



The Lantern

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As we move through the season of Lent, we may think about the purpose of our very existence. One such person who did this was St Paul who, as Saul of Tarsus, was a devout Jew and a Pharisee. He could not believe it when he heard that people were saying that a crucified carpenter was the Messiah whom God had sent to save the world, because it was so at variance with what he had expected the Messiah to be. Saul had expected the Messiah to come like another David figure, with a sword in his hand to wipe out the enemies of Israel and establish Jerusalem as the new Rome.

So, he set out to destroy the believers of this heresy. After witnessing the execution of Stephen, the first Christian Martyr, he was on his way to Damascus, when he had a life altering experience, described as a blinding light that knocked him off his horse. He had encountered something outside of himself that caused him to reorganize his life almost entirely. He spent a number of years working through what had occurred and then set out to preach the "crucified carpenter" to the nations around Israel. His preaching condemned such things as greed, lust, anger, slander, disrespect, lying and racial divisions and extolled the virtues of compassion, kindness, patience, forgiveness, love, peace and gratitude. Colossians 3:1-17.

In a culture addicted to self-indulgence, we are called to do as St Paul did and serve others with our time, energy and money; to be agents for reconciliation between estranged family members; to listen to and understand those who are different to us; take time out to pray for ourselves, for others in our life, for others who are not in our life but are in wars and suffering oppression somewhere in our world; we can, as St Paul did, take time out, use the forty days of Lent to make adjustments to our way of life and to be more obviously Christian in the way we give expression to our very existence.

**Spirit of God within me,
Help me this Lent to grow in
gratitude for my life.
Help me to reveal the face of Christ,
to other people as they enter into my
life.
Amen.**

Diary Dates

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Annie Junior, The Musical

This has been a great success for everyone involved. We are very proud of the students who took part and the staff, led by Ms Cash, who supported them. It was a team effort. I would also like to thank everyone who attended the performances. Just like in the musical, 'You're never fully dressed without a smile!' there were plenty of smiles of enjoyment at the performances.



Fast Forward

On Monday evening I attended the Fast Forward presentation. A selected group of Year Nine students were presented with dictionaries and welcomed into the programme. This programme aims to increase the higher education participation rates of students in the Greater West by enhancing students' knowledge, skills and educational attainment. The Fast Forward programme gives students a greater preparedness for participation and success in higher education.

The Fast Forward programme engages selected students from Year 9 with UWS staff, students and resources. UWS works with the students through to Year 12. Through interactive, fun and practical activities, students are given a positive experience and understanding of University life and other pathways to achieve their goals for the future.

As part of the program, students are able to take part in a series of experiential learning opportunities relevant to their needs and stage of development. Those students choosing to study at UWS after completing their schooling are also assisted in their transition to University and given the opportunity to be role models to younger students in the program, further developing their leadership skills.

I thank Mrs Powell and Mrs Farrugia for their work with the girls. I also thank Mr Wilson for attending the evening. I know I join with the families who attended in expressing great pride in the girls and their achievements. Another example of Nagle girls shining.

God Bless,

Delma Horan

From The Assistant Principal

As we move towards school holidays, students are busy finalising assessments and preparing for the end of Term.

On April 6th 24 students from Years 11 and 12 and 5 staff members will travel to Europe for the Nagle College Study Tour. The tour will last for 18 days and move from Greece to Italy, Germany and Poland. Best wishes and safe travels to those staff and students involved.

Annie Jnr. The Musical has been presented to the College community this week as well as Years 5 and 6 from St. Michael's Primary School. Congratulations to all students who were involved in this outstanding production. Thank you as well to the staff who were involved in months of rehearsals with students leading up to this week.

All staff and students at the College have been involved in the Quality Catholic Schools Survey over the last two weeks. Feedback from the survey will help shape future directions and is a good indicator of strengths and challenges that are faced by the College community. Thanks as well to those parents who were selected by the Catholic Education Office to complete the survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Students are wearing their uniform well at the moment. All students will be expected to be in full winter uniform at the start of Term 2. Please check your daughter's student diary for an outline of uniform requirements. Students are reminded that their blazer is a compulsory part of the winter uniform. Could I also ask that parents check that their daughter has the required College backpack and that their skirts are knee length? College tracksuits are the winter uniform for sport on Thursdays, as well as PE lessons.

Student attendance is a constant focus for the College. Please ensure that you have provided up-to-date contact details to the school office. If your daughter is away from school for any reason, please phone the school office by 9am to notify us. Any absence needs to be explained by letter to your daughter's Learning Advisor or Homeroom Teacher on her first day of return. Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Good Luck to our Year 12 students who begin their exam block in Week 10 of this term. Best wishes and good luck as well to Year 7 students who will go to Vision Valley in Week 10 for the Year 7 camp.

Teash Richmond

From the REC

Project Compassion is now in full swing. The Liturgy and Outreach leaders in Years 10, 11 and 12 have been working hard to put some new initiatives in place. The girls are working towards an increased awareness of the problems our global citizens face and how we can “be more” and live our own lives to the full if we do things for others and for our world. To that end, some of their initiatives have been;

- the collection of old phones that can be recycled or sold in order to raise awareness of our wasteful society and how recycling or reusing what we no longer want or need is good for the planet and each other
- Our morning collections continue as money given to agencies that use it to assist communities to help themselves is one of the best ways to help. Year 12s have been paying extra to wear their jersey on Thursdays and this money has substantially added to the collection
- Last week, in solidarity with people who do not have access to fresh water our girls carried water around the school and paid for the privilege to join in. This event raised \$100 and the girls were awarded points for their colour houses. Lucan had a number of Year 7 girls who ran all lunch time which meant they were awarded 75 points; Darcy 50, Coraki 25 and Ballygriffin 15 points.

Over the next few weeks there will be some more activities. So far we have raised about \$1500 with just over 2 weeks remaining. It would be wonderful to double this figure.

Thank you for your support of Project Compassion.

Ellen Lonergan



From the Leader of Teaching and Learning

Year 12 students start a major round of examinations next Monday. These formal assessment tasks will give the girls an opportunity to practise their exam techniques as they demonstrate the knowledge and skills they have acquired during the first part of their HSC course. It is also an opportunity for students to work under exam conditions that are as close as possible to the Higher School Certificate exams.

At the same time Year 11 students have been learning to juggle the demands of the Preliminary HSC course. The girls are generally studying a broader range of subjects than last year and some are undertaking courses outside of school too. They have realised the importance of planning and organisation. For some students the transition to Stage 6 courses has been quite challenging. There has been some soul-searching about the number of shifts that can realistically be completed each week for part-time jobs and the number of hours that can be spent training for sports and dance. If personal success at school is a priority for students, then it is likely that some sacrifices will have to be made.

At home and at school it is essential that **all** girls should be encouraged to maintain a balanced approach in all that they do. It is possible to revise and practise questions for exams and still get a good night's sleep. Students from Years 7 to 12 face different challenges and they can be equally daunting, so it is essential that students develop effective study habits. Nobody should be writing essays at three o'clock in the morning or trying to squash last minute revision into the lesson before a (Maths) test. After all, what can be really learned under such conditions?

Nervousness and stress are inevitable in life. In fact, they sometimes assist us because the rush of adrenaline that they bring on helps us to focus. We are doing our girls a disservice if we don't encourage them to develop coping strategies to manage the stress that they will inevitably encounter. Please talk to your daughter about how she prepares for the day to day demands of school.

Such conversations have obvious benefits. You will get a better idea of how your daughter is working and whether she is leaving preparation to the last minute. She will know that you are interested in what she is doing and you might even be able to give her some tips. Make sure that she understands that you have been and, at times, still are required to deal with stress. Ask her questions - not just about how she is feeling about her work, but also about what she is learning. This is most important because it will give her the opportunity to talk through what she knows and will reinforce what she has learned.

If you think that your daughter needs to develop her organisational skills further or learn how to manage her nervousness before tests and presentations, why not have a look at

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. Our school's access details are:

Username: fornaglecollegeonly

Password: 54results

Dympna Reavey

Year 7 News

On Friday the 21st March, Year 7 travelled to Winbourne at Mulgoa to participate in their Formation Day. The focus of the day was on the College value of Welcome. The activities throughout the day allowed the students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the role which both Nano Nagle and Jesus Christ played in welcoming all people to their communities. It also gave the students an opportunity to stop and reflect on their journey so far in their new community. The day allowed the students to identify ways in which they will take up the call of both Nano Nagle and Jesus Christ, in welcoming people that they meet in their lives even when this is sometimes a difficult thing to do.

The workshops for the day were led by an inspiring group of young women from Year 10. This group of students were a fantastic asset on the day and we thank them for their involvement. We would also like to thank Mr Wilson for his leadership on the day and for the teachers who accompanied us on the day.

Mrs Diane Shean

Year 7 Co-ordinator



Year 8 News

Congratulations to all Year 8 girls who performed and helped out in the musical performance of “Annie”. You all worked very hard and we couldn’t be prouder of you! It’s great to see so much talent on display here at Nagle College.

In Week 1 of Term 2, Year 8 will be listening to a presentation from our local Police Schools Liason Officer, Constable McCabe. He will be talking about the dangers of cyber-bullying and the issues that surround the safe use of social networking. Sometimes we are not always aware of the impact and legal implications of posting comments or pictures online that are about other people. This talk will help us become more aware of these issues and also help give the students skills that can help them use these networking sites safely.

Year 8 students have been handing in assessment tasks recently in a number of subject areas. Parents are reminded that the assessment calendar and booklets for each year group can be found on the Nagle College website at <http://www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au/assessment>. I have seen some outstanding work completed so far – keep it up girls!

Mr Houseman

Year 8 Co-ordinator

Year 9 Update

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the parents and guardians of our Year 9 girls. My name is Mr Andrew Wilson and I will be the Acting Year 9 Coordinator while Mrs Viero is on maternity leave.

There have been a number of exciting things happening in Year 9 with our girls continuing to demonstrate maturity in and out of the classroom.

On Tuesday, March 11, the school community gathered to congratulate our Semester One class captains.

From Year 9 they are:

9.19 - Ravleen Kaur and Claudia Percora

9.20 - Aleah Valmeo and Atong Deng

9.22 - Isabella Sinclair and Tamara Dover

9.23 - Amy Mandato and Jenelle Lim

9.24 - Virginia Mafi and Georgia Peterson

9.34 - Beth Carroll and Bronte Ward



We congratulate these girls on their selection and wish them well in their positions as Class Captains for year 9.

On Monday, March 24 the following girls were acknowledged during an awards ceremony at UWS for their involvement in the Fast Forward program:

Natasha Attard

Catherine Gibson

Savannah Richa

Reanna Cardona

Zaida Hashimi

Rachel Sukkar

Jessie Carr

Harkirat Kaur

Tayla Worrell

Marni Collier

Katie Knox

Briana-Rose Zitko

Chantelle Covey

Kristen Mifsud

Atong Deng

Jacinta Mitchell

These girls are to be congratulated for their success in being accepted into this worthwhile program.

Year 9 are continuing to be good examples in their wearing of the College uniform and we will continue our work in this area. The girls are currently being reminded of the importance of providing notes to explain absences and lateness. This is a legal requirement and I thank you for your support with this issue.

I look forward to working with each of you and your daughters over the coming months.

Mr Andrew Wilson

Acting Year 9 Coordinator

Year 10 Drama Excursion

On Thursday March 13, Miss Simpson's Year 10 Drama class caught the train into the city together as a class to go and watch a performance of "Tough Beauty". Tough Beauty is a play about bullying and violence against schoolgirls, as well as violence against woman and was performed in conjunction with Casula Powerhouse at the Monkey Baa Theatre Company, Sydney.

The play is based upon the life of four troubled schoolgirls, who are all in some way bullied and harassed, whether it is by students in the school ground or by people on the outside.

The play identifies and outlines the different aspects of bullying and violence against women by dramatizing and acting out a real-life situation. This engages the audience with the way they perform the play and provides focus and dedication to the feelings of the characters.

The play went for about an hour and half in total, with question time allowed at the end for the audience to ask any questions about the performance and how it was carried out or undertaken.

It was different from simply watching a movie at home on the television, as the play was done in a way that it made you feel like you are a part of the situation and you really get a feel for what the characters are like. During the entire time of the performance you feel as though they are talking to you, giving *you* the insight of their lives.

The play was really worth going to see, as it gave the class an insight into the theatre and demonstrated how to effectively perform on a stage, in front of an audience. This will definitely benefit us when we are performing in class.

Zoe Hooper



YEAR 11 NEWS

Congratulations to the following Year 11 girls for their involvement in the musical performance of Annie Junior. Whether you were a cast or crew member, your efforts and dedication to such a big production is a wonderful. Thank you to the following students: Emelyne Bouhmehrez, Patrisha Domingo, Goween Abdalla, Carla Antonios, Angela Carr, Monira Ibrahim, Melanie Ilaoa, Kristina Kody, Nabilah Mahmud, Shema Mow and Shanlee Van Doorn.

Congratulations to Tayla Wilson who represented Nagle College at the PDSSSC Touch Football Gala Day. A number of girls also took part in the PDSSSC Basketball Gala Day: Talifaia Oloapu, Melenaite Luani, Dahyun Lee, Kristina Kresic and Hannah Purvis.

I also wish to acknowledge our debaters Tamara Sibbald, Patrisha Domingo and Grace Harris who will commence their first round on Friday night. Good luck girls.

Year 11 girls are reminded that all assessment tasks must be submitted before 8:45am. Any absence from school the day before or the day of an assessment task being due requires a visit to the doctor and this or other appropriate documentation to be submitted along with a misadventure form.

Assessment tasks that are due between now and the end of term are:

1 st April	Dance and Drama
2 nd April	Visual Art and Biology
3 rd April	Ancient History, Chemistry and Music
4 th April	Legal Studies
7 th April	Mathematics Extension
8 th April	Modern History

Important Dates for Term 2 are as follows:

School Week	Date	Event
1B	28 th April	First Day of Term 2
2A	9 th May	Mother's Day Mass
4A	19 th May	Parent Student Teacher Interviews (9am – 8pm)
4A	23 rd May	School Athletics Carnival
5B	31 st May	Blacktown City Parade
6A	4 th June	English Excursion
6A	6 th June	Staff Development Day
7B	9 th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
7B	10 th June	Enhanced Learning Study Skills Seminar
9B	24 th June	Assembly
9B	23 rd June	Semester 1 Prizegiving 11.30am
9B	25 th June	Student Free Day (Year 7-9 Parent Student Teacher Interviews)
9B	27 th June	Last Day of Term 2

Best wishes to the Year 11 girls who will be on the Europe trip and will miss the last edition of the Lantern for Term 1.

Mrs Mendez
Year 11 Co-ordinator

Young Women's Leadership Seminar Excursion

On Friday, the 7th March, both Kristina Kresic and I, as the Year 11 Co-curricular Portfolio Leaders, along with Mrs Mendez, ventured to the city to attend a seminar. We caught a train to New South Wales Parliament House, Mrs Mendez's first in eight years. A run in with the stars of Sunrise and one bottle of hand sanitizer later, we arrived at the conference. The seminar was based around young women in leadership, a topic which was very relatable considering it was the day before International Women's Day. Run by the Parliamentary Education Officer, Year 11 students from schools around Sydney were invited to gain an understanding of what they can do to make a difference.

There were many inspiring guest speakers which provided us with many thoughts and ideas that we could deliberate upon and share with others. The first speaker was Ms Ming Yu, the Amnesty International campaigner for Afghan women's rights and the Arms Trade Treaty. Ming Yu shared with us her amazing story. She has lived in multiple countries including Sri Lanka, Burma and the Maldives, where she has volunteered and worked with United Nations agencies and community groups on issues including women's empowerment. She left us all with two main philosophies that we could take away and apply to our own lives. She said that you must live with no regrets. Jump at opportunities and do things for the greater good. She also expressed that you should dream big. Find something that you are passionate about and work towards making a mark and taking a stand.

The next speaker was Ms Laura John, the Australian UN Youth Representative. Laura's role within the United Nations is to engage with and investigate the issues that are most significant to young Australians. She then takes these ideas to the United Nations for further discussion, and this year she will be travelling to New York to do this. As a young woman, Laura has a great belief that the youth can create and drive positive change in the world. She talked about not letting anything stop you or become a barrier to achieving what you desire. Her passion about this topic was completely influential, making her speech thoroughly enjoyable.

We were then all taken for a tour of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council Chambers where we gained knowledge about the parliament and how women seem to be lacking in numbers in this career path. A panel of women members of parliament, The Hon. Dr Mahreen Faruqi, The Hon. Carmel Tebbutt and The Hon. Sarah Mitchell, proceeded to speak to us about the role of women within the senate and willingly answered any questions.

The seminar was very beneficial to us as leaders, as it described ways in which we can be active within our school community and inspire others to become leaders. The most important thing that we learnt from attending the seminar was that you should not be afraid to stand up because anyone and everyone has the power and the ability to create and initiate change. I would like to thank Mrs Mendez for organising our attendance at this seminar and accompanying us during the day.

By Mikaela Mandato

From the Leadership Team



On Wednesday, March 19, Mounisha Mondeddu, Vanessa Hamer, Edinelle Rabi and Mandy Sugar attended a Hawaiian themed Leadership Afternoon Tea held at Our Lady of Mercy College.

The gathering consisted of numerous student leaders from high schools around Sydney who participated in a leadership formation through ice breaker games and a test of general knowledge in rounds of trivia.

The afternoon allowed for us to gain an insight into the role of leadership within other schools whilst creating connections and building social skills.

We ended the evening with a communal pizza meal and appreciated the array of Hawaiian interpretations among the varying student leaders.

CSDA Debating Round 1

On Friday 28 March, students from Years 7-12 will compete in the first round of the CSDA Debating Competition against Delany College.

Students will receive topics on the night and have one hour of preparation time with their teams. Individual speaking times range from four minutes for Year 7 to eight minutes for seniors. The teams are judged on the matter, manner and method of their speeches. Teams have been preparing for the competition by reviewing the duties of each speaker, participating in practice debates and discussing current affairs.

The first two rounds of the competition will be held at Nagle College during Weeks 9 and 10, with the following four rounds continuing in Term 2.

Round 2 of the competition will be against St Paul's College on Friday 4 April.

Amy Rowan

Peer mentoring: The Year 12 team volunteered to assist the Years 7 and 8 teams prepare for the competition.



Sport News

Nagle College had a big week last week with three PDSSSC representative days. Monday was the PDSSSC Basketball Gala day, Wednesday we had teams competing in the PDSSSC Touch Football gala Day and Friday we had a talented swimmers hit the water at Homebush.

PDSSSC Basketball

On March 21st, the PDSSSC hosted a basketball gala day at the Penrith Sports Centre in which 10 schools participated, including our Nagle College. The day aimed to foster camaraderie among students whilst also developing their basketball skills.

The Juniors Team competed hard and fair for all of their games. They won their first two matches, but lost the next two. Our girls finished second in their bracket.

The Opens team showed great sportsmanship, coming third in their pools, which was a great effort. We will come back even better next year. Thank you to the parents who came to support the girls on the day.

Miss Simpson and Mr Gutierrez



U/15 and Open Basketball Team

Sport News

PDSSSC Touch

Two teams, along with Miss Bonoventura and Miss Gaudry, attended the touch football gala day on Wednesday the 19th March at the Kingsway, St Mary's. The U/15 teams consisted of students from Years 7 – 9 and our Opens team included girls from Years 10-12. Many of the girls are also trialling for the Parramatta PDSSSC representative team. We also managed to pick up a couple of extra players from other schools to make up numbers. As always the Nagle girls accepted these students in without hesitation and it wasn't long before these students were themselves "Nagle" team members. The U/15 team went through undefeated until our last game against a very talented St Columba's team. The Opens started the competition well; we were in a very hard pool playing teams like Cerdon College and St Columba's. Well done to all the students who played, as always showing great sportsmanship and fair play on and off the field. Good Luck to Tahlia Young and Annabelle Regan who were named in the train on squad for the PDSSSC team. We will know this week whether they have been successfully selected into the team.

Miss Gaudry and Miss Bonoventura



U/15 Touch Football Squad



Open Touch Football Squad

SPORT NEWS

PDSSSC Swimming

Friday 21st March was the PDSSSC Swimming Championships at Homebush. A small team represented the college in the pool. Congratulations to all our swimmers; Taylar Hakim, Casey Fulwood, Sarah Carey, Neha Chand, Brooke O'Brien, Anica Siljeg, Hunter Hakim, Jade Dudgeon, Katherine Tanks, Jasmine Wormleaton, Briana Wormleaton, Gabrielle Tanks and Bronte Groeneveld. The swimming championship is always a tough day with some fierce competitors. Our girls never shy away from a challenge and take to the water with pride and a smile on their faces.



PDSSSC Swim Team

Upcoming Events

Cross Country

We will be running Cross Country trials in the coming weeks. Girls need to register for this event in week 8 and start training. The date for the school trial will be posted in the notices over the next week. So girls, keep a look out for this very important date. The competition date for the PDSSSC Carnival is Friday 9th May at St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood.

Distances:

- 12 Girls – 3km
- 13 Girls – 3km
- 14 Girls – 4km
- 15 Girls – 4km
- 16 Girls – 4km
- 17 Girls – 4km
- 18+ Girls – 6km

Term 2 PDSSSC Thursday teams

Term Two we will have teams competing in the Thursday PDSSSC Football and Netball Competitions. Trials will be held Week 1 of Term 2. Students can register their names outside the student foyer from Monday of Term 2.

Date	Sport	Entries Close
6th May	PDSSSC Team Tennis Championships	2 nd May
6 th May	NSWCCC U/15 Netball Selections	See Website
7 th May	NSWCCC Opens Netball Selections	See Website
9 th May	PDSSSC Cross Country Championships	-
23 rd June	PDSSSC U/15 Football Gala Day	7 th June

(Any student wishing to trial for any of these representative teams need to download the forms from the NSWCCC and PDSSSC websites and return to Miss Gaudry.)

Library Monitors 2014

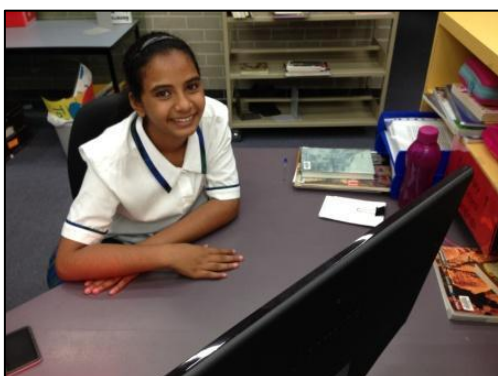


We are pleased to announce the beginning of the Library Monitor program for 2014. Students in Years 7-10 have been trained and are ready to work at the circulation desk, shelve resources and help with general library queries. We have 30 students who are going to be running the library during recess and lunch throughout the year, and so far they have been a huge help! Thank you to everyone who is involved in making the library run smoothly on a daily basis!

Ms Price, Teacher Librarian

Library Monitors

Ravpreet Ahluwalia	Dhara Barot	Madeeha Khan
Shriya Singh	Ishita Dhiman	Siddiqa Butt
Kanwal Kaur	Ryana Narayan	Shauna Abel
Aglaya Papadokokolaki	Susan Taktak	Cheryl Kumer
Lanya Rasul	Isabella Frangie	Atong Deng
Izadee Nabunat	Chloe Costin	Carmen Misfud
Saranya Krishnan	Dajana Popovic	Alyssa Obungen
Harkirat Kaur	Cristelle Hoy	Jostina Basta
Gurjyot Kaur	Kiran Mann	Taylah Dolly
Shreya Gupta	Trudy Agyelwaa	Ravleen Kahlon



Think you are up to the challenge?

The **Australian Mathematics Competition** is taking place on the 7th August.

Last year 420,000 entries from nearly 4000 schools in more than 30 countries took part in this competition.

It is a competition containing 25 multiple choice problems and 5 questions requiring a number answer. The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult until the end when they are challenging to the most gifted student.

All students who take part receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem.

If you are interested in taking part then place \$6.00 in an envelope with your name and Learning Group on it and hand this into the Student Office by Monday 5th May.

TRANSITION NEWS

MedEntry UMAT Preparation

Students interested in pursuing medicine, and other health science careers need to sit the UMAT on July 30, 2014. A government accredited Registered Training Organisation specializing in helping students perform at their best is MedEntry UMAT Prep. MedEntry offers discounts of up to 30% for groups, and numerous scholarships. For more information, refer to www.MedEntry.edu.au

Australian Defence Force Recruiting

The Australian Defence Force will be holding information sessions during the month of April. These sessions are:

- **Health** – Tuesday 1st April
- **Women in Defence** – Wednesday 2nd April
- **Engineering** – Monday 7th April
- **I year IMPS** – 8th April 4:30pm – 6:00pm
- **Army Reserve** – Tuesday 8th April
- **Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)** – Wednesday 9th April
- **Navy** – Tuesday 29th April

Each session will run from **6.30pm-8.30pm** and will be held at **Defence Force Recruiting Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta**. If you are interested in attending any of the above sessions please email CPTNSW@dfr.com.au to book and confirm your attendance.

St Michael's Tutoring Update

From two of our Year 10 Students



"The St Michael's students are very welcoming and nice to us. They were really shy at first but now they are beginning to open up. The St Michael's students really enjoy doing their homework with us and it is fun teaching my buddy things that I already know".
Trudy Agyeiwaa

"We are working in small groups with the St Michael's students on their reading. My buddy is in kindergarten and when he finished the book he was reading we rewarded him with colouring in. I think it is a really rewarding program because we are assisting the primary school students and can see their improvement on a weekly basis".
Elenitsa Samawi

I would like to thank the Year 10 students who are giving so generously of their time to assist the St Michael's primary school students. The St Michael's tutoring program is such a rewarding program and I believe it is a very valuable learning experience for all involved. - Mrs Concato



French Excursion to the French Film Festival

On Thursday March 20, Years 9 and 11 elective French classes accompanied by Mrs Laroumanie and Mrs Smith met up at Blacktown station to start our journey to the Palace Cinemas at Leichardt to attend the annual French Film Festival. The movie we saw was called 'Boule et Bill'.

In the film, Boule et Bill had a bond of the same coloured fur as Bill had red fur and Boule had red hair.

Boule et Bill relates to the homely adventures of a seven year old boy Boule and his dog Bill, a Cocker Spaniel, as well as Boule's mother, father and the turtle Caroline. Bill, while slightly anthropomorphized (human form, e.g Bill can talk, but as a narrator to us, not to the movie cast) basically acts as a normal dog, and the whole series places comical adventures in the realistic setting of a normal family in a normal town, with normal lives.

After the movie, we went for a walk to the Piazza where we debriefed about the film, completed a written analysis about the film and then ate lunch and enjoyed the sights of the area. After many group photos and selfies, we walked back to the train station.

When we arrived back, standing in the same spot at 3pm then, rather than 8am earlier, it felt like we were walking again to be whisked away on our little adventure.

The film allowed us to gain a better understanding of French culture, way of life and reinforced our learning of the vocabulary across various themes. We also benefited from hearing the authentic French pronunciation of the vocabulary which will help us with our speaking skills in our study of French.

Though it doesn't seem like a huge deal on paper, it was a moment that will be forever kept in our hearts. Well it definitely will be kept in mine.

Stephanie Southam



From the Bishop's Office

Diocese of Parramatta on Social Media

Connect with the Diocese and find out the latest news and events on Social Media:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/parracatholic>

Twitter @parracatholic

Diocesan positions

Housekeeper – Residential: casual (6-10 hrs/wk), St Patrick's Cathedral area, Parramatta.

Applications close on 24 March. Details: John Sheehy (02) 8838 3400.

Director, Catholic Youth Parramatta: full time, located in Parramatta. Applications close on 31 March. Details: Fr Paul Roberts 0417 44 11 77.

Director of Family and Life Office: full time, located in Parramatta. Applications close on 6 April. Details: Antoine Kazzi (02) 8838 3400.

For further details of these roles and the position descriptions visit the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir, Parramatta

Recruiting male and female singers in all voice parts. Develop vocal skills and learn more about the Catholic faith and liturgy. Scholarship payments available to singers aged 16-35 who demonstrate music leadership skills. To arrange an audition, contact the Director of Music, Bernard Kirkpatrick tel 0430 431 884. For further information, visit www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Preparing Music for the Easter Triduum: 27 March

This workshop organised by the Office for Worship includes ministerial chants for clergy (priests and deacons), cantors and choir, with particular focus on the new translations and chants for the Unveiling of the Cross (Good Friday) and the Exsultet (Easter Vigil). From 7.30pm-9pm at St Patrick's Parish, 51-55 Allawah St, Blacktown. RSVP 24 March: Office for Worship (02) 88383414, liturgysupport@parra.catholic.org.au

Bridging Sydney City Assembly: 26 March

Bridging Sydney will launch the Sydney Alliance agenda for the common good with specific asks for the NSW Government on the issues of public transport, affordable housing and supported job pathways. With a year to go before the next NSW election, the aim is to build a bridge between Sydney's civil society and those who serve in elected office. The Diocese of Parramatta is a member of the Sydney Alliance. Doors open at 6pm, concludes 8.30pm. Venue: Sydney Town Hall, George Street. Register your attendance at: www.sydneyalliance.org.au

Catenian City of Parramatta Circle Dinner: 27 March

Members of the Catenian Association are Catholic men who meet once a month to join collectively in a friendly atmosphere in the practice of their faith, to enjoy each other's company and to support their local parishes and the Diocese. The City of Parramatta Circle meets for dinner on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Lachlan's Restaurant in Old Government House in Parramatta Park. Commences at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. This month's guest speaker will be Christine Berrierre from St Lucy's School in Wahroonga. More information contact Ian Goldthorpe – Membership Officer, City of Parramatta Circle, tel 0408 169 941.

MGL Spiritual Association Healing Mass: 29 March

"I have come to bring fire to the earth" Luke 12:49.

The Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association (Sydney) warmly invites you, your friends and acquaintances to a Healing Mass with Fr Ken Barker MGL. Mass at 1pm will be celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. The day concludes at 4pm. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea. RSVP to Jenny: jennytscott25372@gmail.com or Missionaries of God's Love Facebook page.

Colloquium on The Francis Effect: 3 April

Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia are hosting a colloquium that will enlarge on the reflections contained in *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* as well as further explore Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. This event will bring together Catholic leaders for a day of formation and professional development for anyone who is living and leading mission and evangelisation. Keynote Address by Fr Noel Connolly SSC – *The Francis Effect: A Theology of Leadership for Mission*. From 8.30am to 4.30pm. Registration: \$195 adult, \$95 concession (registration includes a copy of *The Francis Effect*, morning tea and lunch). Venue: Dooleys Lidcombe Catholic Club. More information and to register: www.catholicmission.org.au

Bishop Manning Lecture: 3 April

The Catholic Commission of Employment Relations (CCER) is proud to welcome lawyer, academic and Aboriginal land rights activist Noel Pearson to deliver the biennial Bishop Manning Lecture. This event is supported by The University of Notre Dame Australia. The Bishop Manning Lecture was established by CCER to honour Bishop Kevin Manning's commitment and contribution to the development of Catholic workplaces as places of justice and human dignity. Noel Pearson will speak on the complex range of factors that have contributed to the current and future prospects of Indigenous communities across Australia. From 5.30-7.30pm in the Centenary Hall, Loreto Kirribilli, 85 Carabella St, Kirribilli. Book now – places strictly limited: tel (02) 9390 5255, www.cceratholic.org.au

The Seven Last Words of Christ Lenten Retreat: 4-6 April

A Lenten weekend retreat for young adults organised by Singles for Christ Australia. Includes silent reflection, talks, prayer, adoration, Confession and Mass. Kilhilla Conference Centre, 5-17 Queens Rd, Lawson. Cost: \$115. Details: Alex Pace (02) 9831 4044.

Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 12 April

Young women aged 17-30 years who are discerning their vocation to marriage, single or consecrated life or who would like to have a day of recollection are invited to the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mulgoa. Grace & Silence commences with a short impulse followed by Eucharistic Adoration; silent prayer and reflection and concludes with a group rosary and afternoon tea. From 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost \$20 includes lunch. The Schoenstatt Shrine is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further information and registration contact: Sister M Julie 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

Palm Sunday Procession & Youth Mass: 13 April

This year Palm Sunday is also World Youth Day with the theme: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Mt 5:3)

Everyone is invited to gather at 5pm at Parramatta Town Hall for the start of the Palm Sunday Procession, which starts at 5.30pm with the Blessing of the Palms. The Street Procession will move through the Parramatta CBD to St Patrick's Cathedral for the Palm Sunday Mass at 6pm. Mass will be followed with a shared meal in the Cloister.

An initiative of Catholic Youth Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. Find us on Facebook [catholicyouthparra](#)

RSVP 9 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844 8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Holy Hour for Vocations: 17 April

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, Marist Place, Parramatta.

To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

Music of JS Bach and Sacred Readings for Good Friday: 18 April

Offering choral and organ music of JS Bach together with special readings featuring: The Blue Mountains Chamber Chorale, Robert Ampt – Conductor and Organist, Amy Johansen – Choir Accompanist, and Readers from St Finbar's Parish and Uniting Church, Glenbrook. Time: 7.30pm. Where: St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy Street, Glenbrook. There will be a retiring collection; suggested donations \$10 (\$5 conc). Inquiries: (02) 4758 6067.

Good Friday Walk & Talk with the Lord: Friday 18 April

Last year more than 1000 young people participated in the overnight Good Friday Walk. The Stations of the Cross will be made in the parishes at Blacktown, Seven Hills, Toongabbie, Wentworthville, Westmead, North Parramatta and Parramatta.

Starts 10pm at St Patrick's Church, 51-59 Allawah St, Blacktown, and ends early Saturday morning at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. Bring your rosary beads and walking shoes.

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RSVP 15 April to Fr Suresh Kumar MSFS tel 04 8844 8844, youth@parra.catholic.org.au
Download a check-list and permission form for under 18s at: www.parra.catholic.org.au/youth

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 26 April

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'Spirituality on the Threshold' with Catherine Hammond. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

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MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

All school fees have now been sent out and are now overdue.

**School fees were due Friday 7th
March 2014.**

Thank you to those who have brought their school fee account up to date. If you are not in a position to finalise your account immediately please contact Mrs Fairhurst on 88874501 to discuss payment options.

All school fee matters are dealt with confidentially.

Mary Fairhurst