



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear, parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

With the recent cold snap and the loss of leaves from the deciduous trees, we are certainly being reminded that winter has arrived. I am aware that the uniform shop has run out of some sizes of jumpers. I apologise for this however it has been out of our control. An adequate amount of stock was ordered and delivered on time however it was unsuitable and had to be returned. The supplier is working as quickly as possible to ensure another delivery – hopefully for later next week. In the meantime please ensure that you have an order placed for a jumper and take whatever precautions you need to make sure your daughter/son is warm. I apologise for any inconvenience this delay in delivery has caused you. (Please remember that items of the old and new uniform cannot be mixed)

This week the College community assembled to celebrate all that is wonderful here at Rosebank. The noting of sporting and academic achievements and the display of musical talent was a delight to behold. We feasted on images of recent events including Open Day, Mothers' Day and the Musical. When all this is presented in one session you cannot but be proud of the level of participation, enthusiasm, courage and development that is typical of our students under the watchful guidance and tutoring of our talented and dedicated staff.

At the assembly students were invited to consider volunteering to assist the newly formed Special Olympics branch here in the inner west. The opportunity to help parents and carers support the participation of kids and young people with intellectual disabilities to participate in sport is a truly wonderful gift. (For more information please see page 3)



This Sunday June 14 we commence **Refugee Week 2009**. The theme for 2009 is 'Freedom from Fear'. Any viewing of the media reminds us daily of the plight of many millions of people who have been displaced from their homes and land and left to suffer in camps with little fresh water and sanitary arrangements. This concentration of temporary accommodation often leads to serious illness and death.

When we in Australia have so much, it is important to think, pray and act to support the work of so many non government agencies who work tirelessly to deal with the immediate and long term issues presented.

The Refugee Council of Australia has explained that "In choosing our theme as 'Freedom from Fear' we are hoping to draw attention not just to the fear that compels refugees to run, but the relief

they feel when they are welcomed into another country and given the opportunity to rebuild their lives".

For Benedictine communities like Rosebank College, the value of hospitality is central to who we are and how we operate. We are challenged to overcome the fear of the "other" or the stranger and to welcome with an open heart those most in need. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a constant reminder of God's expectations of us. There is no running away or hoping the problem will go away or assuming it's someone else's responsibility. The challenge is clear. Who is my neighbour?

I hope that we can reflect deeply on the challenges and responses that refugees present to us and that together and individually we can make a difference in the world

Tom Galea

Dates for the Diary

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

30 June
Yr 11 2010 Course Information Day

1 July
Yr 11 2010 Course Information
Twilight Session for parents & students

3 July
St Benedict Day & 2010 Leaders'
Induction Mass.
End of Term 2 classes.

6 July–10 July
Professional Development Week
Yr 10 Work Experience Week
Yr 11 VET Work Placement Week

27 July
Term 3 commences for all students

P&F AGM

All parents are warmly welcome to attend next week's annual general meeting, which will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17 June in A Block foyer. Come along to meet other like minded parents and find out more about how the P&F Association is involved in the school. For further information, email: pandf@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

From the Coordinator of Mission

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

The Feasts of the Blessed Trinity and 'Corpus Christi' (The Body of Christ)

With the passing of Easter and Pentecost for yet another year, two great feasts follow on from there. Last week we celebrated the feast of Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is the core belief of Christianity. This belief, difficult (perhaps impossible) to fully comprehend, asserts that God is a trio of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit—each of whom is unique and separate, yet equal and at the one time forming the one God. God's nature, greatness and his essence are a mystery; they are as mysterious as true love. The Bible tells us that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). The best we can do in understanding God is to be open to the wonderful mystery that God is; that is, to be open to love. Similarly, the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) is a reminder to us of how deep God's love is. Corpus Christi reminds us that Jesus offers himself to us day after day. This is made real through the sacrament of the Eucharist—another powerful mystery: that Jesus chooses to make his home in us.

Fundraising for a Truly Worthy Cause

Last Thursday, 4 June, at lunchtime, we, Melissa Uchino and Marie Chami, the leaders of Delaney House, were assisted by many fellow Year 12 students in organising a pizza lunch. The pizza lunch was a way to raise money for the Hannas; a family of five children who recently lost both their mum and dad to cancer. These five children, aged between 18 and 5, are now orphaned and are now under the care of their 18 year old sister, Nancy, who is currently in Year 12 trying to do her HSC. The Hanna family's predicament was brought to light by their neighbour who appealed to the Australian public, via television, to help these children. Their parents' dying wish was for them to find a way to stay together as a family. Earlier, they had to sell their house to meet medical expenses. The neighbour's aim was to raise enough money to provide a house for the kids, an education and day to day needs. The Rosebank community was asked to help and the response was phenomenal. Fifteen pizzas and over eighty cans of drink were sold at \$2 each in less than five minutes! There were also many donations from teachers and students. Special thanks go to the two Year 7 students who, even though they missed out on pizza, donated their money saying, "These kids need it more than we do." What an excellent example of living out Benedictine spirituality! This helped to raise \$459. Due to the overwhelming response, a second fundraiser is being organised for next week to try to bring our contribution to \$1000. Thank you to everyone who donated. You have helped a very special cause.

— Melissa Uchino and Marie Chami.

Share Your World Youth Day '08 Experience

At Wednesday's College Assembly this week, we were reminded of last year's World Youth Day experiences. It will soon be the first anniversary of WYD '08! Our challenge since WYD '08 has been to keep its momentum going and to honour the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives. An initiative from the Catholic Education Office is an invitation to WYD Pilgrims to share their experiences online. Pilgrims are invited to send their favourite pictures and tell the story behind the pictures. If you are interested, send pictures and accompanying stories to: anthony.munro@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au

Angelo Gattone

National Conference

Please note that a National Conference on the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Refugees will be held at the SMC Conference Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney on 28–29 October 2009, with an extra day for Migrant Chaplains on 27 October. The theme of the Conference is "Enlarge the site of your Tent", based on a quotation from the Prophet Isaiah "Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back ..." Is 54, 2 (NRSV).

Science News

Students in Years 7–10 are invited to participate in CREST or SPECTRA programs run during co-curricular activities next Term.

CSIRO's CREativity in Science and Technology (CREST) Awards program encourages and supports students to choose, organise and undertake their own open-ended science or technology project.

SPECTRA, or Science Program Exciting Children Through Research Activities, provides awards to students who undertake projects within a chosen topic.

If you are interested see your science teacher asap to get more details.

Surekha Chander,
Science Coordinator

Drama News

The combined Stage 5 Drama classes are presenting two plays this year that are adaptations of Shakespeare and written by Miss Therese Bean. This term we are excited to present "Romeo and Ethel the Pirate's Daughter"... ever wondered what might have happened if Romeo and Juliet didn't meet at the ball in the way that Shakespeare had intended... what happens if, despite being landlocked, the little village of Verona was beset on all sides by a mob of pirates with a love of sea shanties and sword fights?

Come along on Tuesday 23 June at 4.15pm or 7pm and find out!

Next term, the second elective class will present "Lear" - The King of the original is presented as a notorious 1920's mafioso boss who gives a whole new meaning to the division of his Kingdom when his children Bonnie (& her husband Clyde), Ronnie & Connie explore the underbelly of Chicago complete with their own cell block tango. See you at the Top End!

Therese Bean, Drama Teacher



Special Olympics

At Wednesday's assembly, Ms Kristen Fitzpatrick from Special Olympics Australia came to talk to students and staff about this not-for-profit organisation that provides sports training and competition for people with an intellectual disability. Special Olympics is not just one single event. It happens year-round in communities across Australia.

Ms Fitzpatrick came to let the College know that Special Olympics have recently received funding from Petersham RSL Club to set up a new region in the inner west of Sydney. Sports offered include: Basketball, Tennis, Ten-pin Bowling, Dance, Kids Gymnastics with Swimming, and Children's Soccer coming soon to the region.

Students interested in volunteering to help out in various areas go to: www.specialolympics.com.au or contact Ms Kristen Fitzpatrick on 0424 185 565 or kristenf@specialolympics.com.au

A dramatic poster for a school play. The top half features a skull with a red bandana and crossed swords, set against a dark, smoky background. The text "Year 9 & 10 Drama Presents" is written in a stylized font across the top. Below the skull, the title "Romeo & Ethel The Pirate's Daughter" is written in a large, elegant script. At the bottom, the date and time "Tuesday 23rd June 4.15pm & 7pm" are listed. The logo "Drama Room" is visible in the bottom right corner of the poster area.

Year 9 & 10 Drama
Presents

*Romeo & Ethel
The Pirate's Daughter*

Tuesday 23rd June 4.15pm & 7pm

Drama Room

Weekly Careers News

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

ICMS Career Weeks

The International College of Management Sydney offers senior students the opportunity to explore the hospitality, tourism, event, retail and property industries during Career Week: 15–17 July; 22–24 July; 7–9 Oct; Open Day: 15 Aug.

Real Estate Scholarships

Laing & Simmons are offering three scholarships plus one full time guaranteed position within their organisation. Applications close 31 Aug, see Ms McAloon for details.

NSW HSC Online

To help soften the journey, students, teachers and parents alike can visit NSW HSC Online, a Charles Sturt University initiative providing online HSC learning resources.

ADF Scholarships 2010

A Defence Technical Scholarship worth up to \$3,000 is a fantastic opportunity for Yrs 11–12 students interested in pursuing an ADF technical trade career after completing Yr 12. Applications from 1 June to 14 Aug.

Energy Australia Apprenticeships

Want a job that pays you while you learn a trade and offers a fantastic range of technical career opportunities? Then apply for an apprenticeship with Energy Australia! Online Registrations for selection tests open 1 July.

UNSW Co-op Scholarships

The Co-op Scholarship Program at the University of NSW offers industry-linked scholarships worth \$15,000 pa to high achieving students in Business, Science, Engineering and the Built Environment. Applications from July to 30 September.

UMAT Late Applications

UMAT to be held on 29 July Australia-wide is a test assisting with the selection of students into undergraduate medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at participating universities. Late Registrations close 19 June.

Engineering@UNSW

The Faculty of Engineering Admission Scheme (FEAS) offers an alternative entry based on a personal interview for students with an expected UAI of 75–87.95. Online Applications open 1 Aug.

USYD Flexible Entry

The University of Sydney offers flexible entry to some courses for current HSC applicants whose UAI falls within 5 points of that required for entry, who can demonstrate aptitude for their chosen course.

UWS Medicine

The University of Western Sydney offers a 5 year B Medicine/B Surgery program. Both CSP and International places available. Selection is based on UMAT, UAI and interview. Direct university applications are available from July to 30 Sep.

Joint Medicine Program (JMP)

The Bachelor of Medicine – JMP is offered jointly by University of Newcastle and University of New England. Selection is based on UMAT results, UAI and interview. Direct JMP Applications open ONLINE in August and close 30/9. 2010 JMP Booklet now available.

HSC Revision

Edassist offers an intensive revision and exam preparation program at Bond University Sydney to assist Yr 12 students who are preparing for trial and final HSC exams. 13–17 July or 20–22 July. Postal applications close 9 July.

UTS Info Days

Find out everything you need to know about studying at the University of Technology Sydney at Info Day on 29 August; also 9 September at Kuring-gai Campus. Attend Engineering Course Info Evening 24 June at 6 pm and Engineering Scholarships Info Evening on 22 July 6pm.

Accounting Cadetships

Deloitte offers cadetships to Yr 12 students interested in studying business, commerce or accounting at a city-based university. Info Evening: Sydney (17/6). Register ASAP.

Careers in Sport

SPORTNSW will hold interactive Sports Careers Days on 20 August and 16 September at Sydney Olympic Park for students in Yrs 9–12 interested in a sporting career. They will also run a series of Event Management in Sport Workshops that allow students to examine the skills needed to run a sports event on 18 June, 26 June, 18 August, 10 November. Regis-

trations required. Contact Ms McAloon if you are interested.

KPMG Cadetships

KPMG offer accountancy cadetships to school leavers in their Sydney offices. Online applications close 8/7.

2009 Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS)

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!

Sydney Institute Career Chats

Get your career questions answered! TAFE Career Counsellors will be broadcasting live to give you expert career information and the chance to find out about your options. Next Session 26 June.

Computer Games/Digital Industries

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment offers training in the Computer Game Development and 3D Digital industries. VET Fee Help available. Info Nights Syd 20 June, Open Day 15 August.

DIGI-GIRLS – IT Skills

The DIGI GIRLS program at Northern Sydney Institute TAFE NSW aims to develop ICT skills in young women while providing much needed career information. Workshops: Airbrushing (30/6–1/7) Robotics (28/29 July). Register now

Accountancy Cadetships

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

Whitehouse Institute of Design

The Whitehouse Institute offers a B Design that educates and prepares students for the world of design in creative industries. FEE HELP available. Sydney Open Days: 19/20 June. Enrolling now.

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.