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YEAR 12 GRADUATION

This graduating class are commended for the fine way in which they concluded formal classes at the college. The farewell assembly was a fitting tribute to a group of young men who are doing everything possible to secure the best outcomes from their HSC. A particular highlight was the presence of so many parents, family and friends to see them graduate. For a number of students on the vocational pathway this week saw them finish school and be ready to enter the workforce. On behalf of the college I wish them every success. For those doing HSC exams I am pleased to see a number of them already checking in with their teachers to put the finishing touches on their preparations.

NAPLAN 2018

After a series of delays this years NAPLAN data has been released. Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 should have received their results by now. The snapshot of performance that NAPLAN provides for the college is again very positive. At LaSalle average growth has been above expectation in all ten domains measures. Particularly pleasing is the growth in writing, a targeted area at the college. This flies in the face of the decline reported in writing at the national level.

TERM 4

I will be on Long Service Leave for the first few weeks of Term 4. In my absence Ms Leonie Dowd will be acting Principal, Ms Jizella Akkari will be acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Mary Connor will be our Leader of Teaching and Learning.



Michael Egan

Principal



2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

28 Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

15 Term 3 Students Return

Year 11 Retreat

17 Year 8 & Year 10 RE Test

18 Year 10 Tech Savy

18 2018 HSC Commences

23 Year 7 Vaccinations Dose 2

NOVEMBER

9 2018 HSC Concludes



St John Baptist de La Salle,

Pray for us

Live Jesus in our Hearts,

Forever



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 12 GRANDUANTS

Congratulations

Special awards were presented at our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony held at Bankstown Sports Club, Tuesday, 25th September 2018.



Nathan Galvin-Valencia

- Level 1 Award
- Mary MacKillop Award for Extraordinary Service to Community
- Calex Award for the Best All Rounder
- Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence



Issa Albaba

- Level 1 Award
- ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award
- Spirit of LaSalle Award



Keife Ha

- Level 1 Award
- K.E. Moroney Award for College Leadership



Gian-Mario Serratore

- Sportsman of the Year
- Sports Leadership



Jonathan Cakovski

Brother Michael Johnson Award for Academic Excellence



Dylan Bransdon

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Award



Domenico Grieco

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment & Consistent Effort



Ryan Bao Do

LaSalle Vocational Education Award



John Abou Serhal

Industry Based Learning (IBL) Award



Zachary Tonkli

Brother Ambrose Award for Outstanding Courage in Achievement



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR 2018

Stefan Aneski	Economics Geography
Jonathon Cakovski	English Advanced English Extension 1 Legal Studies Studies of Religion 1
Anthony El-Arif	Industrial Technology Multimedia
Nathan Galvin-Valencia	Biology Mathematics General 2 Physics
Domenico Grieco	Mathematics
Tejaswin Gupta	Business Studies
Oluwaseyi Ogunbowale	Modern History
Ryan Pham	PDHPE
Eddie Sarajlic	English Studies Mathematics General 1
Gian-Mario Serratore	English Standard
Justin Tran	Chemistry Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FOR 2018

Adam Abdul Sater	Industrial Technology Multimedia
Issa Albaba	Catholic Studies
Stefan Aneski	Legal Studies
Ryan Bao Do	Hospitality
Joshua Cklamovski	Modern History
Ryan Do	Electro Technology
Christopher Duong	Catholic Studies 2 English Standard 2 Mathematics General 2
Anthony El-Arif	English Standard Studies of Religion
Tommy Feng	Mathematics
Nathan Galvin-Valencia	Chemistry
Domenico Grieco	Studies of Religion
Andy Le	Biology
Michael Le	Business Studies Geography
Quoc Le	Mathematics General 1
Eric Nguyen	Mathematics Extension 1
Ryan Pham	Economics
Albert Saju	Business Studies
Eddie Sarajlic	Geography
Gian-Mario Serratore	PDHPE
Zachary Tonkli	Computer Application English Studies
Justin Tran	English Advanced Physics
Peter Youssef	Construction





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FROM OUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: MS LEONIE DOWD

It was a very proud day for LaSalle's Year 12 Graduating students on Tuesday, 25th September. The day began with an outstanding Graduation Ceremony shared with the entire LaSalle community including family members and friends – many of whom were ex- Lasallians.

Many awards were received for Academic Achievement and Academic Excellence as well as Level 2 Awards which is the College's second highest achievement. Congratulations to all these young men. During this assembly 3 younger siblings presented the most wonderful tributes to their older brothers and to the Year 12 cohort. They were moving, humorous and most heartfelt.

The evening celebrations began at 5.00pm with the celebration of our religious gathering of the Year 12 Graduating Mass. Father Graham from St John Vianney together with Deacon Ronnie from St Felix de Valois celebrated a faith filled liturgy and I remember one line from Father Graham's homily – *"it is important that we make a difference in our world."* I truly believe that this graduating class of 2018 will definitely make a positive difference and contribution to our future world. My thanks to Mr Jacobs and Ms White for their preparations of this magnificent liturgical celebration.

Following the mass, the evening was spent in a most enjoyable celebration at Bankstown Sports Club. An evening meal was shared, dancing (well jumping really) gathered the students, parents and staff members together. Most importantly however, the Special Awards were presented. The students are to be deservedly congratulated.

God bless, I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 15th October.



God bless,
Leonie Dowd

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.



CONGRATULATIONS: JULIE-ANNE HABAK

We would like to congratulate Julie-Anne Habak from Year 9 for being selected as a vocalist for the inaugural **Sydney Catholic Schools Youth Ministry Band**.

Auditions have been held in secondary schools all through the diocese in search of guitarists, bassists, vocalists and drummers to form the first collaborative Youth Ministry Band for the Sydney Diocese.

It is an honour to be chosen and we are proud of all students from LaSalle who had the courage to share their gifts with the CaSPA facilitators.

"... Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

Julie-Anne will be required to attend 3 hour rehearsals once a week alongside her bandmates from all different schools in preparation for performing at various youth events.



The band will be launched on the steps of St Mary's Cathedral at this year's **Lights of Christmas Festival** and there are further exciting opportunities already taking shape for 2019 and beyond. We wish Julie-Anne the best of luck as she pursues her dreams through this exciting endeavour. Congratulations Julie-Anne. **Miss Sara Giorgiutti, Music Teacher**



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FROM OUR LEADER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING: MS JIZELLA AKKARI

Year 12 – 2018

We farewelled our HSC class of 2018 this week. This group has worked hard this term to finish on a good note. Having completed their trial exams earlier in the term with confidence and diligence and then this week being awarded their academic prizes and ranks in their individual subjects, they have completed their formal high school education with pride.

They have one last hurdle to overcome to set them on their individual paths to success. This is the actual HSC exams. We wish every student the best in these exams and the College, staff and myself are available next term to assist students with any concerns that may arise. The first exam begins, Thursday 18th October 2018. The link to the HSC exam timetable is below.

HSC EXAM TIMETABLE -

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/08714b67-1ad2-4bc7-a465-cb383ebd206c/2018-hsc-written-exam-timetable-web.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID>

A reminder that the College's congratulation breakfast for all the 2018 HSC class is on **Friday 14th September 2018 at 8.30am**. This is the day the students receive their ATAR scores from NESA. Please encourage your sons to attend this last time they will gather as a group and allow teachers to congratulate them on their hard work.

One last thing if parents and students can mark in their diaries the High Achievers Assembly date for next year in their diaries. Invitations to this assembly will be sent out in early February. It is important that we acknowledge these fine young men who have achieved excellent results. Invitations to this event will be based on students results and hence the college will be asking for students to let the college know their ATAR results.

Please note **Wednesday 20th February 2019** between 8.30am and midday for this assembly. A morning Tea will be follow the assembly for the high achievers and their parents.

Year 11 – 2018

Year 11 will conclude their Year examinations this Friday. I commend Year 11 on the positive attitude they have had in regards to these examinations.

When Year 11 return next term they will complete their Year 11 studies in their first two weeks.

Week 3 begin their HSC year of study. From week 3 of next term all assessments will contribute directly to their HSC assessment mark. Therefore, students need to begin next term with a positive and right attitude. They need to continue their study and make every effort to gain the best possible marks in their assessments. Assessment booklets will be distributed to all Year 11 in week 3 next term.

Some students may want to drop levels in subjects and some may want to pick up extension courses in other courses or VET courses. Year 11 have been given these forms for change of subjects which must be returned by Week 2 next term to Ms J. Akkari.

FROM OUR YOUTH MINISTER: MS CHRISTINA BREDA

FAITH IN ACTION - KNITTING GROUP

In Term 3 our Faith In Action group learnt to knit, to create squares which were crocheted into blankets for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal. With the contribution of staff, their family members and the students we were able to create THREE blankets consisting of 58 squares each. These will be distributed to the homeless around Sydney.

A big thank you to all who contributed to the blankets and we are so glad that we were able to make a difference this winter to those who need it most in our community.





COMMERCE MARKET DAY—MS JULIA SAAD YEAR 9

On Wednesday 29th August 2018, Year 9 Commerce students had the opportunity to show their entrepreneurial skills by running small market stalls. The day was a great success and students relished the opportunity to apply the knowledge they had been learning in class. Below are some quotes from Year 9 Commerce students and Year 12 leaders.

"Market day was great fun and it really helped link our conversations in class about how a business is run to the real work. We learned that business is not as easy as it seems. It showed us also how to work as a team and how everything should be organised. It gave us a real life experience on how to be under pressure and how to deal with consumers" Nelia De Sousa, Year 9 Commerce Student

"Market day was nothing short of a massive success. Some of the foods that were available were never seen before on school premises and hence were experimental, however, they turned out to be a huge success. A huge thank you to Ms Khouri, Miss Saad, Miss Riakos and Miss Harb for their innovation and creativity." - Jonathan Cakovski - Vice Captain

"The Market Day was a great initiative that was professionally run by the Year 9 Commerce. I was quite glad to see team work within each workshop. It was enjoyed by everyone!" Fadi Chadayda - Prefect

"The first ever market day was quite the remarkable experience. It had the entire school involved in the sales of each individual groups product and all for a great cause. Market day was a great success with each group facilitating their understanding and knowledge of their commerce assessment, with a more enjoyable and engaging medium to facilitate this learning." - Ryan Bao Do, House of Turon Captain

"Commerce Market Day was very fun and special because it is very rare that we the students get to decide what to sell also be the ones selling it. It is a very unique thing to do and only one that people do once in school. Market Day was also very fun because it was a success for the school and for the students. Market Day also allowed us to all be responsible and busy in preparation and on the stalls. Market Day should be repeated every year for the year 9 Commerce class because of all these factors." Chade Gitani, Year 9 Commerce Student

"Market day was certainly a great day, it felt as if I was running a business of my own. Market day was really good because it was a practical task that helps with the assessment, also working together as a team was fun and holding responsibilities such as ordering food, arranging finances and establishing prices also made the experience fun." Jordan Lahoud, Year 9 Commerce Student

This is a good example of how student voice informs authentic assessment for real life learning- Mrs Anne Nowakowski, Gifted Education Coordinator





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هل ما يمنحكم من ذلك هي تكلفة إرسال طفلكم إلى مدرسة كاثوليكية؟
نحن هنا لمساعدتك بقدر استطاعتنا.

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هل لديكم بطاقة رعاية طبية سارية المفعول؟
هل مصدر دخلكم الوحيد هو سنترلينك؟

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ولا داعي للانزعاج حتى إن لم تستوفوا شروط الأهلية أعلاه إذ يجوز أن تكونوا مؤهلين لتخفيضٍ على رسوم طفلكم الدراسية إذا كان دخلكم من العمل منخفضاً.

وسوف نساعدكم أيضاً في إعداد خطط تسديد المبالغ الصغيرة التي قد يُطلب منكم دفعها كرسوم.

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