

Rosebank College

GAZETTE



Celebrating
140 years

RULE OF BENEDICT

The first step of humility is unhesitating obedience, which comes naturally to those who cherish Christ above all. (5.1-2)

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Dear Parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

This certainly has been a week of great excitement for the College. The hosting of the College Open Day and the Mother's Day mass has reminded us how essential and crucial are the core values of our Benedictine /Good Samaritan Tradition.

With hundreds of visitors and most of our students attending, the College Open Day, blessed with glorious autumn sunshine was a tremendous success. We have virtually filled our classes for 2009 and well into enrolling for 2010 and beyond (our youngest enrolment will start Yr 7 in 2020).

It seems that the decision to extend the coeducational structure of the College from Year 7 to Year 12 has struck a chord among families of the Inner West. Parents have expressed their delight in having access to an excellent independent school for all their children in one location. Young future students delighted in the commitment to active, engaged learning demonstrated throughout the school.

However our best assets were our students. Their commitment to demonstrate, describe and promote their College brought great joy to the hearts of all staff, alumni and parents in attendance. They were perfect ladies and gentlemen. Their natural gifts of speech, happiness, hospitality and inclusiveness was a wonderful illustration of our values in practice and for this we are truly grateful and pleased. They gave witness to the excellent relationship between staff and students at Rosebank.

I express a particular thank you to the Alumni who managed the café and to the Parents and Friends Association who co-ordinated the BBQ and provided additional supervision of rooms and resources. The co-operation and collegiality of this work is a great example of what we want Rosebank to be like on a daily basis.

The celebration of Mothers' Day is increasingly important in a world that is in tremendous need of healing and nurturing. This requires immense strength and courage and an intimate knowledge of the core purpose of existence. These characteristics compliment the masculine elements of human existence which are also essential but if left unchecked can be destructive, exclusive and fragmenting.

To our Mums (and we all have at least one) we say thank you. We ask God's blessing on you. We appreciate the hours of service, the unlimited capacity to love, the lessons of life, your constant forgiveness and sense of hope, your deep wisdom and the pain and suffering that is always hold in your heart.

We could not do what we do or be what we are without you. You were our first contact in the womb as we developed into human beings. It was your heart beat that taught us the lessons of rhythm and balance. It was your face and its smile that greeted us into the world and held us safe. It was you who taught us to love, to speak and to forgive. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
Rosebank,

Tom Galea
Principal

Open Day

Students were our greatest Ambassadors



From the Assistant Principal

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

This week Year 12 students received a letter and booking sheet for their upcoming Parent-Teacher interviews. Half-Yearly reports will be distributed and interviews held at the College between 4pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday May 20. All Year 12 students and their parents are expected to make use of this significant opportunity to review the students' learning progress to date and discuss strategies to achieve their personal best.

HSC Exam Supervision

Higher School Certificate and School Certificate examinations are held at the College between mid October and mid November. This year there are a number of vacancies for Supervisors for these examinations. Supervisors are employed and paid by the Board of Studies, and their work is managed by the Presiding Officer, Mr Geoff Duggan. Any parents or friends of the College who are interested in finding out more about this role are invited to contact me at the College. Please note that parents of students who are sitting for these examinations are not eligible for these positions.

Miriam Berlage

Assistant Principal

Student Forum Representatives 2008

Student Forum is held every cycle in room 4 on Tuesday B and is attended by the College Captains, Service Group Leaders, 7-11 Forum Representatives, Ms Peruzzi, Mrs Odell and Mr Galea. It is intended that this group act as advocates for a student voice in the philosophical and practical running of the College and a mechanism for the airing of student ideas, initiatives, concerns and grievances.

Forum representatives have as their responsibilities:

- Listening and responding to the needs of their Year Group
- Liaising closely with their Year Co-ordinator
- Addressing their Year Groups at Pastoral Care Year Assemblies
- Visiting their Home Rooms on a regular basis
- Attending Student Forum each cycle
- Behaving as a leader in their community

Congratulations to the following students inducted in their new roles at assembly yesterday: Elliot Lyons, Cassandra Cociolone Yr 11, Katrina Dade Yr 10, Rebecca Katrib Yr 9, Claudia Petrucco Yr 8 and Jasmine Cronogorac Yr 7.



Pictured from L-R are: Elliot Lyons, Cassandra Cociolone, Katrina Dade, Claudia Petrucco and Jasmine Cronogorac. Rebecca Katrib (absent)

Up-Dates from the Co-ordinator of Mission

The spiritual life of Rosebank College continues to be truly alive and active in this Easter season.

Mothers' Day

Our prayer at Rosebank College is to offer all mothers and other significant women a happy and rewarding Mothers' Day this Sunday. Motherhood is such a powerful symbol of God's love for us. We give thanks for the gift of motherhood. May we honour mothers and other significant women in our lives by being thankful for all that they mean to us.

Mothers' Day Mass

The annual Mothers Day Mass in honour of motherhood and in honour of other significant women in our lives was a worthy celebration. The College community wishes to thank Father Chris Slattery for his prayerful leadership of the liturgy. Thank you, too, to all the mothers who responded to the request for a mother-child photograph—they were delightful! Finally, a big THANKYOU to all those who contributed to the celebration, without whose help the event could not have occurred.



Ashleigh Criss, Yr 11 D & mum Caroline Criss

What is "Mission"?

I pose this question because as part of mission, prayer is a central focus. Mission is any activity which promotes the core activity of Rosebank College. Rosebank College's core activity is to be an active and effective Christian community which is founded on the person of Jesus Christ. In being such a community, Rosebank College draws upon its rich traditions. Benedictine spirituality and the Order of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan are the hallmarks of the College's traditions. In living out this Mission, the College has a solid liturgical life, offering many opportunities for personal and communal prayer. Another aspect of this Mission is outreach to the wider community, especially to those in need.

Because prayer is central to the mission of our College, I am proposing to write a College prayer. Over the next few weeks, I will be consulting with various groups within the College community as to what would be appropriate words to include in a College prayer. Therefore I am providing below a first draft of a prayer based on the College Vision Statement.

Lord Jesus,

we gather in your name and we ask that you guide us in our supporting and challenging of the members of the Rosebank College community.

Inspire us to be flexible and inclusive so that we may reach out to others through our prayer and through all we do.

Give us courage to respond compassionately and wisely to our changing world.

Help us to play our part in making Rosebank a welcoming place where learning is both valued and applied to making a difference in the world.

Amen.

For opinions and/or suggestions please email at: agattone@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

Angelo Gattone
Coordinator of Mission

Weekly Careers News

Term 2 Week 2 2008

See Ms. McAloon or log on to www.carecentral.com.au

Your Future at Bond

Bond University will hold a seminar 'Investing in your Future' on 14 May at the Menzies, 14 Carrington Street, Sydney, from 6 pm for a 6.30 pm start, where you can find out about fast tracking your success, financing your study, FEE-HELP options and scholarships. Register at www.bond.edu.au/events.

Overseas Exchange Scholarship

Student Exchange Australia offers students 15-18 years the chance to live and study overseas for a semester or year. Discounts and scholarships available. Closing date 30 May (departures Jan/Mar 09). Info sessions: Sydney (7/5)

UTS Engineering Scholarships

Each year, a number of scholarships worth up to \$48000 are offered to talented Year 12 students applying for the Bachelor of Engineering/Diploma in Engineering Practice at UTS. Selection is based on a combination of academic merit, leadership, communication skills and commitment to engineering. An early round of scholarship applications close on 30 May 2008! Apply now! (If you miss Round 1, you can still apply in September for Round 2). Application forms are available in the UTS Engineering Course Guide 2009 or from the UTS: Engineering website. Contact Engineering Outreach: 02 9514 2666 or Email: engineering@uts.edu.au

HSC Preparation

Edassist will offer several intensive HSC Preparation programs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Options Maths 2 Unit and Maths Extension 1, commencing 16 August. Enrol now....

Scientific Facts, Figures and Fun!

The 2008 Sydney Science Forum is a FREE lecture series for school groups and the general public in the interest of promoting an understanding and appreciation of the latest scientific knowledge and research. 10 September, 15 October.

Is Medicine For Me?

Alpha-Omega Education will hold a seminar for students in Years 11/12 on 17 May at the University of Sydney covering all aspects of medicine, including medical school admissions and life as both a medical student and doctor. Register by 10 May.

National Careers Expo

The National Careers and Employment Expo brings careers, employment and training opportunities to the general public for free. Visit the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre on 9-10 May. For more details go to: www.eocexpo.com.au/

Medical Careers Exhibition

The Australian Medical Association (NSW) in conjunction with NSW Health will hold the 2008 Medical Careers Exhibition on 31 May for all current/future medical students. Yr 12 Seminar available on career options. The exhibition is FREE and will be held on Saturday 31 May 2008 in the Shannon Room in the AJC Convention Centre at Randwick Racecourse. To register complete the online form available from the website: www.medcareerexpo.com.au

Mid Year STAT

The Special Tertiary Admission Test (STAT) is an alternative university admissions test for those without a recent Yr 12 qualification. You can sit the STAT once every 6 months. Mid Year STAT will be held on 31 May. Registrations close 19 May.

Flower Power!

Pearsons School of Floristry offers a variety of courses from 2 hour workshops to a fully accredited Commercial Design Certificate, commencing July. Sign up now for early bird discount \$400! Free monthly Info Sessions – 22, 27 May. Bookings required.

Accountancy Cadetship

Champion's at Parramatta is offering an Accountancy cadetship commencing February 2009 to a Yr 12 student interested in part time university study.

Express IT Training

EXCOM Education provides IT training in leading technologies. Express IT teaches essential computer skills with a guaranteed IT Job within 4 months! Info Sessions: Sydney (21/5). Bookings required.

Eager To Learn and Travel?

STS offers student exchange programs for those aged 15-18yrs. Live with a volunteer host family and attend school in your chosen country. Scholarships available. Info Sessions: Sydney (25/6).

Notre Dame Course Info Evenings

The University of Notre Dame Sydney will hold Info Evenings for prospective students interested in mid year/2009 admission on 13 May and 27 May. Bookings required.

Music Studies

The Australian International Conservatorium of Music offers a Diploma and Bachelor of Music (Performance) with music/voice studies in Jazz, Classical or Contemporary performance. Open Day: 31 May. Entry Auditions: 3, 13 June.

International Student Admission Test

The International Student Admissions Test (ISAT) is a three-hour multiple choice test to assist with the selection of international students for undergraduate courses including Medicine at UWS. Sydney ISAT dates: 4/6, 25/6, 16/7, 13/8, 1/10, 29/10. Register online through www.acer.edu.au/isat.

Performing Arts

The Actors College of Theatre and Television offers accredited courses in acting, music theatre and technical production. An Info Session for prospective students will be held on 20 May. RSVP required.

TAFE Horse Care

Richmond College TAFE NSW is offering a Get Skilled for the Horse Industry course commencing 27 May covering Horse Care and Show and Sale Preparation. Info Session: 20 May.

Illawarra/Sth Highlands/Shoalhaven Apprenticeships

Illawarra Group Training recruits apprentices on behalf of host companies including BLUESCOPE STEEL. Trades include: Metal Fabrication/Welding, Fitting and Machining and Electrician. APPLY now for mid year intake.

Please see Ms. McAloon, Careers Advisor, for more information on any of the above notices or visit www.carecentral.edu.au. Parents and teachers can also register online at Career Central. To open a user account, click 'registered' and follow the prompts.

Green Scene

This week's eco-tip is very important to remember, especially with the winter chills knocking on our doors.
Eco tip # 3: When using a heater close any doors in your house, to attain maximum warmth at minimum waste.
We would like to congratulate our active planetees enthusiasm towards the Adopt-A-Bin Program. The memorial garden have been a flurry of creativity with the painting and decorating of recycling bins. Special mentions go out to Ms Dix and Miss Leopardi and with their cleverly named bins "Bob the Bin" and "Recyclator" respectively.
However we still need your help! Please collect and bring in any large cardboard boxes that can be used for recycling bins. We can't continue painting and adopting without them.
We look forward to seeing all the planetees next week at our meeting Tuesday Week A Lunchtime.
Remember it's easy being green
Eliza Berlage and Olivia Chylinska

Dates for the Diary

9 May	Yr 8 & 10 English incursion CSDA Round 2
12 May	Yr 12 Careers Market at ACU
13-15 May	Literacy & Numeracy Testing Yrs 7 & 9
16 May	CSDA Round 3
23 May	CSDA Round 4 P & F Social Function



Healthy Active Living for Young People

What is Loozit?

The Loozit study involves a FREE weight management program that empowers young people with skills, knowledge and confidence to get more fun out of life!

What's involved?

Please come along weekly for nine weeks in the late afternoons for a snack and a chat with other young people who share similar concerns. Conducted by staff of The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

What's it all about?

Together we will look at: Building self-esteem; Setting goals; Becoming more active; Stress and Healthy eating

When & Where?

Starting week of 21 July 2008, at the Summer Hill Community Centre and Hills Community Health Centre

Want to know more? Please contact:

Kristy McGregor on 9845 1224 or
Janice O'Connor on 9845 1294
or email: loozit@chw.edu.au

Booking is essential by 10 July 2008

This study has been approved by the ethics committees of the Children's Hospital at Westmead, the Sydney West Area Health Service and the Sydney Southy West Area Health Service.

From the Parents and Friends Committee

Thank You

The Parents and Friends committee would like to thank the more than 70 parents as well and staff and their partners who helped out with food preparation and serving on Open Day. Many of you stayed beyond your allotted shift and helped make Sunday a very successful day. We cooked 90 kgs of sausages, sliced 30 kgs of onions, made up 1100 sausages on a roll, went through 800 drinks, served 420 gelato cones and provided our students with a free drink and sausage on a roll. Approximately \$400 profit was made which will be used to help pilgrims from our school attend World Youth Day activities. What a truly magnificent effort!!

Now it is time to party!!

It is not too late to order your ticket for the 70s and 80s night on Friday 23 May. So please return your forms. We need to work out numbers for catering and ticketing and have extended the deadline for ordering to Wednesday 14 May. So don't miss out on the only school parent social function for the year. We have organised a fun night for all.

Mark this date in your diary now!

Rosebank College Parents & Friends Association cordially invites you to a...

70s & 80s Night

Friday 23 May 2008

Rosebank College Hall,
1A Harris Street, Five Dock
7pm for 7.30 dinner!

BYO: Drinks

Cost: \$35 per person

Three course meal, tea and coffee, DJ and dancing

**Please send your tickets order form by
Wednesday 14 May**

WYD Timetable of Events

- 15 July Opening Mass (held in the city) celebrated by Cardinal George Pell, follows by a concert
- 16 July Catechetical session in the morning
Youth Festival events in the afternoon & evening
- 17 July Catechetical session in the morning
Arrival and welcome of the Pope in the afternoon (in the city)
Youth Festival events in the afternoon & evening
- 18 July Catechetical session in the morning
Stations of the Cross (through the city streets)
Youth Festival events in the afternoon and evening
- 19 July Pilgrimage walk to Randwick race course
Prayerful vigil with the Pope in the evening
Overnight sleep out 'under the stars'
- 20 July Closing Mass with Pope Benedict.

Concord Library Open Day

Join us for a day full of fun and family activities.
There is something for everyone.

10 May 2008 from 11.00am to 3.00pm