



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

It is such an honour to be associated with this College. I could not have been more proud of our staff, parents, students and ex-students (alumni) than last Sunday at Open Day.

Nearly all students were in attendance. They were well dressed and spoke proudly of their school. They exhibited wonderful hospitality. Visitors were very impressed with our young men and women, the cooperative spirit and gentle heart of the college community as well as a deep sense of vision, purpose and the obvious pursuit of excellence. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the P&F and to the Alumni for their enthusiastic support and hard work.

Our enrolments for 2010 are full with a significant waiting list. We are thrilled as to how supportive the community has been with the decisions we have made about education at Rosebank College including extending coeducation to Year 7.

On Wednesday night the celebrations continued with a special liturgy and tribute to mothers and significant women in our lives. We are grateful to Fr Chris from the Holy Innocents Parish in Croydon for his gentle nature and encouraging words of wisdom.

We are particularly grateful to Mrs Grace Delutiis, Vittoria Delutiis and Leonie Khoury who brought tears to our eyes as they shared with us their reflections on motherhood. I will share with you some snippets of each of their reflections:

Mrs Grace Delutiis on being a Mum:

...The moment I found out I was pregnant my life changed. The first time I was referred to as a "mum" my heart skipped a beat...Being a mother isn't about becoming a friend; it's not about listening to the stories of a good night out or letting them stay out all day and night; even though they



may love you for it. It's about standing your ground, teaching them right from wrong, saying no when they want you to say yes; it's feeling pain when you know they are in pain and laughter when you know they are happy; it's sharing with them the special moments and holding them through the bad times; it's knowing when to let go and when to hold their hand. Motherhood is about worrying about them, from the moment they start to walk to the first time they get into the driver's seat in a car; it's not being able to sleep when you know they are out late. Even though it's an emotional and physical rollercoaster; even though it controls your life and at the best of times tests your patience, my heart still skips a beat every time they look at me and call me mum.

A Mother's Prayer

Help me dear Lord, as a mother, I pray and bless these hands folded in prayer today
May they be ever strong as they guide, as they teach.
Being never too far for a child to reach
May they never, with selfishness,

try to dissuade, nor too quickly punish, nor too slowly aid
May they point out the pleasures in laughter and song and may they show, wisely, the right from wrong.
So that one day I'll know that I've helped all I can to make her a woman and make him a man.

From a daughter's perspective by Vittoria Delutiis Year 12.

People always say you are going to turn out just like your mother!
Will I be the lady who constantly nags? the one who doesn't let me go out every time I want? the one who makes me clean my room? and complaint that my phone bill is too high?...Or will I be the woman who is always there, in the good times and in the bad; the woman who even though you don't realise, is always teaching you the lessons of life...The woman who will always be honest with you. I know that for a mother, your worst fear is the realisation that your children are growing up and gaining independence but I hope that you know, you will

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Dates for the Diary

- 8 May
Yr 12 Careers Excursion
CSDA competition Round 2
- 12–14 May
NAPLAN testing for Years 7 & 9
- 15 May
CSDA competition Round 3
- 21–23 May
College Musical 'The Wiz'
- 22 May
CSDA Competition Round 4
- 26 May
Yr 12 Parent–Teacher Interviews
- 29 May
Yr 7 ConnectED excursion &
Yr 8 Technology Excursion
- 1 June
English incursion
- 2 June
Year 9 & 10 Da Vinci Decathlon
Private Music Students' Concert
- 5 June
Open Day in lieu - no classes
- 8 June
Queen's Birthday holiday
- 10 June
College Assembly
Science Competition
- 17 June
P&F Meeting
- 19 June
Senior Student Leaders Selection Day
- 20 June
Titration Competition
- 22 June
Year 7 Vaccinations
- 23 June
Year 8 Pastoral Care Day
Children's Theatre Evening
- 26 June
Athletics Carnival

Current Families Enrolling in 2010

Completed application forms and payments must be in by close of business on Friday 22 May for any siblings you wish to enrol in Year 7 2010. Otherwise they will go on a waiting list.

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always hold a special place in our hearts... As I grow older I've begun to appreciate the sacrifice, hardwork and patience of my mother. Now when people say to me "you'll be just like your mother" I hope that one day I will have her style and grace. Abraham Lincoln once said: "All that I am and all that I ever hope to be is my angel mother."

By Leonie Khoury, Year 9

One thing that unites us all in this school, in our community, in our country and throughout the world, is the love we have for our mothers. We cannot begin to appreciate the joy and the happiness that mothers bring to this world. With them all is possible and without them all is but impossible. Mothers bring life, warmth, love, kindness, joy and a smile to the world. Indeed one cannot imagine a life without them. Tonight we are gathered here to honour that very special person who plays a central role in all of our lives. That person is my mother, your mother our mothers and mothers of all mothers close and far alike. They were there at the beginning, they are there all the time to provide tenderness, shelter, reassurance and unconditional love. They were there in sickness and health, ever so alert to provide the comfort necessary to keep us sustained. ... Mothers' Day is a special day dedicated to giving back some of the numerous things our

mums give us everyday. Having a mum is truly a blessing from God, because I literally cannot imagine life without mine.

...She teaches me what's wrong and what's right. My mum and I share a special bond, a bond that simply can't be shared with anything and anyone else.

Last year, one of the most remarkable experiences of my life. I went on holidays to visit my relatives with my dad overseas for a whole three weeks. I had never been away from my mum ever since I was born and the thought of being separated by oceans from her, absolutely overwhelmed me.

I remember the excitement of wanting to see all my relatives, the delight of spending quality time with dad and discovering new and exciting places. However, when it came to the crunch time of leaving mum at the airport and the thoughts of being away from mum, emotions overtook me and tears streamed down my cheeks as I felt the pain of separation. It was truly an experience that I will never forget.

The moral of the story is we do not appreciate mothers sufficiently and take them for granted. We should cherish every minute we spend with them because mothers are simply irreplaceable.

Happy Mothers' Day to all our mums, grandmothers and all the women that matter in our lives. May god bless you.

Tom Galea

From the Assistant Principal

Debating News

Congratulations to our Year 7 and Senior I (Year 11) teams who won last week against Holy Spirit Lakemba. A special vote of thanks to Jade Hannaford of Year 8 who valiantly joined the Year 9 team at very late notice due to the illness of a team member.

This week we will be hosting teams

from Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/ Regents Park, when our junior teams will be engaging in topics related to sport. As always, our senior teams have no idea of their topics until only one hour before the debate! You are very welcome to support our teams by joining us at school at around 7.15pm this evening.

Miriam Berlage

Happy Mothers' Day from Rosebank College



Co-Curricular News

Term 2 has begun with a flurry of activity in the co-curricular area. Last Wednesday our CGSSSA Football teams competed in a gala day. Both our teams came away with a win, loss and draw for the day. Congratulations to all the girls for their efforts and enthusiasm on the day. Our CBSA Cross country team also competed last Thursday. In our first outing at this event we had several students finish in the top 10, an outstanding result. Futsal began last Friday with Rosebank entering four sides. Our U/16 side – the kittens played a dominant game to come out victors. In the U/18's two of our sides faced off against each other – with

the Rosebank Hotties defeating the Dream Team in a lopsided contest. In the other U/18 game the Rosebank One's got their campaign off to a great start with a strong victory.

Netball at IWSNA also resumed last week – with our senior side continuing to dominate the competition. Congratulations to the girls and coaches for their continued efforts.

Trials for CGSSSA Basketball took place this week – with the competition approaching. Training will commence next week for these sides.

Aaron McDonald,
Co-Curricular Coordinator

Team	Training	Game	Versus	Results Last Wk
13/2 Ravens—IWSNA	Mon 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 9.30am	Ashbury Wrens	Lost
14/1 Rollers—IWSNA	Mon 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 10.30am	Ashbury Tiggers	Lost
CDT 3 Rockets—IWSNA	Wed 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 1.50pm	Burwood Silverstars	Lost
CDT 1 Raiders—IWSNA	Wed 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 12.30pm	Haberfield Cheetahs	Lost
C3 Rangers—IWSNA	Wed 3.30–4.30pm	Sat 3.10pm	St Scholasticas Cranberries	Won 30–8
MCCS Netball		Thu 14 May	A Grade – St Leo's B Grade – St Leo's 10 – Bethlehem 9 – Bethlehem 8– Bethlehem 7– Bethlehem	No Games
CBSA Soccer	Mon 3.30– 4.30pm	Thur 14 May Juniors Seniors	Burwood Trail V Punchbowl	No Games
Futsal	Please Check noticeboard	Fri 8 May Kittens 5.30pm Dream Team 6pm Hotties 7pm Rosebank One's 6.30pm	Santa Strikers Domremy 13 Santa Outbursts Domremy 2	

Drama Commedia dell 'Arte

On Wednesday Miss Bean's composite year 9 and 10 Drama class got creative making masks for our new drama unit learning about 'Commedia dell 'Arte'. It involved 'Vaseline-d' eyebrows, glad-wrapped hair, and plastered faces but it was great fun. Breathing only through our mouths, as our noses were covered- along with our upper face- with wet and unexpectedly cold plaster-bandages; and fighting the extreme urge to itch was all worth it when we each had the end product of our own individual face mould. The Vaseline all around our hairline and eyebrows made for some pretty greasy looking hair later on in the day but it thankfully prevented any bald faces when the masks were peeled off with just a slight stinging sensation. We all look forward to acting with our own personalised masks once they're decorated; and the drama was definitely worth it.

Hayley McGuinness, Year 10



National Assessment Program

The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) is a national testing instrument that is replacing state assessments, such as Basic Skills, ELLA and SNAP. The purpose of NAPLAN is to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. In 2009, all four year groups across Australia will undertake the assessments in the same week. Parents will receive information on their child's performance through individual student reports.

The following is a summary of some important information for parents relating to NAPLAN:

- Test dates:
Language and conventions (spelling, grammar & punctuation) – 12 May
Writing – 12 May
Reading – 13 May
Numeracy – 14 May
- Students who are unavoidably absent on any of these days may sit the assessment on Friday 15 May
- The numeracy assessment will be broken into two sections – calculator and non-calculator. **All students in Years 7&9 must bring a College approved calculator on the day of the numeracy test.** Students in Year 7 who have not yet purchased a calculator may do so from their Maths teacher.
- Newly arrived students (less than a year before the test) and students with significant intellectual delay may be exempt from sitting the assessment – please contact Ms Laing at the College if you wish to apply for exemption for your daughter
- Parents may withdraw students who have a confirmed disability or difficulty in learning from the test – please contact Ms Laing at the College if you wish to do so

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Laing at the College.

Marina Laing,
Learning Support Coordinator

Weekly Careers News

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

UAC News

Year 12 students are advised to retrieve the UACnews_March2009 document located on the school network R:\Careers\Year 12 to access information such as key dates for 2010 admissions; FAQs on the UAI; medicine, vet science, dentistry, pharmacy and optometry entry requirements, Institute Open Days for 2009; as well as UMAT and STAT details. This document is also available under UAC Undergraduate/Publications at: www.uac.edu.au.

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test

UMAT will be held on 29 July Australia-wide and is a mandatory test used in the selection of students into undergraduate medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs. Registrations open early April and close 5 June. See Ms McAloon for a copy of the UMAT Quick Reference Guide.

ACU Early Entry

The ACU National Early Achievers Program is a great way for both school leavers and non-school leavers to gain a guaranteed place in the undergraduate course of their choice, as early as December 2009. Applications open early July and close 9 October...

Notre Dame Course Info Evenings

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. Course Info Evenings: 13, 28 May. RSVP required. See Ms McAloon if you are interested in experiencing "a day in the life of a nursing student" on 17 July or "a day in the life of a university student" on Friday 24 July.

Physiotherapy and Podiatric Medicine

UWS is launching two new courses this year at Campbelltown: Physiotherapy and Podiatric Medicine. Visit the Parramatta campus Open Day on Sunday, 30 August. Email forschools@uws.edu.au or ring 1800 897 722 for more info.

Careers in Medical Research

The Australian Society for Medical Research presents a free seminar for years 10-12 students on Thursday 4 June 2009 (9.30am-12pm) at the Powerhouse

Museum, Sydney. A range of speakers from Sydney's top universities will talk about their career paths into biomedical research. Seats are limited, for reservations please see Ms McAloon.

Accountancy Cadetships

Ernst and Young offers cadetships to career-minded Year 12 students interested in studying Commerce/Business (Accounting), Finance and/or Law. ONLINE Applications open 1 June.

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: Sydney 1 June.

Fire Brigade Work Experience

The NSW Fire Brigades offer a 1 week Work Experience Program for students in Yrs 10-12. Young women especially encouraged to apply. Limited places. See Ms McAloon if interested.

Army Career Day

Yr 10/12 students interested in an Army career can attend a Careers Session at Holsworthy Barracks on 19 May. Displays, activities, career info. Register ASAP. See Ms McAloon if interested.

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.

Undergraduate Pathway to Medicine and Optometry

Flinders University is now offering two new courses starting Semester 1, 2010. Applications for the Pathway to Medicine and Optometry courses open on Monday 10 August 2009 via the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC) – www.satac.edu.au.

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 June.

Computer Games/Digital Industries

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment is a leading educator for the Computer Game Development and 3D Digital industries. FEE HELP available.

Info Evenings: Sydney 21 May.

HSC and Careers Expo

The Sydney Morning Herald and Resources for Courses will hold its inaugural HSC and Careers Expo in Sydney on 15, 16 and 17 May. Over 100 exhibitors + HSC Seminars, career and study advice.

Marine Careers Forum

The Marine Careers Forum on 17 June offers students in years 11-12 the opportunity to talk to professionals from diverse fields about study options and careers with a marine focus/background. See Ms McAloon if interested.

NSW Public Sector Cadetships

The NSW Government is offering 500 cadetships each year to encourage HSC school leavers to take up careers in the public sector. First Intake: Office Admin/ Customer Service, Nursing Assistant, Farming Assistant and IT. Applications close 25 May.

Chartered Accountants Cadetship

The Institute of Chartered Accountants invite Year 12 students to their cadetship evening on Thursday 21 May from 4.30 pm at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre Darling Harbour. Yr 10 and 11 students can find out more about a career in business at the Meet the Business Leader event on 12 August from 4.30 pm at 33 Erskine Street Sydney. See Ms McAloon for a brochure.

Entertainment Industry

JMC Academy offers courses at Diploma, Assoc Degree and Bachelor Degree level in the Music and Entertainment industries. Open Day: Sydney 16 May. Registrations required.

UNSW Science Info Evening

The Faculty of Science at the University of NSW invites students in Yrs 11/12 and parents/carers to an Information Evening on 28 May to explore course options in Science and Maths, career opportunities, scholarships. Registrations required.

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.