

Rosebank College

GAZETTE



Celebrating
140
years

RULE OF BENEDICT

They should bear each other's weaknesses of both body and character with the utmost patience.

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Dear Parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

In approaching the end of the 2008 academic year, the final arrangements for the enrolling Year 7 coeducational class of 2009 are being put into place. However the benefits of this detailed and widespread planning process will leave no child at Rosebank untouched. This commitment to provide meaningful, contemporary and innovative programs will enhance the learning of all students. Such innovation includes not only the external features of new uniforms and building renovations but enhanced teaching programs and state of the art accelerated school based apprenticeship programs, accelerated language programs, enhanced musical instrumental programs, enhanced cocurricular options and integrated learning programs including the use of portable learning devices like laptops. In attempting to provide significant value adding to the lives of our students and families we are very much aware of the pressure on families to maintain access to private education that makes available all the opportunities any child can hope for and will need to live a meaningful life but at an affordable and reasonable price.

In pursuing such a goal the College is mindful of the sacrifices and commitment of two groups of people working in partnership. One is the College Board and staff who work tirelessly and in deep service to our families ensuring maximum value for money and a deep loyalty to the underpinning values of the mission of the school.

The second group is our parents and grandparents many of whom I have the privilege to meet every week. I am inspired by their love of their kids, their many sacrifices and their commitment to good values and a deep spirituality in which God is present in all their actions.

The US President-Elect, Barack Obama shed tears this week and paid tribute to his grandmother who recently passed into eternal life. In describing her many attributes I feel he captured much of what we all value in our parents and grandparents. He referred to "quiet heroes", "humble and very plain-spoken", "each and every day they work hard and look after their families", "They sacrifice for their children and their grandchildren, They aren't seeking the limelight, All they try to do is just do the right thing", "they are the cornerstone of their families, and people of extraordinary accomplishment, strength and humility, "people who encourage and allow us to take chances", "proud of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren and with the knowledge that their impact on all of us is meaningful and enduring", "the ones who taught us about hard work... the ones who put off buying a new car or new clothes for themselves so that we could have a better life."

We are reminded that our "debt to them is beyond measure."

And so today we pay tribute to all our current, past and future parents and staff. May our God shower blessings upon you all as you struggle to complete your most important vocation. Thank you for your ongoing trust and support.

Tom Galea, Principal

Year 7 Gifted & Talented Writing Workshop



STOP PRESS

As you are probably aware the State Government has initiated an attack on the School Students Transport Scheme (SSTS). Unfortunately, as of this time the State Government has produced NO reform proposal. I would like to inform you that Catholic parents are being asked to contact their State Members of Parliament seeking clarification of the Government's plans for the SSTS.

In your contact the College suggests that you stress to local State members that:

- The scheme underpins choice of school for all NSW families regardless of school sector
- The scheme is as important to Government school parents as non-Government school parents - at least 60% of pass holders are Government school children
- The scheme is essential to over 80% of our school's enrolment
- Government reviews of the scheme have consistently demonstrated that the cost escalation associated with the scheme is not related to student eligibility or the number of students subsidised, rather costs have increased due to changes in commercial bus contracts and the failure to introduce E-Ticketing (TCard)
- The school transport scheme needs administrative reform but making parents pay for its inefficiencies will delay reform not promote it.

All families will benefit from your active involvement in this process. Please contact the College if we can be of any further assistance. It is believed that this is not the time for Governments to place more pressure on "working families".

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, where we endeavour to "LIVE THE RULE"

Ordinary Times Wind Down And Advent Draws Near

On Sunday 23 November, the Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the liturgical cycle for this year. As the new liturgical year draws near, signalled by the arrival of Advent, our focus turns towards one of the great mysteries of our faith: the Incarnation (that is, our God having taken on the form of a human person and living among us).

The unit of work Year 8 students are now studying in their Religion lessons is entitled "Living the Christian Life." As part of their exploration of this topic, the students analyse Matthew 25:31-46. This section of Matthew's Gospel contains a story told by Jesus in which he explains that whenever we feed someone who is hungry, give drink to anyone who is thirsty and clothing those who are naked, we are actually doing it to Jesus himself as well. The point Jesus makes is that whenever we do good to others, we are also doing good to Jesus directly because Jesus is alive in each one of us. Conversely, wherever we do what is harmful to others, we are also directly harming Jesus.

St Benedict, too, alerted those in his care to always remember that Jesus is alive in all people. In instructing about the welcoming of guests, St Benedict writes, "Let all guests who arrive be received as Christ, because He will say: 'I was a stranger and you took Me in.' (Mt 25:35). And let due honour be shown to all, especially to those 'of the household of the faith' (Gal 6:10) and to wayfarers. Also, in reference to the role of the Abbot (who is worthy to be in charge of a monastery), ought always to be mindful of what he is called, and make his works appropriate with his name of Superior. For he is believed to hold the place of Christ in the monastery."

St Benedict then goes on to state that "greatest care is to be taken, especially in the reception of the poor and travellers, because Christ is received more specially in them." As Christmas approaches and our thoughts turn to our family, let us recall, too, that we all belong to the human family. Advent is a time during which, traditionally at Rosebank College, special collections and fundraising initiatives are pursued so that our community may reach out to those in need. Therefore we are encouraged to use this time of year to "feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and shelter the homeless." In so doing, we are also feeding, giving drink to and sheltering Christ himself.

Therefore, let our Rosebank College community prayer this week be that we strive to see Christ in others so that what we do is pleasing to Jesus. Amen.

Mr Angelo Gattone

Dates for the Diary

10 November	Yr 7 History excursion. Yr 10 School Certificate exams begin. Yr 12 2009 Parent Teacher interviews & UAI information session
11 November	Yr 12 Sign Out Day
19 November	Yr 7 2009 Orientation Day
21 November	Yr 10 to return all books to book hire
24-28 November	VET Work Placement, Year 10 Transition program
28 November	Advent/ Year 10 Mass, final day for Year 10 students
3 December	College Presentation Night
8-10 December	Yr 12 2009 Assessment period
9 December	Yr 7-9 Picnic Day
10 December	Final day for students
12 December	Yr 10 collect School Certificate results
18 December	Morning tea for Yr 12 2008 students
29 January 2009	All students return to school



The fifth edition of the Good Samaritan electronic journal, *The Good Oil*, is now available.

Launched in July this year, the monthly journal is linked directly to the Good Samaritan website which has a wealth of information about the congregation's life and ministry.

Subscription is free and easy. Simply go to the website: www.goodsams.org.au and click in the link.

Find *The Good Oil* logo and prompt placed on the left hand side of any subsequent page and click on the: **click here to subscribe.**

Sydney South West Area Health Service is conducting clinics to catch up with HPV (human papillomavirus vaccine) doses for students who commence vaccination programs in high schools in 2008. Clinic venues and times include:

East Campbelltown Community Hall

Cnr Macquarie and Waminda Avenue, East Campbelltown
Tuesday 2 December from 2pm to 6pm

Fairfield Community Hall

25 Barbara Street, Fairfield
Wednesday 3 December from 2pm to 6pm

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital – Public Health Unit

Level 9, King George 5th Building, Camperdown
Monday 8 December from 2pm to 6pm

Moss Vale – Gibraltar Room

Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre
Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale
Wednesday 10 December from 2pm to 6pm

For more information contact the Sydney South West Public Health Unit on 9515 9420 from Monday to Friday.

Mermaid Project Competition

In January 2009 the Australian National Maritime Museum is launching an expedition to search for the wrecksite of the 19th century vessel Mermaid and is giving students as well as their teachers the chance to be part of the *school crew*.

The *school crew*, including two students and one teacher will join the museum on the expedition taking place from 1 January to 8 January 2009.

Working alongside archaeologists, divers and museum representatives, the students and their teacher will assist in field work including surveying, snorkeling and recording, as well as producing a daily blog for the museum website. Following the trip, the *school crew* will write an article for our Signals magazine, and participate in speaking engagements about their experience.

If you would like to enter the competition please download the entry form and schools' brief from:

www.anmm.gov.au/mermaid

Entries close 5pm Friday 21 November 2008.

To discuss the project further with your teacher, please contact Mr Peter Scalia.

Co-Curricular News

ROSEBANK'S NEW FOOTBALL VENTURE

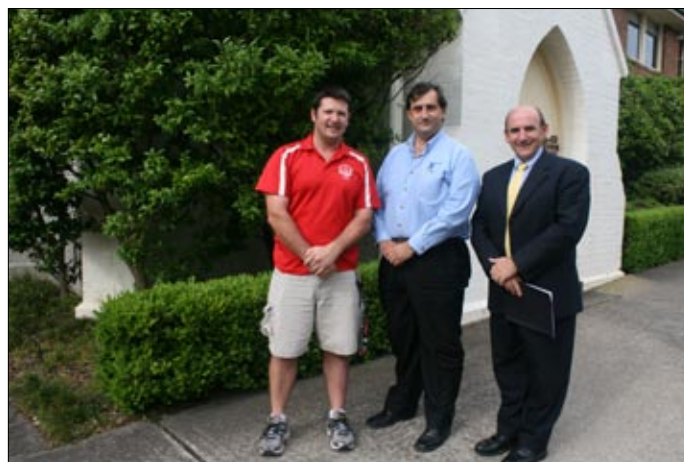
Rosebank College and the Inter-Lions Football Club in Concord are now working in collaboration to promote football in the College community and provide students with an opportunity to compete at a higher level both at school and through weekend sport.

Through the new venture, the College also aims to establish direct pathways for its players and coaches to progress to the Inter-Lions ranks, recognising the club as the 'Club of Choice' for Rosebank College students.

Establishing a mutual cooperation between the College and the Inter-Lions club present many benefits for students including:

- An increase in participation numbers and popularity of the sport.
- Increase performance of teams due to availability of experienced coaches.
- The development and implementation of specific development program for students identified through talent identification in conjunction with Inter-Lions.
- Encouragement for players to play for the College (many students participate in outside competitions) and for Inter-Lions on weekend competitions. This will assist in the development of players.
- The opportunity to utilise Inter-Lions existing club premises and contacts including Concord Oval and Canada Bay Club.

For more information please contact Co-Curricular Coordinator, Mr Aaron McDonald.



From left to right: Mr Aaron McDonald, Mr Santino Grieco, Director Inter-Lions Football Club and Mr Tom Galea.

NETBALL NEWS

Team of the Week goes to Year 10 Raiders after winning 18-2! Congratulations Jodie, Sophie, Michaela, Vanessa, Annika, Michelle, Jana and Katrina for playing an entertaining and highly skilled game.

Special mention goes to Jodie for her superb defence efforts and Sophie for scoring amazing goals.

The commitment, enthusiasm and improvement of the team is a credit to its players and the College.

Well done on a great effort.

Megan Dix, PDHPE teacher

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

Rosebank Parents

** School based apprentice/trainee employers needed**

School-based apprenticeships (SBA) and traineeships (SBT) allow senior high school students to commence an apprenticeship or complete a traineeship which can contribute towards their HSC. SBAs and SBTs work part-time and undertake their formal or off-the-job training whilst still completing their HSC. Rosebank has students interested in pursuing carpentry and photography as a SBA and SBT respectively. I am asking any parent who might have contacts in the construction or photography industry to get in touch about prospective SBAT employment for these students. Please phone Ms. McAloon on 97133105 if you could provide a lead in this regard.

Taglio Salon

Hairdressers in Norton Street Lilyfield, is looking for a part time assistant to help on Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm. They are seeking a committed, reliable and well presented student interested in hairdressing. The role includes cleaning, making and serving beverages, passing up to seniors where required and the successful applicant will be trained to shampoo and apply treatments. See Ms McAloon if you are interested

Casual Babysitter wanted

A local Concord mother is looking for a responsible 15+ year old to look after her two little boys aged 2 and 4 in her home on some weekends from 7.30pm till 11.00pm. Experience is preferred but not essential. You must be reliable and honest and preferably live in or near the Concord area. Please contact Ms McAloon for details if you are interested.

St Patrick's Business College Open Day

St Pat's offers Diploma courses in Business Administration, Marketing, Hospitality and Event Management. An invitation is extended to all interested Year 10/ 11 students to attend their open day on Sunday, 16 November, from 11.00am – 1.00pm at cnr Devonshire & Riley Streets, Surry Hills. Contact 83062311 for more details.

Get Ready For Uni...

Making the transition to life as a uni student is a challenge, particularly if you have a disability. The 'Get Ready for Uni' website has loads of info, tips and links to help you plan and prepare for the move! See <http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/rdlo/getready/> for info.

Mastering the HSC

The School for Excellence is offering a FREE study skills seminar to Yr 11/12 students providing skills and information to maximise HSC scores. USYD (8/11) UWS (9/11) UNSW (15/11) Macquarie (16/11). Limited places.

Vision Australia Bursaries

Vision Australia's Further Education Bursary aims to assist students who are blind or have low vision, to afford adaptive technology, thus increasing their ability to participate in further education. Applications close 10 November.

Animation Skills Workshop

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment is offering Animation Workshops with Simon Allen – one of the best in the business, having worked on The Matrix, Happy Feet and WALL-E. Sydney (17-18/11).

2008 Physics Industry Day

How will nanotechnology influence manufacturing in Australia? Find out at the Physics Industry Day on 12 November. Presentations from industry, universities, research organisations and government + CSIRO Lab tours! Registration required

USYD Ag Camp

Talented Yr 11/12 students interested in careers in Agriculture and Natural Resources are invited to apply for 'Ag Camp' run by the

University of Sydney from 21-23 November. Hands-on activities, workshops and lectures. Limited places. Apply ASAP!

Indigenous Hotel Management Traineeships

The Australian Hotel Association (AHA) has partnered with the AFL Sports Ready organisation to offer young Indigenous people the opportunity to participate in the Indigenous Hotel Management Traineeship program.

Julius Media Open Day

Julius Media specialises in Entertainment Technical training from Certificate IV to Advanced Diploma level. Degree pathway available. An Open Day and Career Talk will be held on 15 November. Bookings essential.

Computer Games Industry

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment's new Sydney Campus will offer Adv Diploma courses in the Computer Game Development and 3D Digital industries, commencing 2009. Sydney Campus Open Day: 15 November.

Aim for the Stars Foundation

Aim for the Stars offers ambitious and dedicated females 12yrs + an opportunity to receive financial and moral support to help them achieve their goals. Applications close 15 November.

Scholarships@SCU

If you are applying for a full-time undergraduate degree on campus at Southern Cross University commencing Semester 1, 2009 you are invited to apply for the scholarships on offer. Applications close 21 November.

Cert II in Transport and Distribution

Reece and Murray Mallee Training Company Ltd have developed a School Based Apprenticeship Program offering exciting employment, training and career opportunities for students during Years 11 and 12 in Warehousing and Storage.

Defence Technical Scholarships

A Defence Technical Scholarship worth up to \$3000 is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students who are interested in pursuing an ADF technical trade career after completing Year 12. Applications close 13 February 2009.

Cert II in Pharmacy

The Pharmacy Guild is offering students the opportunity to undertake the Certificate II in Community Pharmacy – School Based Traineeship (SBT) providing entry level employment skills or the basis for further advanced training.

Year 11 Summer School

Summer School 2009 is a lecture/study skills program for students undertaking subjects in English, Maths 2 Unit, Chemistry and Physics. Sydney University. 12-16 January 2009. Postal Applications close 7/1/09.

Geographic Info Systems Bursaries

The Geospatial Information and Technology Association of Australia and New Zealand offer Bursaries valued at \$5,000 over 3 years to students entering tertiary studies in Geospatial Data and Location-Aware Technologies.

Secure Your Future!

Jake had been unemployed for a year before he decided to look into the new career path of a SECURITY OFFICER. Four years later he is now the operations manager at one of the largest security companies in Western Australia.

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.