



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Rosebank,

We have completed another successful week with our wonderful choir winning their division in the Ryde Eisteddfod and the start of the Stage 5 subject selection process.

Once again I find myself reflecting on the importance of music education and team competitions. Music is the language of the soul and a primary language that cuts through cultural and geographical barriers. It is powerful, persuasive and penetrating. Music enters the body and resonates in our cellular structure. For Rosebank College, music is part of our core business.

The preference for team competitions reinforces the notion of synergy where one plus one equals three or more. The working in teams as well as finding common purpose and harmony are essential qualities for modern life. When we work together we unleash the gifts of the other and so make so much more possible. Rather than the individual losing one self, the team member finds themselves in new and richer ways.

The subject options for Stage 5 (Yrs 9 and 10) have been structured to ensure maximum breadth of choice and the possibility of more choices for all students. The vertical groupings (Yr 9 and 10 mixed classes) have allowed the possibility of mentoring between students which is one of the most powerful learning methods one can be exposed to.

In our commitment to creative solutions and new initiatives the College curriculum leadership team is now looking at new ways to structure the senior curriculum to maximise resources, choice, new and varied teaching styles, and new groupings. These are exciting times as we await the emergence of what the new National Curriculum initiatives will eventually look like as well as the options and possibilities it will contain.

The world of education is a fast changing one (as with most places of work). Managing these dynamic forces while maintaining quality for students is challenging as well as full of new possibilities. Our past track record however is a clear indication of the commitment to quality and care for our students and this will always be our priority.

Tom Galea
Principal



Dates for the Diary

31 August - 4 September
Literacy & Numeracy Week

24 August
Yr 7 ConnectED excursion

26 August
Parent Education Night

28 August
Yr 10 History excursion

3 September
Men Who Matter Breakfast

9 September
Social Justice Day

11 September
Co-Curricular Photographs

12- 13 September
Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

14 September
Yr 7 Vaccinations

15 September
Stage 5 Drama Evening

21 September
Yr 11 Assessment Block begins

22 September
Yr 7, 8 & 9 Parent - Teacher
Interviews

From the Coordinator of Mission

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

THE PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS

In days gone by, it was always an anticipated feature of attending a Catholic school that at least once a year students from all grades would be spoken to about vocations. At that time, "vocation" had a very narrow definition; namely, a call to service as a priest, brother or nun. Nowadays, the trend has been for Catholic schools to shift right away from encouraging young people to at least explore the possibility of pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. As a means of redressing this imbalance, it is more appropriate to see vocation in its wider meaning. The word itself comes from the Latin "vocare", meaning "to call out to", hence the phrase, "What is your life's calling?" With this definition, it is evident that the job/career a person pursues sits within the broader context of one's "calling" in life. That is, the calling is one's true life work (giving meaning, purpose and direction to life) and one's job (hopefully) is an integral part of realising that calling.

Consequently, the narrow view that a "calling" relates only to service as a priest or religious is no longer an adequate way of understanding "vocation" in its fundamental sense. Realistically, most of the population is called to married life and the "vocation" of parenting. Also, increasingly nowadays, many live as single people and so find meaning and "vocation" within that context. It is no longer so rare to find childless married couples who are childless by choice and they, too, live out their "vocation" within their chosen context.

In order to draw these issues to the attention of some of our students, a "Vocations Information" session is being planned for Years 11 and 7 to be held on Friday 28 August. These students will have the opportunity to hear the reasons for young people these days choosing to be priests, nuns, married or single. The more we inform our young people, the better off they will be in being able to make the best choices.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

A Social Justice Day on Wednesday 9 September will focus on responding to the call to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the sick"; this will be done through the celebration of Eucharist and listening to guest speakers who will raise our consciousness about the various charities that operate within the Catholic Church. Flowing out of this Social Justice Day will be the launch of the Advent Charities Appeal, which has each year group and members of the staff raising funds and donations for designated charities.

CONVIVIO

A reminder to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 that a World Youth Day follow-up called "Convivio" will be held soon. Convivio's next congress will be held on the weekend of 4 to 6 September at Bethlehem College, Ashfield. Students and parents interested in Convivio can visit the following website: www.convivio.org/sydney

YOUTH MASS AT GREENACRE PARISH

This is a message from Fr Terrence Millard, Parish Priest of Saints John Vianney and Thomas More at Greenacre. Please be informed that the Parish has started a youth Mass at 5:00pm on Sundays. Currently it features a youth band and youth team assisting at the Mass. In the future there will also be talks after Mass. Everyone is welcome. Sts John Vianney and Thomas More parish is located at: 31a Rawson Road, Greenacre. For further information, contact the Greenacre Parish office on 9759 6263.

Sing Out Loud

On Tuesday 11 August an intrepid group of choristers boarded the school bus for a date with destiny. The Chamber Choir were on their way to compete in the Ryde Eisteddfod, an annual choral competition drawing on schools from across the Sydney area.

In previous years we had obtained Highly Commended, second and third placing but first place had remained elusive. For the five senior students in particular, most of who had been Choir members since Year Seven, it was make or break as this would be their last eisteddfod.

A tiny group of twelve Rosebank girls sat nervously in the audience, surrounded by an ever increasing number of choirs who numbered between thirty and forty. When Ryde Secondary College Choir walked in with six violins and at least forty students our competition grew exponentially.

Ryde Secondary College Choir and their violin ensemble took to the stage first, barely fitting on the stage as their numbers were so vast. Mercy College Chatswood and Cherrybrook High, winners of a previous event, all took their place in the brief competition spotlight. Lastly it was the Rosebank Chamber Choir's turn. They climbed the stairs to the stage, stood straight, looked the audience gamely in the eye and sang their hearts out. The gentle strains of the Latin piece 'Adiemus' by Karl Jenkins with its solemn reflective tones contrasted sharply the vibrant, light-hearted Good Morning Baltimore made famous in the musical 'Hairspray'. The last harmonious chord faded away into the performance space. As we left to appreciative applause, one question was on everyone's mind. Had we done enough?

Now came the waiting. As the adjudicator considered her verdict the choir exchanged whispered critiques of our performance, highlights and mistakes flowed up and down the seats as we unpacked our performance and tried to guess what the adjudicator might reward and punish.

She stood. No highly commended certificates were awarded. Second place was allocated and the girls held their breath.

Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	1st XI Football	Bye	-	-
MCCS	Int Football	St Patrick	2-1	
MCCS	Jnr Football	St Patrick	2-0	Claudia Willis-Craig
MCCS	1st V Basketball	Bye	-	-
MCCS	Int Basketball	St Leo's	51-0	Ciara Holland
MCCS	Jnr Basketball	St Leo's	19-17	Hannah Apps
MLC	Water Polo	Ascham	L9-2	Katie Turner
Futsal	Rosebank Dream	Domremy	L5-3	Amanda Genovese
Futsal	Rosebank Ones	Domremy	W3-0	Alicia Smith
Futsal	Rosebank Hotties	Domremy	W3-0	Gabiella Giunta
Futsal	Rosebank Kittens	Domremy	W2-1	Samantha Ippolito
IWSNA	Rosebank Rangers	Haberfield	W12-8	All Players

Suddenly, the words we'd hoped to hear came, "First place awarded to Rosebank College." It was astounding just how much noise twelve highly excited girls could make.



Emily and Ashleigh went forward to collect our eagerly awaited cup and be photographed for the local paper. Photographs were taken, hugs were given, backs were slapped and heads were held high with pride as the girls headed back to the bus, everyone wanting to have a few minutes clasp their first place trophy. On the trip home the bus rang to the tunes of Grease, Duran Duran, Abba and other assorted oldies songs as we celebrated that all those rehearsals for an hour after school every Monday had paid off.

Tiana De Almeida, Kirsten Calagis, Tania Calgais, Vanessa Colabianchi, Kristen Dingas, Sarah Roper, Ashleigh Panarello, Anita Srithar, Vanessa Tomasello, Emily Tresidder, Hannah Troy and Laurie Ann Wooley now look forward to their next challenges. Many thanks go to Ms Kim for her continued support and accompaniment of the choir in rehearsal and on the day. As our senior students begin to move into their Year Twelve study we will also be looking for new members. If you have a passion for singing, can hold a tune, enjoy being part of a group, like the idea of challenging your voice and your talents and can rehearse after school for an hour every Monday afternoon, then keep your eyes on the Daily Notices for information about auditions. All students from all years are welcome and encouraged to try out.

Ms Coleman

Things are starting to heat up in Co-Curricular as the semi finals for Netball begin and the last few rounds of futsal take place. Congratulations to our senior netball team and coach Mrs. Henderson who have won their way through to the grand final in two weeks time – a fantastic achievement.

Our Year Seven groups have begun their swimming program with the PDHPE department as well as undertaking Hip Hop lessons during Co-Curricular time. Teams for the Invitational Basketball and Volleyball teams are now being finalised – if there are still students who wish to be involved please see Mr. McDonald this week. Also on the weekend the Annual College Ski Trip took place – more news and photos to follow next week. A big thanks to Ms. Laing for her organisational skills – a great weekend was had by all and it would not have been possible without her efforts. Thanks also to all the staff that went along and the students who made it so much fun!

Weekly Careers News

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

NSW HSC Online

With only a few months until the HSC exams, Yr 12 students are on the home stretch. To assist with final preparations, students, teachers and parents can visit NSW HSC Online, a Charles Sturt University initiative providing online HSC learning resources. Visit HSC Online at www.hsc.csu.edu.au

Apply Now for Uni in 2010!

UNIVERSITY applications for 2010 are now open through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC); on time applications close on 30 September. All Yr 12 students will have received a FREE copy of the 2010 UAC Guide on 8 August and the application procedure explained in detail by the Careers Advisor.

New University Entrance Rank

Year 12 students will this year receive an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) to determine their entry to university (ATAR replaces the UAI). Universities have a number of schemes that allow the allocation of bonus points which may mean that applicants can receive an offer to a course even though they have an ATAR below the published cut-off.

NSW/ACT University Open Days

University Open Days will be held across NSW during August and September. Prospective students can explore university facilities, receive information on the range of courses available and obtain careers advice. Please access each of the university websites for more information regarding Open Days.

University Open Days include:

Newcastle Ourimbah 22 Aug

ADFA Canberra 29 Aug

Newcastle Callaghan 29 Aug

Sydney 29 Aug

UTS Broadway 29 Aug

UWS Parramatta 30 Aug

New South Wales 5 Sep

UTS Kuring-gai 9 Sep

ACU North Sydney 9 Sep (night)

ACU Strathfield 12 Sep

Macquarie 12 Sep

Private Provider Open Days include:

Aust Inst of Music Surry Hills 22 Aug

Campion Coll Old Toongabbie 22 Aug

Student Shelters Wanted

City of Canada Bay Council has a number of casual positions available for student shelvers at their libraries. Please see Ms McAloon or email recruitment@canadabay.nsw.gov.au for details, job reference number 09/054, applications close on 26 August.

Raffles College of Design and Commerce

Six scholarships are available for 2010, one full-fee and one half-fee scholarship in each of the following programs: Commerce, Design and Arts (Visual Communication). Applications are open to all Year 12 high school students with Australian citizenship closing 30 September 2009. Go directly to http://www.raffles.edu.au/dmdocuments/2010_ProvostDesignScholarshipApplication.pdf or contact Coral Cooksley or Claire O'Connell on 9922 4278 for details.

Event Management in Sport Workshops

SportNSW is running a series of interactive workshops and career days at Sydney Olympic Park that allow students to examine the skills needed to run a sports event and explore different sports and career opportunities. Dates include 18 and 20 August, 16 September and 10 November. Bookings required.

Au Pair in America – Free Flights!

Immerse yourself in the American way of life and gain valuable overseas work experience by becoming an Au Pair! Complete your application before 31 December and fly to the US absolutely free! Sydney Info Session: 20 August.

Electrical Apprenticeships

Schindler Lifts Australia is one of the largest suppliers of new escalators and elevators in Australia today. Apprenticeships available in Electrotechnology. Sydney Info Evening: 19 August. Application Forms available on the website from 20 August.

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. Sessions: 21 August, 4 and 16 September.

Yr 11 Preliminary Exam Preparation

Workshops Alpha Omega Education offers Yr 11 Preliminary Exam Preparation Workshops in Sydney from 22 August – 14 September to assist students in achieving their full potential in the Year 11 Yearly Examinations. Register online.

Parents Info Evening

Year 12 students and their parents/carers are invited to the Petersham RSL Club on 9 September for an Information Evening on post HSC study and training options. Bookings: 1800 644 800 Email: fenny.sudargo@det.nsw.edu.au Website: <http://www.sydney.lcp.com.au> (RSVP by 2/9). Sessions start at 6.30 pm including Government Employment Services (Job Services Australia); Apprenticeships and Traineeships; TAFE; Private Colleges and Applying to University.

Fast-Track Nursing Degree!

The University of Tasmania now offers the Bachelor of Nursing IN SYDNEY at an accelerated rate over a 2 year period. Apply directly to UTAS by 30 September.

Prospective Law Students

Macquarie University invites students and their families for an information evening on 2 September to hear about their Law School degrees and what makes them different to other universities. RSVP is essential to: events@mq.edu.au. For more information regarding this event contact 02 9850 4271

Uni Trek - Discover Engineering & IT

Sydney Uni will be hosting a Year 12 information night on 23 September for prospective engineering and IT students in the PNR Building. Come and meet Dr Karl at 5.30 pm who will be welcoming you on the night, listen to mini lectures on admission processes, subject selection, bridging courses, UAI/ATAR changes and much more. Register on www.eng.usyd.edu.au, see the website for map/directions or phone 93512131 for more information.