



# GAZETTE

## From the Principal

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

I regularly refer to specific areas of effort carried on at Rosebank as a sign of appreciation and to outline the great work that occurs with our students. This week I want to applaud the work of the Learning Support Team who are responsible for the Gifted and Talented program, ESL, Literacy and Numeracy and Special needs.

The work of this faculty is core to the mission of the College. Its presence recognises the fact that not all students are identical or equally gifted and that gifts span a large range of possibilities. The department acknowledges that apart from the wonderful work teachers do in the class room, students at the very top of academic ability need further challenges, inspiration and encouragement outside the normal curriculum through enrichment and possible acceleration.

The faculty also recognises that some students exhibit various disabilities and specific learning difficulties and as such need additional support, challenge and encouragement. The College also recognises that in our multicultural global village many students need ESL assistance as well as literacy and numeracy assistance.

I commend the work of these dedicated staff lead by Ms Marina Laing. Their availability, compassion, persistence and affirmation of students is exemplary and much appreciated.

Recent reports regarding claims of the "greed" of private schools in chasing up outstanding fees has been quite disturbing. (*Schools Move to Bankrupt Parents, SMH May 30-31, 2009*). All parents at Rosebank who have experienced financial stress have also experienced



the enormous compassion and proactive attempts to work through confidentially the complex and difficult issues that are necessarily involved in such matters. The recourse to debt collection is always the very last resort and usually only activated when the College receives no response or parents are unwilling to cooperate with the finance staff in finding solutions.

I commend the work of our finance office who tread the fine line of ensuring the financial viability of the organisation and the specific sensitivities to individual family needs.

I also take this opportunity to thank parents for not only entrusting us with your most important gifts but also making the sacrifices necessary in meeting the obligations that go with choosing Rosebank College.

We are committed to keeping the fees at Rosebank as low as possible to ensure accessibility and minimal hardship.

I strongly encourage parents who may be experiencing difficulties to contact us as soon as possible so that we are aware of your situation and are able to discuss options with you. It is not helpful to leave this to when it becomes a crisis situation.

May God continue to bless our Rosebank families who have chosen a safe and nurturing community in which their children can grow and prosper and reach much of their potential as young men and women.

Tom Galea

## Dates for the Diary

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

## A Way to Live

*The Rule of St Benedict offers an ancient wisdom which is ever new, which can guide and inspire all, whatever their lifestyle, to genuine Christian living.*

The Benedictine Union  
of Australia and New Zealand  
*invites you to*

### A Benedictine Studies Day

Theme: A Way to Live - Between the  
Ideal and the Real

Presenters:

David Barry *osb* (New Norcia)

Hilda Scott *osb* (Jamberoo)

Bernard McGrath (Arcadia)

**Saturday 20 June 2009**

**10am-3pm**

Good Samaritan Congregational Centre  
2 Avenue Rd, Glebe Point NSW

Cost: \$20; Students: \$15

Morning tea provided. Bring your lunch

### Registrations

Margaret Gianni by 15 June

P 02 9660 1202

F 02 9692 8701

E: [congcentre@goodsams.org.au](mailto:congcentre@goodsams.org.au)

## From the Assistant Principal

### Debating

Well done to all those students who took part in this year's Catholic Schools Debating Association Competition, which concluded with Round 5 last week. Each team has enjoyed some level of success and are to be congratulated for their commitment and improvement during the season. The students all represented Rosebank graciously, intelligently and with a fine sense of competition. The coaches and parents who have supported them also deserve a vote of thanks for their time and effort

### Dropping off Students

Please remember that students should not be dropped off in the morning directly in front of the College driveway. This creates inconvenient and potentially dangerous traffic congestion. From time to time rangers patrol this area - you will be booked for a traffic infringement if you are caught stopping in this area. Thank you for your consideration of others' safety and convenience in this respect.

Miriam Berlage

## From the Coordinator of Mission

### Pentecost

The great feast of Pentecost reminds us that the God of Christianity is a personal God who wishes to be so intimate with us that He chooses to dwell in us. Nowadays there is a heightened consciousness about taking care of our bodies. There are gymnasiums and fitness centres in every suburb, and they are very well attended, too. This emphasis on healthy living and a healthy body highlights the sacredness of the body. In his first letter to the Corinthians, St Paul writes, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple." (1 Cor. 3:16-17)

Similarly, in the **Rule of St Benedict**, St Benedict advises:

*"Let us add something to the usual amount of our service, special prayers, abstinence from food and drink, that each one offer to God 'with the joy of the Holy Spirit' (1 Thes 1:6), of his own accord, something above his prescribed measure; namely, let him withdraw from his body somewhat of food, drink, sleep, speech, merriment, and with the gladness of spiritual desire await holy Easter."*

St Benedict suggests that there is an inextricable link between the way we treat our body and our spiritual well-being. Therefore, may the indwelling of the Holy Spirit inspire us to live as "God's temples."

### Our Environment and Social Justice

On 26 May, five senior students represented the College in a climate change forum. The following is an extract of the report written by Annalise Jamgotchian of Year 12.

*We heard various presenters, most notably Liz Bastion who previously worked alongside former United States Vice President, Al Gore. She enlightening us with the facts on climate change and small ways that we as students could counteract them. Another presenter, Maria Tiimon, touched our hearts with the picture she painted, depicting the lives of the people of Kiribati affected by global warming caused by large industrialised nations.*

*The day was informative and an eye-opener; it equipped the 100 students in attendance with many ideas to bring back to their school communities.*

### Student Leadership

Year 11 students are currently in the process of electing Student Leaders. The 135 students were asked to select 22 leaders to fill the positions of College Captains, House Captains and Service Group Leaders. Qualities expected from a Student Leader are namely, the exercise of servant leadership, modelled on the example of Jesus. Those accepting nominations are aware of the serious rights and responsibilities which go with such positions. It is a tribute to Year 11 that there are so many putting themselves forward to take the challenges of leadership.

Angelo Gattone

# Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	AFL	Terra Sancta	L 8-6	Aketi Foketi
MCCS	Snr A Netball	Bye	-	-
MCCS	Snr B Netball	Bye	-	-
MCCS	Yr 10 Netball	St Leo's	L 35-7	Ashlee Cairns
MCCS	Yr 9 Netball	St Leo's	W24-20	Claudia Petrucco
MCCS	Yr 8 Netball	St Leo's	W16-9	Brooke Teague
MCCS	Yr 7 Netball	St Leo's	L8-3	Stacey Kelleher
CBSA	Snr Football	Washed out	-	-
CBSA	Jnr Football	Revesby	L 1-0	Diam Urquhart
IWSNA	Rosebank Ravens	Haberfield	W 11-10	Stacey Kelleher
IWSNA	Rosebank Rollers	Aristocrats	L24-20	Kira O'Keefe
IWSNA	Rosebank Raiders	Burwood	L23-18	Sofie Wootton
IWSNA	Rosebank Rockets	Ashbree	L18-14	Hayley McGuinness
IWSNA	Rosebank Rangers	Bye	-	-
Futsal	Rosebank Dream	Santa Sabina	W6-0	Cassandra Cocciolone
Futsal	Rosebank One's	Santa Sabina	W4-1	Ashleigh Panarello
Futsal	Rosebank Hotties	St Scholastica	W5-3	Julia Cavagnino
Futsal	Rosebank Kittens	St Scholastica	W4-1	Carla Dolfo

## Gifted Students Workshops

Gifted Education Research Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC), an initiative of the University of NSW, is offering rigorous and challenging gifted student holiday workshops from 13-17 July, for children aged 4-16. These programs provide gifted children with the opportunity to explore their intellectual potential by engaging with challenging topics and material. The programs also provide gifted children with the opportunity to learn

and interact with children with similar interests and abilities. Application forms can be accessed at <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/brfrm.html>. More information can be gained from the GERRIC website <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/>, or by phoning 1800 626 824, or by contacting Ms Marina Laing at the College.

**Marina Laing**

### AFL Rosebank V's Terra Sancta

Terra Sancta trailed by 6 points at three-quarter time and made few inroads after the break as Rosebank completely controlled the contest as they so often do.

Rosebank was always in the contest, however, we were frequently let down with basic skill errors late into the last quarter. Aketi Foketi appeared to be hampered by a persistent defensive line but still managed to pick up 23 touches and seven tackles to be Rosebank's best player.

Rebecca Katrib and Joanne Aboumelhem had 32 and 29 possessions respectively and were among Rosebank's best, while Courtney Gock, Felicity Simpson and Sinem Dogru all troubled their opponents making strong contributions all over the field.

Rosebank laid 31 tackles to Terra Sancta's 21 despite outpossessing the Sancta, we were unable to hold them out going down by two in the dying stages of the match.

Coach Renaldo Yeo said the defensive pressure combined with good use of the ball was the reason for the excellent performance. Our midfielders' Chloe Nasar, Gemma McTegg and Casey Rogers's willingness to get into the forward line and contest the ball really gave us good momentum. Our tall forwards Aketi Foketi and Jennifer Campbell competed really well and brought the ball to ground and our ground level players got some really good reward for it. Final score: Rosebank 1-0-6 lost Terra Sancta 1-2-8.

**Anthony Taylor**

## All tales yet so – true: A morning with Boori Pryor

This Monday 1 June, Year 10 had the privilege of spending some time with indigenous author, artist, actor and speaker Boori (Monty) Pryor. With their present exploration of the topic of **Justice** in English and their recent study of **Changing Rights for Aborigines** in Australian History the girls were well prepared to listen and question Boori as he spent an hour informally discussing his experiences as an indigenous Australian through a variety of careers and encounters. The student's own words best sum up what they gained from this experience.

*Meeting Monty Pryor can be summed up as an opportunity for us as young women to expand our minds. Through story and*

*lecture we were able to peer into the history and life of an indigenous Australian and a prominent figure in the Indigenous community at that. We came in unknowingly, somewhat unaware of the bias society has imposed on us and left with hopefully a cleaner state of understanding of a rich culture. His stories were simple and humorous with a deep underlying message of the need for tolerance. A highlight was his ability to speak lightheartedly yet perceptively about his experiences of death, substance abuse, family suicide and recovery. He is a shining example of an individual, burdened by the restraints of society who has overcome racial barriers to become a success. His brief outline of indigenous history and experience enriched us all. (Mareta Akari).*

*Today Boori shared with us his life experiences of what life was really like for him, his family and his fellow tribesmen. As Boori spoke about his experiences it allowed us to listen and engage with a wonderful and spiritual Indigenous Australian who has much personal knowledge of the justice issues faced by Aborigines. (Esra Basol)*

*Not only was he funny, he was very honest. During the hour that he spoke with us, we found out a lot about what happened to him as a child and how he overcame his difficulties. As we are studying the novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" we gained more knowledge about our lack of understanding of half-castes and the effect of the media on our ideas...*

**Jenny Kim**

## Weekly Careers News

See Ms McAloon or log on to [www.careercentral.com.au](http://www.careercentral.com.au)

### UMAT Test

UMAT is a test assisting with the selection of students into undergraduate medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at participating universities. Registrations close 5 June.

### USYD Yr 10 Info Evenings

The University of Sydney will hold Yr 10 subject selection and university information evenings on 9 & 11 June to assist Yr 10 students and parents with future decisions. Online Registrations required.

### HSC Winter School

Edassist is holding revision and exam preparation programs during the July school holidays at the Bond University Sydney Postgraduate Centre, 190 George Street, Sydney. Enrol online at [www.edassist.com.au](http://www.edassist.com.au) before 9 July.

### Nursing Expo

Meet Australia's leading nursing organisations at the Royal College of Nursing, Australia's Nursing and Health Expo on Sunday 28 June 2009, 10am–3pm at the AJC Convention Centre, Randwick. For further info phone 1800 061 660 or visit: [www.rcna.org.au](http://www.rcna.org.au)

### Accounting Cadetships

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

### Lions Australia Youth Exchange

Need a short break from work or study? Thinking about overseas travel? Lions Australia Youth Exchange offer programs for Australian youth aged between 17 and 21 including a 6 week program every year during the summer holidays. Apply now.

### 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. Bookings essential.

### Overseas Exchange

World Education Program offers student exchange programs in more than 20 countries. Discover and learn about a different culture, the world and yourself. Sydney Info Evening: 8 July

### Integral Energy Apprenticeships

Would you like to get paid to learn, gain hands on experience in the real world and work in an organisation with fantastic career opportunities? Integral Energy is seeking 60+ apprentices to commence 2010. Registrations open early July.

### HTN Chef Scholarship

Studying hospitality for the HSC? Each year HTN offers students in NSW/ACT the opportunity to secure a one week financially-supported culinary adventure with a leading industry partner! Applications close 14 August.

### Accountancy Cadetships

The Moore Stephens Network offer cadetships to students seeking to launch a career in Accountancy. Applications close Sydney (17/6)

### Inside the Forensic World!

Inside the Forensic World is a half day seminar on 11 July for students 16yrs+ featuring forensic scientists, investigators and lawyers discussing their career path and experiences and answering questions from the audience. Limited numbers. Book ASAP.

### UOW Management Cadetships

The University of Wollongong offers Management Cadetships to talented HSC students interested in combining work with study. Cadets work in a number of areas across the University giving them a professional edge. Applications open August.

### Creative Digital Media Workshops

Qantm College offers specialist courses in animation, games design, games programming, interactive digital media, graphic design and digital video production. 1 Day Workshop: Sydney (18/7+ 17/10).

### Music Studies

The Australian International Conservatorium of Music offers a Diploma and Bachelor of Music (Performance) with music/voice studies in Jazz, Classical or Contemporary performance. Sydney Open Day: 20 June. Register by 15 June.

### UTS Engineering Courses Info Night

The University of Technology Sydney will hold an Info Evening on 24 June for students in Yrs 9-12 interested in

undergraduate engineering courses at UTS. Find out about course and career options, alternative entry, bonus UAI points! Registrations required.

### Early Entry at UOW

The Early Entry program at the University of Wollongong allows current Year 12 students the chance to apply and be selected for entry into their chosen degree before sitting the HSC. Applications open July 2009.

### Billy Blue Scholarships

Billy Blue College of Design offers programs in Multimedia Design, Communication Design and The Branded Environment. Create your own 'rebellion' and you could win a 3 year scholarship worth \$50,000. Applications close 16 October.

### UOW Open Night

The University of Wollongong is hosting an Open Night on 10 June to give Year 11/12 students and parents, the opportunity to visit and learn more about degrees on offer. Bookings required.

### APM Scholarships

APM College of Business and Communication offers courses in marketing, advertising, communications, PR, event management, sports marketing and entertainment and music. Scholarship applications close 4 September.

### Your Future at Bond – Revised Dates

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 (10/6)

### Pre-Apprenticeship Free Courses

The NSW Government is offering courses starting in June in carpentry and joinery (Lidcombe), Construction Carpentry (Chullora) and Electrical/Electrician (Rhodes). Places are limited. For further info call 9266 8008 or go to: [www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/entrylevelprograms](http://www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/entrylevelprograms)

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

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