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2010 Mock Trial Competition



Last Thursday De La Salle College's year 11 Mock Trial team competed in the first elimination round of the Mock Trial competition run by the NSW Law Society.

Unfortunately the team did not make it to the next round, losing by a small margin. The team, consisting of Joshua Favalaro, Nicholas Bucher (barristers), Kevin Nguyen (solicitor), Xavier Jusay, Dominic So (witnesses) and Patrick Francis (court official), put up a valiant effort displaying great skill and determination against Meridan College. James Woods, Mr Taleb and Mr Hachem supported the team in the audience.

This round presented a considerable challenge, as the team was allocated the role of Prosecution in a criminal case. This involved having to prove beyond reasonable doubt that a young girl had committed arson. The boys had two statements (supplied by the law society), which provided only circumstantial evidence to suggest that the defendant had committed the crime. It was a difficult case; however, we pulled through with a number of strong arguments and presented the evidence well.

Nicholas Bucher presented an effective opening address stating the facts of the case and outlining the direction that the prosecution would take. Both barristers conducted themselves well in Examination in Chief and performed soundly against strong opposing witnesses.

Our witnesses also did a good job under pressure.

I presented the prosecution's closing address which summed up the evidence that proved that the defendant was guilty. The judge commented positively about the style of our barristers, saying that although we only had circumstantial evidence to prove the case we did an excellent job with the materials we had.

The opposing team, Meridan College was also excellent; The rules of the mock trial came to question a number of times, however, the boys left with their heads held high knowing that they had played fairly. We were very tired by the end of the experience given the Mock Trial took an intense 4 1/2 hours.

The Mock Trial competition was a great experience for all the members of the team. This year's team was the most successful in De La Salle College's history, winning four mock trials in a row and making it to the elimination rounds.

The members of the Mock Trial team would like to sincerely thank Mr. Abi-Saab, Mr. Liam Cavell and Mr. Taleb for organizing the Mock Trials and providing invaluable coaching. Without their help we would not have made it so far. I would encourage any year 10s who are interested in next year's competition to contact Mr. Abi-Saab.

Joshua Favalaro

Visual Arts final year show

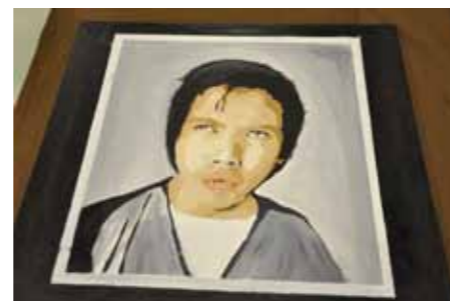


David Machem's 'Origami'

Year 12 Visual Arts students are in the final stages of developing a 'Body of Work' to be submitted for HSC Practical marking.

All the Year 12 students' work in Visual Arts and Photography was displayed at the recent De La Salle and Bethlehem Colleges' Final Year Show, where it was assessed by seven guest senior Visual Arts teachers.

The exhibition was very popular and successful. The works were of a very high standard, with a wide range of mediums represented from drawing, painting and sculpture to photography and video.



Ralph Lagaspi's oil painting



Blake Brincat's iconic Aussie flags

Special mention must go to Ralph Legaspi for "Snap!", his series of oil painting portraits; David Macham for "Originami", his exploration of African and Japanese fashion styles; Gil Serra for his large "Life Story" oil painting; Blake Brincat for "Aussie! Aussie! Aussie?", his ironic series of Australian flags, and Sergio Tawil's well-composed photographs of street life.

Many thanks to Bethlehem College for hosting the event, to Mrs Armstrong and Ms Bucciarelli for preparing the exhibition space, and to the Bethlehem girls for the high standard of their artworks and the excellent standard of catering.



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Dear Mr Michael Barrington,

On Wednesday 23rd of June I had the pleasure of visiting your De La Salle, Ashfield with my company Drum Beats. I would like to express my sincere thanks in having the opportunity to work with such well mannered, co-operative, helpful and respectful boys.

The year seven and eight students who were at the performance showed incredible respect, support and encouragement amongst each other. It was an honour to work with your students to creating music together - this can only happen when the students really listen to one another and work as a team! I have been doing the Drum Beats shows in school for the last eight years and I have never been to a boy's high school where the students have behaved in such a brilliant manner. My colleague Yacou who was doing the show with me on the day commented how rare it is to see boys of this age working together in such a positive way!

We also had a number of students help set up and some students after the show offer to help during the lunch break! As myself and some of the students (unfortunately I don't remember their names but Jacinta Coorey knows who they are) were wheeling the drums to the trailer we also had other students offering to help and what began as two helpers packing up became about six.

Could you please pass our thanks onto the students who helped set-up and pack up as well as the year seven and eight students who participated in the drumming.

Please feel free to pass this letter amongst the staff of De La Salle it's always nice to receive positive feedback and I believe is an indication of the great work you all must be doing!

Thanks again for having us; we look forward to the next time!

Kind Regards
Angela Grima
Artistic Director - Drum Beats



Semester One awards assembly



Raden Bitar of Year 7 presents Jane Sulis of Caritas Australia with a cheque for just over \$8000, the contributions of students of the College during the Lenten Appeal.



Ms Lamir and the Under 13s soccer team who were presented with certificates of excellence at the assembly. The Under 13s were narrowly defeated in the MCC Grand Final.



Mr Barrington and Mr Brien presented over 200 awards to students for excellent achievement, application or effort during the awards assembly.



Charbel Kadib is presented with the Executive Director of Schools Student Excellence Award. The citation included these words from his Year Coordinator, Mr. Hachem:

"Charbel has risen to the challenge of his adversity with great perseverance and courage. His year 12 work-load is significantly more burdensome than that of the average student. He embraces our Catholic values in his daily life, and his pursuit of excellence is exemplified in being the recipient of this award. He is greatly admired by all his peers and teachers."

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The FACTS On funding NSW Catholic Schools



CCSP
Council of Catholic
School Parents

It's a Fact...

- ALL Australian children deserve an equitable share of Government funds to support their education.
- Government funding for ALL schools needs to be increased.
- More than 20% of children attend Catholic Schools and together with other non-government school students, make up 33% of all school enrolments.
- Funding for Catholic schools comes from the Australian and State Governments and parents and parishes.
- Catholic school students receive considerably less combined government funding than students in government schools.
- Some of the gap in funding is made up by parents and parishes through fees and levies.
- Catholic schools have been educating Australian children for over 180 years.



MCC Golf

On Thursday 22nd July, four students represented De La Salle College in the MCC Golf Day at Bexley Golf Club. While our players did not figure in the final standings, they did post competitive scores in keeping with their respective handicaps.

Congratulations to Ryan Leiker (Year 7), Anthony Di Marzo, pictured above, (Year 11), Carlos Barrios (Year 12) and Benjamin Morel (also Year 12) for the way that they carried themselves on the day. A special mention goes to Carlos and Benjamin on this, their final year of MCC Golf, as they have given many years of distinguished service to the interschool competition. Mr Rattenbury



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DLSA TEAMS UP WITH ATHLETICS NSW

For the first time in the College's history, our MCC Athletics Squad has teamed up with Athletics NSW in a 5 week intense training program to help and assist our athletics program for the upcoming MCC Carnival in Week 6.

The first session was held last Thursday and the boys were introduced to many aspects of athletics, including proper running techniques, block stunts, shot putt, discus practices, long distance running, and sprints. It was a very enjoyable and beneficial day and we look forward to continuing this over the next 4 weeks.

Good luck boys.
Mr. El Jamal.

MCC Sport

MCC Thursday 29th July	Departs	Returns (approx)
MCC Athletics Training Pratten Park All other internal sports as normal	12.30	2.30
MCC Thursday 5th August	Departs	Returns
MCC Athletics Training Pratten Park All other internal sports as normal	12.30	2.30

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of the College,

Welcome back to a rather chilly Term 3! Thank you to all families who have presented their sons in their full school uniform, ready for another busy term.

Special thanks to Mr Long, Mr Hachem and Mr Ramdutt + students who participate in the Vinnie's Night Patrol program. In conjunction with students and staff from Bethlehem College, this group takes food and warm clothing to the inner city streets to comfort the youth living on the streets. Thank you to students and families for your continued donations to support this valuable program.

We offer our prayers at this time for all the Year 12 students who are preparing for their important HSC Trial examinations. These will be held in the College Hall over the next two weeks from Monday 2nd August until 16th August. We wish all students well, knowing that they are important preparation for the HSC Exams in November – and also contributing to the students' HSC Assessment marks.

Congratulations to students in Years 7 & 8 who participated in a recent incursion called 'Drumbeats'. Please see the letter of thanks and commendation in this Newsletter.

All parents and friends of the College are invited to attend the next Parent & Principal Consultative Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th August at 7.30 pm at the College. The meeting will discuss and consult with parents around the development of the new College Strategic Improvement Plan – 2011-2015. All shareholders of our Lasallian community will be involved in developing this plan – to provide direction to the College for the next five years. As always, we are striving to attain better outcomes for the students and considering ways to improve all aspects of the College, and it would be an important meeting make your contributions.

Many thanks to students and families of Year 10 students who attended the Subject Selection Information evening last night. The selection of subjects for Years 11 and 12 is an extremely important part of a successful HSC outcome. Hence, we have a comprehensive process to assist all Year 10 students – culminating in a final interview with students and parents – to confirm subject selections. Thanks to Mr Greg Bell, our Curriculum Coordinator – and KLA Coordinators and teachers for your involvement and participation in this important process. A reminder that the subject selection forms can be submitted at the interview and must be in by the 13th August.

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Many thanks also to all parents and students who attended the Parent-Teacher interviews in the last week of Term 2. Students received their half-yearly report – and valuable advice on how to improve in the future. Congratulations to the vast majority of students who were most successful in Semester 1. Year Coordinators are following up those few students whose families were unable to attend.

The College is holding its major fundraising for the year – a Walkathon on Friday 3rd September. All students will be issued, this Friday, with a sponsorship card and each boy is expected to raise \$30.00 for this project. The funds raised this year will be assisting a Lasallian project: we are helping a Lasallian orphanage of rural Tamil Nadu. This is an agricultural program which teaches the next generation the skills to provide for themselves. Also, some of the money raised will be dedicated to improving student facilities at the College.

With the Federal election saturating the mass media, it is important to be fully informed on the funding facts of NSW Catholic Schools. A brochure issued by the Council of Catholic School parents is included with this Newsletter. In essence, the 33% of all NSW enrolments are in non-government schools and they only receive some 22% of the total funds available for education from the Commonwealth and State governments.

Thanks to all the students and families who attended the Information evening concerning World Youth Day 2011. A number of students and families have indicated their intention to attend this event in Madrid next year.

On Friday 27th August the College will be having a Staff Development Day – developing our next Strategic Improvement Plan 2011 – 2015 and hence, there will be no classes on this day. Supervision will be provided if necessary. Please contact your Year Coordinator if this is needed.

*'Believe in your gifts, no matter how small;
they are God's providence to your world,
to enrich it, to ennoble it, to bring it love.'*

*Believe in your vision, no matter the climb,
it is the mountain peak calling you to
experience God.*

*Believe in your decisions, no matter the mistakes,
they are your 'Yes' to life, your assent to the
place where God is to be found.*

*Believe in your neighbour, no matter the risk,
he is sent from God to walk with you.*

*Believe in your God. He is strong and faithful
His love is endless and He cares for you always.'*

Michael Barrington
Principal