

# Rosebank College

## GAZETTE



*Celebrating*  
**140** years

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### RULE OF BENEDICT

And let us stand to sing (the psalms) in such a way  
that our mind is in harmony with our voice. 19.7

Dear Parents, Students & Friends of Rosebank,

The process of preparing for next year's extension of co-education continues to engage staff and students in many exciting and creative ways. It has given us the opportunity and impetus to reflect on and review various aspects of College life; building on the things that already make us strong and distinctive, and developing new responses to meet the needs of our changing community. One of the areas in which changes are being made is in our student leadership structures. This week I would like to outline to you the changes relating in particular to senior leadership.

Our Year 11 students and teachers, led by Ms Peruzzi & Mr Gattone, are currently in the process of discernment and selection of leaders for 2009. They have discussed and reflected on what it means to be a Christian leader, and considered how each of them might respond to the challenges and opportunities of leadership.

Rosebank College recognises its tradition of Houses, which have been named in honour of women who made outstanding contributions to the service of God and community as Sisters of the Good Samaritan.

Past and present students have identified proudly with their House groups, and competed with a joyful spirit at major functions such as Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. Students beginning at Rosebank in Year 7 have had an opportunity to develop a sense of belonging to their House, through the Home Room structure.

For 2009 and beyond, beginning with the induction of new student leaders in September 2008, the House system at Rosebank will be changed. These changes will build on the existing positive aspects of the House system and provide a fertile basis for the future development of a stronger, more inclusive and practical structure.

For some time, the desire to increase opportunities and structure for House participation and hence develop a greater sense of House identity amongst students and staff has been expressed. Team spirit, connectedness, skill, pride, service, a healthy sense of competition and joy are attributes which are fostered by structured regular House involvement.

With the extension of co-education from Year 7 in 2009, it has been decided to increase the number of Houses at Rosebank from 4 to 6. With 6 Home Rooms in Year 7 in 2009, the practice of aligning students to House based Home Rooms in Year 7 will be continued.

The names and colours of the new Houses will be announced at the Leaders' Induction Mass on September 3. Following this, the process of re-allocation of students in Years 7 – 11 to Houses will take place. This process will be done taking into consideration a range of academic, social, pastoral and co-curricular skills so as to ensure a fair and equitable start to the new Houses.

The development of new Houses at the College brings about an expansion of the role of House Captains, who will provide leadership for the student body by initiating, encouraging and coordinating involvement of students in all year groups in various sporting and cultural events throughout the year.

In response to this change, and based on an evaluation of our current Service Group structure, the following Service Group leaders will be selected for 2009: Environment, Fundraising, Liturgy and Social Justice. House Captains will undertake activities previously carried out by the Creative Arts and Community Spirit leaders.

As they continue the process of discernment, I pray that all the Year 11 students are filled with the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, understanding, knowledge and counsel in particular – that were so strongly experienced by our Catholic community throughout World Youth Day.

Wishing you all a blessed and happy week,

Miriam Berlage  
Assistant Principal

### SCHOLS CLASS OF 1978

The 30 year reunion of the St Scholastica's College Glebe Class of '78 will be held on Saturday 4th October 2008.

The organising committee is working tirelessly to locate all the students and teachers from that year, so if you graduated in 1978, or know anyone who did, please ask them to contact the committee via email at [scholsclassof78@yahoo.com.au](mailto:scholsclassof78@yahoo.com.au) or Lisa Dooley (Sly) on 02 9719-1401 for further details.

## From the Assistant Principal

### Uniform Reminder

Please check requirements for uniform on Thursdays and ensure that you are following them (outlined in the newsletter on August 1).

### Mobile Phones & Parent Communication

Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones during the day. If necessary, messages may be communicated via the General Office. Parents are asked not to respond to students' requests to be picked up during the day. If your son or daughter is unwell, they should follow the procedures outlined in the diary and go to the First Aid office. A member of staff will contact parents if the student is not well enough to remain at school.

**Miriam Berlage**

## Dates for the Diary

19 August	Private Tuition Music Concert
20 August	P&F Education Night
22 August	Year 12 SOR Excursion
25 August	Year 9 2009 Elective Information Day & Evening
1- 5 September	National Literacy & Numeracy Week
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
16 September	Year 7, 8 & 9 Parent Teacher Interviews

## National Literacy & Numeracy Week

**1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> September**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in:

- ❖ Spelling competitions
- ❖ Writing competitions
- ❖ Numeracy quizzes
- ❖ Book display

Parents are encouraged to take this opportunity to nurture a love for reading and encourage problem solving in everyday situations.

Further information: Ms Marina Laing

## Up-Dates from the Coordinator of Mission

*The spiritual life of Rosebank College continues to be truly alive and active in this Ordinary Time of the Church year.*

### HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

This Friday, 15th August, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation; that is, Catholics are required to attend Mass on this feast day. Apart from every Sunday, the only other Holy Day of Obligation in Australia is Christmas Day. The fact that a Marian feast day remains a Holy Day of Obligation testifies to the key role that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, plays in the life of the Church. Let us look to Mary as a role model of discipleship, humility and deep faith. We also look to Mary whose destiny—to be united with her Son in heaven—is also our destiny. The prayer of the Rosebank College community this week is that Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, may be our guide, comfort and source of strength and support. Amen.

It is worth noting that Mary is noted in the Gospel of Luke as one who “pondered things in her heart.” This act of deep listening, with the ear of the heart, is not foreign to us who daily live out the values espoused by Benedict in his Rule.

**Angelo Gattone**

### WORLD YOUTH DAY FOLLOW-UP

Last week, Sophia Franzini and Gemma McTegg gave an introduction to their experiences of World Youth Day. This week they offer their second instalment, recounting the major events of World Youth Day week.

*Thursday afternoon was the Pope's arrival. This gave us the opportunity to get within just metres of the Pope in the famous Popemobile!*

*Friday evening at Barangaroo was the most remarkable occasion that we have ever experienced. As many around the world watched it on television we were situated right in front of where Jesus was crucified. Together with the extraordinary acting, complimenting music and perfect weather it created an emotional atmosphere which touched many people. This was a surreal representation of Jesus' suffering.*

*Saturday morning started off with the pilgrimage walk from North Sydney to Randwick Racecourse. This was a very tiresome walk, but it was filled with lots of singing and dancing with other pilgrims.*

*Our arrival at Randwick was followed by a vigil, and some of us from Rosebank stayed overnight. However all the excitement, meeting new people and the chilly weather resulted in us having minimal sleep.*

*Sunday was the final Mass with Pope Benedict XVI. It was amazing to see over 500,000 people celebrating and coming together.*

*As World Youth Day came to an end, it was disappointing that the exhilarating week had come to an end. We made many new friends around the world, which enabled us to build our faith and experiences. As young Catholics it was amazing to be part of a world event. We, and the rest of the Rosebank pilgrims are excited about the next World Youth Day in Madrid, Spain 2011.*

*On behalf of the students who attended WYD we would like to thank all the teachers who came and especially Mr Gattone and Ms Saito for organising the Rosebank pilgrims.*

**Gemma McTegg and Sophia Franzini Year 10**

## From the Creative Arts Department

### WE'RE ON!

After a long and weary week of extra rehearsals, sewing costumes and transforming the Drama Studio into a magically lit, entrancing forest, Year 11's Drama production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is finally on this week.

Friday night's performance is sold out at the time of going to press and only limited seating remains for the Thursday evening.

A big thankyou is extended to the Domine family for delivering hot pasta and pizza for our lunch on Sunday enabling us to continue with the hard work of making the set and preparing costumes and makeup in the afternoon.

Hannah Forwood (Yr 11) has kindly consented to fill in for a cast member who is unable to attend on the Thursday evening. This is a huge ask at the last minute and we are grateful for Hannah's cooperation.

Mrs DeLutiis has also kindly offered to assist with the makeup on both evenings and we are most grateful to receive this help.

So.....it's down to the final countdown and then we're on.

**Julie Taubert**, Drama Teacher



## 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.**

## Co-Curricular News

### Co-curricular Presentation Night

The annual co-curricular presentation night will be held on Tuesday 2nd September. This is the College community's opportunity to celebrate all students involved in representative cocurricular activities. Our major award winners for the year will be honoured, as well as award winners from each of our representative teams. Invitations will be sent home to students this week. Please note that as part of each student's commitment to their representative activity that they are expected to attend this awards evening.

### Karate Champions!!!

Congratulations to Year 12 student Shaneel Chand who on the weekend won the Junior 65-70kg National title in Perth. Year 11 student Waka Nolan is also to be congratulated – coming second in the over 75kg division, after a controversial decision saw him disqualified in the final. A fantastic achievement by both boys – well done!

### MCCS Basketball

Our junior team continue to dominate this competition, with two convincing wins in as many weeks. Whilst our intermediate team is still working hard, going down in a hard fought game last week. Both coaches are pleased with the progress so far and are looking forward to continued effort from the girls.

### Calling all basketball and volleyball players!

The Santa Sabina Invitational tournament begins in Term 4. This is a chance for you to go out and have some fun with your friends in a well organised Saturday morning competition. Students can compete in both competitions as the draw is structured for maximum involvement. Students may sign up on the sports noticeboard – maximum team numbers of ten players.

**Aaron McDonald, Co-Curricular Coordinator**

## Year 9 News

We are immensely proud of Bryar Hawkins and Alexandra Carroll who participated in last Saturday's annual City-to-Surf. The girls love the experience! It is so refreshing to see young people taking the initiative by participating in such events. Well done, girls.

This is the second year that Bryar and Alexandra have gone in the City-to-Surf race. They finished in under 3 hours, having run 4ks then walked the rest. "Last year we just strolled, having a good time, but this year we ran part of the way then walked the rest. We just had a great time. We dressed up as fairies last year. This year my dad had just moved house and had lots of packing boxes so we decided to go as moving boxes. It was a real sea-change. Everyone laughed," said Bryar. Asked if they were going to go in again next year, the girls responded with an enthusiastic "Yes! We want to encourage more people to do the run - maybe even have a Rosebank group - its such great fun."

### Year 9 Pastoral Team

Pictured right are Alexandra Carroll and Bryar Hawkins

## Coach Corcoran's Corner

This week's matches had mixed results for the Rosebank MCCS Football teams. We had our junior side narrowly losing to fierce Terra Sancta team 1-0. Mr Scalia is still looking for that elusive win and has confidence in his juniors growing stronger with every game.

The Intermediates had a strike of luck with Courtney Cunningham scoring a beautiful goal from just outside the box which left the Terra Sancta keeper without a chance. With our 1-0 lead the heavens opened and the game was stopped due to the incoming storm. Congratulations to the girls for their magical win and we look forward to many more to come.

## Year 10 History Excursion

On Monday, girls in Year 10 History went on an excursion to The Rocks to look at historic building that had been saved by the Builders' Labourers Federation.

Pictured left to right are Laura Rojas, Stephanie Dival, Sarah Clark and Michaela De Martino



# Weekly Careers News

Term 3 Week 3 2008

See Ms. McAloon or log on to [www.careercentral.com.au](http://www.careercentral.com.au)

UAC Key Dates 2009 Admissions University Applications for 2009 admission open early August and close 30 September. Open days to be held in August include:

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
The Whitehouse Institute of Design	55 Liverpool Street Sydney	15 and 16 August
Carrick Institute	Elizabeth Street and Cleveland Street	30 August
CATC	1-5 Hickson Road The Rocks 15 and 16 August	22 August
APM/Billy Blue College of Design	171 Pacific Highway North Sydney	16 August

**Country Energy Apprenticeships** Enjoy the country lifestyle? Then apply for one of 58 apprenticeships offered by Country Energy in Powerline Worker/Electrical Technician trade areas across regional NSW! Applications close 22 August.

**Australian Screen Tests** The Australian Institute for Performing Arts will run its annual Australian Screen Tests from 15-19 January 2009 for aspiring actors. Reps from leading Australian and US agencies will be at the event scouting for new talent. Applications close 22 August.

**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](http://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](http://www.usyd.edu.au/scholarships/school) for details.

**Entertainment Industry JMC Academy** offers courses at Diploma, Assoc Degree and Bachelor Degree level in the Music and Entertainment industries. Open Day: Sydney (13/9). Registrations required.

**Interested in Forensic Science?** The University of NSW will repeat its popular CSI:SYDNEY Workshops in the September/October school holidays giving students 15 - 18 years, a taste of crime scene investigation and laboratory activities.

**Interested in Science?** The Siemens Science Experience provides Yr 9 students entering Yr 10 in 2009 with the chance to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university. UNSW: 1-3 October 2008 applications close 22 August; Macquarie University: 13-15 January 2009, University of Sydney: 14-16 January 2009 University of Technology, Sydney: 2-4 December 2008, University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown: 9-11 December 2008 – applications close 26 September 2008. Visit <http://www.scienceexperience.com.au> or see Ms. McAloon for more info.

**Meadowbank Info Evening** Meadowbank College, Northern Sydney Institute - TAFE NSW, will hold an Information Evening on 2 September for prospective senior students and their parents on post school career and study options. Bookings required by 29 August.

**Macquarie Parent Info Evening** Macquarie University will hold an Info Evening on 24 September for parents and prospective students to provide info and advice on entry requirements and programs, application procedures and the UAI. Bookings required.

**Gap Activity Projects** Gap Activity Projects is now known as Latitude Global Volunteering. If you are 17-25 yrs and want to volunteer in another country, working on projects that will make a lasting difference, then Latitude is for you!

**CSU New Veterinary Clinical Centre** Charles Sturt University has taken another step forward in its progress towards leadership and excellence in veterinary science with the commissioning of its new Veterinary Clinical Centre....

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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. Applications close 29 August. For more, phone Fiona Bird: 03 9654 2770 or email: [internship@meridianhotelschool.edu.au](mailto:internship@meridianhotelschool.edu.au).

**Sydney Uni Info Tours** The University of Sydney offers regular tours of the Camperdown and Darlington Campus to prospective students in years 10-12 and their parents/guardians throughout the year. August 20, Sept 17, Oct 1, Nov 12, Dec 10. Bookings required.

**Computer Games Industry** The Academy of Interactive Entertainment offers courses from Cert II to Adv Diploma level in the Computer Game Development and 3D Digital industries. Sydney Campus opening 2009.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**CATC Students** are invited to attend Interior and Graphic Design Workshops to be held during the school holidays at 1-5 Hickson Road, The Rocks, for 4 days from 29 September – 2 October 10 am – 3.30 pm at a cost of \$250 per person. Contact CATC on 92510029 or [www.catc.nsw.edu.au](http://www.catc.nsw.edu.au) to book online.

Please see Ms. McAloon, Careers Advisor, for more information on any of the above notices or visit [www.careercentral.edu.au](http://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.