



# The Lantern

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We are in the second week in Lent and our community has been actively engaged in raising funds for Project Compassion. This is one of the three actions for Lent: to pray, to fast and to give. As we prepare for Easter, we are invited to reflect on our prayer life.

Interestingly, the New Testament does not contain a great deal of information about forms of prayer and worship but heavily emphasises how we should live our life. Amongst the final conversations of Jesus and His apostles were these words of encouragement, "Love one another as I have loved you". Perhaps the greatest prayer we can offer is to live a life of love. Perhaps, we can let our actions serve as our prayers. We can live a life of prayer by being patient, tolerant, compassionate, generous, kind, encouraging, accepting, forgiving, consoling and supportive. "An act of goodness surpasses a thousand prayers." Sufi mystic, Sa'di. Prayer, through action, can be a source of strength, comfort and inspiration and can lead to a better understanding of the Spirit within us; this, in turn, can make us more conscious of God's abiding presence in us every moment of the day.

Prayer has been described as, "half a conversation with God", and as such is an expression of our need to recognise that there is someone greater than ourselves with whom we can converse any time we might choose. Prayers do not have the ability in themselves to change the circumstance of our life but contact with God can direct our hearts and minds to make better choices in the way we live our lives. This is the other half of the conversation: us listening to God.

It could be that we have not had a conversation with God for quite some time. It is important to be aware that God does not sit in judgement when we come to pray; God sits in eager anticipation of everything we might want to share with Him even if we are uncertain about how to say it. There is a story of a dad passing his young daughter's room and seeing her with her hands joined and repeating the alphabet.

## Diary Dates

COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

*Wednesday March 11*

*4pm – 7pm*

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*Year 7 Welcome Mass*

*6-7pm*

*St Patricks Day*

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*Good Friday – Easter Sunday*

*April 3 – 17*

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When he asked what she was up to, she replied, "I'm saying my prayers. I couldn't think of just what I wanted to say, so I'm saying all the letters of the alphabet, and God can put them together however He thinks best."

Our prayers don't have to be sophisticated nor long-winded, just sincere. St. Paul wrote his letters nearly 2,000 years ago, but his words are still relevant today: "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17. "Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Col. 4:2. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12.

**God, help my life to be a prayer  
in which others can glimpse Your Christ  
through my actions.  
Amen**

God bless,  
Delma Horan

### **Summer Reading Challenge Winner**

We congratulate Cheryl Kumar (Year 9) who won the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. Cheryl was presented with a certificate and an iPad mini by our Executive Director, Mr Greg Whitby, last Friday. We are very proud of Cheryl who read 10 books over the break.



## **From the Assistant Principal**

### ***Off to a busy start!***

There are so many things happening here at Nagle!

Tryouts for basketball and touch footy, music, art club, public speaking, debating, Artist in Residence program, masterclasses for HSC Music 1 students, the Captivate intensive program for Years 9 and 10, Lenten activities and SRC initiatives. The list goes on and on. All these things are possible because we have a group of extremely talented and generous teachers who are prepared to go above and beyond. I am sure you are grateful that your daughter belongs to such a happening and energetic learning community.

### ***Attendance and Punctuality***

Attendance and punctuality are very important. The girls need to be here at school every single day and they need to be here before 8.45am. Already some girls have had a number of days absent. Some of the reasons are unacceptable. Your daughter should only be absent when she is too ill to be at school. The other reason is if there is a situation beyond her control. As you may be aware the State government has made changes to the Education Act in regards to attendance. The focus of these changes is to stress the importance of attendance at school every single day. Absentee rates have been climbing over the past few years and it appears as though students are taking days off for trivial reasons. The research tells us that even one day of absence can have an impact on a student's learning. One of our aims this year is for staff and students to set high expectations of themselves and each other. The girls will achieve this aim if they are part of the learning community day in and day out.

Mr Michael Hall

## **Attention all Parents**

### **[Notice of intention to remove students from Nagle College](#)**

The Catholic Education Office has developed a policy relating to the notice required from parents to terminate their children's enrolment in the schools of the Parramatta Diocese. In part this states that:

"A term's notice (10 weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be paid. The notice can be given any time during the term for the next term."

This means that unless the school receives a term's notice no pro rata adjustment will be given for part term tuition.

## **FROM THE LEADER OF TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **NAPLAN 2015**

In May the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The assessments will take place from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May is designated as a 'catch-up' day for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Over the three days the girls will complete tests in Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

A letter to parents of students in Years 7 and 9 will be sent home before the end of this term. In the meantime, if you would like more information about NAPLAN, it can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

### **Formal Assessments for Years 10 – 12**

Students from Year 10 to Year 12 have received information about their formal assessment programme for 2015. Year 12 students are currently preparing for the assessment block held over Weeks 9 and 10 of this term and most Year 11 students would have commenced some formal assessments for their Preliminary courses.

The assessment booklets, containing schedules for each of the courses offered at Nagle, are located on the College website. In addition, the dates for these tasks have been put into the parent calendar.

It is important to keep in mind that at times, due to unforeseen circumstances, some of the previously advertised dates may need to be changed. In this situation the change of date will be communicated to students and the date will also be changed on the parent calendar. As always, teachers will ensure that students receive a minimum of two weeks to complete or prepare for formal assessments.

The assessment booklets contain the schedules for the formal assessment in each subject. However, this is not the only assessment completed at school and students need to understand the importance of completing all learning activities and homework to the best of their ability if they are to benefit from their course of study.

### **Online Study Skills Handbook**

As you may be aware Nagle College subscribes to the online Study Skills Handbook. The site is for the use of secondary school students whose school subscribes to the Study Skills Handbook and Primary students transitioning to the secondary school.

There is also useful information for parents, including questions frequently asked by parents. The responses to these questions cover students' work at both school and home, as well as tips

regarding the development of students' skills across a range of areas and preparation for tests and exams.

If you haven't already explored the website, I would like to encourage you to do so. I am sure that you will be pleased with the breadth of the topics covered. They would certainly provide food for thought as you are discussing your daughter's approach to her learning with her.

*Our school's access details are:*

*Username: fornaglecollegeonly*

*Password: 54results*

## LEADER OF STUDENT WELL-BEING

Earlier in the year, our senior students from both Years 11 and 12 were fortunate enough to hear a talk presented by Rocky Biasi from Human Connections. Rocky spoke to the students about the importance of the process of learning and ensuring that we are in the right mental zone for learning to take place. He also spoke about how important it was to learn and understand the steps that were needed to make the most of every opportunity that we are presented with.



Our students are faced with many challenges daily. Some challenges are ones that can be met without too much blood, sweat and tears, while others need ongoing work and perseverance before they can be claimed. Each challenge will be different for each student and the way that challenge is undertaken will also vary.

Nagle College has subscribed to the Human Connections Online Well-being Resource for 2015. Students and their families can access this website by going to [www.http://humanconnections.com.au](http://www.http://humanconnections.com.au) and entering **nagle** for the user name and **naglecollege** for the password. The site gives a range of very practical and user friendly resources that will be of benefit for all members of the family in assisting them to meet the challenges which life throws us on a daily basis.

If you have any questions regarding the Human Connections Online Well-being Resource please feel free to contact me via the college or at [dshean@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dshean@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Mrs Diane Shean

## **Messages from the Business Manager**

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School Fees have now gone out to all our families. If you have not received same please contact the office as your details on record may have changed since our last update. If you have difficulties meeting the due deadline, kindly contact me on 88874501 to make a further arrangement.

All school fee discussions are strictly confidential.

### **CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS**

During the course of the year families might need to change contact details, eg; address, phone numbers, etc. So that our information is always up-to-date, we would appreciate if you could contact the office with any changes so that they can be noted on our system.

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

## **PLACE YOUR ORDERS FOR YEAR 7 TRACKSUITS**

We will be conducting fit outs for the new style tracksuits for our Year 7 students on the following days and dates.

Please make an appointment (10min timeslots) so that you are not inconvenienced unnecessarily.

**The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March during lunch (1.20 – 2.00pm), appointment required.**

Parents and students can attend the Uniform Shop –

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 during the hours 3pm – 7.00pm (appointment necessary)**

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015 during the hours 3pm – 7.00pm (appointment necessary)**

Normal Uniform Shop Hours - Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 & 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015 during the hours 8.00am – 9.30am (no appointment necessary)

**We will have limited stock available to purchase at the fit out, orders for the New Style Tracksuit will be placed after 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 for delivery early Term 2.**

### **PARKING – ASHGROVE CRESCENT**

This has been brought to our attention by some of the residents in Ashgrove Crescent. Please be considerate when parking in the side streets. Do not park across residents' driveways. When parking, please ensure that the resident has adequate access to enter or leave with their cars.

*Mary Fairhurst*



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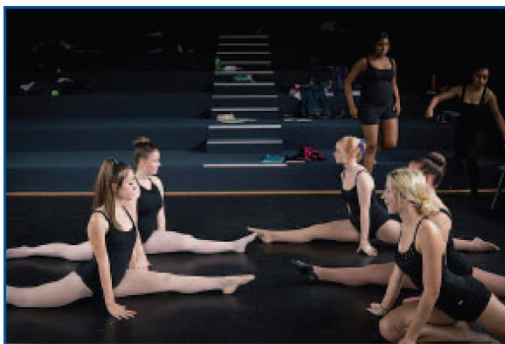
*Learning in Action*

Wednesday 11th March, 2015

4pm-7pm



- *View students' work*
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## YEAR 7 NEWS

It has been an eventful fortnight for Year 7 with lots of exciting things happening.

### **YEAR 7 CAMP, THE COLLAROY CENTRE, FEBRUARY 19-20**



On February 19, Year 7 arrived eagerly to school to embark on their first overnight high school adventure. Students filled the bus bay early with their luggage and boarded the buses with excitement and wonder. What would the next two days hold? What activities would Year 7 be participating in?

Year 7 accompanied by their homeroom teachers arrived at The Collaroy Centre by 10am. Their first task was to unload the buses. After introductions, morning tea and an orientation from the staff at Collaroy, Year 7 got stuck into the first of their 6 scheduled activities.

All activities were oriented around team-building and were designed to give students an opportunity to make new friends. Team Laser Tag challenged students' wit and strategy skills as they raced to 'Capture the Flag', 'Defend the Base' or to 'Rescue the Dummy'. The Dual Flying Fox afforded students the chance to race their friends down an exhilarating 70 metre flying fox side by side. Swing by Choice challenged students to go beyond their normal comfort zone by being hauled to the highest point they were comfortable with by their peers. Once there, students had to pull a cord that would release them and allow them to enjoy the giant swing experience. The Vertical Challenge involved students working as a team to negotiate over a number of different obstacles that are attached to a 10 metre wall. In groups of three, students climb, mountaineering style up the wall whilst the rest of the group belayed. High Ropes was a 6-section course that consisted of six elements and reached up to 8 metres off the ground. Students were harnessed and using crab claws, each participant was required to navigate their way around the course. The Eco Challenge was an 'adventure race' inspired activity and incorporated different onsite activities. Groups had to navigate 26 acres to complete several challenges along the way. Fun in the Sun was the only activity that ensured students would be drenched. As a group students completed the following team challenges: Slider, Gauntlet, Tug-O-War, Tube Lock and Sponge Relay.



Our Thursday night activity was an evening at the movies with the ultimate 3D movie experience. Year 7 happily munched on popcorn and sipped on their drinks as they watched Toy Story 2. After the movie, Year 7 was off to bed to recharge and rejuvenate for the next day ahead.

Day 2 of camp was just as exciting as the first, with Year 7 participating in the last of their activities. After having a hearty lunch, Year 7 took a year group photo and then boarded the buses back to school. The two days at camp were action packed and no doubt left everyone feeling happy and ready for a relaxing weekend.



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

On behalf of the College community, I congratulate the following Year 7 students who were awarded Age Champions from the Swimming Carnival.

#### ***12 Years Age Champion***

1. Lily Hardman of Ballygriffin
2. Melody Wells of D'Arcy
3. Mikayla Cleasby of Coraki

#### ***13 Years Age Champion***

1. Kasey Mooy of D'Arcy
2. Ashleigh Witteveen of Lucan

A special congratulations goes to **Lily Hardman** who attained the title of the School Swimming Champion for 2015.

### **GOOD LUCK & BEST WISHES**

Cassidy Regan of 7.13 Lismore has made it through to the Zone Final of the Public Speaking Competition. On behalf of the College, I wish Cassidy every success as she competes at Marist College, North Shore.

Mrs Juvy Reczek

Year 7 Co-ordinator

## YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8 had their first Pastoral care lesson for the year on Friday 20/2/15.

Students were involved in relationship building activities to develop skills like teamwork and effective communication. Students also discussed and shared their understanding of what it means to unite as a group and be a part of the Year 8 Nagle community.

### The following passage helped lead our discussions

Corinthians 1 Chapter 12 :

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many **parts form one body**, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be?



I would like to congratulate the Year 8 Class Captains for Semester One.

Homeroom	Student	Homeroom	Student
8.26 Ballygriffin	<i>Elyssa Antoun</i>	8.31 D'Arcy	<i>Keanna Vale</i>
8.27 Ballygriffin	<i>Jessica Sidhu</i>	8.32 Lismore	<i>Ishika Singh.</i>
8.28 Coraki	<i>Aditi Bathla</i>	8.33 Lismore	<i>Brianna Yu</i>
8.29 Coraki	<i>Isabella Said.</i>	8.34 Lucan	<i>Serena Halasz</i>
8.30 D'Arcy	<i>Carmen Mifsud</i>	8.43 Lucan	<i>Alyssa Obungen</i>



These Students will help lead their Homeroom in Pastoral Care activities and assist in the organisation of morning homeroom.

Mrs B. Viero

Year 8 Co-ordinator



## YEAR 8 PASTORAL



## YEAR 9 NEWS

Our Class Captain elections were held recently, with the girls having the opportunity to nominate themselves for this leadership position. Once nominated, the homeroom class conducted a secret ballot to elect the student that they would like to represent them for Semester One. The quality of the nominees was outstanding and the voting in many cases was very close, giving a strong indication of the quality of leadership shown by Year 9 students. Congratulations to the following students who were elected as Class Captain for Semester One:

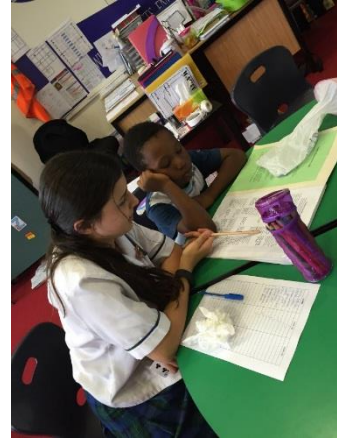
- 9 Bally – Shanice Chishaya
- 9 Coraki – Tenika De Souza
- 9 Darcy – An Tong
- 9 Lismore – Kayla-Jordan Quintero Sunga
- 9 Lucan – Maraia Erenavula

Mr Houseman  
Year 9 Co-ordinator





## YEAR 10 NEWS



It has been a busy two weeks for Year 10. I am continually impressed by the manner in which the girls respond to the challenges and opportunities presented to them.

On Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February the following girls begun their work as Peer Tutors for approximately 60 St Michael Students: Amber Roberts, Chloe Smith, Harkirat Kaur, Anna Moeleu, Brittany Pine, Muareen Ahluwalia, Skye Wilson, Felicity Rodricks, Clare Roberts, Jaida Gigante, Dhara Barot, Shebna Sathiskumar, Shreta Gupta, Supria Kumar, Harmandeep Kaur, Nickita Rockey Banes, Hersh Nat, Angela Azar, Gracesiane Toenroe, Reshma Patrino, Tia Buhagiar, Shanelle Tadros, Beth Carroll, Sherani Sheehan, Lauren Ward, Ishita Dhiman, Kanwalpreet Kaur and Kristen Mifsud. This program is 100% voluntary and these girls are to be commended for the great work they are doing to support the learning of St Michael's students.

Last week the girls voted on their Class Captains and I am pleased to announce the following girls were successful:

10 Ballygriffin - Tahira Kale , 10 Coraki - Virginia Mafi , 10 Lismore - Beth Carroll ,

10 Darcy - Hayley Armitage , 10 Lucan - Gabrielle Knight

These girls will work closely with their homeroom teachers and myself to provide an important level of leadership for the cohort.

On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February, Year 10 will travel to Winbourne, Mulgoa to participate in their Formation Day. This day will focus on the importance of Social Justice and supports the work the girls are doing in their Religion classes.

I have spoken to the girls about the importance attending school and ensuring they are not late. This is part of being a responsible, senior student at the College, which is what the girls have been challenged to be. To this end, if your daughter is away it is important that contact is made with the College and a note explaining her absence is sent when she is next at school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's homeroom teacher or me. The emails of the Year 10 homeroom team are below:

**10 Lucan:** Mrs Krista Erenavula - [KErenavula@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:KErenavula@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**10 Coraki:** Mrs Karyn Tillman - [KTillman@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:KTillman@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**10 Lismore:** Miss Michelle Golding - [mgolding3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mgolding3@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**10 Darcy:** Miss Verity Cash - [vcash@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vcash@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**10 Ballygriffin:** Ms Catherine Abela - [cabela3@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cabela3@parra.catholic.edu.au)

**10 Ballygriffin:** Mrs Natalie Farrugia - [NFarrugia@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:NFarrugia@parra.catholic.edu.au)

Mr. Andrew Wilson  
Year 10 Co-ordinator  
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## YEAR 11 NEWS

In this issue of *The Lantern*, I would like to draw your attention to three matters:

### 1. Assessment Tasks:

As Week 7 approaches, there are a number of assessment tasks that are nearing their due date. Please check to see if your daughter has noted the due dates of her tasks in her diary. As a reminder:

Week 7	Course:	Task Due Date:
	Advanced English	10/3/15
	IPT	11/3/15
	Business Studies	12/3/15
	Exploring Early Childhood	13/3/15
	PDHPE	13/3/15
Week 8	Course:	Task Due Date:
	Standard English	16/3/15
	Community and Family Studies	18/3/15
	English Extension One	19/3/15
	Religion Catholic Studies	19/3/15
	SOR 1	19/3/15
	Society and Culture	20/3/15

For further information about assessment tasks, please read the 2015 Preliminary Assessment Booklet in regards to policies and procedures.

## 2. Attendance and Punctuality:

Across the cohort, almost all Year 11 girls are getting to school on time, every day. Time in class is essential to your daughter's learning. If your daughter is absent, a written explanation is required on the day that she returns to school. This requirement also applies to students who arrive late. On this point, some Year 11 students need to improve their punctuality to school. All girls must be in Homeroom by 8:45 am. There will be consequences for frequent tardiness, such as the loss of senior privileges.

## 3. Teen Mental Health First Aid:

On behalf of Year 11, I would like to thank **Mrs. Anoushka Houseman** and **Mrs. Maggie Travena** for their time and efforts in presenting the Teen Mental Health First Aid workshops. **Anoushka** and **Maggie** are a part of the Behavioural Team from the Parramatta CEO. The work they have done with our girls is invaluable. The workshops discussed general mental health problems and also looked at an action plan. As part of the action plan, the most important step we learned is to connect a young person who may be experiencing a mental health problem with an adult.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Melissa Kervinen  
Year 11 Co-ordinator



## YEAR 12 NEWS

The girls have been busy getting their study notes organised for their upcoming Half-Yearly Exams. The exam block commences on Monday 23/3/15.

Some reminders for the exam period:

- Students must arrive at least twenty minutes before the exam is due to begin.
- If your daughter is sick on the day of the exam, ensure that you ring the College **in the morning of that day**. She must go to the doctor and get a doctor's certificate. When she returns to school, she should obtain an illness/misadventure form and submit these documents to myself
- If your daughter misses an exam due to illness or misadventure, she must attend school and complete it in the **next available time slot**.
- Your daughter needs to bring everything that she is likely to need for the exam: pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, calculator and a stapler with staples. These should be in a clear plastic sleeve.

- All mobile phone must be **turned off** and handed in prior to each exam.
- No one will be permitted to leave the exam room early.

Please remind your daughters to regularly check the Year 12 Edmodo page. There are many recent posts regarding university in 2016.

Mrs Gillian Mendez  
Year 12 Co-ordinator

	MONDAY 23.03.15	TUESDAY 24.03.15	WEDNESDAY 25.03.15	THURSDAY 26.03.15	FRIDAY 27.03.15
Morning session	<b>STUDIES of RELIGION 1</b> (1 ½ hours) 8:55 - 10:30am  <b>STUDIES of RELIGION 2</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am	<b>SOCIETY &amp; CULTURE</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am	<b>GENERAL MATHEMATICS</b> (2 ½ hours) 8:55 - 11:30am  <b>MATHEMATICS</b> (3 hours) 8:55 - 12:00pm	<b>MUSIC 1</b> (Approx. 1 hour) 8:55 - 10:00am <b>ANCIENT HISTORY</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am <b>CHEMISTRY</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am <b>VET BUSINESS SERVICES</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am <b>VET HOSPITALITY</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am	<b>BIOLOGY</b> (2 hours) 8:55 - 11:00am  <b>FRENCH (BEGINNERS and CONTINUERS)</b> Conversation
Afternoon session	<b>COMMUNITY &amp; FAMILY STUDIES</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm  <b>MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 1</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm	<b>GEOGRAPHY</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm <b>APT</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm <b>PDHPE</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm  <b>FRENCH BEGINNERS</b> (2 hours 40 minutes) 12:25 - 3:10pm	<b>DANCE (theory)</b> (1 hour) 1:25 - 2:30pm <b>VISUAL ARTS</b> (1 ½ hours) 1:25 - 3:00pm <b>MODERN HISTORY</b> (2 hours) 1:25 - 3:30pm <b>DRAMA (practical)</b> (2 hours) 1:25 - 3:30pm <b>JAPANESE</b> (3 hours) 1:25 - 4:30pm	<b>LEGAL STUDIES</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm  <b>FRENCH CONTINUERS</b> (3 hours) 12:25 - 3:30pm	<b>TEXTILES &amp; DESIGN</b> (1 ½ hours) 12:25 - 2:00pm  <b>FOOD TECHNOLOGY</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm <b>PHYSICS</b> (2 hours) 12:25 - 2:30pm  <b>AGRICULTURE</b> (2 ½ hours) 12:25 - 3:00pm



## CSDA PUBLIC SPEAKING

On Friday 27 February, seven students from Years 7-12 participated in the first round of the CSDA Public Speaking Competition at Marian College, Kenthurst.

The participating students prepared speeches on a range of topics, such as 'Thin Ice', 'Life is Beautiful' and 'Peace on Earth'. Their speeches demonstrated a perceptive understanding of contemporary global issues and mature insights into human experience.

All students are to be commended for their hard work in preparing for the competition and for the professional manner in which they conducted themselves in representing the college. Special congratulations go to Cassidy Regan in Year 7 and Derica Elogious in Year 9 who were successful in progressing to the next round of the competition.

We wish them the best of luck as they compete in the Zone Final on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Marist College, North Shore.

Amy Rowan

Public Speaking Co-ordinator



## FROM THE SRC AND HOUSE LEADERS

With the Lenten season underway, the Student Leadership body have taken on the challenge of raising funds for Caritas' Project Compassion. Along with the House Leaders, the Student Representative Council have collaborated to prepare a series of weekly activities at lunch time for the students to participate in during Lent. Varying from activities of raising awareness to donating money, student leaders have endeavoured to promote the importance of this sacred time.



The first activity involved an exciting water bucket challenge, involving students from all year groups. Students were able to participate in a series of circuits in which the main aim was to preserve the most amount of water possible. This initiative attracted large crowds of students and was a success in creating awareness for the reality of many people around the world, as well as raising funds for Caritas's Project Compassion.

The second activity involved chalk being handed out to students after a gold coin donation, encouraging them to be creative and draw around the theme of Project Compassion. Many students joined in the activity adding their artistic drawings and insightful words.

Both activities brought the Nagle College community together while raising awareness for a great cause.





## SPORT NEWS

Sport at Nagle is well and truly underway. Year 7 completed their first session in the pool for their Learn to Swim Program yesterday. Year 8 have been having a ball on the trampolines at Flip Out, tiring themselves out by jumping into the foam pits. Year 9 are enjoying playing an indoor soccer round robin at Don Bosco, while also jumping on the trampolines and using the other equipment available at the venue. Year 10 students have loved experiencing a range of different dance styles such as Bollywood and swing dancing. I have had great feedback from many students across all grades. I am proud of the way that they have kept an open mind towards the sport changes and are participating to the best of their ability.

Last Friday, the Age Champions from the 2015 Swimming Carnival were announced to the College. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following girls once more on their enormous effort on the day!

### **12 years**

Age Champion – Lily Hardman  
2nd – Melody Wells  
3rd – Mikayla Cleasby

### **13 years**

Age Champion – Kasey Mooy  
2nd – Ashleigh Witteveen  
3rd – Elyssa Antoun

### **14 years**

Age Champion – Casey Fulwood  
2nd – Aglaya Papadokokolakis  
3rd – Caitlyn Gibbins

### **15 years**

Age Champion – Ashleigh Vella  
2nd – Tahira Kale  
3rd – Neha Chand

### **16 years**

Age Champion – Huntar Hakim  
2nd – Olivia Sargent  
3rd – Kathryn McLennan

### **17+ years**

Age Champion – Katherine Tanks  
2nd – Cory Hill  
3rd – Angelica Tabone

**SCHOOL CHAMPION:** Lily Hardman





On the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February three year 11 students competed in the NSW All Schools Triathlon at the Penrith Regatta Centre. Olivia Sargent competed in the Individual event comprising of a gruelling 600m swim, 15km cycle and a 4km run component. This is a very tough competition, with a large number of students competing from schools all over NSW. Congratulations to Olivia who placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall. This is a fantastic achievement!

The team event comprised of a 400m swim, 15km cycle and a 4km run with a different student completing each leg of the competition. Huntar Hakim completed the swim, Olivia Sargent completed the cycle and Marianna Tinkas completed the run component. The girls have competed as a team in previous years and true to form, they were fierce competitors! The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of all of the

Catholic schools in NSW and 14<sup>th</sup> overall. Congratulations girls – you should be extremely proud of your efforts!

I would like to thank all of the students that tried out for the upcoming gala days. We have so much talent here at Nagle that it makes it very difficult to select only a few teams. I want to encourage all of our students to continue to try out for different sports over the year. Don't be disheartened if you are not selected for one gala day – continue to try out and try new things.

I also want to thank the girls for wearing their sport uniform with pride. The majority of the students have come back with the appropriate footwear. I would just like to remind all parents and students that joggers must be worn for safety reasons i.e. no converses.

Upcoming Events:

Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March: PDSSSC Basketball Gala Day

Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March: PDSSSC Touch Football Gala Day

Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March: PDSSSC Swimming Carnival

If permission notes for the above events could be returned promptly it will be greatly appreciated.

Miss Natalie Bonaventura

Sports Co-ordinator





**Important Dates:**

**Bronze and New Silver Preliminary expedition:** Blue Mountains National Park – Glenbrook on Sunday 8/3 to Monday 9/3.

**CPR test:** Week 9 and 10 Tuesday afternoon 315-415

**PRELIMINARY OVERNIGHT TRAINING AT NAGLE COLLEGE:**

All Duke of Edinburgh students of 2015 participated in the preliminary training at Nagle on Friday 20/2- Saturday 21/2. Student undertook training in CPR, bush first aid, Navigation and route planning, choosing and setting up a campsite and camp cooking. It was also a great opportunity for student in Duke from Year 9 – 12 to network and build relationships.

I would like to thank the Silver and Gold leaders who helped run sessions and assisted in training their peers. I would also like to thank the following teachers.

Mr Housman, Mr Iligan, Ms Foley, Mr Imlay, Mrs Newell and Mr Keith. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Mrs B Vieiro

Duke of Edinburgh award Co-ordinator



## DUKE OF ED TRAINING





## 2015 STATE ELECTION

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Federal Government contributes 57.5% of the cost of educating a child in a NSW Catholic school, and the NSW Government contributes 19.7%. The remaining 22.8% comes from parents and the parish community through school fees and private fundraising. This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs - to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.



### Capital Funding – Frequently Asked Questions

**1. How many Catholic schools and students are there in NSW?**

At the end of 2014, there were 584 Catholic schools in NSW, educating almost 254,000 students. Catholic schools educate one in every five NSW students (21%).

**2. How are NSW Catholic school buildings and facilities funded?**

Capital funding - which is used to build, expand or upgrade NSW's Catholic schools - comes from parents, governments (Federal and State) and the parish community.

The majority of capital funding comes from parents repaying loans.

**3. How much capital funding does the NSW Government provide to all schools each year?**

On a per student basis, the NSW Government allocates \$524 per government school student in capital funding for new projects while Catholic schools are allocated \$30 per student.

In the 2014-15 Budget, the NSW Government provided:

- \$399.1 million for capital projects in the state's 2,196 government schools, and
- \$54.6 million for the state's 974 non-government schools.

Of the \$54.6 million allocated to non-government schools, \$43 million is needed to subsidise interest payments on loans taken out for projects commenced before 2006-07 under the now-closed Interest Subsidy Scheme (ISS).

This leaves just \$11.6 million to fund new capital projects in Catholic (\$7.6 million) and independent (\$4 million) school sectors.

**4. What happened to the Interest Subsidy Scheme?**

The ISS was introduced in 1968 to help non-government schools borrow to finance capital projects. By 2006/07, it was costing the NSW Government \$67 million per annum.

It was closed to new loans that year and a new program - the Building Grants Assistance Scheme (BGAS) - was introduced to provide cash grants to non-government schools.

## **CAREERS NEWS**

### **Open Days and Information Evenings**

The following dates are a great opportunity for you to visit potential educational institutions to ask questions and view their facilities.

- **UNSW Open Day** 5 September  
**A Day @ UNSW** 24 November, 10 December, 11 December  
<http://unswfuturestudents.tumblr.com/post/110503983827/key-dates-for-201>

- **UNSW Year 12 Medicine Information Evening** on 12 March. 6.30pm.

This evening is designed for Year 12 students and their parents. It provides a general overview of the UNSW Medicine degree as well as detailed information on our application and admissions process from current staff and students in the Faculty of Medicine.

Registrations open on Monday, 23 February. Register at  
<https://www.whatson.unsw.edu.au>

- **Ella Baché College of Skin and Beauty Therapy Open Day**

18 April, 11.00am to 1.00pm  
Level 2/77 Berry Street, North Sydney  
Courses and graduation career options.

<http://www.ellabachecollege.edu.au/study-on-campus/attend-a-college-open-day>

- **"Whitehouse Institute of Design Open House "**  
**19 June and 20 June**

For bookings and information email: [enquiries@whitehouse-design.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@whitehouse-design.edu.au)

### **Scholarship programs**

#### **"UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarship Program"**

This is a fast-track scholarship course that prepares you for an exciting career in IT management. Successful applicants receive a scholarship of around \$15,500.00 per year. Applications open 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015

<http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/scholarships/0000017807>



### **Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Offer Program**

The 2016 Young Achievers Early Offer Program is currently being finalised and will be available on our website in late March. The 2016 program will offer students the opportunity to join the Notre Dame community before they even sit their Year 12 examinations. They will be able to apply under one of the following four categories:

- Commitment to community and/or Church;
- Commitment and excellence in cultural pursuits;
- Commitment and excellence in sporting achievements; or
- Academic excellence.

### **Industry open days**

#### **Chartered Practicing Accountants**

The CPA Australia Career Expo is being held **in Sydney on 24 March**, 5.30pm to 8.00pm

- meet with top employers and recruiters for local or international opportunities
- expand your professional network
- participate in career development sessions
- learn how the CPA designation can improve your career prospects

<http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/become-a-cpa/network/career-expo>

#### **Engineers Australia**

The EA Career expo is on Sydney 4 March, 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Speak to industry professionals for advice on your career in engineering.

<https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/career-development-centre/careers-expo>

### **Volunteer programs**

**Projects Abroad Volunteer Overseas Webinar** on 24 March 6pm to 7pm.

Programs are available for Years 10 and 11 students to volunteer overseas in their school holidays. Register your free place and find more details: <http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/more-info/information-events/webinars/> or call 1300 132 831.

### **Useful websites**

A new website has been set up by the NSW Government to provide advice on getting work, leaving jobs and your rights at work.

<http://www.youngpeopleatwork.nsw.gov.au/>

## **From the Bishops Office**

### **Catholic Education – did you know:**

On average, it costs about \$13,000 per year to educate a child in a NSW school. In most Catholic schools, school fees cover less than one-quarter of this cost. The rest comes from taxpayers like you! This is why funding support from Federal and State Governments must keep pace with rising education costs – to maintain education quality and to ensure a Catholic education remains affordable for all families.

### **Walk the Camino! 20-day pilgrimage**

Leòn to Santiago de Compostela (31 May to 19 June OR 13 September to 2 October). Catholic Mission's pilgrimage balances walking and simple hospitality with silence, personal reflection-prayer. Small group led by an experienced guide, Sr Veronica Rosier OP. Details: [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

### **Called by Name – Discernment Weekend Retreat**

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth offer weekend retreats for women aged 18-35 who want to discern their vocation to religious life. This retreat is a one-to-one encounter. It includes prayer times, talks and accompaniment. It is a great opportunity to have a lived experience with the sisters. "Is God calling me to religious life?" If this is a real question for you, this retreat is for you.

**Date:** last weekend of every month. RSVP a week before the retreat.

**Cost:** donation.

**Venue:** Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, 116 Quakers Rd, Marayong.

**Details:** Sr Margaret tel (02) 9626 9200, 0420 754 727, [margaretsfn@gmail.com](mailto:margaretsfn@gmail.com)

### **Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead**

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel 02 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, [mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au](mailto:mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au)

### **Interfaith Workshop on 22 March**

*Listening with open hearts and minds: new directions in the dialogue with Muslims*

Recent world events have highlighted the need for greater understanding amongst the different religions. Although people have been communicating across religions and cultures for centuries, harmony and peace remain beyond our grasp. This workshop offers the opportunity to learn and understand more deeply about the Qur'an and Islam.

**Date:** Sunday 22 March, from 2pm-4.30pm.

**Venue:** St Francis Xavier Church hall, 17 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay, North Sydney (close to station).

**Cost:** \$25; \$20 concession, includes afternoon tea.

**Details** Eremos Institute [www.eremos.org.au](http://www.eremos.org.au)

### **Recital by international organist Hans U Hielscher on 12 March**

Dr Hielscher will play a varied program of music by 20<sup>th</sup> Century composers on the fine 1898 Norman & Beard Organ in St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, from 7pm-8.30pm (approx.). Repertoire will include a Toccata on *Amazing Grace* (Pardini), Variations on *Frere Jacques* (Hielscher), and other musical gems. Admission by donation (suggest \$5-\$10). Tickets at the door. Details: Cathedral music office tel (02) 8839 8433.

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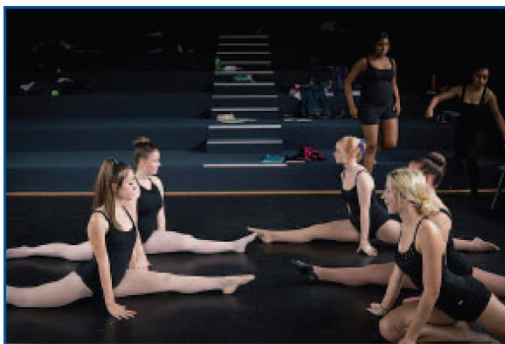
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