



GAZETTE

From the Assistant Principal

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New College Leaders for 2010

It is my pleasure to announce and congratulate the new College leaders for 2010. (Please see table below)

The leaders will be inducted at our St Benedict Day Mass next Friday at 11am in the College Hall, at which time we will also recognise and thank our outgoing leaders.

I pray that these courageous students will be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they carry out their mission as leaders within our community.

Congregational Schools Book Launch

On Tuesday this week I attended a significant event in the Catholic Congregational Schools community. Sarah Askew and Brandon Morson of Yr 11 joined me in representing Rosebank at the launch of the publication *"The Congregational School: Its History and Significance in Catholic Education in NSW and Australia"*.

Leaders and students from Congregational schools and communities throughout NSW attended this event at St Ignatius College.

The publication, created under the auspices of the Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes in NSW, highlights the vital role that religious congregations such as the Sisters of the Good Samaritan have played in the development of Australian Catholic education since the early colonial days. In so doing it also firmly asserts the valuable continuing role that Congregational schools such as Rosebank have to play in this landscape.

St Benedict Day

Next Friday, July 3, the College community will celebrate the feast of St Benedict (11 July) with our annual celebrations of St Benedict Day. Staff and students will join together in house groups to compete in a Trivia competition based on general knowledge and a range of Rosebank specific questions.

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2009-2010 Student Leaders of Rosebank College

Tina	Burke	McLaughlin House Captain
Milia	Cavallaro	Liturgy Service Group Leader
Sarah	Clark	Environment Service Group Leader
Stephanie	DiVal	Liturgy Service Group Leader
Lucas	Habib	College Captain
Tim	Johnston	Dwyer House Captain
Jana	Kiriazidis	Brady House Captain
Roxanne	Kitts	Environment Service Group Leader
Anthony	Lazarou	Cassidy House Captain
Jessica	McCluskey	McLaughlin House Captain
Gemma	McTegg	Caulfield House Captain
Lisa	Minchella	Social Justice Service Group Leader
Chloe	Nasr	Brady House Captain
Ashleigh	Panarello	Cassidy House Captain
Laura	Rojas	Fundraising Service Group Leader
Daniel	Tassone	Dwyer House Captain
Kirsty	Timsans	Social Justice Service Group Leader
Emily	Tressider	College Captain
Elis	Tufan	Fundraising Service Group Leader
Vanessa	Wilson	Delaney House Captain
Mikaela	York	Delaney House Captain
Jessica	Zarola	Caulfield House Captain

Dates for the Diary

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

Tax Refund

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too.

For information call 13 28 61 or go to: australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund

Remember to keep all receipts for expenses you want to claim.

From the Assistant Principal Continued

Following this, the whole community will join together at 11am in celebrating the Eucharist. Parents are very welcome to join us at our St Benedict Day Mass.

During lunch pizza will be on sale for \$2 a slice. The proceeds of this fundraising will be used to support the Good Samaritan Immersion Programs.

The day will conclude with a Talent Quest. Students have been intensely auditioning for a spot in this year's Talent Quest, so it looks like it will be a very memorable and diverse afternoon of entertainment. Happy St Benedict Day to all!

Professional Development Week

During our upcoming Professional Development Week, College staff will be engaged in a range of learning experiences.

We will begin the week with an opportunity for all staff to reflect on our experiences of spirituality, and the evangelising role that we are called upon to play within Catholic schools in the 21st Century.

Teachers will be busily putting the final touches to our preparations for the Board of Studies Registration inspection which will take place on August 4. We will also spend a day working with Michael Durrant, an internationally recognised psychologist, who will lead us in developing our understanding of the nature and value of a strengths based approach to managing behaviour and other aspects of relationships.

Staff will also engage in ICT and first aid training, as well beginning the process of designing our new Human Resources framework, which is an integral part of the College's Strategic Plan.

All in all it promises to be, as always, a busy and productive week of learning!

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.

Ordinary Time with Extraordinary Potential

The Church has now entered into the twelfth week of Ordinary Time. It is also winter and on 21 June we experienced the winter solstice—the shortest day in the year. In terms of spiritual growth, winter is traditionally a time for retreating inwardly. Winter is a time for introspection, contemplation and inner searching. Just as winter compels us to retreat from the cold (and some animals hibernate), our souls, too, seek warmth. Let us not neglect our spiritual needs and have frozen souls. Let us enflame our hearts with the fire of God's love burning in us. To do so, let us be true Benedictines, spending time in regular prayer, contemplating and reflecting on the Scriptures.

The Salvation Army's Annual Red Shield Appeal

Some weeks ago, representatives from the Salvation Army visited Rosebank College to speak with the Year 10, 11 and 12 students, seeking their assistance with the annual Red Shield Door Knock Appeal. An impressive number of our students responded to the call for volunteers to door knock in the Five Dock area. This is something worthy of our praise and admiration because the giving over of one's time without any reward is a precious gift. The Zone Director has reported to us that this zone achieved 20% above its set goal. We congratulate all the Rosebank students (some of whom were ex-students) who took part in this worthy cause.

Youth Off The Streets

As part of the Rosebank Advent Charities Fundraising conducted at the end of 2008, last year's Year 8 raised money for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off The Streets Program. We acknowledge receipt of a Certificate of Appreciation from Father Chris, who recognised the contribution Rosebank College students had made to his charitable work. It is core to our mission as a Catholic school to offer support to those in need.

From the Coordinator of Mission Cont.

Student Leadership: House Captains and Service Group Leaders

We congratulate the twenty-two Year 11 students who have accepted Student Leadership roles in order to take over from the current Student Leadership Group. In so doing, we also express our admiration and gratitude to the outgoing group who were, essentially, trailblazers. They were the first group of Student Leaders to experience the new House system and the revised Service Groups. In that capacity, they have left an excellent legacy as foundation stones for the future. It is therefore appropriate to name the 2008/2009 Student Leaders in recognition of a job well done: College Captains: Hannah Forwood and Michael Abdullah

House Captains: Melissa Baldi, Jay Barrett, Stephanie Blase, Kate Burke, Marie Chami, Cassandra Coccione, Deanna Jabaji, Anna Mangraviti, Alex Phelan, Maria-Teresa Turchi, Katee Turner, Melissa Ucchino. Service Group Leaders: Vittoria Delutiis, Isabella Dimanno, Annalise Jamagotchian, Rebecca Lambrousis, Natalie La Motta, Chloe Longhetti, Oksana Lutak, Elliott Lyons.

Both the outgoing Student Leaders and the incoming ones will be honoured during a special ceremony on St Benedict Day on Friday 3 July.

Angelo Gattone

Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	AFL	McCauley	L42-8	Rebecca Katrib
MCCS	Snr A Netball	Washed out	-	-
MCCS	Snr B Netball	Washed out	-	-
MCCS	Yr 10 Netball	Washed out	-	-
MCCS	Yr 9 Netball	Washed out	-	-
MCCS	Yr 8 Netball	Washed out	-	-
MCCS	Yr 7 Netball	Washed out	-	-
CBSA	Snr Football	Washed out	-	-
CBSA	Jnr Football	Washed out	-	-
IWSNA	Rosebank Ravens	Washed out	-	-
IWSNA	Rosebank Rollers	Washed out	-	-
IWSNA	Rosebank Raiders	Washed out	-	-
IWSNA	Rosebank Rockets	Washed out	-	-
IWSNA	Rosebank Rangers	Tigers	L7-2	Rebecca Childs
Futsal	Rosebank Dream	RB Hotties	L6-2	Olivia Baraket
Futsal	Rosebank One's	Santa Sabina	W12-0	Laura Gonzalez
Futsal	Rosebank Hotties	RB Dream	W6-2	Jana Kiriazidis
Futsal	Rosebank Kittens	Santa Sabina	D3-3	Rebecca Katrib

MCCS Football preseason training/conditioning sessions, girls must attend three sessions.

Date	Time	Location	Compulsory
29/06/09	3:30-4:30pm	Timbrell Park	Yes
06/07/09	8:30-9:30am	Timbrell Park	At least 3
08/07/09	8:30-9:30am	Timbrell Park	At least 3
10/07/09	8:30-9:30am	Timbrell Park	At least 3
20/07/09	8:30-9:30am	Timbrell Park	At least 3
22/07/09	8:30-9:30am	Timbrell Park	At least 3
24/07/09	8:30-9:30am	Timbrell Park	At least 3

Music Concert

Tuesday 30 June

7.00–8.00pm

School Hall

Featuring:

Chamber Choir

Concert Band

Jazz Ensemble

Year 12 Performances

All are welcome to attend this concert

Can you guess the Rosebank staff?

Next Monday each Home Room will receive a collection of baby photos of some of the Rosebank staff. You will have a week of guesses, discussions etc to work them out. On St Benedict Day you will have to guess these correctly to win points for your House. Start by trying to work out the two staff featured below:



H1N1 Influenza 09

H1N1 Influenza 09 – (Human Swine Flu)

Australia is entering a new phase of the H1N1 Influenza 09 response, known as PROTECT.

The change in approach is because the virus strain is currently not as virulent as anticipated.

Generally the virus produces a mild disease in most, severe disease in some and has a moderate effect overall. This year it is also likely that many more people will be affected by influenza-like illnesses than in recent winter influenza seasons, because fewer people will have immunity to the H1N1 influenza 09 virus.

The aims of the PROTECT phase are to ensure that people at an increased risk of complications from influenza are treated early in an attempt to prevent severe illness from developing and to help control institutional outbreaks.

This new phase means we no longer need to exclude staff or students who have been to an area where there is known community or school transmission of the virus. **Any staff member or student who has been excluded from school and who does not have flu symptoms can return to school immediately.**

The school exclusion policy, whilst causing inconvenience, assisted in limiting the spread of disease within schools in NSW. As the number of cases of H1N1 influenza 09 increases in the community, school exclusions and closures are unlikely to assist in limiting the spread of disease as many more children will acquire the disease outside the school rather than through the school. The NSW Department of Health thanks the parents and carers of NSW school students for their co-operation with these measures whilst they were in place.

We still need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in the community as some people in our school community remain at increased risk of complications from influenza. Instead of excluding people who may have been to an affected area or who have been in contact with a person with confirmed human swine influenza, we will now be asking any person with symptoms of influenza to remain at home until they are well.

Any student who identifies that they are unwell or displaying influenza-like symptoms will be sent to a sick-bay area and their parent/carer will be called to take them home. I also ask for your extra vigilance in watching for any signs or symptoms of influenza-like illness in your child. These symptoms include fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath. NSW Health has advised if you or your child develops influenza-like symptoms you should seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. Parents have an important role to play in helping their children understand and follow the government hygiene advice. Your assistance in this area is appreciated.

I understand that there may be some ongoing concern amongst the school community. However, I can reassure you that all appropriate actions are being taken in accordance with advice from NSW

Health to ensure the health safety and wellbeing of our staff and students. Additional health information can be accessed from the H1N1 Influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>.



Asthma Foundation NSW launches new information service-

ASTHMA ASSIST

At the Foundation we know that credible health information is highly sought after but often difficult to find. Asthma Foundation NSW aims to provide the community with evidence based and user friendly information to help people better understand and manage their asthma to avoid unnecessary asthma attacks, and to minimise asthma symptoms so people with asthma can lead full and productive lives.

To this end, Asthma Foundation NSW has developed a free information service "Asthma Assist" for anyone with asthma or an interest in asthma.

By registering you will receive:

onAIR – our free email newsletter

Sent up to 6 times a year onAIR features information about topics such as asthma research, medications and devices, and asthma triggers.

An Asthma Control Pack

This includes an Asthma Emergency Card and other useful information to help you manage your child's asthma, or the asthma of someone you know and care for. You can request up to 3 packs per household.

A free asthma first aid magnet

Be sure you know what to do in an asthma emergency.

If your child....

- Ever wakes in the night coughing or wheezing
- Gets breathless or wheezy during the day
- Needs to take their blue reliever puffer more than 3 times a week
- Find their asthma limits physical activity & exercise

It is possible that their asthma is not as well controlled as it could be. Many people with asthma put up with these symptoms without realising it's their asthma that is letting them down.

Find out how you can better manage your child's asthma. Join our free information service - **Asthma Assist** at www.asthmansw.org.au

Any questions please contact our free **Asthma Information Line 1800 645 130**