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Whoever is self-promoting will be humbled, and whoever is humble will be promoted.

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

There are many times when a principal, in observing the routine of the College, feels genuine pride. Among the many this week, I want to highlight two.

The first involved the parent information evening on Tuesday night for the 2009 Year 7 students and their parents. The staff, under the coordination of Mrs Chiandotto, organised a wonderful program for parents and students. They made a series of presentations involving the College vision, the expanding College instrumental program, the new College laptop access program, the vast array of Learning Support programs and the established processes that assist students with transition into a high school environment.

Other staff led by Mrs Mollace (Yr 7 Coordinator) worked with all the students to ensure that their first meeting was successful. New friendships were forged and excitement was generated around these new programs.

I wish to publicly acknowledge the additional work such occasions create for our highly professional staff and the willingness with which they take on these important responsibilities. This is particularly so after the additional burdens placed on them during WYD08. I also wish to acknowledge their professionalism, their commitment and their shared vision for the future of the College.

They, like me, believe that there is something very special about this College community which they wish to grow and prosper. I also acknowledge their high level of care and creativity

and the tremendous efforts to create programs that give access to the best resources in the most cost effective way hence adding tremendous value to the education of our students. It is a pleasure to call all of our staff colleagues.

The second highlight is the performance of our co-curricular production of *Wakakirri* on Thursday night at Bankstown Town Hall. Over the last months I have seen two of our talented and dedicated ex-students, Charli Mason and Rebecca Mayr, transform a large and eclectic group of students into a wonderful original performance of moving story telling, contemporary music and extraordinary choreography. The transformation has been amazing and again highlights the importance of the creative arts as core business in a Benedictine College. The students' cooperation, enthusiasm and commitment made all parents, staff and friends in the auditorium beam with pride.

Congratulations on their first attempt and while not winning, they have declared their future challenge to the other schools. The competition set a very high standard and is to be congratulated on its commitment to supporting a creative approach to story telling with an emphasis on sustainability, originality, simplicity, contemporary and relevant themes and excellent affirmation for all involved.

We again ask our God to protect and bless all who work and play at Rosebank. Their gift of self comes from God and reflects the abundant love God has for all of us. Well done!!

Tom Galea , Principal

New Parents Information Night



From the Assistant Principal

School Bags

The College bag is a required part of each student's uniform. No other bag may be used. Every student should also have a College sports bag for use on excursions or when extra materials need to be carried to school, such as PE gear. Both bags may be purchased from the Principal's office.

Parents are asked to ensure that your son or daughter only carries College bags whilst in uniform. Using others such as the popular Country Road or Supre bags unfortunately detracts from the otherwise high standard of uniform and presentation.

Miriam Berlage

Dates for the Diary

7-10 August	Ski trip
19 August	Private Tuition Music C Concert
20 August	P&F Education Night
22 August	Year 12 SOR Excursion
25 August	Year 9 2009 Elective Information Day & Evening
2 September	Co-Curricular Presentation Night
3 September	Leaders' Induction Mass
4 September	Men Who Matter Breakfast
5 September	Co-Curricular photos
10 September	Creative Arts Night

Up-Dates from the Coordinator of Mission

World Youth Day 2008 was an incredible experience and a chance to explore and develop our Catholic faith. We celebrated the event with hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from around the world. The events we attended included the Opening Mass, catechises sessions, arrival of the Pope, Stations of the Cross, Pilgrimage walk from North Sydney to Randwick Racecourse, Randwick sleep out and the Papal Mass with the Pope.

Our first day comprised of attending the Opening Mass at Barangaroo celebrated Cardinal George Pell. Despite the fact we were situated far from the altar it was still a memorable occasion. We then attended youth festivals. Even while walking through the city streets there was just an incredible atmosphere. People were singing, dancing and celebrating.

Our catechises sessions were at St Scholastica's. We were joined by about 150 other people from England, USA, Hawaii, Perth, Tanzania, Philippines and other areas of Sydney. The atmosphere was incredible; everybody was very friendly and approachable. The whole group just seemed to come together as one. The three catechises sessions which we attended all began with bishops talking to us about that day's theme which was related to the Holy Spirit. The bishops we had were from Africa, Ireland and Brunei. They then celebrated Mass with us.

— Gemma McTegg and Sophia Franzini Year 10

Next week we will inform you about the major event of WYD Week 2008.

Parent Power!

Rosebank College P&F Forum

Are you often faced with the following situations with your teenagers and not sure what to do?

All my friends are going out on Saturday night until 12!....Can we serve alcohol at my party?

My friend has his Dad's car. Can I go with him?

Do you find it difficult saying 'no' to your teenager?

Come to this workshop & learn how to negotiate boundaries with your teenager without arguments.

WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST, 7-9pm

includes seminar, question time & supper

COLLEGE HALL AT ROSEBANK

A DONATION TO THE P&F WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

Notes will be available for you to review later and for partners who can't attend.

Reply slip sent home this week

From the Year 7 Coordinator

It was an absolute delight to spend the day with Year 7 on their Reflection Day!

The brisk walk down to the Concord Community Centre helped to build the enthusiasm that characterised the day.

All Year 7 enthusiastically participated in a number of activities that explored the theme of friendship. They were prepared to share most generously with each

other their ideas, opinions, song writing skills, singing voices, acting skills and their artistic abilities.

During the afternoon we were visited by the Peer Support Leaders who conducted a session on problem solving. It was wonderful to witness the strong relationships that have formed between the younger and older girls.

To conclude the day we all joined in prayer to give thanks for the gifts of friendship and in a beautiful gesture the girls exchanged friendship cards.

A very happy day was had by all!

Maria Mollace, Year 7 Coordinator



From the Creative Arts Department

HSC Drama Evening

Last week, an invited audience were privileged to view a number of projects and performances devised by the current Year 12 Drama class for submission as part of the requirements of their HSC course.

During the evening the audience were taken on an entertaining journey beginning with Daniella Rahme's *Scrabble*. She wrote the monologue after quite a deal of research to portray the despair and anguish of a bride losing her groom to an accident on their wedding day.

Shaneel Chand then changed the sombre mood to laughter with his portrayal of *Ipthy Wipthy*. To complete the individual monologues, Crestina Gomes played a moving and engaging refugee in her original piece titled *Flee for Freedom*. The audience continued to be delighted and entranced with the two short films by Charles Myssy, *Reality is Wrong-Dreams are for Real* and Chantell Basiacik *Circus Lives*.

Throughout the short supper break a number of Log Books and projects were on display including Joanne Irvine's Publicity work and Costume Designs by Cassie Gow and Melis Tolunay. All three students selected to work from the text of *Private Lives* by Noel Coward.

But nothing could have prepared the audience for the humorous group performances that we were to see to finish off the evening. Daniella, Melis, Charles and Shaneel introduced us to their take on finding a genie to grant you every wish titled *Wishing our Lives Away*. While Chantell, Cassie, Melis and Joanne recounted their farcical look at old age with *Winners are Grinners*. We wish this class all the best as they continue their refinement process in preparation for marking in week 6 of this term.

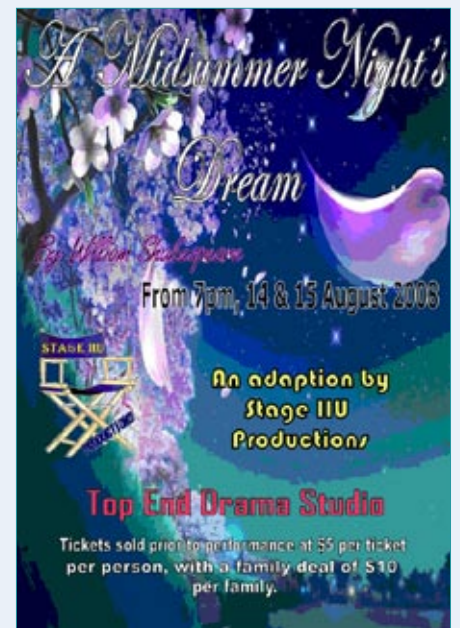
On behalf of the class, I would like to thank all of the parents, families, staff and students who have supported them throughout this journey including the Year 11 Drama students who helped and assisted with the evening – Katee, Deanna, Chloe, Ashleigh C, Louise, Anna and Erin.

There was also great support from the staff who attended the night as well as those who undertook specific roles such as Mrs Kempys (supper), Ms Oh (project supervision), Mrs Booth & Robert Booth (videoing/timing), Mrs Banboukjian & Mr Hoy (supervision of the films), Ms Tracy (feedback throughout the process) and Ms Staniforth (editing of video.)

Stage IIU Productions.

Year 11 Drama have now formed their own production company to produce their adaptation of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for 2008. This production will be performed in the Drama Studio on Thursday 14 and Friday 15 August at 7pm. Tickets will be on sale from this Friday 8 August at lunchtime in the Drama Studio. Tickets are \$5 each or \$10 for a family ticket.

Julie Taubert, Drama Teacher



Co-Curricular News

Week 3 News

Last Thursday saw the commencement of the MCCS competitions for both basketball and soccer. All our teams got off to a good start with our Junior Basketball side victorious and our Intermediate team putting up a good fight.

Teams for the upcoming athletics carnivals have been selected and all participants should now have their notes. Both the CBSA and CGSSSA competitions are of a high standard and we are all looking forward to see how our teams stack up against the opposition.

Presentation Night – Tuesday 2 September

The Co-curricular presentation night is only weeks away Tuesday 2 September. We will all join together to celebrate the wonderful achievements and commitment shown by our representative sides. The evening will begin at 7.30pm and include entertainment from some of our student athletes as well as a special guest speaker, stay tuned for more information!

Futsal

Several of our teams look set to compete in this year's final series. The Rosebank Dreamers and Rosebank Fairies have both had good seasons and should qualify for the finals in their last few games.

Water Polo

The MLC Water Polo competition began last week with a fairly young side taking to the pool for Rosebank. Down a few early goals the girls fought back hard in the last two quarters to restrict Ravenswood's fast scoring of the first half. With some serious training ahead the girls are sure to come into contention over the next few weeks.

Good luck to Waka Nolan and Shaneel Chand who are off this week to compete in the National Karate Championships – we are all behind you!

Aaron McDonald

POSITION VACANT

A position for canteen assistant has become available in the school canteen. Duties include preparing food and serving students. The hours are from 10am to 2pm, 3 to 5 days a week. For more information please contact Lucy on 0141 449 293.

Soccer News

Coach Corcoran's Corner

Juniors

Introducing a new team, playing together for the first time, Mr Scalia's junior girls showed great promise in their first match against a very strong Catherine McAuley side.

Notable performances go to Erin Knapp, whose strong play kept Rosebank in possession and the opposition at bay.

Lauren Wilson and Sarah Cardillo whose speed and agility kept Rosebank's scoring chances alive, and to Simonna Malki's defence

along with Taylor Sanchez-Cruz whose last minute save kept the score line at a respectable 1-0 loss for Rosebank.

While the girls were disappointed with the result, it was a promising display of skill for the season ahead. Coach's comment:

"For the first game we showed a lot of spirit and I'm looking forward to a great season".



Junior Team with coach Peter Scalia & assistant coach Year 11, Elliot Lyons

Intermediates

Our intermediate team, many of whom have played together for the past couple of years, put up a good fight against Catherine McAuley's strong attack.

After an early goal from Catherine McAuley, the girls played hard to keep them from scoring again and narrowly missed the target in attack with our strikers narrowly missing the back of the net.

Their coach, Mr Baldacci is confident that with a bit more training this team could go all the way in this competition.

Special mention to the following girls for their sterling performances: Sarah Askew, Stefania Luongo and Courtney Cunningham.

Intermediate Team & Coach



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

University of New South Wales	Australian Defence Force Academy Canberra	30 August
University of Newcastle	Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) Newcastle campus (Callaghan)	23 August 30 August
University of Sydney Sydney Uni LIVE! See Ms McAloon for a program	Camperdown and Darlington campus, Mallett Street campus, Rozelle campus (Sydney College of the Arts) Sydney Conservatorium of Music	30 August
University of Technology, Sydney	Broadway campus	30 August
University of Western Sydney	Parramatta campus	17 August
University of Wollongong	For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869.	
University of Notre Dame	Broadway campus	30 August
Charles Sturt University	Schools of Communication and Visual and Performing Arts at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum	30 August
Australian Institute of Music	Foveaux Street Surry Hills	23 August
International College of Management	Manly	17 August
Nature Care College	St Leonards	9 August
Carrick Institute	Elizabeth Street and Cleveland Street	30 August

UAC Key Dates 2009 Admissions

The UAC 2009 Guide will be distributed to Year 12 students on 21 August. University Applications for 2009 admission open early August and close 30 September.

Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Expo

Students and their parents are welcome to attend the Training, Employment and Apprenticeship Expo on 12 August at Strathfield Townhall from 5 pm. The event will feature industries such as beauty, automotive, painting, printing and real estate. To register for this event, please call (02) 9911 8922 or email: cts@iwsbep.org.au or.

ACU Early Achievers Program

The Early Entry Scheme at the Australian Catholic University enables school leavers to receive an ACU offer in early December on the recommendation of the Principal, rather than on the basis of their UAI. Applications close 30 September. Visit: www.acu.edu.au/earlyentry or see Ms. McAloon for more information.

Sydney University Scholarships

The University of Sydney has hundreds of different scholarship schemes and offers scholarships to over 800 new students every year. Applications must be received by 25 September, see Ms. McAloon or visit: www.usyd.edu.au/scholarships/school for details.

RailCorp Apprenticeships

Applications are now being accepted for over 80 RailCorp Apprenticeship positions in a range of trade areas, to commence 2009. Applications close 15 August – see: www.railcorp.info/careers/apprenticeships for info.

Hamilton Island Internship program

Meridian International Hotel School has announced two \$1,500 scholarships for students interested in attending a 12-week Hamilton Island Internship Training Program on Queensland's Hamilton Island. The internship will give participants an introduction to working and living in a resort environment with the tuition fee covered by the scholarship. Applicants are to submit: 1) an accompanying letter, addressing why they should be awarded the scholarship and 2) two written references. For more, phone Fiona Bird: 03 9654 2770 or email: internship@meridianhotelschool.edu.au

ICMS Scholarships

The International College of Management Sydney prepares students for careers in the hospitality, tourism, event, retail and property industries. An Open Day will be held on 17 August. Scholarships valued at \$33,000 are available.

Sail Into The Sunset!

Got a sense of adventure? Willing to test your limits? Then apply NOW for a sailing trip on the tall ship, Young Endeavour. No sailing experience required! Applications close 30 August for voyages January – June 2009. To apply online visit: www.youngendeavour.gov.au

Engineering Cadetships

Bluescope Steel offers Engineering Cadetships in a range of disciplines to talented students interested in part time study at the University of Wollongong or the University of NSW. Applications close 31 August.

Apprenticeships at Integral Energy

Would you like to get paid to learn, gain hands on practical experience in the real world and work in an organisation with fantastic career opportunities? Integral Energy are now offering over 60 apprenticeships in the Electrical Distribution Industry

Yr 11 Preliminary Exam Preparation Workshops

Alpha Omega Education offers free Yr 11 Preliminary Exam Preparation Workshops in Burwood and Liverpool from 15-31 August to assist students in achieving their full potential in the Year 11 Yearly Examinations.

Financial Services Careers

Financial Services Careers week from 18-22 August allows you to explore career opportunities in the financial services industry with employers, recruiters and experienced professionals. Registrations required.

Minerals Industry Vacation Camps

The Australian Student Mineral Venture vacation program allows students in Yrs 10-12 to explore careers, lifestyles and opportunities in the minerals industry. 10-22 January 2009. Applications close 19 September.

Powerhouse Museum Fashion Expo

Catch a glimpse of the next generation of Australian fashion designers at the Powerhouse Museum's annual Student Fashion exhibition from 8-24 August.

Engineering@UNSW

The Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) at the University of NSW offers an alternative entry option based on a personal interview for students with an expected UAI of 75-87.95. Online Applications open 1 August and close 12 September.

Ultimo Science Festival

The Ultimo Science Festival is taking place in National Science Week 2008 and is a huge event presented by TAFE, the ABC, UTS and the Powerhouse Museum. Schools are invited to enjoy this special 2008 program, 22-31 August.

UOW Management Cadetship

The University of Wollongong offers a 5-year Management Cadetship to talented students interested in studying Arts or Commerce (other areas considered). Includes work experience in various departments. Applications open August....

Communication Degrees at UTS

Parents and teachers are invited to an Information Session on 14 August at the University of Technology Sydney for info and advice on the recently updated range of Communication degrees. RSVP by 7 August.

UOW Yr 12 Info Evenings

The University of Wollongong will hold Information Evenings for prospective students and their parents in Mittagong (19/8) Wollongong (26/8) Campbelltown (1/9) Loftus (2/9) Nowra (8/9) and Cronulla (10/9). Bookings required.

Security Industry Careers Forum

Explore the careers and roles available in the Security Industry at the Careers Forum on 27 August. Registrations required by 8 August.

Youth Science Forum at UWS

The University of Western Sydney in conjunction with Rotary and the National Youth Science Forum, is providing students currently in Year 11 with the opportunity to attend a 3-day Youth Science program over the January holidays in 2009.

APM Scholarships

APM College of Business and Communication offers a Bachelor of Business with specialisations in Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations. Applications are now being accepted for 2 available scholarships.

Country Week Expo

Country Week - the tree and sea change expo - is your opportunity to find out about the virtues of living and working in country and regional NSW. 8 - 10 August in Sydney

Teacher Education Scholarships

Teacher Education Scholarships are available to talented students in NSW/ACT wanting to teach Maths, Science, English or Technology/Applied Studies. (A and TSIs – primary OR any secondary subject area). Applications open August.

International Student Volunteers

If you are interested in travelling abroad to Costa Rica, Thailand, The Dominican Republic or New Zealand to make a difference while having a life-changing experience this summer, visit www.isvonline.com/highschools for more information and to submit a non-committal application today. Programs run for four weeks and include a two week volunteer project in either conservation or community development, followed by an incredible two week adventure tour. ISV's programs are open for any student aged 15 and above. ISV also gives fundraising and sponsorship advice for interested participants. Contact Nick Ison on 9369 5556 with any questions.

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.