

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE PRIZEGIVING DAY

Annual Presentation and Prizegiving Ceremony - all students and staff will be present as well as many special guests and parents. The ceremony will also feature musical and visual entertainment.

The presentation will be held at:

De La Salle College Hall, on Friday 16th December, 2011. It will begin at 10.00am and conclude at 11.30am. Parents to be seated by 9.45am. Only limited parking on site available.

All students will attend school at normal time in full school summer uniform. Prize recipients are to wear their blazers. At the conclusion of the event, students whose parents are present, may go home with their parents. Students whose parents do not attend will remain at the College for normal lessons and departure at 2.30pm. This is the last day of school for students for 2011.

We hope you and your family will be able to join us on this special occasion.

Mr. Nick. Brien
Assistant Principal

INSPIRATIONS

On Monday 28th November, our Year 11 music students had a performance night "Inspirations" for family, staff and friends. It was a most enjoyable evening with some amazing talent on display. Many thanks to Ms Coorey, staff, parents and students who attended.



THANK YOU PIZZA LUNCH

A number of students from Yrs 8-11 who assisted as Reader/Writers in School Certificate and Higher School Certificate exams were invited to a Thank You Lunch on Wednesday, 30 November.

All the boys received a certificate of appreciation. The students who received assistance and the Learning Support Team would like to thank all the boys involved.

Mr. Satheesh Ramdutt
Special Ed Coordinator



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2012

College Office opens on:

Tuesday 24th January, 2011
- 8.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 25th January, 2011
- 8.00am - 4.00pm
Friday 27th January, 2011
- 8.00am - 4.00pm

College Uniform Shop/Bookroom for Sport uniforms/Bags and other student requisites:

Tuesday 24th January, 2011
- 8.00am - 2.15pm
Wednesday 25th January, 2011
- 8.00am - 2.15pm
Friday 27th January 2011
- 8.00am - 2.15pm

Teachers Return:

Friday 27th January 2011
- 8.00am - 4.00pm

All Students Return:

Monday 30th January 2011
- 8.25am

St Vincent's Parish, Ashfield

*A parish under the pastoral care of the Congregation of the Mission,
known as the Vincentian Priests and Brothers*

CHRISTMAS 2011

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, 24th December

6:00pm Children's Mass
8:00pm Mass with Carols
10:00pm Polish Mass
12:00am Midnight Mass
preceded by Carols
at 11:30pm

Sunday, 25th December

8:00am Mass with Carols
10:00am Mass with Carols
12:00pm Polish Mass

There will be NO evening Mass
in
English or Polish on Sunday night

Please note there will be 9:00am Mass
on Christmas Day at Cardinal Freeman Village
(137 Victoria Street Ashfield)

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WISHING YOU ALL

A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY AND SAFE
NEW YEAR



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NEWSLETTER

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14th December 2011

Dear Parents & Friends,

As we enter the final week of the 2011 school year, it is appropriate to congratulate all in the College community for another outstanding year. The entire College is immensely proud of the achievements of all.

We have much to be grateful for, opportunities that have presented themselves and have been implemented.

Last week Year 10 classes concluded with a 'transition week' project – which by and large was a preparatory program for the Year 11 Preliminary course. I wish to compliment the Year 10 students and staff who worked so diligently to make this program an outstanding success. The College has received details of the Year 10 School Certificate results and they are showing an improvement in nearly all School Certificate subjects. They are in fact the best results in many years. Our boys have shown a steady improvement out of the lower bands (1, 2 & 3) into the top bands (4, 5 & 6). The Year 10 class of 2011 will receive their certificates at the College Presentation Ceremony on Friday 16th December, 2011 at 10.00am – 11.30pm.

All parents are warmly invited to join their sons – from all year groups at this important event. Special guests, staff and parents will join to acknowledge the great achievements of the boys when they will receive their awards and report.

De La Salle has much to be proud of for this year. Our results for the following were outstanding:

Year 7 Naplan testing
Year 8 Religion Exam & ESSA (Science) testing
Year 9 Naplan testing
Year 10 School Certificate
Year 11 Preliminary Course
Year 12 Higher School Certificate

Having just received the HSC results, the indications are our results continue to build on the improvements of recent years, moving students into the upper bands. More details and an analysis of the 2011 HSC results will be published early in the new year. Congratulations to Year 12. You have done your College, your families and yourselves proud.

I take this opportunity to thank the following staff who leave us at the end of the year.

Mr Akkawy – who will after 10 years be teaching at Marist College Peshurst next year
Mrs Webb – who is returning to parenting duties and Mrs Ticehurst who is retiring

We say thank you for your great contribution to the College and wish you well for the future.

In the past two weeks we've been greatly saddened by the following losses:

- 1) Mr Ron Williams – who passed away on 29th November, 2011. Ron worked in Catholic Education for over 45 years in the area of Special Needs and was the late husband of Mrs Margaret Williams – Principal of Bethlehem 2000-2007. Ron was an outstanding educator and 'champion human being' and will be greatly missed by all.
- 2) Mrs Orelia Dave – mother of Ansh Dave (Yr 9). Mrs Dave passed away on 2nd December, 2011 aged 46, after suffering for some years with cancer. Mrs Ansh was a beloved mother, wife and grandmother who will be sadly missed.
- 3) The passing of Gabiel Sukkar on 9th December, 2011 aged 25. Gabi graduated in the HSC class of 2005, His brother Andrew is currently in Yr 8. Gabi suffered from poor health over many years, we saw him shine and witness to being an outstanding student who persevered despite his poor health.



Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Sukkar, Dave and William's families as their loved ones are called home to God, in this time of great sadness.

May their souls enjoy eternal life with God Amen

A special thanks to Fr Michael Walsh who is leaving Ashfield on Christmas Day to become the Provincial of the Vincentian order. We are forever indebted for your great support of De La Salle as our parish priest, chaplain and ex-student.

A special thanks also to Frank Malloy who is moving out of the Catholic Education Office Sydney to take a position as Director of Marist Schools NSW. Frank has greatly supported De La Salle as Religion Coordinator and Assistant Principal some 15 years ago when he worked at the College and in the last 4 years as the Inner Western Regional Director.

As this the final newsletter, I would like to thank all members of our community for another great year. I say thank you to the staff and college leadership team who continue to work so diligently and selflessly for the boys, to the parents who have given great support to the College and to the students who have worked so well on a daily basis. May you all have a happy and holy Christmas season and enjoy a well earned holiday break. All students return to school on Monday 30th January, 2012.

**Mr. Michael Barrington
Principal**