

Rosebank College

GAZETTE



*Celebrating
140 years*

RULE OF BENEDICT

Just as there is a wicked zeal of bitterness which separates from God and leads to hell, so there is a good zeal which separates from evil and leads to God and everlasting life. (72.1-3)

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

Last Saturday I had the privilege of watching all the basketball and netball games played by our students. In 2008 we have fielded 10 teams in the Santa Sabina competition and have at least 5 teams in the grand finals this weekend. We wish them success.

I want to congratulate all our players who have demonstrated high levels of commitment, stamina and enthusiasm. It was a delight to share the experience with them.

These outcomes are only part of the good news story that emerges from the cocurricular program at Rosebank. The initiative commenced in 2007 and was created to provide a wide range of mandatory and optional activities that ranged across representative and recreational domains and included both physical and cultural activities. The program has grown in popularity and success and in 2009 it will be better and bigger still.

The past year has seen students continue to compete locally, at state and at national levels. Thursday afternoons are a hive of activity both here at the College and at various centres around Sydney. Students participated in the CBSA competition for boys and MCCA and CGSSA for girls. We have seen wonderful stage performances and excellent sportsmanship. The physical activity level of the community has greatly increased as well as the level of skill and enthusiastic participation.

As we approach 2009, the college is planning 79 non mandatory Thursday activities, 28 girl and 12 boy representative activities, 4 after school

activities and 3 weekend activities. The range of options could not occur but for the commitment and enthusiasm of the co-ordinator, Mr McDonald and his assistant, Mr Gould as well as an army of staff (teachers, coaches and ex-students) who work together to offer a safe and productive experience. To this army of workers we say thank you.

This week we congratulate and farewell our Year Ten students who have completed their stage five (years 9 and 10) education. Under the skilful leadership of Mrs Khoury, they have shown excellent leadership potential in both the service and sporting arenas. They have now finalised their electives for 2009 and are being fitted with their new uniforms as they prepare for their senior studies.

Finally we are making preparations for the Presentation evening to be held on Wednesday 3 December at 7.30pm. This is the night we celebrate participation and excellence in the academic and pastoral dimensions of the College. You are most welcome to join with us as we reflect on the great past and set our sights on the future with hope and confidence. We are delighted to welcome Sr. Margaret Keane as our guest speaker. We give thanks for the great spirit of cooperation and purpose shared at Rosebank and hope that these last weeks are full of celebration and a fitting reward for effort.

**Tom Galea,
Principal**

Around the College...

Grand Finals this Weekend



Year 10 Transition Program



Year 8 Newspaper Launch

2007 Presentation Night



From the Assistant Principal

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis).

Please be on the look out for symptoms of whooping cough:

- a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
- a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
- a cough with a 'whoop' (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Pertussis can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor. Because protection wanes with time, free vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program from 2009.

Information on whooping cough is available at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html>

Annual Presentation Night

Rosebank's annual Presentation Night will be held on Wednesday December 3 from 7.30pm. All students and their families are encouraged to be part of this significant celebration of the school year. Award recipients received 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

Congratulations

The following students' artwork has been incorporated into a Christmas banner to be displayed in main streets in Canada Bay this Christmas: Year 8 Gabriella Malki; Year 7 Joanne Aunalla, Jessica Haddad and Leila Moussa.

Dates for the Diary

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

Up-dates from the Coordinator of Mission

The spiritual life of Rosebank College continues to be truly alive and active as we prepare to enter the Season of Advent, leading up to Christmas.

Advent Liturgy And Year 10 Transition Ceremony

This week we participated in the final whole-community liturgical celebration for this year. The Advent Mass was an opportunity to show our solidarity with the less fortunate in our society. This was done via our various offerings to charity groups. In this way, the Rosebank community has given tangible expression to the Benedictine values of compassion and love of Christ.

The liturgical colour used during Advent is purple—the same colour used during Lent. However, unlike Lent (which is a time of penance and abstinence), Advent is a time of joyful anticipation. We eagerly await the birth of Christ with a great sense of hope in our hearts because His birth reminds us just how important we are in the eyes of God. We are so important, that God sent us His only Son so that, through Him, we may have life and have it in abundance.

The liturgical celebration was also an opportunity for us to acknowledge the milestone reached by the Year 10 students as they transition from junior school and on to further study or the workforce. We prayed that they be proud of their achievements and look confidently toward the future. May our Rosebank College community prayer this week be that our loving God bless us as we prepare to receive Christ anew into our hearts at Christmas. We also ask that God guide the Year 10 students as they transition to the next phase of their lives. Amen.

Angelo Gattone

Something to Consider

Seven hundred billion.

Can you imagine that money and only because people are not able to run their corporations in the right way.
How come it is always the money of the poor that is lost?
How come the money of the rich is always saved?
I'm not blaming or accusing, just putting facts on the table.
When it comes to alleviating poverty, there are no resources.
But when it comes to saving the rich,
there are always resources.

— Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiga of Honduras, *The Table* Oct 08

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. Please phone Ms McAloon on 97133105 if you could provide a lead in this regard.

Co-Curricular News

It was a big day last Saturday for our Santa Sabina Invitational teams as they entered the finals of their respective basketball and volleyball competitions. Under the watchful eye of many supporters all our teams performed magnificently as they fought for the right to participate in this week's final. After some gruelling encounters our volleyball sides placed in the top 5 in their competitions. Well done girls on a fantastic season. Also a big thanks to all the volleyball coaches throughout the season. A special mention to our Year 9 volleyball sides who were made up of relative newcomers to the sport. Their enthusiasm was a highlight of the season!

In basketball five of our sides qualified for this week's finals! Our Year 7/8 team will be striving for their second championship of the season, whilst both our Year 9 teams will be fighting it out in different divisions. In the Year 10 division both Rosebank teams made it through to the final to play against each other. This will obviously be a close match with a guaranteed victory for Rosebank!

I would also like to make special mention of our Senior 2 basketball team who have had a great season this year. This team struggled for numbers throughout the season, however always turned up and gave their best. Their attitude and commitment have been commendable. They deserve a place in this week's grand final, however through no fault of their own will not be able to take their place. Well done on a great season. Also our Year 9-1 team which was made up of some inexperienced girls. Their fighting spirit each week has seen them improve little by little, and this week they get the chance to fight out, well done! To all our teams good luck for the weekend – I look forward to delivering some positive results next week. Please check published times for grand finals – it would be great to see supporters cheering our girls. Go Rosebank!

Aaron McDonald, Cocurricular Coordinator

8B Unlock The Mystery

The Third Floor Bedroom

It all began when someone left the window open. Everything changed, like something just decided that this place was too dull, too boring.

The birds on my wall paper started to come alive. One by one they flew out of my window, leaving my wall bare. It was almost like they were waiting for someone to open it so they could escape from the walls of my room.

I don't know how they came to be alive, or how they came to be, on what used to be on my wall. Were they once real and just got trapped? And why did it only happen to this room, the third floor bedroom?

I checked all the other rooms, the white doves were still there, marked clearly on the wall. I wondered was I the reason the birds came to life and flew off my bedroom walls?

I opened the window of another bedroom, but the birds did not move. "It's open, you're free now!" I yelled, but they didn't move. I left the room and closed the door. I counted to ten and opened it again; the birds were still silently painted on the wall.

I closed the window

Now I know. The third floor bedroom was the reason why the birds flew away. I had never opened that window before either. I didn't open it today or yesterday. Someone else opened my window and because of that person my walls are now bare.

So I went to the third floor bed room, my bedroom, and closed that window I shut it tight so that nothing else could escape. I looked around at my bare walls and wondered if it will ever be the same again.

— Bianca Sanvido, 8B



GRAND FINALS TIMETABLE

7.45am: Year 7/8 team. This team consists of girls who also won the MCCS Competition this year. They are also playing in the highest division possible and against Year 8 & 9 girls!

8.55am: Both Year 9 teams playing in different grand finals. Two games in this timeslot so the girls need all your support!

11.15am: Both Year 10 teams playing against each other, this is a guaranteed win for Rosebank!

All games are held at Santa Sabina Strathfield.

Year 10 Transition Program

As part of the Year 10 Transition Program, Glen Gerrey founder of the Oxygen Factory came to Rosebank to share with Year 10 his extraordinary experiences and life story. Once a champion athlete, Glen was struck with a debilitating illness that ended his athletics dream. He shifted his focus to community development,

with his efforts recognised nationally as Young Australian of the Year in Queensland, and other awards. Having founded the Oxygen Factory, Glen now addresses over 100,000 people annually across Australia, and internationally. After learning to lift himself out of difficult situations and excel, Glen is now inspiring a generation to do the same.



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.

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 from 2–7pm) Strathfield (18/12 from 2–7pm)

Nursing/Midwifery Careers

The Royal College of Nursing Australia has developed a website providing info on commencing a career in Nursing or Midwifery, course entry requirements and the wide range of roles and opportunities available to both men and women in these fields.

Business Admin with Flair!

The June Dally-Watkins Business Finishing College now offers accredited courses in Business Administration incorporating a unique module on Personal Grooming and Presentation and Business Etiquette and Public Speaking. Open Days: 10/12+ 14/1

Manage Your Money!

FIDO is the consumer website of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission with lots of helpful info, tips and advice for young people on managing money including budgeting, handling debts, super, investing, financial decisions, scams and rip offs...

Business Studies Information Evening

Bankstown TAFE are inviting potential business students on 9 December from 6–7pm in room J336 to hear about study options, course content and expected career opportunities. Phone 97805667 or email Frances.Simon@det.nsw.edu.au for more information.

Campus Tours at ACPE

The Australian College of Physical Education, located at Sydney Olympic Park, will be running tours on 2, 4, 8, 10, 16 and 17 Dec. Visit www.acpe.edu.au or phone 97393333 to book.

ABC Technical Services Apprenticeship

The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Canberra) is looking for a bright and enthusiastic person who is interested in working towards a career as a Broadcast Technologist. 4 yr apprenticeship required. Applications close 14 Dec.

Summer Workshops in Design

The Whitehouse Institute of Design will be running 5 day introductory and advanced short courses in fashion and drawing, interior decoration and drawing and styling and design in Sydney from 12-23 Jan.

Hospitality Courses for School Leavers

Develop skills to get a job in hospitality! Ideal for students leaving high school and looking for full-time work in the hospitality industry or part-time work while studying next year. 2 week courses commencing 8 Dec and 19 Jan.

Media Bootcamp at Ultimo

Want to be ahead of the pack when applying for a job at a media agency? Now is your chance. Get practical training quickly for a fun, high-paying career! 3 Dec–23 Jan at Ultimo College TAFE NSW. Enrolling 28 Nov.

UMAT Prep Course

UMAT is part of the selection procedure for many health science courses and will be held 29 July 2009. MedEntry offers intensive, focussed two day UMAT preparation workshops Australia-wide. Online UMAT courses also available.

2009 Workshops now enrolling.....

HSC Units at Sydney

The University of Sydney offers a HSC Board-endorsed course, Mind and Morality, that can be counted towards your HSC assessment AND provide you with credit towards degree studies at Sydney. Applications close 12 Dec.

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 Jan.

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 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.

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.

Have Your Say!

Are you looking to get involved in decision-making that affects young people? The NSW Commission for Children and Young People is offering 12 young people the opportunity to be on its Young People's Reference Group. Applications close 1 Dec.

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 Dec/30 March.

HSC Design Workshops

Whitehouse Institute of Design will run one day workshops for students in years 11 and 12 studying or intending to study Design and Textiles for the HSC. 1-5 December.

Hawker Scholarship

The Hawker Scholarship (approx \$60 000) is available to any Australian student undertaking a 3 or 4 yr course of approved study at nominated Australian universities or Cambridge University in the UK. Applications open 1 Dec and close 9 Jan.

Film/TV Info Session

Metro Screen offers training in film, video, TV and digital storytelling. Find out all you need to know about the Certificate IV In Screen and Media at an Information Session on 3 December. RSVP required.

JMC Academy has campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane, offering Diplomas, Adv Diplomas and degrees in the Entertainment industry. Ten scholarships are available for the first year of study in one of five bachelor's degrees. Applications close 5 Dec.