

LASALLE STAR

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MISSION ACTION DAY:

Mission Action Day (MAD) was held on Wednesday, 5th September 2018. We started the day celebrating Mass with Father Van Nguyen, Parish Priest of St Felix de Valois Church, assisted by Deacon Ronny .

The College has been raising funds leading up to and including MAD day for La Salle High School Campus 2, Faisalabad, Pakistan, our twin school. The amount raised was \$11,000.00 which was given to the LaSallian Foundation to be forwarded to our twin school in Pakistan.

It was a special day for all our students, teachers and special guests as we came together as a Lasallian family to celebrate our Lasallian heritage and service to others in great need.



Michael Egan
Principal



2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 25 Year 12 Graduation
9.00am Year 12 Assembly
5.00pm Graduation Mass @
St Felix de Valois Church
6.30pm Graduation
Ceremony @ Bankstown
Sports Club
- 28 Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- 15 Term 3 students Return
Year 11 Retreat
- 17 Year 8 & 10 RE Test
- 18 Year 10 Tech Savvy
- 23 Year 7 Vaccinations Dose 2



St John Baptist de La Salle,
Pray for us
Live Jesus in our Hearts,
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Well Done!



FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD



Tell Them From Me

PARENT/STUDENT/STAFF SURVEY

In the coming weeks we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

We would like to invite you to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning* survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at *LaSalle Catholic College Bankstown*.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You will be able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device next week. We will be sending out the link to all students and parents once we have set it up.

FEEDER SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

It is always so exciting when I can take the opportunity to visit LaSalle feeder primary schools and talk to future Lasallian students. On Tuesday of this week, Mrs Barrington Smith (LaSalle English Coordinator) and myself visited St Mary's Catholic Primary School for the Inaugural Feeder School Public Speaking Competition.

It was such a delight to witness such vivacious, articulate, insightful presentations from 20 Year 5 and 6 students. Many of who have older brothers or sisters at the College.

Topics included – *"Sport is no longer about having Fun"*, *"Robots will Rule the World"*, *"The Solar System"* and *Freedom and Rights – are they Possible?"*.

The speeches were enlightening, very knowledgeable and very entertaining. My thanks to Mrs Barrington-Smith as she had the difficult responsibility of adjudicating and selecting the winner.

I am certainly looking forward to the competition again in future years.



God bless,
Leonie Dowd



NEWS FROM THE LEARNING CENTRE!

WHAT IS THE BEST WAY TO STUDY?

Students sometimes ask ‘what is the best way to study?’.

The answer, there is no *best* way.

An important lesson for students to learn is that everyone learns in different ways, everyone has different approaches and preferences, and what works well for one person may not work well for another.



This truth applies to all aspects of effective learning – time management, research skills, writing skills and so on. There are certainly good techniques and strategies available in all of these areas, and also approaches that work well for the majority of students. However, it is essential that all students try different techniques to see what works best for them.

Preferences could also change over time, so it makes sense to at least once a year stop and reflect on approaches to learning. What did you do, what worked, what didn't, what should you change, what should you keep, and what new things could you try. This is what ‘metacognition’ is all about. It means taking the time to try and understand more about the process of learning and your role as a learner.

Students who take a metacognitive approach to their learning are much more likely to improve their results.

How can you find out different study techniques to try?

- Talk to the people around you – friends, siblings, parents – ask them what techniques they have used.
- Also ask your teachers what they would recommend for their subject.
- You can also visit the unit on the Study Skills Handbook that covers how to study for tests and exams. You will find lots of active studying strategies and grids to help you plan for exams.

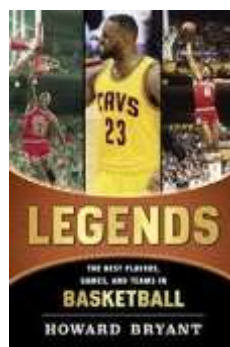
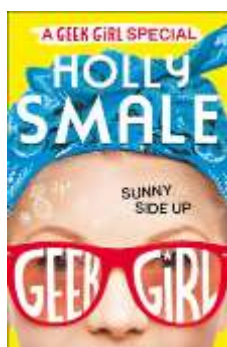
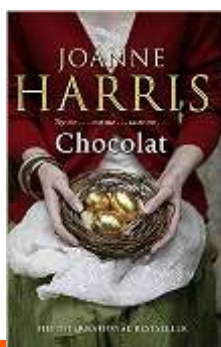
Just remember – there is a worst way to study – just reading your notes over and over and hoping the information stays in your head

Our school’s subscription details to this online study skills website for secondary school students are -

User name: lasalle Password: 544achieve

LEARNING CENTRE NEWS: NEW BOOKS

We have new books in the Learning Centre, so come and have look at the arrival of the new books during lunchtime. If you have any suggestions of a book you would like to see in the Learning Centre, please write your recommendations in the suggestion box located on the circulation desk in the Learning Centre.



Mrs Nowakowski
Ms Mansour
(Learning Centre)