



The Lantern

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Dear Members of the Nagle Community,

A couple of years ago the people of Greenbelt in England came up with the idea of Living Generously. They believed that if as many people as possible could make small changes to their everyday choices, then over time they would make a big difference for everyone. People volunteered to commit to do two actions a month to make their lives more generous to the environment, to the poor and to their communities. Some of the simple choices that people made were to give away unwanted clothes, appliances, furniture; to become an organ donor; to reduce car kilometres by choosing to walk or use public transport for one day; to take a mug to work and not use plastic cups; to say grace before meals so as to express gratitude for what they have; turn off the tap whilst cleaning teeth; to donate blood; wear an extra jumper instead of turning on the heating. They found that they could make a difference if they acted together to live more generously in the world. They were motivated by the possibility of releasing a positive social virus into the atmosphere as well as being a Christian group involved in action that stands for things – not against things.

During His preaching life, Jesus was keen to support the idea of volunteering to be generous when He said: "Give to other people and you will receive. You will be given much. It will be poured into your hands – more than you can hold. You will be given so much that it will spill into your lap. The way you give to other people is the way God will give to you." –Luke 6:38.

Many members of our community give generously of their time, their resources, of themselves. Our school motto is In Deed Not Word and following the example of Nano Nagle, we want to walk our vision, not just talk our vision. A world that is fuelled by generosity and sacrifice will be a much better place in which to live.

Wishing each and every member of Nagle College a happy winter break and we look forward to seeing the girls and staff on their return next term. Thank you for all that each of you brings to our community.

God bless,
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Diary Dates

Monday 17th July
First day of term 3

Monday 24th - Friday 28th July
Year 12 Disruption free week

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From the Religious Education Co-ordinator

As we come to the end of Term 2 I would like to thank each of the teachers in the RE team and those involved in the Formation and Mission work of the College. Over the course of the semester tremendous work has been done to further teaching and learning in RE through the use of Guided Inquiry and PBL strategies. In Formation and Mission we have done a lot of work to advance in our goal of growing in our engagement with the Gospel, focusing on the dignity of the human person who is made in God's image.

In Semester One we have successfully commenced our fundraising for the Presentation Sisters in Papua New Guinea and I am happy to inform you that last year's donation has gone toward the construction of freshwater tanks and the purchase of sporting resources for schools in remote areas. Ms Levia Desho has continued to do a fantastic job promoting the Vinnies Van which has been supported by a number of teachers and students. Mr Christian Iligan and Mrs Sarah Latif have successfully grown the Nagle College Youth Group and Mrs Latif has continued to support the growth of Wednesday Mass at the College. We will continue this work in Semester Two and I look forward to your ongoing support.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the College on 88874501 or via email at awilson9@parra.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards

Mr Andrew Wilson



From the Leader of Teaching and Learning

Early next term Year 12 students will embark on their last major round of assessments before the HSC exams. The Trials are intended to be just that - a trial run at the HSC exams. They are an opportunity for honing skills at responding to questions; students hope to demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired during their thirteen years at school, especially the last two years.

These exams can be stressful, leaving students exhausted and somewhat deflated. However, the girls need to learn how to cope with such situations in order to enjoy a rewarding and happy life. When supporting young people to cope with challenging events, it is worth emphasising the importance of:

1. Eating in moderation
2. Exercise
3. Getting enough sleep
4. Utilising a support network
5. Rewarding short-term achievements.

No matter how determined your daughter is to succeed and achieve her goals, if she does not look after her health, her achievements will become unimportant. Study and exams are only one part of her life. She needs to learn from the challenges she encounters and develop strategies for managing them. For example, there is no reason for the girls to stay up all night studying and relationships with family and friends should not be neglected. Students should be expected to share meals with the rest of the family and encouraged to talk about their progress. Of course maintaining this type of balance will not always be easy, but it will be beneficial.

And, if technology gets in the way of your daughter's study, encourage her to use it as a reward. Text messages can be read and social media, such as Facebook, checked after a period of study. That might also be the right time for a snack.

At the end of the day, stress will always be a part of life. For Year 12 the Trial exams are not the final match. They are just practice for the next round, so good preparation and stress management will help them get there.

If you have any concerns regarding your daughter's learning, please feel free to contact me at the College on 8887 4501 or at dreavey@parra.catholic.edu.au

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From the Leader of Student Well-being

Social networks can be a great experience for your children and there are a number of ways that you can play a part in helping them enjoy their benefits.

These include:

- **Staying involved** - Establish your own account on the sites they use and learn about the privacy settings. Don't be intimidated by new technologies – understanding how these sites work may help you feel more comfortable with your kids exploring these spaces.
- **Checking 'terms of use'** - Terms of use for each social media service covers the rules for using the site, the type of content that can be posted and any age requirements. Read these to your child to make sure they understand what is expected of them.
- **Being aware of age guidelines** - It is useful to consider whether you are comfortable with the content and the potential for contact with others including teens and adults on each site. Consider whether your child is socially ready to manage contacts and look out for the age ratings set by app stores to help identify age suitable content.
- **Setting rules** - Make sure your child knows what information they can share or post and encourage them to tell you before they join new networks and before they post any personal information, including their full name, address or school.
- **Establishing safe personal profiles** - Ensure they don't put too much personal information online. Help them create user names or IDs that do not communicate gender, age, name or location and are not sexually provocative.
- **Establishing privacy** - Ensure your child's account is set to the strongest privacy setting so only their circle of friends can view their information, tag them in a photograph or share posts. Many sites have privacy protection information and safety tips.
- **Encouraging thinking first** - Encourage your kids to think before they put anything online, even among trusted friends and remind them that once shared, information and photos can be difficult or impossible to remove and may have a long-term impact on their digital reputation.
- **Promoting respectful communication** - Advise your child to stay respectful and be nice online and to avoid responding to any negative messages and report any they receive to you or another trusted adult.
- **Checking review sites** - The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner has prepared a [guide to popular social sites and apps](#). [NetAware \(UK\)](#) and [Commonsense Media](#) are also useful sites.

If you have any concerns regarding your daughter please feel free to contact me via the College on 8887 4501 or at dshean@parra.catholic.edu.au

Diane Shean
Leader of Student Well-being

Year 7 News

Amanda Cleary of 7.11 recently competed with her Cheerleading Team in the CheerCon Classic, which was held at the Dural Sport & Leisure Centre on Saturday June 24. Amanda and her team competed in Jazz and Pom and placed 2nd in both heats. Well done and congratulations to Amanda on her cheerleading achievements. It's always great to see our Nagle girls shining in and outside of the College.



Ms Josephine Camilleri was treated to a Morning Tea hosted by homeroom 7.13 Lismore, in celebration of Ms Camilleri's upcoming wedding. On behalf of the College, I wish Ms Camilleri and her fiance Cristian, every happiness and blessing on their wedding day.

On Friday 30 June, Year 7 will be receiving their Semester One reports. Parents/Caregivers, I ask that you spend some time during the holidays looking at your daughter's reports and asking your daughter the following questions:

- What did you do well?
- What are you proud of?
- What improvements can be made?
- What do you need to help you make these improvements?



Please note that students will return to school on Monday 17 July, in full school winter uniform. Parents/Caregivers, please ensure that your daughter's skirt is knee-length and that she returns wearing black opaque stockings.

It has been a very productive, eventful and memorable Semester One! On behalf of the Year 7 Pastoral Care Team, I wish you and your family a relaxing, rejuvenating and happy holiday!

Mrs Juvy Reczek
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Year 8 News

Year 8 have been continuing their guided inquiry unit in History recently. Students have been researching, collaborating and creating to develop and present mini-lessons within their classes. These informative and engaging lessons were based on a variety of topics relating to the ancient Egyptian culture including art and architecture, religion, trade, inventions and innovations and pharaohs and their power. Students have enjoyed the process of developing an engaging lesson in small groups and becoming the teachers as part of their work in History.



Miss Paula McNeil
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Year 9 News

Year 9 hosted Beanie and Scarf Day in order to raise money for the Presentation Sisters working in Papua New Guinea. The money raised will go to supporting the ongoing formation and spiritual development within the community, as well as community health work, teaching and pastoral ministry.

The Presentation Sisters run a health clinic in Ningil and travel to the 20-30 surrounding villages to provide health care. They conduct classes on hygiene and cooking and village programmes such as building bush toilets. The Presentation Sisters provide teacher training workshops in Wewak and teach in village schools. These schools are isolated and poorly resourced. They run pastoral ministry projects in supporting the women and youth in the villages, informing women of their rights and teaching basic skills in sewing and literacy to those who have been unable to attend school.

Thank you to all the students and staff who contributed in not only raising \$310, but in raising awareness of the work of the Presentation Sisters.

Mrs Karen Vasarelli

Year 9 Co-ordinator

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Year 10 News

Fast Forward:

On Wednesday the 28th June I had the pleasure of escorting 16 Year 10 students to the Fast Forward University day as part of the Fast Forward Program. The activities were based on:

- setting goals effectively to ensure success
- recognising individual skills and career possibilities
- developing students' awareness around making decisions for themselves
- developing inspiration through the growth mindset
- familiarity with a university environment

The girls had the opportunity to hear from current university students, explore their interests and align their interests with possible career goals. As always, the girls were a pleasure to supervise on the day.





Student achievement:

I would like to congratulate Briana Yu and Geraldine Vella on their debating success this semester. Briana and Geraldine debated as part of the Year 11 team. They participated in the quarterfinals last week, but were unfortunately unable to progress. This is still a great achievement as they finished in the top 8 of 75 schools. Well done girls!

Upcoming events:

Year 10 subject selections are due on Friday, Week 1, Term 3. The girls have been utilising the subject selection google classroom for extra information around subjects which is great to see. I would like to remind all students to use the holidays to consider their choices. One trait that we all have in common is that we work harder at the things we are passionate about and enjoy. While it is important for students to consider future career directions, it is also important for them to think about the subjects that they will find interesting. When we find something interesting, we enjoy it; when we enjoy something, we work harder at it. If students have any concerns or questions over the holidays in regards to subject selection they are more than welcome to email me for more information.

I wish all students a safe and restful break. While it is important to complete some revision, it is just as important to switch off from school, relax and participate in leisure activities that we enjoy.

Kind regards

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Year 11



The girls attended the Western Sydney Careers Expo on Friday 23rd June. They were able to ask questions of the 150 exhibitors to help plan their future directions.

This week we have seen a number of our students out completing work placement for VET Business Services and VET Hospitality. This has required them to juggle the demands of being a Year 11 student and still complete class work and assessment tasks, while meeting the demands of being a full time employee for a week. Congratulations on surviving your first placement:

Gloria Angollo	Hannah-Jo Chiha	Shanice Chishaya	Maraia Erenavula
Mary Haddad	Stacey Hanna	Chloe Hickson	Kaitlynn King
Patricia Nguyen	Brooke O'Brien	Kevin Opia	Emily Pender
Kayla-Jordan Quintero Sunga	Francesca Rizzo	Amia Silivelio Iaseto	Marissa Tomah
Emily Wu	Farida Yona	Sandra Zabala	

It has been concerning to see that there have been a number of students who have been issued Warning Letters in one or more of their Preliminary courses. It is very important that your daughter is familiar with the assessment handbook and the following policy:

If a student absents herself from a class prior to the completion of a task or is away from school prior to a task without a satisfactory reason and/or a doctor's certificate, she may be deemed to have gained an unfair advantage. 25% of the marks awarded for the task will be deducted.

As we head into the holiday period, some families wish to take additional leave from school. It is essential that any time off from school is accounted for. If you are planning on travelling for 5 days or longer, an Application for Leave must be filled out at least 2 weeks prior. This form is available from the front office. Approval of such leave is at the discretion of the Principal and can impact on assessment in your daughter's Preliminary courses.

I wish you all a wonderful winter break and look forward to seeing your daughter return on Monday 17th July.

Mrs Gillian Mendez
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Year 12

Last Friday 23rd June, Year 12 students took part in a presentation by the State Member of Prospect Dr Hugh McDermott. The focus of his address was leadership and his experiences of leadership in his role. The girls were also presented with information about leadership opportunities and how they can be of service to their community. I commend Year 12 girls on their interest in this presentation and for the very pertinent questions that they asked regarding how they can serve their community and as a group raised issues concerning our local community as well as the world today. This presentation proved very engaging for all the students and staff present. I sincerely thank Beth Carroll for her initiative in organising this presentation.



We wish all students and their families a restful break. Students return to school on Monday 17th July.

Christine Smith
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Year 7 Music Excursion - Sydney Symphony Orchestra Concert

On Thursday 1st June, Year 7 attended a concert presented by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the Seymour Centre. At the concert, we were given the opportunity to listen to an orchestra play the instruments that we have been learning to play in Music. This allowed us to watch how the different instruments worked together to make wonderful sounds. We were asked many questions by the conductor which allowed us to learn more about music and have an interactive experience. One interesting thing that we learnt was that anything can be used to make music, for example, a typewriter was used as an instrument in one piece. It was incredible. We really enjoyed our time watching the Sydney Symphony Orchestra because we were able to watch people play instruments properly and it was interesting to see the techniques they used while playing.

Alana Milić and Marianne Athanasopoulos Year 7

Year 9 STEM Excursion - UTS STEM DAY

STEM is a brand new subject the school introduced this year and is an option for Stage 5 students to select as an elective subject. On Friday 23rd of June, 33 year 9 STEM students travelled to UTS for a STEM day involving workshops and career talks. The girls were given the opportunity to interact with other schools to complete a range of challenges based around Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The workshops allowed students to learn new skills and concepts as they made floating houses, green powered cars, programmed robots, designed new apps, investigated crime scenes to learn forensics and designed games using Unity. It was an informative day and showcased why STEM is an important subject for 21st century learners. It inspired our students, showing them where STEM can lead them in regards to future career choices.

Danielle Karatzis - TAS Teacher



Debating Success

Congratulations to Nagle's Year 11 Debating Team.

Geraldine Vella and **Briana Yu** of Year 10, and **Derica Elogious** and **Aswithaa Visakeswaran** of Year 11 represented the College on Friday 23rd of June as the Year 11 Debating Team.

They competed in the Quarter Finals of the *Catholic Schools' Debating Association* Debating Competition, meaning that after five rounds of debates, our team was considered to be in the top 8 of 75 schools.

Whilst the girls did not place on the night, we are exceptionally proud of their efforts throughout this season. They went into the Quarter Finals as an undefeated team, and their debate against Gilroy Catholic College was extremely close.

We would also like to thank Mrs Howlett for her expertise in adjudicating a junior team on the night, and for her unwavering support during the season.

Mrs Di Mauro



UNIFORM SHOP

A reminder that the Uniform shop will be open during the school holidays on Monday 3rd July from 9.00 am until 12.15 pm. The uniform shop will then reopen in Term 3 on Monday 17th July from 8.00 am until 11.30 am.

Mathematics.....**HELP!!**



Does your daughter need a bit of help in understanding the content in Mathematics?

Here are a couple of resources that might help:



1. "Maths-on-line".

This is an online computer resource program which provides instruction, revision and testing of individual topics. It covers all levels from kindergarten to year 12 and enables students to access any of these in order to understand any mathematical content. This program has been provided for your daughter this year and she has been given a username and a password to use this program.

2. Tuesday Study Skills.

Every Tuesday afternoon in the library, between 3pm and 4pm, teachers are available to help your daughter. During this time your daughter can work with one of the many Mathematics teachers in the school or organise to work with their own teacher on what they need help with.





Host Families Needed

**Nagle College will again be hosting
Japanese students from
Shonan Shirayuri High School
from 25th July to 8th August 2017.**

*Share your lifestyle & home while experiencing
another culture.*

- **Daily program (Mon-Fri) organised by an AIIU
co-ordinator at our school**
- **Japanese language not necessary**
- **Normal Australian meals**
- **A stipend of \$35 per night will be given to host families to
assist with hosting costs.**

If you can help for these 14 days or would like
further information,

please phone Sharon on 0405 501 303

OR

Sue on 0417 063 530.



Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE: Monday 17 July 2017 6.30 - 8.30pm	VENUE: Max Weber Function Centre in Blacktown Cnr Flushcombe Road & Alpha Street, Blacktown	BOOK NOW ON: 9839 6014
Thursday 20 July 2017 6.30 - 8.30pm	The Hub, Mt DrUITT 9 Ayres Grove Mount DrUITT	

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Seeking Young Drivers



YOUNG DRIVER ISSUES
You are invited to participate in a research project that will contribute to our understanding of young driver issues.
We already know that the vast majority of young drivers are careful and are successfully avoiding being involved in traffic offences and crashes.

WHY THEY BEHAVE THE WAY THEY DO
We need to talk to young drivers with a good driving record so we can better understand why they behave the way they do on the roads.
We want to know what motivates so many young drivers to comply with road rules and their licence conditions while others do not.

SURVEY YOUR THOUGHTS AND ATTITUDE
The researchers in this project have worked closely with the Blacktown Traffic Offenders Program which has provided some data on young offenders.
This project aims to survey a wider range of young drivers about their thoughts and attitudes to driving and staying within the law.



   

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SPORTNEWS

We have reached the end of term and what a term it has been. We started day one of Term 2 with integrated sport and the PDSSSC touch football gala day, followed by PDSSSC soccer the following day. Nagle celebrated the achievement of Cassidy Regan who was selected as a member of the PDSSSC touch football team as well as Isabella Said, who was selected as a member of the PDSSSC soccer team.

Week 2 began with our Annual Athletics Carnival, followed by the CGSSSA soccer gala day and PDSSSC cross country where Bronte Ward placed 5th, progressing to NSWCCC. Thursday MCCS Netball also kicked off in week 2. We had a quiet week 3 but were back into it in week 4 with the CGSSSA basketball gala day, where our intermediates placed 3rd overall. Week 6 Georgia Tabone competed in CGSSSA Gymnastics and placed 3rd overall. In week 8 the hip hop team represented Nagle at Battlegrounds Hiphop competition. They put in a fantastic effort and qualified for nationals in October. To finish off the term we had the Year 9 netball team in the MCCS grand final. Unfortunately they missed out on the champion title but put in a fantastic effort for the season.

It has been another busy term with fantastic results from our students. A big congratulations to all of our students who have represented Nagle in these events and a big thank you to the following teachers who have coached and supported the girls this term, Mrs Howlett, Ms Desho, Mr Iligan, Ms Boulos, Ms Penna, Mr Wall and Mrs Vaitas. Next term starts off again with Year 7 integrated sport on Tuesday, PDSSSC netball gala day on Wednesday 19th July and MCCS Soccer round one on Thursday 20th July.

MCCS Netball

On Thursday 29th June our Year 9 netball team played Marist Sisters Woolwich in the MCCS netball grand final at Netball Central in Homebush. The girls have been undefeated all season going into the finals first on the ladder. It was an extremely close game with the girls being up by one or two at the end of each quarter. Last quarter had everyone on the edge of their seats as the buzzer went leaving us at a score of 30-30. This resulted in extra time where our girls had a fantastic start moving up to 33-30. Unfortunately in the last 3 mins of extra time Woolwich made a comeback and won the grand final 41-38. It was a phenomenal game to watch and we couldn't be prouder of the Year 9 team. The girls never gave up, they fought to the end and played with heart. Their coaches Ms Desho and Miss Attwood congratulate them on a fantastic season and we can't wait for a comeback next year. Congratulations again to our students Lily Hardman, Kirra Salinas, Cassidy Regan, Jacinta Kailash, Renee Monastiriotis, Halle Blyberg, Takeiah DeLuca, Sine Aualiitia and Caitlin McNamara. Finally a big thank you to all the students who assisted with umpiring games throughout the term and to our parents who have come along to support our girls not only at the finals but throughout the term. We love having you there to cheer on the girls and keep track of the score. Thank you.



Battlegrounds Hiphop Competition

On Saturday 17th June our Nagle hiphop team competed at Battlegrounds Hiphop Regional competition. Unfortunately we were the only Sydney school represented on the day, however the girls still scored quite high and have qualified for nationals in early October. The girls will then compete against schools from other states. It was an inspiring day for the girls seeing some of the most talented hiphop dancers in Sydney perform. The girls were excellent on the day and are excited to work on a bigger and better routine for the next competition. Well done to the following students, Vanessa Portelli (Yr 7), Emele Smith (Yr 8), Marjorie Laquain, Jessica Relunia (Yr 10), Alex Valderrama, Emily Wy, Jessica Tjee, Claudia Alessi, Hannah-Jo Chiha, Brooke Carter, Nicolla Brooks, Ashley Umadhay and Cassandra Murray (Yr 11).



NSW CCC Cross Country

Congratulations to Bronte Ward from Year 12 who represented Nagle College at the NSWCCC Cross Country on Friday 16th June. Bronte put in a fantastic effort and finished the race with a smile on her face. Well done Bronte.



Upcoming Events in term 3

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday 18th July	Year 7 Integrated Sport	AFL- at school on the top oval.
Wednesday 19th July	PDSSSC Netball Gala Day	Jamison Park, Penrith
Thursday 20th July	Round 1 MCCS Soccer	Webbs Ave, Auburn
Wednesday 26th July	Primary School Netball Gala Day- students umpiring	Kellyville Netball Complex, Kellyville
Wednesday 16th August	PDSSSC Athletics Carnival	Blacktown International Sports Park, Blacktown
Tuesday 22nd August	PDSSSC Dance Competition	Joan Sutherland Centre, Penrith