variations such as 13" screen, Macbook pro etc are not recommended but will be allowed. PCs and tablets are not acceptable.

All Sydney Catholic Schools high schools will be going BYOD in 2017 if they have not already.

No software is required to be purchased. NSW syllabus requirements can be met with the Apple software that comes with the machine or with Google apps which are freely available. The only possible exception at this time is students taking a multimedia elective and this will be communicated at the time of subject selection.

BYOD opens the possibility of insurance coverage via your household contents policy.

The school cannot recommend financing arrangements but can inform you that most suppliers have a variety of purchase options including discounts for cash, interest free periods and hire purchase options that would mimic the previous hire scheme operated by Sydney Catholic School in the sense that payments may be spread over the three years of the device life.

The current PCs are to be returned in working order in Week 10 of this term. BYODD can commence from now. The deadline for BYODD is day 1 Term 1 2017.

The school will maintain a set of computers for use as loan machines if required. The experience with the Mac machines over the past three years leads me to anticipate this will be unlikely.

As of last week these were some of the prices available, please let us know if your find better and we will share with all parents:

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Parent Portal

Mac1 SCS Parent Portal (byo.syd.catholic.edu.au)

MacBook Air 11inch 1.6GHz 4GB 256GB W-3YR Onsite $1759.73

JB Hifi SCS Parent Portal (byo.syd.catholic.edu.au) password- sydneycs2016

No Macbook Air 11inch are available through the portal.

There is an ipad Air 2 and 3 options for the Macbook Air 13inch.
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YEAR 12 VET CONSTRUCTION

Year 12 Construction have began their latest competency in construction. This term they will be working on their tiling competency which will involve handling tiling material and tools and laying a floor and tiling a wall.

Students will go through the process of preparing the walls and floor, marking their walls and floor for the tile layout, mixing the adhesive and applying tiles to their wall and floor. Students have been working in groups in their own tiled area.

I would like to say a huge thankyou to Alex and Elias from Versatile Ceramics Home Centre on Corner of Hume Hwy and Chapel Road for supporting the students learning through their donation of tiles to Saint Yon for the students to use and learn.

It's great to see local business supporting the students and maybe one day producing some quality tilers from the VET Construction course.

Jason Dimovski VET Construction Teacher

HARPER COLLINS CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

On Thursday, 22nd October, a number of students in Years 10 and 11 attended the Harper Collins Publisher Creative Writing Workshop at the publishing house's office in Sydney City.

At the workshop we were welcomed into their offices and got to meet the Harper Collins Production Crew which ranged from the editor to the publisher.

We also got to meet Alison Goodman, an Australian author who has written books such as the 'Eona' series and 'Killing the Rabbit'. We learnt how the production process works in publishing a book and how to improve our creative writing skills in preparation for our HSC.

Overall the experience of the whole day was very interesting, informative and we learnt a number of skills and a lot of information that we will use in the future.

Ryan Bao Do, Year 10 Solomon

YEARS 9 & 10 ELECTIVE MUSIC EXCURSION

On Wednesday 19th October, Year 9 and 10 Elective Music (plus a few specially invited students) travelled via magic carpet to the land of Agrabah to meet the legendary Aladdin and his genie.

Actually they travelled by train to the Capitol Theatre to see the musical "Aladdin". The students were very well behaved and all thoroughly enjoyed the show - for many, it was their first musical experience and hopefully, not their last.

Miss Blanch

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YEAR 7 CREATE A BOOKMARK COMPETITION

Criteria:

⇒ Use a template to design a creative and interesting bookmark for the LaSalle Catholic College Learning Centre;
⇒ Must include, LaSalle Logo, College name and Learning Centre and an inspirational quote.

Congratulations to Meryem Sen and Laura Hanna for submitting the winning entries for the Year 7 Create A Bookmark competition.

The designs will be used on the Learning Centre bookmarks which are handed to each incoming Year 7 student and are then available for all students in 2017.

Well done to all students who designed bookmarks for this competition.

Mrs Anne Nowakowski

ST FELIX de VALOIS CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS:

St Felix Fete
Saturday 12th November

Raffle Tickets on Sale
Buy your Raffles tickets to win some great prizes and support your Parish.
Only $2.00 each.
On sale after all Masses on the weekend

White Elephant
Items for the White Elephant stall can be brought to the Church this Wednesday 9th November between 5.00pm - 8.00pm.
If you have anything suitable for this stall please organise it to bring at this time.
No shoes
No clothes
No books
No broken appliances
Only sellable items please.

Plants
If you have any plants that we can sell at our Fete and you would like to donate please bring them to the presbytery.

A white elephant stall
TEST-TAKING TECHNIQUES

What do you do in the few days before an examination?

At least a few days before the exam, make sure you do the following:

⇒ Plan out how much time you should spend on each section of the test.
⇒ By looking at past papers, get a feel for the types of instructions that will be on your paper.
⇒ Do some exercise so you can burn off the pent-up stress that can come before exams.
⇒ Look after your body – lots of water to juice up your brain, healthy food, decent sleep.
⇒ To calm nerves, make mental pictures of yourself sitting down and doing well in the test.
⇒ Purchase any equipment you may need, extra calculator batteries, pens, rulers etc.
⇒ Ensure you know what equipment is allowed in the test or exam.
⇒ Focus on reviewing the key points, perhaps a condensed version of your summaries.
⇒ Practise as many past test papers as you can get your hands on.
⇒ Check the timetable to ensure you have a clear picture of when each exam is being held.

The night before the test or exam:

⇒ Pack your bag with everything you will need for the next day, ensuring you have all necessary equipment.
⇒ Plan what time you need to leave to ensure you have plenty of time for unexpected delays.
⇒ Don’t go to bed too late – you need to make sure your brain is fresh and alert.
⇒ Don’t ring friends and discuss your preparation or the examination.
⇒ Just before you go to sleep, look through your notes briefly.
⇒ If you have a number of exams, check the timetable to doubly confirm the date, time and location of the exam.

The morning of the test or exam:

⇒ Visualise success. Before you get out of bed close your eyes and picture yourself going into the exam, doing well and coming out pleased with your efforts.
⇒ Review your notes. You are not doing intense study at this stage, just looking through and reminding yourself of the main things you want to remember.
⇒ Eat breakfast. Your brain needs fuel so eat a hearty breakfast so you can focus and concentrate in the exam.
⇒ Be on time. Make sure you leave enough time so you won’t be late.
⇒ Avoid negativity. Don’t stand around in the group discussing what you did and didn’t study.

You can learn more about exam techniques at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

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