

Rosebank College

GAZETTE



Celebrating
140 years

RULE OF BENEDICT

Although human nature itself is inclined to be compassionate toward the old and the young, authority of the rule should also provide for them.
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Dear parents, students and friends of the College,

I am so proud to be part of this community working with such dedicated staff and students who truly care for and promote the core values of Rosebank College.

On Wednesday the College welcomed the 150 new Year 7 students and parents of 2009. There was an air of excitement as we begin the new adventure entering into a new phase of life here at Five Dock. The day was full of excitement (earlier anxieties extinguished quickly) and meeting new people. The peer support leaders and the senior leaders were a tribute to the College and their families.

One had a true sense of hope and expectations. The programs are unfolding slowly and carefully - each piece of the jigsaw fitting neatly into the other. One can safely say: "Watch out world here comes Rosebank". One could feel the dreams of parents as they handed over their loved ones - each no doubt hoping that their daughter/son will find a second home in which to grow and thrive on these sacred grounds.

We thank our new and existing families who have decided to entrust the College with the future of their children. And I again thank our dedicated staff who make such a difference in the lives of so many as they exercise their vocation of teaching.

We see presently a significant debate in the public arena. Its focus is "how bad is it really going to get" with the optimists claiming the need to talk up the situation and confident that Australia and the world can work its way out of the financial mess we are in while the pessimists promote doom and gloom.

It is fascinating to see the positions people take when interacting on this topic. Given that even the most "expert of experts" do not seem to know, the conversation probably says more about ourselves than the world economic order.

For Christians, hope is the one of the most powerful attributes in the human psyche. It has transformed societies, provided courage, invited creativity, reached out to those in need and maintained a healthy balance. It is based on a deep belief that we are created in the image of God, that we are loving and lovable, that we have within us the ability to adjust, adapt, conserve, reorganise, support and transform.

Hope recognises these elements in the inherent fabric of nature and of the whole of the universe. It notes the cycles of life - birth, growth, aging and death - and attributes these as part of God's plan. Hope recognises the need for a cleansing process to sweep away unproductive excesses and unjustified self indulgence. And hope waits for the shoots of new growth that inevitably emerge following a devastating bush fire. Let us ever be hopeful and life giving to those around us. Let us review our lifestyle and clean away any unnecessary excesses that do not enhance our lives but tie us down.

May our God continue to protect us and our families as we work our way through the challenges and opportunities that present themselves to us and may we remain open to God's word by listening with the ear of the heart.

Tom Galea, Principal

Year 7 2008 Orientation Day & Term 4 Assembly



STOP PRESS

Congratulations to Olivia Chylinska and Elyse Griffiths who were nominated for inclusion in DesignTECH, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology students.

Olivia redesigned the interiors of the Design and Technology block at Rosebank College. She felt that Design and Technology blocks required creative uses of space and storage. She investigated lighting, colour schemes, interior design themes and safety requirements. During the year she learnt to use AutoCad, and Corel Draw to communicate her ideas. She also accessed a school which had a laser cutter to enable her to cut out the model to scale. She used a variety of coloured perspex to show her design. Olivia produced a portfolio, concept boards and model to display her new design.

Elyse designed a ying yang mosaic table. The table could be used as one complete coffee table or as two separate side tables. A border of timber encased the fine mosaic table/s. She overcame many design issues during the construction of the table. She accessed a laser cutter to cut the complicated timber shapes. Many experiments were conducted with the laser cutter including the testing of a suitable thickness of the timber and shape. The legs of the table were designed in a curved shape to complement the smooth curves of the table. The legs were vacuum formed to create the unique shape.



Olivia shows her D&T work



Elyse's ying yang mosaic table

From the Assistant Principal

Annual Presentation Night

Rosebank's annual Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday December 3 from 7.30pm.

Our guest speaker will be Sr Margaret Keane sgs who will offer a reflection on how the changes at Rosebank represent the Good Samaritan Sisters' ongoing mission in our world.

All students and their families are encouraged to be part of this significant celebration of the school year. Award recipients will receive a letter to inform them of their prize and formally invite them and their families to attend.

Please note that there will be limited parking in the grounds of the College for this event.

Miriam Berlage

Dates for the Diary

24–28 November	VET Work Placement, Yr 10 Transition program
27 November	Yr 12 Formal
28 November	Advent/ Year 10 Mass, final day for Year 10
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

2008 Year 7 Orientation Day



Up-dates from the Coordinator of Mission

The spiritual life of Rosebank College continues to be truly alive and active in this last week of Ordinary Time of the Church year, where we endeavour to "LIVE THE RULE"

Advent Draws Near

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, every member of the Rosebank community is engaged in donating to various Catholic charities. In this way, we fulfil Christ's command to "love one another" by sharing what we have. St Benedict, too, alerts us to the fair distribution of goods. Chapter 34 of The Rule states, "It is written, 'Distribution was made to everyone according to their needs' (Acts 4:35). We do not say by this that favouritism should be shown to some (God forbid), but due consideration should be given to the weak. Let those who need less thank God and not give way to sadness, but let those who have need of more be humble about their infirmity, and not be elated for the indulgence shown him; and thus all the members will be at peace. Above all, let not the evil of murmuring appear in the least word or sign for any reason whatever." St Benedict's advice is quite appropriate—give willingly, without expecting recognition or anything in return. Our Rosebank College community prayer this week is simple: Let us all love one another. Amen.

Angelo Gattone

Attention Rosebank Parents & Friends

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 that contributes towards the HSC. SBAs and SBTs work part-time and undertake their formal or off-the-job training whilst still completing their HSC. Rosebank has a student interested in pursuing a **carpentry SBA**. I am asking any parent who might have contacts in the construction industry to get in touch about prospective SBAT employment for this student. If you could provide a lead in this regard, please contact: Kathy McAloon on 97133105.

Year 8 Film Awards



Co-Curricular News

Congratulations to our Santa Sabina Invitational basketball and volleyball teams. Out of the 7 teams that are competing in basketball 5 are competing this weekend for positions in the final. In volleyball 3 out of 4 teams are vying for places in the competition decider. Well done to all the girls and coaches. A special congratulations to our Year 7-8 basketball team who have yet to lose a game this season after being moved to the higher Year 9 division!

Co-curricular choice forms for 2009 had to be returned to Home Room teachers this week. Please ensure that you have returned a signed form.

Good luck to all our students for this weekend's games, hopefully there will be a big weekend of grand finals next weekend!

Aaron McDonald, Co-Curricular Coordinator

8B Unlock The Mystery

Archie Smith, Boy wonder

A tiny voice asked. "Is he the one?"

"Yes he is... He's the one," another voice replied.

They all entered the room quietly.

Then there was a bright light that surrounded the boy. After a few seconds, they were all gone. The boy was gone too.

When Archie got up, he was in a strange place. He didn't recognise where he was. He noticed that he was in the forest. And unfamiliar little lights were around him as if they were protecting him.

Archie asked, confused. "Where am I? And who are you? Why am I here?"

A tiny mysterious feminine voice replied. It was very hard to hear what it was saying. Archie had to go closer and listen very carefully. The voice was very small and noiseless, but very clear.

"We cannot tell you where you are until you fully understand. But you are here to save us. We are spirits of Ceilotopia. We need you to rescue us."

What was this? He didn't get what was happening. Or is it better to say he didn't believe what was happening? He went to sleep in his room last night and now he was somewhere he didn't even know. Was he dreaming? He pinched his left cheek but just a sore twinge followed.

"I don't get it. Why me?"

Another voice responded.

"Frederick Smith is our king; He died, trying to save the people of Ceilotopia. And for thousands of years, we were locked in the dungeon of Dekepidea, our enemy. We were searching for the right person for centuries who will save us. King Smith is your ancestor. You have his blood in you. You are the true Ceilotopian. And you are the one and will be the one to find the peace."

Archie was very surprised by the fact he was the chosen one. He was just an ordinary boy until yesterday. He questioned himself. What if I fail and can't save them?

Surprisingly, the same feminine voice replied to his question as she knew what he was thinking.

"We believe you can and if you fail, you will go back to the world you came from. Everything will be normal again and we will keep on searching for the saviour. But we strongly believe that we found the right person. And that's you."

Now he understood. Now he knew that he was the chosen one.

— Rina Park, 8B

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.

UTS Advisory Day

Advisory Day at the University of Technology Sydney on 6 January is your last chance to visit the UTS City Campus and speak to lecturers, staff and students before final preferences are due at midnight on 7 January.

Conservation and Land Management

Green Corps provides young people Australia-wide with the opportunity to volunteer their time and effort to conserve, preserve and restore Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage. NSW projects will commence in Dec and March 09.

CSU Connect

CSU Connect is a FREE Bridging Program for past school leavers that will fast-track your chances of undertaking a nominated undergraduate degree at Charles Sturt University, when successfully completed. Applications close 1 December/30 March.

CSI Workshops at UNSW

UNSW Global is running a series of Crime Scene Workshops in January 2009 for students aged 15 - 18 years with an interest in science, forensics or just general CSI curiosity! Bookings essential

Airservices Australia Technical Trainees

Airservices Australia employs around 3000 staff Australia-wide. Currently recruiting Yr 12 school leavers interested in undertaking paid training while completing a Diploma in Engineering at TAFE NSW, Wagga Wagga Campus.

2009 TAFE NSW Enrolments

In 2009 enrolment arrangements at your TAFE NSW Institute will change in order to provide you with a better, more personal and flexible service. Make sure you contact the Institute or Campus offering your course for details.

ANU Advisory Days

The Australian National University invites prospective students to discuss tertiary education options with ANU staff at Advisory Days in Sydney (19/12).

Careers in Health and Community Services

'HCS Careers' is a careers info and resource tool for students, parents and teachers introducing students to over 100 occupations in the rapidly growing Health and Community Services sector. Includes Career Quiz, video profiles, pathways, scholarships...

Nursing Info Evening

Prospective nursing students are invited to an Information Evening on 26 November to discover the nursing/midwifery education opportunities available at the University of Sydney. RSVP required by 21 November.

Live and Learn OS!

The Live and Learn GAP Year program offered by Student Placement Australia allows young Australians 18+ to live for free with a host family in France, Germany or Brazil in return for teaching or conversing in English. Sydney Info Session 4/2/09.

UNE Campus Tours

The University of New England offers campus tours at any time of the year to prospective students. Group tours for 2009 students will be held in Dec and Jan. Bookings required.

Late Uni Applications

Friday 12 December 2008 is the final date to submit applications to UAC for guaranteed consideration in the Main Round. If you still want to apply for a place at uni in 2009 then now is the time to do it! Late fees apply...

Love Travel?

The Travel Industry Careers Association has launched a new website to help you find a career you love in the travel industry. Explore the possibilities, watch a video, investigate career paths and training options....

Interested in Maths and Science?

From January 2009 the student contribution amount for CSP students studying maths (including stats) and science will be reduced from \$7,412 to the lowest 'national priority' rate of \$4,162 (2009 rates).

Get Ready for Uni

The Get Ready for Uni website serves as a toolkit to assist school-leavers with disabilities or chronic medical conditions thinking about the transition into university. For more visit: www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready

CATC

Students wishing to study Interior, Graphic or Digital Design can visit this private College at the Rocks on Open Day 28 November. See www.catc.nsw.edu.au or contact 9251 0029 for further information.

ACU Info Sessions

Prospective students can discuss their 2009 study options at the Australian Catholic University at Information Sessions in December. Nth Sydney (19/12) Strathfield (18/12).

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.

USYD Sport Scholarships

The University of Sydney offers Sports Scholarships to elite athletes worth \$1000-\$4000pa. Applications close 28 November. A Talented Athlete Seminar will be held on sporting opportunities, support services and scholarships. RSVP required.

Business and Childcare

Bedford College offers courses in Business and Childcare and has recently received approval to provide FEE HELP loans to students studying at Diploma level. No UAI required for entry. Open Days: 28/29 November. Scholarship Exams are being held on Friday 28 November at 10.30am. Students must complete an application form available from Ms. McAloon or www.bedford.edu.au (select the careers advisor menu).

Enrolled Nursing at UNE

The University of New England now offers an Advanced Diploma of Nursing (CSP) preparing graduates for careers as an Enrolled Nurse. Direct Application required by 30 Nov.

Lift your UAI and Study Engineering@UTS!

Through bonus points and the submission of an online questionnaire, you can lift your UAI for entry into an Engineering course at the University of Technology Sydney. Questionnaires must be submitted by 30 Nov.