



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear Parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

On Wednesday night the Parents and Friends association held its Annual General Meeting. I want to again highlight and express my appreciation for the work of the executive for the past 12 months. In spite of their small number they have achieved much.

The P&F at Rosebank has five distinct roles: to develop quality social connections between parents particularly those in the same year group and Home Room; to provide practical support and service for College functions (e.g. open day, musical etc); to encourage innovation and provide funds to staff and students who want to follow a particular program or process not normally in the college budget (e.g. the festival of the creative spirit); to provide valuable and anonymous support for families experiencing difficulties through the home school liaison person; to develop a package of parent education programmes that will assist them to be effective and successful parents in the modern world.

This is a huge agenda. The structure is set. It was such a delight to see the many parents who responded positively to the survey and offer their support to one or more of these functions or projects in 2009 (almost half the parents indicated a Yes). Congratulations. You will be contacted as the time for each activity comes close. It was also a delight to welcome so many new parents onto the Executive to assist with the management of this ambitious program. These are: Anne King, Stella Solomon, Dan Dona, Doriana Schimschal, Grace De Lutiis, Tammy Alexandross and Samia Slosu.

There is no doubt that parent involvement in the school and close contact with staff will have a positive outcome for students' educational outcomes.



I wish the P&F all the best for 2009.

On Friday last week I was informed that our submission for funding for a Trade Training Centre was approved by the Federal Government. This injection of valuable funds (\$395,000) will allow the construction of the commercial kitchen which is part of stage one of our construction program due to commence in November. This will allow our accelerated apprenticeship program to commence.

This program will allow selected students to complete all studies associated with an apprenticeship in commercial cooking while completing their HSC and thus gaining full dual accreditation. By forming strategic partnership with an RTO and GTO this program can be achieved with minimal cost to parents and students and guarantee a successful apprenticeship while enjoying the pastoral care of the College.

The College has currently two apprenticeship students and two trainees completing dual accreditation.

This extension of our school based VET program is truly exciting and is another illustration of the commitment of the College Board and staff to providing a contemporary, innovative program of study and enhanced opportunities for its students. It also indicates the commitment of staff to actively pursue alternative funding arrangement to reduce the pressure on parents (and fees) but still provide an enriched and comprehensive program of study.

May the Lord continue to bless this wonderful community.

Tom Galea

Dates for the Diary

18 March
Yr 7 & 11 Interim Report Interviews

24 March
Yr 8, 9 & 10 Interim Report Interviews

30 March
Yr 12 Mid Course Exams begin

6-8 April
Yr 11 SLR Camp

9 April
Holy Thursday Liturgy.
Term I concludes.

27 April
Anzac Day

28 April
All students return in full winter
uniform.

Scholarships 2010

For Year 7 2010 scholarships, please register by following the procedure outlined in our website:

www.rosebank.nsw.edu.au/enrolments/scholarship registration.

Registrations close on Thursday 9 April 2009. Registrations received after this date will incur a late fee.

Alternatively, if you would like more information please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Melinda Henderson on: 02 97133118 or mhenderson@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

E-Newsletter

If you would like to receive a copy of the newsletter electronically, please send a request to obtain your Gazette by email to:

newsletter@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

From the Assistant Principal

Staff Farewell

Ms Joh Wilkins-Bennett has been a member of the teaching staff of Rosebank since 2006. In that time she has undertaken a variety of roles, from TAS teaching to more recently taking on the role of Teacher/Librarian. This week we bid farewell to Ms Wilkins-Bennett and thank her for her many creative contributions to the community as she and her family take on the challenges of living, working and learning in France for the next few months.

Sports Shoes

Please take a moment to carefully review the information in this newsletter regarding sports shoes. This matter has caused some confusion in the past, and it is hoped that the accompanying information will clarify matters. Please note that from 2010 canvas sports shoes (including Volleys) will not be acceptable for PE or co-curricular activities. Therefore you are asked to be mindful of this if you are replacing your son or daughter's sports shoes during the year.

Miriam Berlage

From the Coordinator of Mission

As members of the Rosebank College community, we are called to... listen compassionately and respond wisely to others.

Benedictine Lecture Series

This final of the three Benedictine lectures for 2009 was delivered by Mr Robert Haddad who spoke about the Christian perspective on peace. He reminded us that Jesus wanted peace to be a fundamental fruit of the Gospel. As followers of Christ, we are called to aim for peace among the nations, which essentially is a peace that is the result of justice. To emphasise this point, Mr Haddad quoted Pope John Paul II who stated "there can be peace only when there is justice." In his Message for World Peace Day (Jan. 1, 1986), Pope John Paul II insisted, "Peace is a value of such importance that it must be frequently proclaimed and promoted by all. There is no human being who does not benefit from peace. There is no human heart that is not relieved when peace reigns ... It is a value that responds to the hopes and aspirations of all peoples and all nations, of young and old, and of all men and women of goodwill." Beyond that, Christians seek supernatural peace; that is, the hope that one day truth, justice and love will reign over all the earth.

Mr Haddad said that the Rule of St Benedict seeks to govern the lives of monks/nuns who live in common. Hence, it is concerned with establishing peace within a family structure. To attain this peace the monk is called upon to practise the following (ch. 4): The law of charity; The Ten Commandments; The Perfect Law; Self-denial; Chastity, humility, sobriety, diligence, custody of the heart; The corporal works of mercy; Purification of the heart of anger, revenge, jealousy and envy; To speak the truth; To love one's enemies & pray for them; To avoid murmuring and detraction; To bear persecution; To put one's trust in God and to prefer the will of God and that of the Abbot/Abbess. Contrary to the world, St Benedict's Rule sees peace in obedience rather than lordship, in silence rather than in words, in humility rather than in pride. An ancient rule but timeless advice.

In his response, Dr Malcolm Gill asserted that the prerequisite to peace is to be in relationship with God. Unlike the other Semitic religions, Christianity is based on the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ; that is, peace is the product of a person who has received forgiveness from God. Peace therefore, does not come from the good efforts of humanity but comes from the redemptive work of the Trinity.

The feedback from many of those who attended the three lectures was very positive saying that they have gained much from the input offered so generously by the three speakers and the three responders.

Angelo Gattone

Co-Curricular News

CBSA Cricket side records first victory!

Congratulations to our Year seven boys and coach Mitchell for their first win in the CBSA competition. The boys are playing in an U/14s competition – against boys with much more experience and size – yet last week came up trumps in a fantastic display. Congratulations again boys and keep up the good work.

Netball registrations for the IWSNA competition are now complete. Due to a lack of numbers our U/15s and Cadet sides will be joining forces.

Trials for Term 2 representative sports will be taking place next week – students are reminded that they need to attend trials and training if they wish to take place in representative teams.

Good luck to our Touch Football and Swimming squads for next weeks CGSSSA Gala days.

Aaron McDonald, Co-curricular Coordinator

Curriculum News

Poet Steven Herrick visits Rosebank College

On Tuesday of this week, poet Steven Herrick visited Rosebank College to discuss his verse novel, *The Simple Gift*, with Year 12 students. This novel is the prescribed text for the HSC Area of Study – Belonging.

The overall feedback from students was very positive. Mr Herrick was not only extremely entertaining but he also shared valuable insights about the process of his writing, his influences, key ideas in the text and how the text was received overseas. He was very generous with his time and his discussion will undoubtedly assist students in their preparation for the HSC.

Here is a selection of year 12 comments:

“Herrick’s presentation added a personal touch to the study of his verse novel as well as an individual insight into the creative writing process” Oksana Lutak.

“Mr Herrick reinforced the principal themes of his verse novel and allowed us to have an insight into the characters” Shannon McDermott.

“The Steven Herrick incursion was extremely enjoyable and helped me to gain a greater appreciation of the novel” Chloe-Lee Longhetti.

Year 7 Languages

Year 7 students of Italian experienced a true carnivale celebration moment this week when they got to exhibit their handmade carnivale masks, inspired by the famous Venetian Carnivale masks.



Student Forum

Student Forum has the responsibility to speak on behalf of the whole student body, work on projects that will make a positive difference to student life at the College and will participate in other forums across various schools and organisations.

At Wednesday’s College Assembly, Student Forum members explained the organisations framework of student Leadership in the College, its philosophical underpinnings and invited contact via: studentforum@rosebank.nsw.edu.au The College community also heard from the new Year 7 Forum Representatives Tayla Ingram, Brendan Connaughton in engaging and informative speeches about Year 7 settling in to their new community. Both students produced high quality presentations.

We congratulate the following students on their selection as Forum Representatives:

College

Captains: Michael Abdallah,
Hanna Forwood.

Year 11: Stephanie Di Val,
Emily Tresidder.

Year 10: Rebecca Katrib,
Vanessa Bregolin

Year 9: Meredith Apps,
Erin Trives

Year 8: Jade Hannaford,
Isabella Robinson

Year 7: Tayla Ingram,
Brendan Connaughton



Weekly Careers News

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

Nationwide News Work Experience
Nationwide News is the Sydney Division of News Ltd and is offering an industry based work experience program in Journalism, Art and Photography for students in Yrs 11/12. Applications close 1 April. See Ms McAloon if interested.

Hairdressing Pre Apprenticeship
Alliance People Solutions run pre trade courses throughout NSW/ACT to help you get an apprenticeship. Places are still available in 'Hairdressing' to commence 20 April at Petersham TAFE (SYD). Compulsory Info Sessions: 1 or 8 April. Bookings required.

Medical Careers Expo
The AMA (NSW) will hold the NSW Health Medical Careers Exhibition in Sydney on 4 April for Yr 12 students considering a career in Medicine as well as medical students and junior doctors. Registrations required.

Army Career Day
Yr 10/12 students interested in an Army career can attend a Careers Session at Holsworthy Barracks (SYD) on 19 May. Displays, activities, career info. Register ASAP.

Medicine at Griffith
Griffith University offers high achieving Yr 12 students an intensive two year degree that allows guaranteed entry into their graduate Medicine program. Applications for interview close 31 July. Info Evenings: Nathan (13/5) Gold Coast (20/5).
UNSW Yr 10 Subject Selection Night
The University of NSW will hold a Year 10 Subject Selection Evening for prospective students and parents on 18 May. Limited numbers. Registrations: 27 April.

UMAT Prep Course
The National Institute of Education offers 1 day UMAT Preparation Workshops throughout Australia in June/July. Distance Learning Package. Discounts + limited scholarships for eligible students. Sydney Workshop: 28 June.

ACU Sydney Key Events
ACU Sydney University Experience Program: Business Conference (15/7) Student Nurse for a Day (16/7) Exercise Science Student for a Day (14/7) HSC Enrichment Days (20-22/7) Photography Comp (12/8).

Limited numbers. Register ASAP.

Global Volunteering!
Latitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap) offers international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25 year olds. Info Session Sydney (16/3) Applications close 20/5.

Hospitality Scholarships
The Radisson Plaza Hotel Sydney is offering a great educational opportunity to Yr 12 Hospitality students under The High Flyers Program. Win a scholarship to Kenvale College or a Kitchen Apprenticeship with the Radisson! Applications close 16 March.

Commerce Degree at Raffles
Thinking about a career in design management, finance, hospitality, management, marketing or tourism? Raffles College of Design and Commerce now offers a B Commerce degree. FEE HELP available. Info Session: 17 March.

Tourism/Hospitality Scholarships
International students may apply for a number of Tourism and Hospitality scholarships offered by Northern Sydney Institute – TAFE NSW, Blue Mountains Hotel School and Australian International Hotel School (ACT). Applications close 20 March.

Build Business Skills!
The Business Skills Program is a structured educational program that gives young people Australia-wide the chance to build their skills, knowledge and experience by putting their ideas into action to establish, plan and operate a self directed business.

Notre Dame Key Dates
The University of Notre Dame Australia organises a number of events each year to enable prospective students and their families to visit the campus and receive information on their areas of interest. Medicine Info Evening: 22 March. RSVP required.

Volunteer Host Families Needed
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled

to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. Southern Cross organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems. It's a great opportunity for Australian students to learn that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them – different languages, foods, sports, customs, and perhaps an overseas visit to look forward to later on. To enquire, call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange toll free on 1800 500 501, visit www.scce.com.au or email scceast@scce.com.au

Student Exchange Australia
Students between 15-18 years of age may apply for 23 scholarships available to live and study overseas for a semester or year. Language and International Affairs Scholarships close Thursday 30 April and Creative Arts Scholarships close on Friday 27 March. Students' language skills improve, their independence and maturity is enhanced and they gain an important edge when it comes to future career and study opportunities. Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for a scholarship information pack.

For more information on any of the above notices, please see the Careers Advisor, Ms McAloon, 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.

Rosebank College Uniform Expectations for PDHPE & Co-curricular Footwear

Under Occupational Health and Safety Requirements, students may not participate in practical activities at school if not wearing substantial footwear which is deemed safe and appropriate.

Unsafe shoes include those with openings; platform or high heels; shoes made from unprotective, open-weave materials such as canvas and cottons or similar; and other materials that do not provide adequate support and protection.

Rosebank College has specific expectations ensuring safety and comfort for students while participating in practical PDHPE lessons, carnivals or Co-curricular activities.

Shoes should support the whole foot for practical activities, **be laced** so that they will not fall off when running and have a sole which will prevent slipping.

The Rosebank College uniform guidelines for sports shoes has the following restrictions:

NO to colour, must be predominantly white
NO to open shoes
NO to 'Raben' or Converse style casual shoes

Parents are discouraged from purchasing Dunlop Volleys for sports activities. **Please note that from 2010 Volleys and all other canvas shoes will not be permitted to be worn for PE or Co-Curricular activities.**

Wearing the correct sports shoes will enhance physical activity and provide sound protection for the feet and body. See <http://www.podiatrysa.net.au/recschool.html>

The College is proud of its uniform, and has high expectations of its students wearing the uniform in its entirety and with pride.

Parents and students are thanked for upholding these footwear expectations.

Students will not be allowed to participate in Co-curricular or PDHPE activities if not wearing acceptable footwear. Repeated failure to participate will lead to after school detentions and/ or an inability to meet PDHPE course requirements.

UNACCEPTABLE STYLES



Raben Canvas 611



Raben Canvas 613

ACCEPTABLE STYLES

