



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank College,
I often receive messages from parents and the general public regarding the good behaviour and/or generosity of our students. Following the recent open day, among the many **congratulatory messages** the following was received:

Dear Mr Galea,

At the Rosebank College Open Day last Sunday, we were escorted on a tour of the school by two Year 7 students. These two boys were extremely helpful and answered all our questions on the curriculum, uniform and the school facilities, demonstrating a thorough knowledge of the school after only one term! They also both demonstrated a strong sense of belonging and pride in their school..... We were extremely impressed.

Our son feels reassured, after meeting these two students, about the transition from primary to high school. He is looking forward, as we are, to joining the Rosebank College Community in 2010.

There is no doubt that our finest and most valued assets are our students. We are most often proud of the way they present themselves to the public.

However, as young men and women they are also moving through some of the most challenging years in their life, working through who they are, what is right and wrong for them, the appropriate use of authority and power, their personal commitment to excellence etc.

We are witnessing in the media a **frightening youth subculture** that condones and promotes violence and inappropriate behaviour and makes an art of recording it for others to be entertained. This use of digital technology only amplifies tendencies that have characterised youth for generations.



However these recordings and writings are now all pervasive in cyberspace and can destroy self-esteem if not lives.

We applaud the police and government agencies for clamping down on those who use and abuse these technologies for hurtful purposes. Our students have been and will continually be warned of the legal, social and educational consequences if they are found to be involved in the promoting, recording and or the circulation of inappropriate material using any electronic device. In all matters such as these we will cooperate with the police fully.

I am aware that often parents say they feel powerless to monitor and censure what their children do in cyberspace. For this reason the P&F will be running an education evening on this topic later this year. It is essential that parents attend to be briefed on the nature of what is possible and the legal and social consequence for people found to be involved.

I also encourage you to attend the upcoming **musical, The Wiz** that will



be presented at the College on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May at 7.30pm.

With over 100 students performing and in the fine tradition of Rosebank musicals, the night promises to be most enjoyable and entertaining. The messages and morals in the script are important and valued.

The role of creative arts in a Benedictine school is core business. The visual, dramatic and musical talents of a human being are not just an addendum to life but are central to our being. The opportunity to perform on stage to a live audience is an extremely important part of the formation program we offer. So you are needed to support, affirm and commend these enormous efforts by exceptional people (cast, crew and teachers). You are most welcome. Tickets are on sale now at the College from Mr Ken Crossman. Please contact him on 9713 3100 or kcrossman@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

Tom Galea

Dates for the Diary

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 be placed on a waiting list.

Uniform Shop

Tuesday	8.00am–8.40am
Thursday	8.00am–8.40am 3.30pm–4.30pm

From the Assistant Principal

Debating

Well done for a very successful round last week, and congratulations in particular to the Year 7, 8 & 9 teams on their well deserved victories.

This evening we are hosting Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington. Friends and family are warmly encouraged to support our teams by joining an audience tonight. Debates will commence from around 7.30pm.

Welcome

This week we welcomed to the College staff Ms Lina Kim. Ms Kim will be teaching Year 7 & 8 Music, as well as tutoring the string groups in the Year 7 instrumental program, and providing piano accompaniment to our College choirs.

Health Matters

As we enter the cooler weather, it is timely to revisit our procedures regarding student health, and also to let you know about how we are instructing the students to protect themselves and others against flu.

Our First Aid Office is staffed by Ms Leanne Brummell, currently with the support of Ms Anne Leighton. Ms Danielle Ravenscroft will shortly also be trained in First Aid.

If a student is feeling unwell or is hurt whilst at school, they should follow the procedures outlined in their diary. Please note that the First Aid Office is now located adjacent to the General Office.

Ms Brummell assesses the student's situation, and responds with appropriate treatment. If the student is not well enough to return to class, the First Aid officer will contact the parent or guardian and ask them to collect their child. Generally, students may not remain in the First Aid office for extended periods.

- **Parents are asked not to respond to text messages or phone calls from your child during the day asking you to pick them up from school. All students know the correct protocol for seeking help if they are unwell, and they must not use their mobile phones at school during the day.**

College staff are not authorised to give any medication to students without the written permission of the parent/ guardian. If your son or daughter does require medication, including non-prescribed pain relievers such as Panadol, during the day for any reason, you are asked to provide a signed note to Ms Brummell giving the relevant details. Any such medication must be provided in its original packaging and will be stored securely in the First Aid office. Ms Brummell may contact you for further information if required.

- **Parents are asked not to send your son or daughter to school if they are unwell.**

If you need further information about First Aid or the College's medication protocols, please contact me.

Protecting Against the Flu

Students have been reminded of some simple hygiene practices to keep themselves and those around them as healthy as possible. These include practices such as:

- Turning away from others and covering your face when coughing or sneezing.
- Using tissues and disposing of them carefully.
- Washing hands thoroughly.
- Avoiding the sharing of personal items or food & drink.

Parents are asked to assist by also reinforcing such matters with your sons and daughters at home. It is a good idea for students to bring a small pack of tissues with them to school for their own use.

Miriam Berlage

P&F Raffle at the Wiz Musical

Raffle tickets will be on sale at 'The Wiz' on 22 & 23 May. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 23 May. Prizes include:

- 1st Prize: Tiger Woods framed signed glove & photo valued at \$1,000
- 2nd Prize: A weekend for 4 at the Mantra Ettalong Beachfront Resort valued at \$800
- 3rd Prize: West Tigers signed jersey valued at \$600
- 4th Prize: Waratahs signed jersey valued at \$400
- 5th Prize: Tiffany inspired jewellery valued at \$300

From the Coordinator of Mission

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

Easter Season

Let us remember that the Easter season continues until the Feast of Pentecost. May we allow the focus of our Christian faith—that is, belief in the resurrection of Jesus—to enliven our days so that we may walk in this world as Children of the Light.

May: a month dedicated to Mary, a model of 'ordinariness'

We also recall that May is a month dedicated to honouring Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the spiritual Mother of all Christians. At last week's Mothers' Day Mass celebration, Father Chris Slattery spoke about the ordinariness of Mary. Often, our depictions of Mary in pictures and statues are of a beautifully dressed, composed and well-presented woman—someone almost too good to be believable. Father Chris suggested that Mary was like every other wife and mother who works hard to care for her family in the daily routines of working, washing, cooking, educating and nurturing. Above all, however, Mary is a model for us of someone who is reflective and prayerful. Luke's Gospel portrays Mary as one who "pondered" many things, "treasuring them in her heart." In taking the time to pause and reflect, Mary shows us the way to bring God into the ordinariness of our daily lives. Therefore, using Mary as our model and guide, let us take time, each day, to stop and ponder on life and all that life brings. In our ponderings, let us invite God into every part of life so that we may experience God's merciful and healing presence.

Mothers' Day Mass

On Wednesday 6 May, the Rosebank community honoured motherhood and womanhood by celebrating Eucharist together. A special word of thanks is extended to those who assisted in making this a special and memorable occasion. In particular, Ms Coleman and the Chamber Choir are to be lauded for their ability to bring a deep sense of prayerfulness to all our liturgies through their singing. Mr and Mrs King are also to be thanked for their organisation of the P&F contributions to the running of the Mass and supper.

Student Leadership

Difficult as it may be to realise, the current team of House Captains and Service Group Leaders is fast approaching the end of its tenure. Under the newly revised Student Leadership model, the House and Service Group Leaders serve their term from July to the following June. This allows for the Members of the Student Forum to serve their term from the beginning of the school year until its end. This, in turn, creates an overlapping of the two strands of Student Leadership at Rosebank so that continuity is maintained. At our St Benedict Day celebration this year—Friday 3 July—the new team of House Captains and Service Group Leaders will be inducted.

Mission, Social Justice, Outreach and Immersion

Each year the Year 11 students are offered the opportunity to participate in one of two immersion programs organised by the Good Samaritan Mission Team. There is a City Immersion experience and an Outback Immersion experience. The City Immersion involves five representatives from Rosebank's Year 11 Year Group spending a week living-in at St Scholastica's (in Glebe). From there the students go out to the centre of Sydney each day and night to offer support to the homeless and others in need. The Outback Immersion involves travelling to the far northern New South Wales town of Goodooga to live with an Aboriginal host family for three days. It is wonderful to be able to report that there has been a strong expression of support for these immersion experiences and this reflects a genuine concern amongst our senior students for social justice issues.

Term 2 also offers our students a variety of opportunities to attend workshops and seminars which educate participants on issues such as climate change and poverty. Again, there is a strong level of support from our senior students to want to participate in these initiatives. It is encouraging to see that the social conscience of our students has been well developed. This is a tribute to you as parents and to their teachers, both of whom work together in forming well-rounded citizens and Christians.

Angelo Gattone

Math's Corner

Maths website of the week.

Practise Your Times Tables

Are you struggling with basic times tables? Need to sharpen your accuracy and speed?

Go to this free internet-based game (like space invaders) for times tables practice in a time limit.

<http://www.mathematics.com.au/play.html>

Let us know what you think; and pass on any tips about other Maths sites you like. (Years 7–12)

Geoff Dix, Maths Coordinator

Community

Uniform Blazers

Parents are reminded that uniform blazers are to be dry-cleaned only. They are not suitable for washing machines.

Snacks & Drinks at The Wiz Musical

The P&F will be selling beverages, snacks and sweets at The Wiz performances.

Catholiccare Free Parent Line

The professional line provides telephone counselling for parents, carers, grandparents, step parents of children aged 0-18 years who live in NSW. For free professional help call 1300 1300 52 or visit: www.parentline.org.au



As parents, your marriage has a powerful influence in teaching your children how to successfully manage their own relationships, most especially, their future marriage. Give them a great example of life-long, joy-filled marriage, and you'll give them a great start in life!

- The Celebrate Love Seminar -
Catholic, private, practical

| July 12 (one day abridged version) |
| Sep 12/13 (two day complete version) |

For more information and free resources visit
www.celebratelove.com.au | 9662.7272

*Be the best you can be...
for your kids!*

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 / ISAT details. This document is also available under UAC Undergraduate / Publications at www.uac.edu.au.

Notre Dame Course Info Night

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. Course Info Evening Darlinghurst Campus 28 May. RSVP required.

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). Undergraduate scholarship applications are now open for talented students and elite athletes and will close on 31 July.

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 Evening: Sydney (21/5).

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.

Entertainment Industry

JMC Academy offers courses at Diploma, Assoc Degree and Bachelor Degree level in the Music and Entertainment industries. Open Day: Sydney (16/5). Registrations required.

Creative Careers Open Day

SAE offers programs in audio engineering, digital film making, multimedia and animation from Cert to degree level. FEE

Help available, Sydney Campus Open Day 23 May.

Nursing Expos

RCNA's Nursing and Health Expos are a must for secondary school students who are considering nursing as a career to learn more about nursing as a profession. Sydney (28/6).

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. Register ASAP.

Meetings & Events Forum

The Student Insights Forum organised by Meetings and Events Australia on 20 May provides students with an opportunity to determine their career path within the meetings and events industry. Register ONLINE.

Global Volunteering!

Lattitude Global Volunteering (formerly Gap) offers international volunteering and gap year projects for 17-25 year olds. Applications close 20/5.

HSC Chemistry Enrichment

The Department of Chemistry and Biomolecular Sciences at Macquarie University invites Yr 12 students to an HSC Chemistry Enrichment program on 13 July to assist preparation for the HSC exam. Applications close 2 July.

KPMG Cadetships

KPMG offer accountancy cadetships to school leavers in their Sydney offices. Applications are now being accepted online and will close on 8 July.

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.

Accountancy Cadetships

Attend the Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening in Sydney on 21 May and meet a range of organisations, including the Big 4 Accounting firms, offering cadetships in 2009.

EnergyAustralia-Indigenous Program

If you're an Indigenous person and looking to try your hand at a trade - then

the EnergyAustralia Pre-Apprenticeship Program may be for you! Apply now...

Creative Digital Industries

Qantm College offers specialist courses in animation, games design, games programming, interactive digital media, graphic design and digital video production at Diploma/degree level. Open Day: 23 May.

National Careers/Employment Expos

2009 The National Careers and Employment Expos bring careers, employment and training opportunities to the general public. Sydney (29/30 May)

Honeywell Engineering School

HESS provides Yr 11 students with an overview of the Engineering profession and its many applications in everyday life. Includes practical engineering activities, site visits, social events, FUN! December 6-11. APPLY NOW. First in, best dressed!

ADF Gap Year

Applications are now being accepted from current Yr 12 students/recent HSC school leavers for the Australian Defence Force Gap Yr Program. No long term commitment. Various training and employment options, great lifestyle and benefits! Applications close 3/9.

State Transit Apprenticeships

Ever wondered what's involved in putting a bus on the road? State Transit is offering apprenticeships in heavy vehicle mechanics and body repair to young men and women who enjoy hands on repair work and using computer technology. Applications close 29/5.

Jansen Newman Institute

The Jansen Newman Institute of Counselling and Applied Psychotherapy offers undergraduate programs in counselling, psychotherapy, community services, human resource management and leadership. Info Evening: 20 May. 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.