



The Lantern

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This Sunday, we celebrate Mothers' Day. It is not easy to miss the date as we are reminded many weeks prior through advertising. Whilst the day may have become another opportunity for businesses to increase their profits, it is timely to reflect on the gift of mothers. At Nagle College, we hold a special Mother's Day mass for our Years 7 and 8 girls and their mothers.

When we reflect on mothers, we have the example of our blessed Mother Mary who must be most special in God's eyes for agreeing to give birth to Jesus. Mary is an ageless figure in the life of the Church; she has always been there and she is always available to be a powerful presence in the hearts of believers. We Christians are pilgrim people, journeying through time towards our ultimate union with God. Mary has already made this journey and can be a sign of hope to all of us who travel the path of faith and continue the work of Christ through our lives. Like us, Mary too, knew hardship, sorrow, joy and peace. Things were not always clear to her and Luke tells us that "she pondered many things in her life". –Luke 2:19-51. Mary stands out as a woman of strength, who experienced poverty and suffering, flight and exile, a refugee in another country.

In everyday motherhood, we catch a glimpse of Mary. A mother loves each of her children with a unique personal love; she does not lump them altogether. Her children stand equally before her; she loves each of her children for who they are, not for their gifts or achievements. They do not have to earn her love; it is enough that they are her children. As Catholic people, we instinctively feel this about Mary and feel free to take to her our worries, concerns and even distress. In Mary we have an insight into the maternal side of God's love which can lead us to a deeper understanding of how infinite God's love is for each of us.

In Mary we see a great example of how God acts. It is as though God depends on our co-operation for His presence to be made known. God waited for Mary's consent, "...let it be done to me according to Your word"; with this consent He took flesh and came amongst us. Mary is the model for holiness which consists essentially in saying "yes" to God, as we hear and understand His word.

In material terms, Mary was poor but she was rich in her Motherhood; she was human but a God-bearer. Each of us is called to be a person who, like Mary, can be God's earthly dwelling. Like Mary, we are invited every day to bring Christ into the world in our prayers, words and actions.

Diary Dates

Naplan Test – Years 7 & 9

Tues 13 – Thur 15 May

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**Mary, you heard God's request through His messenger.
When you answered, 'Yes'
you risked shame and disgrace,
ridicule and rejection.
Let your trust be our inspiration,
your faith be our guide,
your hope our course for courage.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
the child you bore.
Amen.**

Wishing all mothers and those who mother, every blessing.

Farewell

As I communicated last term, we have said goodbye to our Assistant Principal, Ms Laetitia Richmond who has been appointed Principal of Catherine McAuley, Westmead. The College held a formal assembly where we were able to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Ms Richmond has made over the past two years. She is a generous and wise woman who brought the true meaning of community to everything that she did. Teash is an outstanding educator and leader. We wish her every blessing for the future.



Welcome

We welcome Mr Michael Hall to our community. Mr Hall will be the Assistant Principal of the College for the rest of this year. Mr Hall has been the Assistant Principal at St Andrews College for the past nine years. He is an exceptional educator and leader. We are very thankful that Mr Hall accepted the invitation to take up this position at Nagle College.

IT Staffing Update

We welcome Mr Gerardo Francisco who will be the IT Manager for this term. We welcome Ms Samantha Pearsall as our new IT trainee. Both bring great skill and professionalism to the area of IT

God Bless,
Delma

From the Assistant Principal

First Impressions

My name is Michael Hall. I am the new Assistant Principal. I have come to Nagle after nine years at St Andrews College, Marayong where I was also Assistant Principal. I am very happy to join the Nagle community.

They say first impressions are the most important. My first impression of the Nagle community is one of 'commitment to excellence.' Staff and students are striving hard to deliver and demonstrate the best possible learning in a Catholic environment. I look forward to working alongside staff, students and their families in their endeavour to create the best possible faith, learning and community outcomes.

Home and School working together

Highly effective schools are ones in which there is authentic partnership between home and school. This is characterised by open and honest communication, wanting what is best for the student in both the short and long term, respect for each other's role in the student's life and a belief that a solution is always possible if all parties act in good faith.

I believe that authentic partnership is present at Nagle and that it will only get stronger.

Please do not hesitate to contact college staff if there is anything that concerns you about your daughter's learning or any other aspect of her education.

Expectations

At last week's Principal's Assembly, I spoke to the students about the purpose of schooling; learning, learning and learning.

Firstly learning about your God who loves you. For Christians we have recently marked the great sacrifice of Jesus giving his life so that we may live again once our earthly life is over. Our God was prepared to do this because he loves us so much. Such a God is worth learning about.

Secondly learning your lessons. Expectations around this learning, focuses on coming to school prepared to learn, being committed to learning and at every opportunity building on your learning.

Coming to school ready to learn involves having had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, completing all homework and tasks and having all the necessary equipment.

Being committed to learning involves paying full attention, making wise use of class time to complete set tasks and taking ownership of your learning.

Building on your learning involves receiving and seeking feedback and acting on it, knowing that you are capable of improving.

Thirdly, learning what it means to belong to a community. This means meeting all expectations around uniform, grooming, punctuality, and attendance as well as representing the College in a good light in the wider community.

With a focus on learning all girls should achieve their best in all aspects of College life.

From the Leader of Teaching and Learning

THINKING AHEAD

Are you riding a rollercoaster at school?

Rollercoaster study is where you stay up late doing last minute assignments, then you take it easy for a while and do very little, then panic again when something is due and have to spend huge amounts of time at the end completing the work. If you plan ahead and are prepared, you will find school much less stressful and more rewarding.

Here are the top tips for thinking ahead:

1. **STUDY NOTES:** If you know that you have a test approaching at the end of each topic or examinations, then on the nights you do not have much homework start working on your study notes and summaries. File them in folders at home so they are ready to go when you need them.
2. **ASSIGNMENTS:** Always start the assignment the day it is given to you, even if you only do a little bit. Make sure you understand the requirements and, if you don't, ask your teacher straight away. Brainstorm the steps the first night and do a rough plan of when you will complete each step.
3. **ASK FOR HELP EARLY:** There is nothing more frustrating than a student who says 'I haven't understood anything we did in the last three weeks'. Ask for help as soon as you have a problem. Keep a list of questions for your teacher on a post-it in your textbook or sticky notes on your computer or a list in your phone. Don't let problems or issues build up; ask for help early and often.
4. **THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU SIT IN CLASS:** Choose wisely where you will sit in class. This can make a world of difference to your results. If you sit with someone with whom you have a productive relationship, you encourage and help each other and stay on task in the classroom, you will understand your work better and have less to do at home.
5. **CONSIDER YOUR WEEK:** Plan ahead for busy times. If you know you have nights where you can't do much work or a busy weekend, plan ahead and get things done early. Always look ahead for possible times where you could be caught short of time and make plans to avoid problems.

Learn more about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au . Our school's access details are:

Username: fornaglecollegeonly

Password: 54results

2014 NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests for Years 7 and 9 will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

On Tuesday there will be two tests, language conventions and writing. The girls will complete a reading test on Wednesday and on Thursday they will sit for two numeracy tests. During the first numeracy test they will be permitted to use a calculator.

NAPLAN tests provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and give teachers and parents a snapshot of how students are progressing on an external test. Students should be reassured that NAPLAN is just one measure of their performance and encouraged to do the best that they can at each test.

If you would like to look at some sample tests with your daughter, they can be found at the following address: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests/the-tests.html> .

Encourage your daughter to be well prepared for the tests by making sure that she has a good night's sleep the night before each test, by eating breakfast before she comes to school and by making sure that she brings an eraser and pencil sharpener to each test and a calculator to the first numeracy test.

Step Up Into Teaching (SUIT) Program

Year 11 students who are interested in a career in teaching are encouraged to submit an application for the SUIT program.

Successful applicants complete two modules from the ACU Bachelor of Education/Teaching. The course does not contribute to the ATAR mark. However, successful students will be eligible for a 5 mark credit with ACU if they apply to ACU as their first preference and they have achieved a Credit average in SUIT.

An information evening will be held on Monday 2nd June from 6.00 – 8.00 p.m. at the Cathedral Hall, St Patrick's Cathedral, Victoria Road, Parramatta. If your daughter is interested in this program, it is essential that she attends this evening accompanied by at least one parent.

Years 11 and 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

These interviews for Years 11 and 12 students and their parents will take place in the Presentation Hall on Monday 19th May, between 3.30 p.m. and 8.15 p.m.

An online booking system has been set up to assist parents in arranging their preferred interview times. The booking system will only be accessible from **6 p.m. on Tuesday 6th May** through to **12 p.m. on Monday 19th May**. No interview requests will be accepted outside of these times.

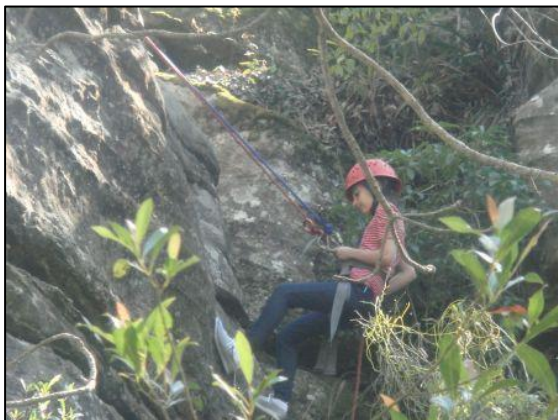
To use this system, type the school website www.nagleblacktown.catholic.edu.au into a web browser and when this appears click the link for 'Parent-Student-Teacher-Interviews' (on the home page).

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school office to make your bookings.

Year 7 Camp

Where: Vision Valley

When: Wednesday April 2 – Friday April 4 2014



I found the abseiling activity the most challenging. At first I was afraid but once I started the activity it was great. It helped me to face my fears of heights.

Camp gave me an opportunity to meet new people and make some great friends.



Camp was amazing! We got to try new experiences that challenged us.



I really enjoyed the giant water slide!
We had great weather and had lots of
fun in the water!

One of the funniest things that
happened on camp was playing team-
building activities whilst in the canoes
and trying not to fall in!



We had a great time on camp. We
have made amazing new friends and
have had time to get to know our
teachers better.

Talent Quest was one of the best
parts of camp. It was great to see so
much 'talent' from our amazing
students!



Year 8 News

Last Tuesday, Constable McCabe came to Nagle College and spoke with students in Years 7 and 8. The topic of this talk was “Cyber Safety”, and it was a very good experience for all of us to become aware of the dangers that exist on the internet and helped motivate us to change our behaviour when using social media websites. We found the talk extremely informative and interesting.

Constable McCabe showed us a presentation that opened our eyes to the extent to what we post online about ourselves can be accessed by other people. At times it was quite confronting to see some examples of how people are able to access your information and use it to find out information about a person that they may never have met. It has made us aware of how much information we should post about ourselves online and the importance of keeping very strict privacy settings in the social networking websites that we use.

We were given some important skills and tips about what to do if we feel threatened online – as well as the consequences of saying the wrong thing or posting inappropriate photos over the internet. One of the most important lessons that we learnt was that as soon as you put ANYTHING online, you cannot control what happens to it after that.

Shamita Prasad and Isabella Frangie (8.37)

Learning Group Lessons

Last term the Year 8 girls were working on their literacy skills – in particular the art of writing a persuasive text. This term the girls will be having the opportunity to use their brains in a different way in the form of “problem solving”. They will be learning to problem solve in different environments, both individually and in group settings. They will be challenging themselves with many fun and varied activities. Learning Group Lessons (LGL) are held every Tuesday.

Mr Houseman - Year 8 Co-ordinator

Year 9 News

Let me start by welcoming all our Year 9 girls and their families back after the holidays. I hope you all had a restful Easter break.

Term Two promises to be a busy term for Year 9, beginning next week with NAPLAN. The girls have been reminded by their teachers what will be required of them. They should also remember to bring the following:

- an eraser and a pencil sharpener to each test,
- a calculator to the first test on Thursday,
- a book to read and
- tissues

You can help your daughter’s preparation for NAPLAN by ensuring that she gets a good night sleep and have a good breakfast before coming to school.

The girls are reminded of the importance of being organized for the school day. This means that they has the right equipment, their uniform is correct and they are up to date with their class work.

I am looking forward to another fantastic term working with our Year 9 girls.

Andrew Wilson

Acting Year 9 Co-ordinator

Year 10 Formation Day

On Monday the 5th of May, Year 10 travelled to Winbourne, Mulgoa to spend some time as a cohort, exploring the College value of Action. The theme for the day was 'Called to Action' and throughout the day the girls were confronted with the needs of our community and challenged to be people who worked to ensure that each person's dignity was valued.

The day began with an input session on the 5 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. In this session the girls were taught that we must all respect the Human Dignity of each other, as we are all created in the image and likeness of God. Following this, the girls broke up into small groups to unpack this idea further. These groups were not run by teachers but rather by students from Year 10. These students were:

- Abhishna Seher
- Tiara Matreja
- Manbheena Batra
- Bernadette Pudara
- Danielle Budjea
- Rachel Depares
- Rose Kennedy
- Jaymie Macareg
- Mollie Baihn
- Anica Siljeg
- Victoria Siitia
- Matilda Wood

Each of these students did a fantastic job and are to be commended for their leadership skills.

As we return to school, the students are encouraged to ensure that they continue to uphold the values that were learnt on the day and to also be involved in the many initiatives that were discussed and that are being prepared by the portfolio leaders.

Year 10 is to be commended for the energy, enthusiasm and openness with which they embraced the day and a big thank you to all the staff that supported the day, Ms Ellen Lonergan, Mrs Maree Concato, Mr Andrew Wilson, Miss Carmela Mangcoy, Miss Natalie Bonaventura and Mrs Rosalie Merchant.

Miss Lauren Simpson

YEAR 11 NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you and your daughters have had a relaxing break together. The girls are all well into their Preliminary courses and at this stage should have received back any assessment task that has been completed. This is a good opportunity for you to sit down with her to see how she is going and to set some goals for her next assessment task in each course. This experience would be of benefit for the upcoming Parent Teacher interviews and in preparation for receiving your daughter's Semester 1 report.

This fortnight we formally farewelled our Assistant Principal Ms Richmond who was appointed as Principal at Catherine McAuley. I would personally like to acknowledge Patrisha Domingo, Tamara Sibbald and Emelyne Boumehrez who composed a speech on behalf of Year 11. Volunteering your time to do this is greatly appreciated.

There have been some changes to the important dates for Term 2. The revised dates are as follows:

School Week	Date	Event
4A	19 th May	Years 11 and 12 Parent Student Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 8.30pm
4A	23 rd May	School Athletics Carnival – Blacktown Olympic Park
5B	31 st May	Blacktown City Parade
5B	26-27 th May	Year 11 Agriculture Excursion
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
7B	12 th June	Year 11 Business Studies Excursion
7B	13 th June	Year 11 Geography Excursion
9B	24 th June	Assembly
9B	23 rd June	Semester 1 Prizegiving 11.30am
9B	27 th June	Last Day of Term 2

Unfortunately no Year 11 students participated in the Cross Country. Please remind your daughter that the School Athletics Carnival is coming up and that this is a compulsory school day. I invite you all to visit us at some point throughout the day. It is always a wonderful community day and the house cheers at the end of the day are always a highlight.

Thank you to the parents who are making contact with me or homeroom teachers regarding their daughter's absences from school. It is very important that your daughter is at school every day and if she is unwell, contact is made to the school that morning. Her health and safety are a big concern to us. This also helps to ensure that she is following the correct procedures for the submission of assessment tasks in the event of misadventure.

Mrs Mendez

Year 11 Co-ordinator

YEAR 12

It has been a busy start to Term 2 for your daughter in Year 12.

We welcome back the students who were part of the European Study Tour which has been an opportunity for further learning and discovery for them. The girls have now received their results from their Mid-Semester exams completed towards the end of last term. We recommend that your daughter takes the opportunity to communicate with her teachers, about what she can do as an independent learner, to improve and further enhance her performance in her courses, to maximize her results in the HSC.

Your daughter will have the opportunity to discuss her progress in her courses on the evening of the PST interviews which will be held on **Monday the 19th of May**. We invite parents to ensure that you and your daughter attend this evening as it is important at this stage of her learning in Year 12.

The girls will also take part in the Athletics Carnival this term. This will be their last as students of the College, so this is a very special day indeed for them.

Year 12 girls will have the opportunity to show pride in our College and their sense of community spirit when they take part in the **Blacktown City Parade on the 31st of May**. It will be an opportunity for Year 12 and Year 7 to come together alongside their teachers and participate in this important event.

I would also like to encourage Year 12 to take part in extra-curricular activities on offer in the next two terms, as service to their College community is important for them as leaders of the College. The student leadership team is planning various events which will take place this term and next term.

Finally, I would like to emphasise how important it is for your daughter to attend school every day, as anytime missed at this stage, has an impact on her learning and progress. We would like to request that contact is always made with the College to inform us of your daughter's absence. It would also be in your daughter's best interest that appointments be avoided during school time as much as possible.

We wish Year 12 a productive Term 2 and if you have any concerns, please contact myself and/or your daughter's Homeroom teacher at the College.

Christine Smith

Year 12 Co-ordinator

Blacktown Youth Ambassador

Anica Siljeg in Year 10 applied to be the Blacktown Youth Ambassador for 2014. After the process of applying, completing a test and interview and then conducting a speech, she was announced as the Blacktown Youth Ambassador for 2014.

Anica's speech topic was, "How has the sister city concept changed and what do you think it will bring in the future?" (Blacktown is a part of the sister city program which links cities or multiple cities from across the world to establish friendships and hopefully bring about business and exchange opportunities between those cities). The speech was presented in front of the Council (including the mayor) and other guests. It was adjudicated by a select committee from the Council. The other schools and agencies involved included St Andrews, Catherine McAuley, Tyndale, Penrith Selective and Macquarie University.

For the next 12 months, Anica will be representing the youth of Blacktown, and be able to give a voice for the young community by proposing ideas, talking about various topics and implementing change that will benefit the youth of Blacktown.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Anica and to wish her every success in her leadership role this year. We are all very proud of you and commend you on taking the initiative, extending your skills and being a proud member of Nagle College and the wider Blacktown community.

Mrs Maree Concato

Year 10 Co-ordinator



CSDA Debating Round 3

On Friday 2 May, the third round of the CSDA Debating Competition took place at Nagle College. The teams debated against the visiting school, Trinity Catholic College, and were able to continue their success with the Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 teams still undefeated.

The junior debate topics were centred on popular culture while the senior teams presented debates on acceptable levels of government involvement in everyday life.

The fourth round of the competition will continue on 9 May, Week 2 Term 2 at St Andrews College.

The remaining rounds in Term Two are listed below:

Round	Date	Venue
5	16 May	St Patrick's Marist College
6	23 May	Bede Polding College

We wish all students the best of luck in the rest of the competition.

Amy Rowan



Debating Teams



SPORTS NEWS

Welcome Back to Term 2. We have had a busy start to the term with Cross Country trials last week and the carnival being held this Friday 9th May at St Columba's Springwood. Thankyou to Mr Reilly who will be our chauffeur on the day and congratulations to the following girls who will be competing. We wish them all good luck.

Isabella Said	Alyssa Desira	Geraldine Vella	Moya Inyasio
Jenelle Lim	Bronte Ward	Hayley Armitage	Hunter Hakim
Olivia Sargent	Kiralea Hurst	Marianna Tinkas	Angelica Tabone
Marisa Tabone	Kevin Opia		

Students have now been allocated their sport and recreation groups for the first five weeks of Term 2. These will change after Week 5 this term. Year 9 have all started with social dancing in preparation for their upcoming social dance with Patrician Brothers. Years 7 and 10 are involved in a variety of recreation activities and Year 8 are earning valuable points for Nano cup with house sport.

Athletics Carnival



Our College Athletics Carnival is fast approaching. It will be held on Friday 23rd May at Blacktown Olympic Sports Park, Eastern Road, Rooty Hill. Permission notes have been distributed this week and I ask that the girls return these to their homeroom teacher signed as soon as possible. We will bus the students to and from the venue. I do ask, however, if you will be picking your daughter up from the venue on the day, that you please indicate this on the note. A reminder that it is a compulsory school event and dismissal will not be before 3pm. I hope to see some of you there on the day, supporting your daughters.

PDSSSC Sports Term 2

We have held try outs this term for both Netball and Soccer, our two PDSSSC representative sports for Term 2. Congratulations to all the girls who have made the teams this term. We have a huge turnout for both sports and it was very difficult to select each of the teams. The teams are as follows:

Junior Football Team

Isabella Said	Ryleigh Geddes	Kevin Opia	Ashleigh Vella
Akela Pitcaithly	Kyle Baxter	Nancy Lado	Lauren Borg
Tianna Armstrong	Ebony Tripiciano	Monique Layoun	
Janaye Merritt	Alysse Desira	Sophie Pollard	
Cassandra Murray			

Intermediate Soccer Team

Shentelle Singh	Hayley Davis
Amy Mandato	Kathryn Mclennan
Kristen Mifsud	Remy Elkander
Laura Woolley	Shannara Berriman
Yasmine Hussein	Sarah Cefai
Deanna Efstathiou	Georgia Royds
Bellinda Walsh	Grace Regan



Junior Netball Team

Sonia Balrum	Katie Garland	Gemma Maitland
Emilee Bugg	Seemab Baig	Sade Penn Gray
Jolie Ward	Katie Knight	Jessica Kailash

Intermediate Netball Team

Inise Korovou	Bronte Ward	Emily Knight
Abby Korovou	Kelly Garland	Jessica Callanan
Giah Ngaha	Hayley Armitage	
Genevieve Monastrotis		

Upcoming Events in Term 2

Date	Sport	Entries Close
9 th May	PDSSSC Cross Country Championships	-
23 rd May	Nagle College Athletics Carnival	-
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.)

Transition News

Notre Dame HSC Study Week.

Following the success of the inaugural HSC Study Week in 2013, Notre Dame is running this event again in 2014 to give students the opportunity to maximise their performance in the HSC. HSC Study Week is staffed by teachers who have many years of experience teaching and marking the NSW Higher School Certificate. They include senior teachers, head teachers, deputy principals and senior markers.

HSC Study Week 7-11 July 2014

The University of Notre Dame

104 Broadway, Broadway NSW 2007

(10 minute walk from Central Station and bus terminus)

The HSC Study Week costs \$345.00 per student. This price includes:

- Breakfast, morning tea and lunch each day
- The unique opportunity to receive intensive instruction from high-performing teachers from some of Sydney's leading State, Independent and Catholic schools
- 6 hours of instruction each day from current HSC teachers and markers
- The opportunity to attend workshops such as 'Time Management' and 'Managing Stress'
- Supervised study sessions where you can develop responses to past HSC questions
- Networking opportunities with other HSC students and first year university students

Find out more by visiting www.nd.edu.au/hscstudyweek.

University of Sydney Information Day

If you are considering Sydney University next year you probably have a lot of questions. What can I study? How much will it cost? What marks do I need to get in?

Sydney University will be holding an information evening in May to answer these questions and any others you might have. Staff and students will be present to explain the many pathways to study at the University of Sydney, and to how to secure your place.

The evening will occur on:

Wednesday 21st May 2014

Whitlam Room

Revesby Workers Club

2B Brett Street

Revesby

Please register by the 9 May at www.sydney.edu.au/yourpath For more information telephone 1300 362 006

The Institute of Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening 2014

A cadetship is where Year 12 graduates gain valuable paid work experience whilst completing their business or commerce degree at university.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening brings over 20 firms and universities offering cadetships and work placement scholarships together in the one place.

Date	Thursday, 22 May 2014
Time	5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
	Luna Park Sydney 1 Olympic Drive
Venue	Milsons Point New South Wales 2061 Australia
Price	Complimentary

Dress code: Smart casual or school uniform

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to:

- Make a lasting first impression with top firms and universities
- Learn how to build their personal brand and professional wardrobe with executive coach and professional stylist, Wendy Mak
- Hear from HR experts on how to excel in the recruitment process
- Go into the draw to win an iPad Air

Register today at: www.charteredaccountants.com.au/cadetshipeveningNSW

University of Western Sydney

UWS, Parramatta Campus, will be holding their Open Day on Sunday 31st August. Get one-on-one advice, attend information sessions about courses, careers, entry pathways and scholarships and experience student life at interactive displays at this event.

For more information visit www.uws.edu.au/openday

Lattitude Global Volunteering

Thinking about taking a gap year in 2015? How about volunteering overseas? Lattitude Global Volunteering will be holding an information evening in Chatswood on Tuesday 10th June for interested students and family members to find out more about volunteering with Lattitude in 2015. At this information evening Lattitude staff will provide an overview of their international program and returned volunteers will share their experience and be available to answer any questions. To register for this event please visit www.lattitude.org.au

The application deadline for next year's placements is Friday 27 June 2014.

Engineering and Technology Cadetships Program

The Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program was launched in 2013 by Professional Cadetships Australia, an Australian company that has a proven record of placing Year 12 students with leading companies. Under the 2013 Program, Engineering Cadets were placed at Rolls-Royce in the Naval Marine business and Technology Cadets were placed at Westpac in Group Technology.

In 2014, there are again opportunities for Year 12 students to apply for placement at Westpac.

Technology Cadets combine work at the Westpac Group in Sydney city with university study in computer science, information technology or information systems. Alternatively, cadets may undertake a commerce or arts degree and select information system as one of their majors.

Technology Cadets study part-time at the university of their choice in Sydney. Cadets work at Westpac for six months each year and study in the other semester.

For more information visit www.etcad.com.au

Basair Aviation College

Basair Aviation College is running several career information sessions to help potential pilots learn about careers in aviation. For more information visit www.basair.com.au/careerinfo

Library News

We're getting busier and busier here in the Nagle Library. With the addition of 30 new MacBooks and an Apple TV, our resources are growing quickly. Students and teachers have been utilising the new setup for research and video projects, and they've been accessing their new Gmail accounts and working towards a paperless classroom with Google Drive and Edmodo. We're all learning how to demonstrate our knowledge in new and exciting ways!

As always, we love to highlight our growing fiction collection at the library. We encourage everyone to stop by and check out our beautiful new Reading Rainbow display created by Ms. Szymanski. It makes these chilly days more cheerful and warm, especially with the sun shining through the huge wall of windows.



LIBRARY NEWS



From the Bishop's Office

DWF Appeal during May

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held in parishes and Catholic schools during the month of May. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations: 15 May

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour of Prayer for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 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

Discernment & Decision Retreat: 17 May

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth invite Catholic women aged 18-35 to explore the Lord's call, especially a call to religious life. From 9.30am-6.30pm at the sisters' convent, 116-132 Quakers Rd, Marayong. For more information contact Sr Margaret tel 0420 754 727, margaretcfn@gmail.com or visit www.cfn.org.au

Blackheath Reflection Morning: 17 May

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'The Book of Lamentations and Our Own Personal Laments' with Jennifer Washington. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. Entry by donation, no need to book, morning tea provided. From 10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

Celebrating the Early Years of Marriage: 18 May

Couples are invited to attend a special Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta at 11am. This Mass will recognise, celebrate and be offered for couples celebrating wedding anniversaries between one and 20 years. Those celebrating their 1st, 5th, 10th, 15th or 20th wedding anniversaries will be given a commemorative certificate. Couples and their families are invited to a light lunch in the Cathedral hall afterwards. Book with your parish office or contact Lyn Keane at CatholicCare Parramatta tel (02) 9933 0222.

Annual May Pilgrimage at Mount Schoenstatt: 18 May

All are welcome to celebrate Schoenstatt's centenary at the Annual May Pilgrimage. This is an outdoor event – BYO chairs or picnic rugs. The celebrations commence at 10am with a pre-program including Confession. Pontifical High Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP at 10.30am followed by lunch. Food stalls available or BYO picnic lunch. There will be a jumping castle and games for children during the lunch break. The Eucharistic Procession from the valley to the Shrine will commence at 2pm. Children are encouraged to wear white and strew rose petals. There is an alternative program with the Anointing of the Sick at the Shrine at 2pm. Mt Schoenstatt is at 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For more information tel (02) 4773 8338 or visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au

Kenthurst Country Fair: 18 May

St Madeleine's Parish is holding its Annual Country Fair with fun for the whole family from 10am-4.30pm: animal farm, pony rides, rides for all ages, show bags, face painting, café, pizza, pancakes, yummy gluten-free food and much more. Proceeds to benefit CatholicCare's Emmaus Disabled Persons Catholic Services in the Diocese of Parramatta: www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

Christian Meditation: 18 May

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery. Arrive 10am for 10.30am start. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, atlomas@bigpond.com

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 18 May

Winners are Grinners: a curious tale of episcopal one-upmanship. Speaker: Dr John De Luca, historian, musician and former Parish Priest of Maroubra Parish. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Heal the broken-hearted – Rwanda 20 years on: 19 May

“He heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.”(Psalm 147:3) Everyone is invited to morning tea with Fr Emmanuel Nsengiyumya, parish priest for the Nyamata community in Rwanda. Fr Emmanuel will share his personal journey of loss and reconciliation in the 20 years since the 1994 Rwandan genocide, which claimed as many as 1 million lives. Catholic Mission is working in partnership with Fr Emmanuel to support the community of Nyamata as they build a new church to help restore life to their community. Time: 10.15am for 10.30am start, St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. RSVP: Anita Lee tel (02) 9919 7800, alee@catholicmission.org.au

Theology on Tap: 20 May

Young adults aged 18-35 are invited to this public conversation on ‘The Pope, the Church and the Modern World’ with Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and Catholic philosopher Prof John Finnis. They will be chatting about some of the most controversial and topical issues facing Catholics all around the world. From 6.30-8.30pm at the Commercial Hotel, 2 Hassall St, Parramatta. No age range for clergy & religious. Details: www.TheologyOnTap.com.au

Grace & Silence Retreat Day: 24 May

Young women aged 17-30 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. Cost \$20 includes lunch. From 9.30am-4.30pm at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Details and registration: Sr M Julie 0408 738 334, juliebrcar@gmail.com

Vocation Discernment Afternoon: 25 May

All young men who feel God might be calling them to the priesthood are invited to the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta's vocation discernment afternoon. Starts at 2pm and concludes with pizza at 6pm. Holy Spirit Seminary, 31-33 Allen Street, Harris Park. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director tel 0409 172 700 or email:vocations@parra.catholic.org.au Visit:www.parra.catholic.org.au/vocations and www.parra.catholic.org.au/holyspiritseminary

An evening for couples: 29 May

Do you find it difficult to make decisions as a couple?

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Faith at the Fiddler: 29 May

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to come together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the warm and friendly atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. An initiative of the Diocese of Parramatta and Catholic Education Parramatta. The speaker is well-known journalist Miranda Devine. Topic: Communicating Virtue – How young people are hungry for meaning in an amoral age. From 5pm-7pm at The Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta, sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 1-8 June

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches has produced resources for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which has the theme: 'Has Christ been divided?', a reference to Cor 1:1-17. These resources have been adapted for use in Australia by the Faith and Unity Commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia. They include: Ecumenical Service of Worship outline; Daily Prayers and Biblical Reflections; Prayer Cards. These resources can be downloaded and ordered from www.churchestogetherinprayer.org.au

10th National eConference on Pope Francis: Modelling the Ministry of St Peter: 11 June

This eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge. Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (BBI). This FREE eConference is presented by the BBI in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact them to register your attendance: tel (02) 9831 4911, office@instituteformission.com.au

For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, conferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au

Further details: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

Reunion of Catherine McAuley High School Westmead Class of 1972: 9 August

*Seeking ex-students and teachers who were at McAuley from 1969 to 1972 for a reunion. Don't be shy! We have located about 50 of our classmates and would love to find 100% of the girls in our year. Please pass on this message to your daughter, other family members or friends if they attended the school. Email Trish Lohan tlohan@yahoo.com or find us on Facebook: **Catherine McAuley Westmead Alumni Association***

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 <p>Diocese of Parramatta CATHOLIC CARE Social Services</p>	When:	23rd July—27th August
	Time:	3.45pm—5.45pm
	Where:	CatholicCare Blacktown Family Support, St. Patrick's Parish Centre, 51 -59 Allawah Street, Blacktown.
	Cost:	\$20.00 (if you have financial difficulties please phone)
	Facilitators:	Natalie Kirton and Amie Taylor



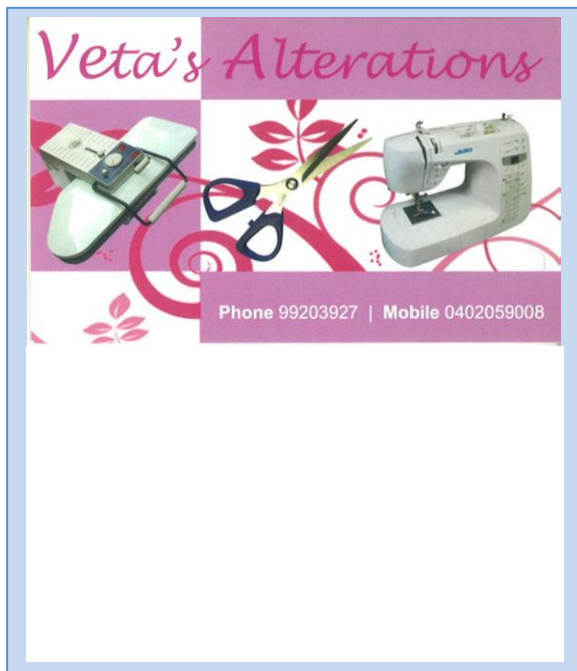
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