



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,
I am glad to announce that as of this week the first small stage of our redevelopment will be completed. The relocation of the car park will ensure a safer school by keeping vehicular traffic away from students as well as providing valuable increased play space incorporating both active and passive areas. This new area will be particularly important as we begin the detailed planning for the next stage of development hopefully to start in November.

One can be forgiven for thinking that our world is falling apart with constant news of financial crises, violence in public places and disgraced community leaders being charged and found guilty of criminal behaviour. Sometimes this community turmoil is enhanced by stress and strain at work where companies are tightening up on expectations and increasing pressure on employees. While teenagers often appear not to be engaging in the affairs of their community, they are nevertheless also affected by the seemingly growing air of discontent and restlessness. We feel that many dimensions of our society are changing and we are not sure of where it may all end.

While many will point to various causes for the changes we see occurring, I suggest two deserve our immediate attention: firstly the importance of relationships and secondly the issue of right living. We are all aware of the importance of our relationships (particularly when they go wrong). In all relationships we are called to be honest, open, reliable, thoughtful, patient and trusting.

There are many forces that try to corrupt us, that divert our attention from that which is core to our being. Relationships need time. They need undivided attention. They need a true presence to each other. They need distractions to be managed. And the most distracting currently (besides our work) is our communication devices like iPods, computers, mobile



phones and the associated activities they engage us in. We must tame and control these instruments so that we control our time and our focus.

The spate of 'good people' being 'found out' recently reminds us of our humanity. I am reminded of the words of Jesus: "Let them who have not sinned cast the first stone".

The pursuit of right living is a call for all of us to pursue a life of honour, trustworthiness, integrity, truthfulness and transparency.

This is not a call just to build a better society but to ensure that we reach our potential and our destiny.

Our communion with each other is not built on a false sense of greatness and invincibility but on humility and a deep awareness of our own limitations. However as Christians we go much further. Our humility is not a sign of weakness but strength. This strength comes from our deep belief that we are known and loved by God in a personal way. It is like a

parents love – unconditional – unearned – inherently forgiving – continually asks more of us.

How do we know this? It's easy. Our ancestors long ago realised that we are made in the "likeness of God" and what do we see – billions of parents who go about their daily lives throughout the world loving their families, obeying the laws of the land, working to provide for their children, committed to education and to right living.

Let us not lose sight of the goodness of humanity and the inherent hope that resides in all of us.

We do call for justice in our financial systems and expect our world leaders to ensure this. We do recognise human greed and must legislate or regulate to control this. We recognise that just as we share the air we breathe we also must share the planet and its resources equitably. These drivers will change the way "we do business here". Let us participate in this transformation enthusiastically, intelligently and wisely.

Tom Galea

Dates for the Diary

30 March
Yr 12 Mid Course Exams begin

6–8 April
Yr 11 SLR Camp

9 April
Holy Thursday Liturgy.
Term 1 concludes.

27 April
Anzac Day

28 April
All students return in full winter
uniform.

1 May
CSDA Debating Competition begin

3 May
Open Day

6 May
Mothers' Day Mass 7.30pm

8 May
Yr 12 Careers Excursion
CSDA competition Round 2

12–14 May
NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9

12 May
Yr 12 Parent–Teacher Interviews

15 May
CSDA competition Round 3

21–23 May
College Musical 'The Wiz'

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

Co-Curricular Activities

Our students are fortunate to have such a range of activities in which to participate each week during co-curricular time. It is great to see so many new talents and interests being discovered and developed each term from gymnastics to newspaper and yoga to boxercise.

In order to ensure that this program runs smoothly and students are well prepared for their activities, you are asked to note the following weekly expectations regarding uniform, attendance and participation:

- Students are expected to travel to and from school either in their full and correct school or sports uniform, including appropriate and acceptable sports shoes as recently notified. If their full and correct sports uniform is unavailable, they are to wear their school uniform and may change into suitable clothing for their co-curricular activity. Notes from parents are not acceptable for travelling to and from school out of uniform.
- Students are expected to attend co-curricular & not use this time for making appointments or other arrangements
- Students are expected to remain home if unwell, or bring a letter from parents/medical certificate to indicate any reason for their inability to participate in Co-Curricular.
- Students are expected to be on time to their designated co-curricular activity.
- Students are required to participate actively and appropriately in their activity.

Please be aware that consequences apply to students who are in breach of these expectations. These may include exclusion from co-curricular activities and/or an after school detention.

Your support of these expectations is greatly appreciated.

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.

Project Compassion

Lent is now into its fourth week and with just two weeks remaining of this term, there is a sense of urgency now about reaching the target of raising \$5,000 for our 2009 Project Compassion outreach to the community. At the time of writing this report, the Rosebank community has raised just over \$2,000—not yet half way to the target. The Fundraising Student Leaders and the House Captains are doing their best in encouraging students to use Project Compassion as a way of self-denial for the good of others. If every student contributed \$2:50 per week throughout the remaining weeks of Lent, the Rosebank community would reach its target to raise the \$5,000. Let us meet this challenge with the true spirit of giving.

Holy Week

Sunday 5 April, Palm Sunday, will mark the start of Holy Week. This time of the year is the most significant time in the Christian calendar. To mark this significance, the Rosebank community will participate in a liturgy on Thursday 9 April, commencing at 10:30am. The liturgy will focus attention on the events of the last days of Jesus' earthly life; that is, the days that were to bring about humanity's salvation. Parents are welcome to attend this liturgy.

Angelo Gattone

Co-Curricular News

Stephanie to Compete at NSWCCC Championships

Congratulations to Stephanie DiVal of Year 11 who earlier this week trialled and was selected to represent NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Hockey team. This is a fantastic achievement. Steph will play in a tri-series tournament on the 12th July as she attempts to make it through to the Australian team. Well Done Stephanie!

IWSNA Netball

Saturday netball begins this week with Rosebank being represented by five teams. Times for games and training are listed below. Good luck to all teams and coaches.

MCCS News

Our Waterpolo team is this week competing in the plate final of the Championship. If successful it will be the third year in a row the girls have won this division. Good luck to all the girls and their coach Mr. Taylor. In volleyball our girls have entered the last week of competition – next week sees the final series take place. Good luck to our senior touch team who are also competing in the semi-finals this week!

Football (Soccer) Trials

These will take place next week during cocurricular. Only student who have signed up will be able to attend. These will be for CBSA (boys) term 2 competition and CGSSSA (girls) term 2 gala day competition.

Aaron McDonald, Co-curricular Coordinator

Team	Training	Game	Versus
13/2 Ravens-IWSNA	Mon 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 9am	St Scholasticas
14/1 Rollers-IWSNA	Mon 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 10.30am	Tigers
CDT 3 Rockets- IWSNA	Wed 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 1.50pm	Greenlees
CDT 1 Raiders – IWSNA	Wed 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 12.30pm	Lakers
C3 Rangers-IWSNA	Wed 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 3.10pm	St Scholasticas
MCCS Netball	Trials: Thursday Co-Curricular		
CBSA Soccer	Trials: Thursday Co-Curricular		
CGSSSA Soccer	Trials: Thursday Co-Curricular		

Music Incursion

On Thursday morning the Musica Viva jazz group 'The World According To James' gave a concert for Years 7, 8 and all elective Music students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. The concert featured a varied range of repertoire performed by the group on the double bass, trombone, pocket trumpet, soprano saxophone, tenor saxophone and drum kit. The members of the group brought a wealth of experience in both music education and live performance and shared this joy of music-making with each student. During the concert they were able to demystify the processes of improvisation and composition by introducing basic concepts and building blocks that can be used for success. The students were able to improvise with the band on stage with the concert culminating in a new composition with the band. The students left the concert with an understanding and appreciation of music and the confidence and passion to go on to create their own music.

Iain Hoy



Curriculum News

Year 7 Book Character Day

On Friday 3 April, all Year 7 students along with their teachers will be celebrating Character Day, a fun and educational initiative organised by the English department to encourage and inspire students to read widely.

Students need to come dressed in their favourite **book** character and during their ConnectED class will be asked to talk about the character of their choice.

All students will soon receive a letter about what is required on the day.

There will be prizes for those who are best dressed in their character so get in the spirit and start thinking about who is your all time favourite book character!



Weekly Careers News

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

Medical Careers Expo

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

Accounting Cadetships

The PwC Trainee Program allows you to complete a Commerce or Business degree (Accounting) whilst gaining experience in the commercial world. Applications Open 1 June.

Sydney Uni LIVE!

On August 29 the University of Sydney will host Sydney Uni LIVE, an Open Day for future students and their families. Find out about admission, courses and scholarships, take a campus tour, explore the facilities! Live music and BBQs...

UTS 2009 Key Dates

The University of Technology Sydney has recently released its 2010 Undergraduate Prospectus with details on courses, admission requirements, scholarships, accommodation, UAI cut-offs, university life, key diary dates....

UTS Accounting Scholarships

The University of Technology Sydney offers an accelerated B Accounting program for talented students. On time UTS BAcc Applications close 12 June. Info Evening: 1 June. RSVP required.

Accounting Cadetships

Deloitte offers cadetships to Yr 12 students interested in studying business, commerce or accounting at a city-based university in Sydney. Applications open in June.

Natural Therapies Open Day

Nature Care College offers workshops, short courses and professional qualifications in areas including Naturopathy, Nutrition, Herbal Medicine, Life Coaching, Yoga, Massage... An Open Day will be held on 9 May.

Your Future at Bond

Bond University will hold a series of seminars 'Investing in your Future' where you can find out about fast tracking your success, financing your study, FEE-HELP options and scholarships. Sydney (28/6). USYD Yr 10 Info Evenings

The University of Sydney will hold Yr 10

subject selection and university information evenings on June 1, 3, 9 and 11 to assist Yr 10 students and parents with decisions about their future. ONLINE Registrations required.

Film/TV Careers Day

Metro Screen Sydney offers courses in Film, TV and Digital Media. A Careers Day will be held on 4 April offering group and individual sessions with industry professionals. Find out about courses, freelancing, agents, directing, producing... Bookings required.

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 NSW students in Yrs 11/12. Applications close 1 April. Contact Ms McAloon.

UNSW Engineering Info Day

The Engineering Faculty at the University of NSW will hold Information Days in May and October showcasing the importance of engineering in today's society and the wide range of interesting and challenging careers available.

Pre Trade Baking Course

Woolworths are seeking baking apprentices at multiple Sydney metro locations. Gain basic skills in baking + secure an interview with a Woolies Rep by completing a FREE 2 wk training course. Info Session 1 April.

Careers & Employment Expos 2009

The National Careers and Employment Expos brings careers, employment and training opportunities to the general public. Sydney (29/30 May)

Multimedia Courses

The Design Centre Enmore is offering courses in 3D Animation, Introduction to Flash, Digital Imaging and Portfolio Development for students over 15 in the school holidays: 21 and 22 April 9.30am to 4.30pm. Students must be registered and paid (\$350) by 8 April. For inquiries and registration call Hannah Labalan on 9217 5230 or email: hannah.labalan@tafnsw.edu.au

Overseas Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange offers international educational exchange programs from 4 weeks to 10 months

to students in Yrs 9-12 + tailored school group programs. Info Sessions: 31 March at 7.30pm, Crows Nest Community Centre, 2 Ernest Place + 5, 26 May.

Interested in organising Music Events?

Gain skills in Event Management, Marketing and Promotion, Sound and Lighting! Volunteers aged 12-25 years in Sydney's Inner West required to help coordinate and run Music Nights at headspace sites in Camperdown, Marrickville and Waterloo. RSVP by 30 May.

Event Management in Sport

SportNSW is running a series of interactive workshops that allow students to examine the skills needed to run a sports event using practical examples from around the Olympic site. Dates: 18 June, 26 June, 18 August, 10 November. Registrations required.

Indigenous Film Mentorship

Metro Screen offer budding Indigenous screen-makers the chance to develop a story idea under the Lester Bostok Mentorship program. Equipment, stock, post production facilities, and a \$2,500 budget supplied! Applications close 9 April.

Design Comp

Make Your Mark sponsored by Student Exchange Australia is an online T-shirt design competition giving students (14-18yrs) the chance to win \$3,500 towards an overseas student exchange trip + win heaps more. Entries close 27 March.

LETZ LIVE Gap Year

A GAP year with Letz Live allows you to live and work as residential staff in a wide cross section of the world's boarding school establishments. Applications close 28 March.

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 an user account, click 'registered' and follow the prompts.