



The Lantern

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Dear Members of the Nagle Community,

This week we observed Remembrance Day. Originally known as Armistice Day it signalled the cessation of fighting in 1918. It would take six months before peace was officially declared, marking the end of World War One. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those men and women who died in service of our nation.

There were many heroic acts amongst those who served so bravely. However, today our children's choice of heroes usually follows a fairly predictable pattern. The media have made it all too easy for us and our children, to confuse celebrity with excellence. In a celebrity age, we need to caution our young people about worshipping fame and beauty. Celebrities can become heroes to our children mainly because they are attractive, rich and famous and not for any redeeming qualities they may have.

Real heroes are people of courage, noble qualities and genius who make a difference to our world. These heroes are people like us, fallible people, and so what was possible for them is possible for us. They stumbled, wavered, but they rose and accomplished something of great importance. Heroes instruct us by rising above the negative aspects of their lives and triumphing over their weaknesses. Heroes inspire us and push us towards our better self.

Helen Keller, who was sight and hearing impaired for most of her life, has these encouraging words for us: "I long to accomplish great and noble tasks, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest person."

God, our Father,
we thank You for the gifts that each of us has.
Open our eyes to the potential we have;
give us the courage, the generosity,
and the determination to fulfil this potential.
Amen.

Mrs Delma Horan



Diary Dates

Fri Nov 20th
Presentation Day

Sun Nov 22nd
50th Celebrations

Mon Nov 23rd
Staff Development Day

Tue Dec 1
Duke of Ed 2016 meeting

Wed Dec 2
CAPA Showcase

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From the Assistant Principal

The class of 2015 completed their HSC exams last week. The presiding Officer and supervisors spoke very highly of the girls' calmness and co-operation. We wish them all the success that their efforts will bring them.

Our current senior year have been working well in their first HSC units and are conscientiously preparing for their first assessment task. It is very important that the girls begin well and build on the feedback they will receive. Success mainly comes through effort and consistent effort at that.

Year 10 only have a week of regular lessons before they begin their special programme. In Weeks 8 and 9 they will follow their Year 11 timetable. This will give them a good insight to the skills and understandings they will be developing over the next two years. In Week 10 the girls will complete a week of activities aimed at preparing them for senior school. The staff have put a lot of time and effort into planning these days and it is hoped that the girls will gain strategies and techniques that will assist them in their future study.

I encourage all girls to be part of the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge. Please see the advertising in this edition for registration details. It is so important that the girls do not neglect their literacy and numeracy skills over the long summer break.

It is only a week to go before our 50th Anniversary celebrations. It is not too late to register for the two main events. Again please see the booking details elsewhere in this edition.

Mr Michael Hall

From the REC

Last Sunday our Gospel reading told the story of the Widow's Mite. In this chance encounter Jesus takes the time to explain to his apostles the meaning of giving. In the story we see a poor widow who can only offer two pennies to the Temple but to her this is a fortune. Jesus tells his Apostles that this woman has given more than those who offer large sums, because they have given what they can afford to spare but she has given what she could not afford to spare. Over the coming weeks we will be challenging our community to give generously of their time, talents and funds to support the poor and marginalised in our local and global communities.

Next week is Values Week. Students are invited to participate in activities designed to raise funds to support the community of the Bohol Island in the Philippines. This community is still rebuilding after a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the region last year. The week will conclude with Mass and a House Concert on Friday the 20th of November. Following Values Week we will launch our annual Christmas Appeal where we will invite students and staff to contribute non-perishable food items as well as toys. These items will be given to our local St Vincent De Paul conference who will distribute them to members of our community who are in need this Christmas. Both initiatives are incredibly important opportunities for us to demonstrate our solidarity with those most in need in our community.

Kind Regards

Mr Andrew Wilson

Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator

Year 11 Studies of Religion II Symposium on Interfaith Dialogue and Peace

On the 10th of November, the Year 11 SOR2 class attended a seminar which was run by WATAC (Women and the Australian Church) with numerous religious leaders from various religious backgrounds. This was held at the Sydney Parliament House, where other schools joined to hear a presentation based around interfaith dialogue and the importance of peace.

While in the seminar we learnt that WATAC is a vital movement of women and men who are committed to achieving total inclusivity and equality not only in the church but also within society. There was four main speakers who shared their cultural views on peace on the day.

The first speaker, Elsie Heiss, was an Aboriginal Catholic, and the co-ordinator of the Aboriginal Catholic Church Ministries at La Perouse in the Sydney Archdiocese. Elsie gave an insight into the difficulties in the church for aboriginals, who want to share their spirituality in Catholic masses. She spoke of the importance of reconciliation and peace between the two groups and how she is striving for this.

Sandy Hollis was another interesting speaker on the day, who looked into the challenges and implications of peace, specifically within Judaism. Within this presentation, a particular phrase within the Talmud was emphasised. This was, 'the world rests on three things; Justice, Truth and Peace'. Within the Jewish community, prayer is a vehicle of peace and is used in order to work for peace.

The two other speakers, one talking about Islam and peace and the other, a sister of the Josephite community, talking about the Christian view of peace, both emphasised the idea of speaking the truth in love and being at peace with our neighbours, in order to achieve world peace.

The seminar provided great opportunity to witness and listen to the similar goal of achieving peace, amongst the speakers, despite the differences in their religious belief. It also gave an insight into the struggle for peace, especially in regards to social justice and the ongoing struggles of violence and war over the world due to religious conflict. Overall we gained a better understanding of interfaith dialogue through the exploration of peace.

By Kelly Garland and Angelica Tabone



From the Leader of Student Well-Being

Cyber Safety

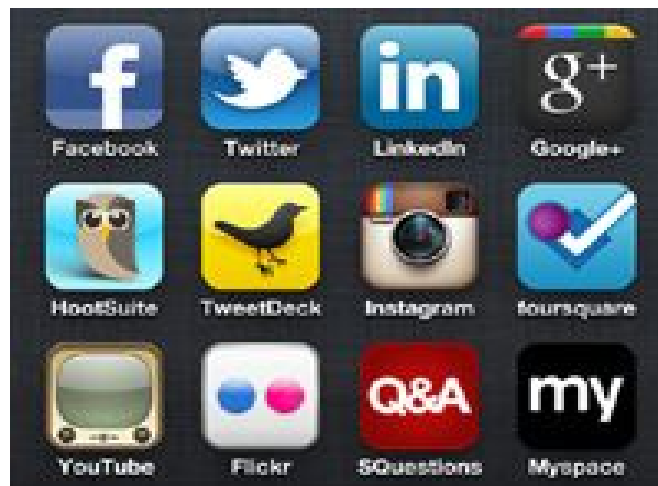
By the time today's young people leave school, there could be so much content about them online that it may be difficult for them to control what others see.

The following are some simple steps that we can all take to ensure our safety online.

1. Archive: delete past posts regularly. We should not use social media as a memory album.
2. Privacy settings: all essential privacy settings on all social media platforms and apps need to be enabled so that only friends see your posts.
3. Real friends: make sure that you limit online friends to real friends.
4. Online mentions: Google your name to see if it appears on any website or blog. Set up a Google alert for your name, so that you will get an alert if your name is mentioned on a website or blog. (To find out how to do this, visit Google support at <http://bit.ly/1z8eQ5M>)
5. Friends list: make a 'close friend' list in Facebook and an acquaintance list. Add people who are of concern to the default 'Restricted List'. To find out more, visit www.facebook.com/bookmarks/lists
6. Act fast: report abusive posts using social media's reporting features.

If you have concerns regarding your daughter please feel free to contact me at the College or via dshean@parra.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Diane Shean
Leader of Student Well-being



Business Manager

School fees for Year 2015

I would like to thank all our families who have finalised their fees and supported our community. If you still have outstanding school fees and have not made an arrangement, please contact the School Fee Officer to discuss payment options.

Uniform Shop

We still have a selected sizes in the uniforms listed below and would like to sell them at a reduced price so that we can make room for our new styles. All students will be required to be in the new styles as from January 2017.

*(Please choose carefully, no refunds or exchange)
We have limited stock that we are selling at a reduced price.*

<i>ITEM</i>	<i>WAS</i>	<i>SALE PRICE</i>
White Polo Shirt	\$30.00	\$10.00
Sports Shorts (old style)	\$30.00	\$10.00
Tracksuit (old style)	\$100.00	\$50.00
Jumpers (old style)	\$80.00	\$40.00

Volunteers required

We have a number of books in our Library that require covering, if you are able to spare an hour or two to assist we would greatly appreciate your help. If interested please contact Michelle Szymanski on Tel: 88874501 during school hours, so that a convenient time can be arranged.

Year 9

Last Friday Year 9 had a visit by Jason Roughley, a police officer, who gave a presentation on “Safe Behaviours”. The talk covered a whole variety of areas that were relevant to the lives of our girls, including the dangers of drugs, keeping clear of dangerous situations, as well as sharing his insights on the impact of drug addiction on not only the individual, but also the “knock-on” effect on families, relationships and work life. Nagle College has welcomed Jason Roughley in his role of Schools Liaison Officer on many occasions in the past and it was great to see him sharing his expertise with our girls again. The girls certainly learnt a lot from the talk.

We congratulate and wish the new Peer Support Leaders all the best as they are awarded their badges at the next College Assembly and also as they are preparing for their first lesson on the upcoming Year 6 Orientation Day.

Mr Andrew Houseman
Year 9 Co-ordinator



Year 10

Our Year 10 students are fast approaching the conclusion of their Stage 5 schooling and the following need attention over the last weeks of the term:

1. Taster Lessons and Transition Week notes and money: Could I please ask that these be returned ASAP to finalise these exciting few weeks for the girls.
2. Senior Uniform: The students have been encouraged to wear their senior uniform as part of their transition into their senior years. If your daughter is not in senior uniform and is remaining at Nagle in 2016 it is essential that she has this uniform before the end of the year.
3. Uniform: As the year is coming to an end some girls' uniforms are not being worn at the high standard that is expected. Could I please ask your assistance in reminding your daughter about her hair being tied back, no nail polish, one earring in her ear lobe and no excess rings or bracelets. Your support in this matter is very much appreciated.

Miss Lauren Simpson
Acting Year 10 Co-ordinator

Year 11

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

1. **Absent notes:** As a legal requirement, the College requires a written explanation the day your daughter returns to school, after she has been absent. Absent notes can also be submitted via our **Skoolbag** app. We appreciate all absent notes returned in a timely manner.
2. **School bags:** The Nagle College school bag is part of our uniform. All students must use the Nagle school bag. If students require an extra bag for their materials or books, they can purchase a \$2 Nagle tote bag from the uniform shop. Thank you for your support in this matter.
3. **Senior Study:** Many students have now gained additional study lessons on their timetable. Expectations are that quiet, independent work is completed and students should not be using their mobile phones. This has been arranged to minimise distraction and improve access to College resources. It is also hoped that this time will enable students to practise the skills and habits required to be an independent learner. Students who do not meet these expectations may lose their privileges.

Ms Melissa Kervinen
Year 11 Co-ordinator

SPORTNEWS

We are now well under way for integrated sport in Term 4. We kicked off the term with our first Gala day in Volleyball and won the tennis doubles championships thanks to Isabella Said and Shanna Raj. Next week these girls will compete at the singles day: we wish them the best of luck.

A reminder that students need to be in full PE uniform for sport. Any student that is not in the correct uniform will not be allowed to attend an off campus sport and will remain at school.

2016

With 2016 fast approaching, planning has already commenced for sport. In the next couple of weeks the girls will start to receive permission notes for 2016. These notes will need to be returned by Week 9 this term. They allow permission for all students to attend both swimming and athletics carnivals for the year as well as integrated sports and any representative sports your daughters may do throughout the year. Notes will also be available for download on the school website.



Twitter

Keep up to date with what is happening in sport at Nagle. Follow Nagle Sport now on Twitter.



CGSSA Volleyball

On the 20th of October, a number of students represented the college at the CGSSA Volleyball Gala Day held at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls. There were the Junior (under 16s) and Senior (+16) teams that participated in the competition. They are commended for their positive attitude throughout the day, although they faced tough competition that really tested their skills and athleticism. The majority of the junior team consisted of players who had had little prior experience with the sport, yet showed commitment and eagerness during our training sessions leading up to the competition, and displaying our college value of courage on the day.

The senior team is praised for their team spirit and their persistence to achieve their personal bests on the day. Both teams are congratulated for their efforts, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, representing our college with great pride.

Mr Christian Iligan
Coach



CGSSSA Tennis

On Friday the 6th of November Isabella Said (Year 8) and Shanna Raj (Year 9) competed in the CGSSSA Tennis Gala day. On this day they were to compete in pairs for doubles. We arrived at the venue at 8:30 am at Parramatta. There were around 10 schools altogether at the Gala day. The schools were split up into 2 pools; A and B. We had to play in a round robin format. Their first match was against St. Scholastica's and the girls won 6-1, their second match was against MSJ who they beat 6-0, in their third match they played against Brigidine and won 6-4 and finally they played Bethany who they beat 6-0. They finished 1st in their round robin and progressed to the Semi-finals where they were to go up against OLMC. They completed the match and won 8-3 which put them through to the finals. In the finals they were to play against their toughest opponents again, Brigidine. After a long game the girls came out on top and defeated Brigidine with a 8-1 score. This resulted in them being named champions of the CGSSSA doubles tournament. They ended the day undefeated, with a medal and a plaque that Nagle will be allowed to keep for the year. The girls had a great day and were very tired by the end of it. This Thursday both girls will be competing in the CGSSSA Tennis Gala day in the singles. Shanna will be playing in the Intermediate category and Isabella will be in the Opens. We wish them both the best of luck.



Representative Sport Shirts/Singlets

Any student who still has a Nagle representative sports shirt/singlet they have not returned, needs to return it as soon as possible. Any student who does not return her singlet will be billed the replacement cost.

Dates to remember

Date	Sport	Location
4 th December	2016 Permission Notes due	-
2016		
19 th February	2016 College Swimming Carnival	Blacktown Aquatic Centre

**50TH ANNIVERSARY
Memorabilia Items for sale**



Swane's Nursery have been commissioned to develop a rose in the name of Nano Nagle. If you would like to order this rose in commemoration of Nagle College's 50th Anniversary, please complete the order form.

Name:..... Tel.....

Email address.....

Item	Quantity	Item Cost \$	Total Cost
eg: Nano Nagle Rose		\$30.00	
eg: Commemorative Keyring		\$5.00	
eg: A Commemorative History 1965-2015 <i>(Stories and Photo Book celebrating past 50 years)</i>		\$25.00	

Payment can be made by cash, cheque or credit card, please return Order Form by faxing to 02 9831 1936, emailing nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au or posting direct to the school, *Nagle College, 58a Orwell Street, Blacktown. 2148.*

Card Holder's Name:..... Amount:.....

Card Number:..... Exp date:...../.....

(Mastercard/Visa card is only accepted)

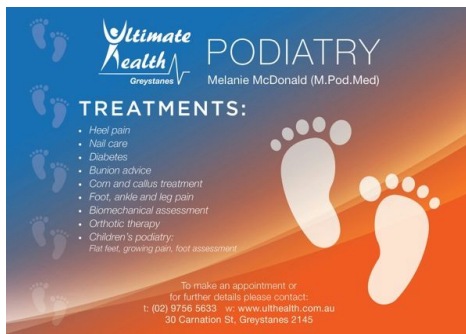
It is anticipated that these items will be available for pickup from the school prior to the event.
Please place order ASAP

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

We would like to thank these sponsors who have made a kind donation towards our 50th Anniversary celebrations



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prospect@thegoodguys.com.au

If you have a business and would like to make a donation towards our 50th Anniversary celebrations please do not hesitate to contact Rosalie Merchant or Kylie Da Silva on 88874501 or email nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au

NAGLE COLLEGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Nagle College Anniversary celebrations

Saturday, November 21: There will be a three course dinner, with drinks and entertainment at the Novotel Sydney Norwest, Baulkham Hills, from 6pm to 11pm. The cost is \$115.00 per person. (*Novotel accommodation is available, if required at a discounted rate of \$155.00 per room. Reservations to be made with Novotel Sydney Norwest direct, tel: 9634 9634, mention "Nagle College".*)

Sunday, November 22: There will be an open day at Nagle College, commencing with brunch at 11am, memorabilia displays and concluding with a celebration Mass at 2pm.

Bookings for these two events can be made through www.trybooking.com (Select 'Buy Tickets', enter 'Nagle' in the search box, click on the link for the event you want to book and then follow the online prompts.)

For enquiries please contact Mary Fairhurst on 88874501 or email nagleevents@parra.catholic.edu.au or check our website for updates of the up and coming events. www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au,

Nagle College Facebook and Instagram.





Andrew Constance
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure

Adrian Piccoli
Minister for Education

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 29 October 2015

SCHOOL STUDENTS TO TAP ONTO OPAL NEXT YEAR

More than 420,000 school students will be provided with an Opal card at the start of the 2016 school year so they can travel for free between home and school while accessing the ease and simplicity of the Opal electronic ticketing system.

Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Andrew Constance and Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced today that parents and students will be able to apply for a School Opal card and get information about the card from next week.

"More than 4 million Opal cards are already in use and now we're expanding Opal to give school students the same kind of convenience from the start of the 2016 school year," Mr Constance said.

Mr Piccoli described today as a win for school kids and families, with the travel program providing more than \$550 million to fund 80 million school trips each year.

"School travel assistance gets students from Kindergarten to year 12 to and from home safely and keeps cars off the road at busy peak periods," Mr Piccoli said.

The School Opal card will be for travel within the Opal footprint covering schools and students travelling on public transport across Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Hunter, Illawarra and Southern Highlands.

"We have more than 2,000 schools from the Public, Catholic and Independent sectors in the metropolitan and outer metropolitan areas whose students will be able to use an Opal card on trains, buses and ferries to get from home to school," Mr Piccoli said.

"To make it easier for families, students who have a paper school pass this year will automatically be issued with an Opal card at their school from the start of term in 2016."

Some parents and students will need to apply online for their School Opal card, which will be delivered in 2016. This includes parents who have children starting at kindergarten, moving from Year 2 to 3, starting high school, changing school or changing their address next year.

Parents and students who need to apply for a School Opal card can go to the website transportnsw.info/school-students from Monday 2 November.

**MEDIA: Josh Murphy | Minister Constance | 0409 086 207
Caelin Worthington | Minister Piccoli | 0437 427 445**



Fact sheet: School Opal card

The School Opal card provides free travel to school aged students between home and school on weekdays under the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) across the Opal public transport network.



School Opal card can be used:

- On approved travel on school days between the student's home and school, and
- For travel between 06:30 and 19:00 weekdays (21:30 for TAFE school students).

Who is eligible?

To be eligible a student must be a resident of NSW plus:

- Infant student (K-2) older than 4 years and 6 months who lives any distance between home and school; or
- Primary student (Years 3-6) who lives more than 1,6km (straight line) from school, or 2,3km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- Secondary student (Year 7-12) who lives more than 2km (straight line) from school, or 2,9km or more by the most direct practical walking route; or
- TAFE student under 18 years of age at 1 January of the year of application and enrolled in a full-time TAFE course for a minimum of 20 hours a week, and is not employed, lives more than 3,2km from the college by the most direct practical walking route, and attends the college closest to their home where enrolment is available.

School Opal Cards enable a student to travel on:

- Mode(s) of transport most applicable for the student's travel requirements; train or bus or both. For bus travel, cards are restricted to individual or a combination of bus operators. For approved ferries; and
- School days only.

For travel outside school hours or days a Child/Youth Opal card is available and provides concession fares and other Opal benefits.

How do parents/students get a School Opal card?

Students with school travel passes this year will be not need to apply for a School Opal card *unless* they are changing schools or their home address or moving from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

For new applications or for students with changing circumstances, the parents, guardians or students over 16 years are required to fill in a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students

After filling in the online application they print it off and take it to the school to endorse. Transport for NSW has the data online from the application and waits for the school to then endorse the application and will mail the School Opal card to the applicant's home address.





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