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RULE OF BENEDICT

Receive me, Lord, according to your promise and I will live. Do not disappoint me in my hope.
(58.116–119)

Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

I hope that all our mothers and grandmothers enjoyed an affirming and joy filled day with their families last Sunday.

The accolades and compliments are still flowing into the College following on from the recent Open Day. Here are a few excerpts:

“Just a quick message to tell you that we thoroughly enjoyed the Open day on the 4th May. It was very informative and very well organised.”

“My boys who are only in years 2 & 3 this year were amazed at all the sporting & music activities the school has to offer and already show an interest in going to high school. I would also like to thank a young year 10 student by the name of ... who showed us around the school. Her pride for the school & knowledge of the school is a great asset and it is obvious that she enjoys being part of the schools culture”

“I am also very impressed with the number of parent volunteers/ helpers around on the day. It is very nice to see how family friendly the atmosphere was”.

“I have been to several schools in the area and Rosebank is one of my favourites”.

“The Open Day provided a cross section of school life including the co-curricular activities. It showcased the variety of subjects and activities offered at the

school, and demonstrated you would cater to all students interests. In short we were very impressed.”

“We also feel that the Co-ed structure of Rosebank can provide a realistic perspective of life for students.”

These comments are illustrative of the many emails, phone calls and personal comments passed on to me in the last two weeks. I am so proud to be part of this community which grows daily in pride, confidence, success and a deeper sense of purpose.

The first agenda item for the College Board following its AGM is the election of its office bearers. Last week, Mr Stephen Teulan, who had served the Board as Director and Chair for over 6 years indicated that he would not stand for re-election. The Board then elected Associate Professor Marea Nicholson (who has served as Deputy Chair) as the new Chairperson and Mrs Evette Tattam (a new Director and also former Rosebank School Captain) as Deputy Chair. On behalf of the College parents, staff and students I offer our congratulations.

I would also like to thank all the Directors: Mr Ray Pozzato, Ms Kathryn Efthymiades, Mr Alex Crossley, Mrs Margaret McCue, Mrs Diane McInerney, Sr. Meg Kahler and Ms Bernadette Beard for their ongoing support and care for the College. The role is voluntary and carries many serious responsibilities as with all directors of incorporated companies. We are so grateful for their generosity and for

their willingness to share their skills, knowledge and wisdom.

In particular the College offers its deep and ongoing gratitude to Mr Stephen Teulan who has skilfully steered the school through one of the most challenging and exciting periods in its history. Steve brought to our community tremendous experience, skills and knowledge in organisational culture and change processes. This has been enriched by his own strength, humility and deep faith along with a true commitment to Benedictine spirituality and education and the Sisters of the Good Samaritan. All this is further enhanced by true wisdom, patience, hope and vision. We can truly be grateful for Steve's watchful eyes, helping hands and generous heart. As principal, I am personally grateful for the friendship, trust, support and affirmation he has offered me in the short time I have been associated with this wonderful College.

We also extend our deep gratitude to Steve's wife, Joanne Teulan, and his family who also offered their full support for Steve while in the demanding role of Chair. Steve will remain a Director and continue to share his gifts with us. “Well done good and faithful servant”.

Tom Galea
Principal

Mothers' Day Mass Celebration



Up-Dates from the Co-ordinator of Mission

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

Pentecost

Pentecost is the wonderful time of the year in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. I often feel that the Holy Spirit is the neglected Person of the Trinity—we so often pray to God the Father and to Jesus, but prayer is seldom directly offered to the Holy Spirit. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit, who is God, the Giver of Life. May the Holy Spirit give life to those Burmese who are victims of not only a natural disaster but also victims of a callous government. Our prayer at Rosebank College, O Holy Spirit, is that the Burmese people may find generosity of spirit from the peoples of Australia and the world. Amen.

Changes in the Liturgy

The changes in the liturgy—that is, standing earlier than normal at one point of the Mass and offering a profound bow before the reception of Holy Communion—are not significant changes. This suggests to me that the liturgy has its own power and grace as it is. There is no need to alter it in any significant way. Whatever minor changes may be made to the liturgy, that which remains constant is the liturgy's function; that is, to make manifest, in a sacramental way, the true presence of our Risen Saviour, Jesus the Christ. At this time of Pentecost, may the Holy Spirit inspire us to see Christ in others, especially in the context of a celebrating, eucharistic community.

A Walk with Christ

On Sunday 25 May Catholics will come together for the Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to mark the Feast of Corpus Christi. This procession will begin at 2.30pm from St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard and make its way through the streets of Sydney to St Mary's Cathedral.

World Youth Day Volunteer Program

The week of WYD in July will be a most exciting time for the City of Sydney and in particular way for our senior students. The delivery of the events is very dependent on the volunteer workforce. You will recall the importance of volunteers to the successful delivery of the Sydney Olympics.

Further information may be obtained from Stephen Mahoney on 9558 8473 at CEO Leichhardt.

Angelo Gattone
Coordinator of Mission

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

Become An Oral Health Care Professional!

With an anticipated UAI of 70, the new Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy/Hygiene) to commence 2009 at Charles Sturt University is your pathway to an exciting and productive career in oral health care....

UNSW Co-op Scholarships

The Co-op Scholarship Program at the University of NSW offers industry-linked scholarships worth \$15,000 pa to high achieving students in Business, Science and Engineering. Selection is based on UAI + personal interview. Applications close 30 September.

Youth Survey

Each year Mission Australia conducts a survey to identify key and emerging issues of importance to young people 11-24 years. Interested students can help policy makers and organisations improve their services to youth by completing this short online survey...

Scholarships at Bond

Bond University is a private university on the Gold Coast offering a wide variety of undergraduate scholarships including those for talented students and elite athletes. Applications are now open and will close 31 July.

Fashion and Interior Design

The Whitehouse Institute of Design offers a Bachelor of Design specialising in Fashion Design, Interior Design or Styling and Creative Direction. Open Days/Exhibition: Sydney (15-16 August)

ACU Early Entry

The ACU National Early Achievers Program is a great way for both school leavers and non-school leavers to gain a guaranteed place in the undergraduate course of their choice, as early as December 2008. Applications open 1 July and close 30 September.

Health Careers Kit

The University of NSW has released a Health Careers Kit to promote medicine, health and nursing programs to high school students, especially those from rural areas, and other individuals interested in a career in health.

Accounting Cadetships

Deloitte offers cadetships to Yr 12 students interested in studying business, commerce or accounting at a city-based university in Brisbane, Melbourne or

Sydney. Applications close mid June. Info Session: 11 June. RSVP by 4 June.

Qantas Cadet Pilot Program

The Qantas Cadet PILOT Program is designed to equip successful graduates with the skills, qualifications and experience required for possible future entry into Qantas as a Second Officer. Applications close 30 September.

Overseas Exchange Scholarships

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

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.

FREE Design Workshops

CATC is a specialised design college offering courses from Certificate to Diploma level in Graphic Design and Interior Design. Yr 11/12 visual arts and design students can attend a FREE Design Workshop on 20 June or 15 August. Book now...

Business Cadetships

The Business Cadetships Program offers Year 12 students from all schools in NSW the opportunity to apply for a cadetship with a leading company in the banking and finance sector. Applications open 28 March and close 16 May.

Nursing and Health Expos

The Royal College of Nursing Australia will host a number of Nursing and Health Expos highlighting the diversity of roles and settings within the professions of nursing and midwifery. Sydney (18/5).

Please see Ms. McAloon, Careers Advisor, for more information on any of the above notices or visit www.careercentral.edu.au.

Parents and teachers can also register online at Career Central. To open a user account, click 'registered' and follow the prompts.

Years 8 & 10
Enjoying....

POETRY IN ACTION
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Drama Excursion
to the City



InspirED

InspirED is a part of the College's EnrichED program and aims to provide eligible students with challenging, diverse and enriching whole day workshops.

On Wednesday 30 April, seven students from year 10 attended the 2008 Gifted and Talented Student Conference. This one day intense conference provided students with the opportunity to listen to international lectures and explore topics and issues in intellectually creative ways.

Below, three Year 10 students reflect on their experiences of the day:

I believe it is important for all people to have the opportunity to stand back and look at the world in a new perspective. To be given this chance to listen to two quite fascinating speakers was truly a remarkable one. At first, the content of that they were saying overwhelmed me; they seemed to be discussing quite large and complex ideas which I have never really come across before fully. But when I truly started to hear what they were explaining, I became intrigued by these concepts. I was actually very engrossed and absorbed into what they were saying. As students we have been taught how to see things in the world and have been trained to consider and reflect on things in a certain way by school and our environment. These lecturers dared us to break out of this mould as they said good students and truly intelligent people take time to broaden their horizons and perceive different aspects of anything and have the ability to ask intelligent questions.

— Lisa Minchella

There were six topics: Psychology, Sociology, Death, The Nature of Mathematics, Sexual Ethics and The Ethics of Genetic Engineering. Of these, I found Sexual Ethics and The Ethics of Genetics Engineering most challenging. They raised ethical and moral questions that our group of eight discussed when we were asked to. If the purpose of the day was to make us think, it achieved that. Confronting questions like 'would we have a second child with the idea to take bone marrow from it to save our first child who is dying from bone marrow cancer?' It was a chance to really think about what your perception is of right and wrong and if you could allow for a balance in between. For example, could an action that is morally wrong be taken anyway with the guarantee that it would save somebody's life, therefore turning out to be good?

— Aleesha Paz

The Nature of Mathematics was a very interesting topic because at school you learn certain rules and practice them on sums. However, this lecture allowed us to consider whether maths has always been around or did people discover it. Another thing we discussed was about Fibonacci numbers and fractals of the body. The idea of mathematics relating to so many aspects of life especially the fractals of the body really amazed me.

— Gemma McTegg

A very big thank you must go to Ms Johanna Wilkins-Bennett who organised and attended the day.

We look forward to being able to provide many more exciting opportunities as part of the Rosebank College's EnrichED program.

Marina Laing
Learning Support Coordinator

'Least' – The Most Important

Who knows that a tiny seed
Is the mother of a gigantic forest
That a baby creates a whole human race
That a land is formed from the tiniest coral
Or a fierce river from a single drop of water
That from a single rock
Is born a mighty mountain

Yes, it is remarkable what a tiny thing can do
And perhaps it reveals that 'Least'
Is the most important word of all

We mostly recognise the 'big' things that make our day
And make merry on our greatest achievements
But the humblest and least of things
Are the most precious of all

Picture a magnificent tower is built
And is praised for its glorious appeal and its massive size
But what will it become if one stone is removed?
From these we should learn a lesson
That we need to forget our hopes that miracles will come
And that they will save us from the horror of this world
And place us in paradise
Is it worth it?

It is the simplest of efforts that give the greatest shout
And every move you make is a precious stone
After the hard work, you have rewarded yourself
With not just one precious stone
But an overfilled bag of gold

Poem by Liumai – mei – tuai 'Alofi

Games & Jewelry Making Night

St Joseph's Youth Group, Enfield

St Joseph's Parish Youth Group is organising a Games Night for Years 5–8. The night will commence with Mass in the church and then proceed with fun activities in the hall. Some of the activities include, table tennis, table football and board games and jewelry making!

Please feel free to bring your favourite games such as Connect 4, Uno, Monopoly, Cards and Twister!

Friday 30 May 2008 from 6-9pm
St Joseph's Enfield Church and Parish Hall
\$5 per person

Please enter from the Baker Street car park
Price includes admission and dinner.

Note: Please do not bring younger or older siblings, it is a special time for children in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8.
Parents are welcome to stay.

For more information please contact:
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