



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Rosebank,

This week we welcome back our Yr 12 Students who have been sitting the trial HSC exams during the past two weeks. It is well appreciated in our society that there is considerable pressure on our Yr 12 young men and women during this time in the lead up to the actual HSC exams. For most it will be the first time that they will have to sit alone and present their best self, their understandings, their knowledge and their wisdom with no supports, no notes, no 'phone a friend', no prompts other than what they have retained from their years of study, reflection and memorisation.

The HSC coincides with so many critical milestones. The stress of the HSC is multidimensional. It involves a concern about being compared and measured, a resistance to public scrutiny, a fear of failure, possible public and or private embarrassment, overloading of the immediate memory, strong desire to socialise but a need to study, parental/family expectations, the sense that childhood is nearing the end, confusion about the tertiary world and its many options, lack of clarity about career preferences and the list goes on.

We continue to support and care for our wonderful young people during these days with firmness and compassion. This pressure also creates strain and anxiety on the whole family and so our prayers and thoughts are with all.

I draw your attention to two important upcoming events in the College calendar.

The first is the 2009 Parents and Friends education night to be held on next Wednesday evening 26 August at 7.30 pm. The topic is Computers and Cyber-Bullying. It is clear that access to new communication technologies have completely changed our lives and our families. This is no less so for our children. These new technologies provide wonderful opportunities for social and intellectual connectedness however (as with all new technologies) it also requires its taming and harnessing. Parents and children will be invited to consider the power of these new mediums and their traps. We are seeing a world wide epidemic of addictedness to the technology particularly among our young. We are aware how vulnerable they can be to any addiction. We need to be alert, careful, guiding, understanding and firm. No parent should miss this opportunity.

The second event is the upcoming Co-Curricular Presentation evening to be held on Wednesday 9th September commencing at 7.30 pm. The program now caters for over 130 activities during the year. These include mandatory Thursday and non mandatory (after school, weekend and holiday) activities. These activities offer both sporting and cultural opportunities and include leisure and representative levels of participation. Our students can compete at both local, regional, state and national levels of most sports and cultural activities. The night recognises both participation and achievements. It celebrates the breadth of gifts and talents that our students and teachers/coaches have. It confirms the importance of balance and variety in our lives. You are most welcomed to join us for the evening which will be followed by supper.

May Rosebank continue to be an innovative, responsive, cooperative, caring and compassionate community.

Tom Galea
Principal



Dates for the Diary

24 August
Yr 7 ConnectED excursion

26 August
Parent Education Night

28 August
Yr 10 History excursion

31 August - 4 September
Literacy & Numeracy Week

3 September
Men Who Matter Breakfast

9 September
Social Justice Day
Co-Curricular Presentation Night

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

29 September
Private Music Students' Concert

30 September
Yr 12 Farewell Assembly

1 October
Yr 12 Graduation Mass & Dinner

From the Coordinator of Mission

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

REMAINING FAITHFUL TO OUR MISSION

As a faith community, in our constant endeavour to manifest a true experience of the Kingdom of God, the Rosebank community must be vigilant in remaining focussed on what is most important—what we might call 'Our Bottom Line.' In the morass of competing priorities, we need to be reminded to place everything we do in relation to our core business; that is, the living out of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In living out this core mission, Rosebank College seeks to draw all students towards becoming the best person each can possibly be. To that end, there are a number of events taking place this term which remind us of and draw us more deeply towards our core mission.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday 18 August, the newly appointed Student Leaders for 2009/2010 spent the day consulting with each other to make plans for the year ahead. The team of twenty two Student Leaders, together with their Teacher-Patrons supporting them, were enthusiastic about their visions for the plans they have for the next four school terms. Each House and Service Group has planned two major and two minor events for which each Student Leader will take responsibility. In this sense, the Student Leaders will be pursuing active leadership and playing their part in building up the Rosebank community in dynamic and nurturing ways.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

As our designated Social Justice Day on 9 September draws near, it is timely that the Rosebank community is reminded of

the lessons we learn from the parable of the Good Samaritan; namely, to be willing to assist anyone who is in need, no matter whom that person is and whatever the personal cost to ourselves. This is summed up in two quotes from the story: (1) "Who is my neighbour?"—to which the answer is EVERYONE who is in need; and (2) Jesus command to "Go and do the same"—that is, to go out of our way to be helpful.

THE PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS

A reminder that Years 7 and 11 Students will be given an opportunity to hear about and discuss vocations on Friday 28 August. Students in these two year groups will have the opportunity to hear the reasons for young people these days choosing to be priests, nuns, married or single. It appears that in our materialistic and increasingly secularised Australian society, too many of our young people are drawn to careers which may pay well but may not satisfy the deep human need to be a valuable contributor to society. Of course, valuable contributions come in a variety of forms. However, it may be timely to challenge our students that money is not the sole consideration when making decisions about career options.

CONVIVIO

A reminder to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 about "Convivio", a follow-up to World Youth Day event. 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



From the Assistant Principal

Debating News

On Friday 14 August two teams from Years 7 & 8 travelled to one of our sister schools, St Scholastica's College at Glebe Point to take part in an afternoon of social debating. Inspired by their enjoyment and success during the CSDA Competition earlier this year the students enjoyed engaging in lively discussions to debate the propositions 'That friendship is more important than success' and 'That 16 year olds should be allowed to vote.'

The following students represented Rosebank most capably, and enjoyed an afternoon of Benedictine hospitality and oratorical skill:

Year 7

Michael Lotsaris
George Hatzigiannis
Daniel Barnett
Nadya Seno
Eilidh Harper
Frances Buckland-Willis

Year 8

Hannah Apps
Jasmine Crnogorac
Jade Hannaford
Emilya Suryak
Isabella Robinson
Andrea Farinha

Particular congratulations go to Michael, Daniel and George who were victorious in their debate. The students and I are most grateful to their coach, Mr Geoff Dix who worked with them and accompanied them on the afternoon.

We look forward to welcoming the junior teams from St Scholastica's for a return visit next term.

Miriam Berlage

Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

| Comp | Team | Versus | Result | Player of the match |
|--------|------------------|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| MCCS | Ist XI Football | Bye | - | - |
| MCCS | Int Football | St Leo's | D1-1 | Jessica Clinton |
| MCCS | Jnr Football | St Leo's | W2-1 | Vicky Markopoulos |
| MCCS | Ist V Basketball | Bye | - | - |
| MCCS | Int Basketball | Terra Sancta | W12-11 | Aketi Foketi |
| MCCS | Jnr Basketball | Terra Sancta | W16-15 | Tina Sio |
| MLC | Water Polo | Ravenswood | L 5-6 | Lara Murray |
| Futsal | Rosebank Dream | Domremy | W2-0 | Cassandra Cocciolone |
| Futsal | Rosebank Ones | Domremy | L2-0 | Michelle Smith |
| Futsal | Rosebank Hotties | Domremy | W4-0 | Sarah Khoury |
| Futsal | Rosebank Kittens | Domremy | L3-2 | Vanessa Bregolin |



Counsellor Welcome

We welcome Clare Rowe who has commenced at Rosebank to replace Kelly Rochow as our new school Psychologist/ Counsellor. Clare comes from a background of educational and developmental psychology with experience with both primary and secondary children in a school setting and private practice. She is currently completing her masters degree at the University of Western Sydney and will be working at Rosebank three days a week.

Clare believes that an openness in communication and awareness regarding mental health issues is the best form of prevention. "Students are welcome at any time to have a chat about any concerns they have," she stated, "adolescence can be an exciting time of growth and discovery, but at the same time can present itself as confusing and challenging. There are many reasons why a student may wish to chat to a counsellor, whether it be simply time management and coping with the stress of exams, friendship issues, concerns with family members or more serious events such as grief or self identity."

Clare also has experience in the assessment of cognitive disorders such as reading and language developmental delays. Besides Rosebank, Clare is also a provider of sport psychology with the NSW Institute of Sport and is an international competitor in Ballroom dancing.

Students, teachers and parents may contact Clare by phoning the school or emailing her directly at:
crowe@rosebank.nsw.edu.au



Friday saw our CGSSSA Athletics team head to Homebush for the CGSSSA Championship. A good day was had by all, with several girls placing in events. Congratulations to Tina Sio who has qualified for the NSWCCC athletics championship.

Co-Curricular Presentation Night

Date: 9th September
Venue: College Hall
Start: 7pm

All students who have represented the College in representative activities, along with their parents are invited to help celebrate the achievements of our students. Invitations will be distributed this week. Please mark this date in your diary and come along to celebrate the Co-Curricular community of Rosebank College.

InspirED Workshop – Intensely Dutch

This term's InspirED workshop allowed students in Years 8, 9 and 10 to visit the NSW Art Gallery. These students were able to explore the Intensely Dutch exhibition, a showcase of artworks created by a group of artists from Amsterdam, Denmark and Belgium who banded together after the Second World War. These artists "dramatically re-cast the character of Dutch art Emphasising individuality, bold expressive imagery and strong colour, though it didn't seem so to many at the time" (Hendrik Kolenberg, Intensely Dutch curator, 2009). The exhibition also explores the connection between art and literature, especially poetry, that was evolving during this post-war period.

Here is one student's reflection of this day:

Two weeks ago I attended a workshop with some other girls and boys from Years 7, 8 and 9. We went to the NSW Art Gallery, where we were able to view the Intensely Dutch Exhibition and see the different artworks. We saw how the Dutch artists were feeling and we were able to have a look into their minds. Many of the artworks in the exhibition were childlike and confusing at the first look. But when you were able to stop, look at the different colours used, and hear some history about what these artists were going through at the time of when they painted the picture, you were able to make some sense out of it. We then talked about some poetry that is linked with certain artworks and how poetry and art are related and complement each other. After this we were given the chance to pick an artwork and write a concrete poem. We then transferred this poem onto our own artworks and had lunch.

After a quick bite to eat, we were given a list of artworks around the whole of the NSW Art Gallery and told to find and link them to the description on the sheet. This was enjoyable and gave me a chance to have a look at most of the artworks on display.

This whole experience was worthwhile as it helped me to understand what was running through the heads of the artists and it also gave me a chance to get some of my own thoughts and ideas onto paper.

Kahlia Angus
8C

Many thanks to Mrs Chiandotto and Ms Staniforth for accompanying the students on this excursion and for making this an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Ms Laing
Learning Support Coordinator

Match of the Week - Basketball

As a coach, today was one of the most enjoyable days of my coaching career.

The girls played Terra Sancta. Terra Sancta's approach to M CCS basketball is a very determined one with new uniforms and a new attitude. They wanted to win and turned up to play. The teams are very even, with Rosebank having a slight height advantage. But Terra Sancta had some athletic girls with a good passing game.

The game was extremely tight and low scoring, with Terra Sancta holding the lead for 95% of the game. This was not going to be like the previous week's 51-0 blow out. I am usually a relaxed coach trying to remain calm and clear of thought but even today the nerves were starting to show. The performance of Rosebank and the 'never say die' attitude showed that with courage and focus the win was possible. The last 10 seconds of the game aged me 10 years as Aketi was fouled and asked to go to the line.

The scoreboard showed 9.5 seconds remaining. The score was 11-10 to Terra Sancta. Aketi approached the line very relaxed. The Stadium had an eerie hush as she shot the first of her free throws. All net! The Rosebank girls were off their seats and cheering for Aketi to hit the next one. She calmly approached the line, took her shot, which went high in a perfect arc. All net! She won the game! I hate to use the word heroic but Aketi showed immense maturity and courage to back her self and win the game. Rosebank should be proud. But it was also the team that did it. Alex had a tremendous game and never gave up and Ciara was reliable in the key. A great win that makes me very proud and pumped for Bethlehem.

Cheers,
Mike Franco (Coach)

Getting the Basics Right

Each year, students around Australia celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week. This is an opportunity for teachers and parents to promote the importance of literacy and numeracy skills in our everyday lives.

For many people, and in particular the Indigenous communities around Australia, basic literacy and numeracy skills are not easily acquired. Poor literacy and numeracy skills are a significant barrier to employment, and this is particularly true for Indigenous people. In 2008, just under 40% of Indigenous people aged 19 years and over completed Year 12.

At Rosebank College this year, we would like to make a contribution to help Indigenous children "get the basics right". During National Literacy and Numeracy Week, several fundraising initiatives will take place, with all proceeds going to the Dymocks Childrens Charities, who will then supply books to an Indigenous community in Australia.

Students will be asked to contribute to this fundraising initiative in the following ways:

- Year 7 will participate in a Religion spelling bee and make a gold coin contribution
- Year 8 will be offered the chance to participate in numeracy challenges each day, with a gold coin donation to enter
- Year 9 will participate in a History/Geography spelling bee and make a gold coin contribution
- Year 10 will participate in Homerooms in a guessing competition to match staff members to their favourite book choices, with each Homeroom making a donation to enter
- Pizza stall at lunch on Friday, 4th September

During the week, there will also be several other activities for students to celebrate their literacy and numeracy skills:

- Story Sharing Safari display in the library of students' favourite book choices
- Year 7 Science Numeracy Challenge
- Year 8 Maths Literacy Challenge
- Flourishing Fig Awards – a writing competition open to all students
- Staff favourite book choice display in the library

There are great prizes to be won for all competitions and challenges, so let's get involved and celebrate getting the basics right!

Ms Laing
Learning Support Coordinator

St. Joseph's Youth Group

Junior Group (Years 5-8)

We will be having a Movie Night, showing "Journey to the Centre of the Earth" (rated PG)

When: Friday 28th August 2009
Where: School Media Room (under the Hall), enter from the Baker Street car park.
Time: 7.00-9.30pm
Cost: \$2- per person (this price includes admission and snacks).

Parents are welcome to stay and help supervise and socialise.
For more information please contact:

Ann 9745 2174
Georgette 9742 5157
Mavi 9642 5146

Senior Youth Group (Years 9 and above)

We will be starting our fundraising drive for World Youth Day 2011 in Spain. Tonight we will be cooking for a cake stall to be held after mass on Sunday Aug 30th. Please bring an easy recipe and ingredients you will need to make it, plus there will be time for chat and reflection.

When: Friday 28th August 2009
Where: Parish Hall, enter from the Baker Street carpark.
Time: 7.00-10.00pm
Cost: \$2- per person (this price includes admission and snacks).

For more information please contact **Aime** 0406 755 525

Please note we are trialling a new format for the groups. We will be having a later start time, dinner will no longer be included and the activities for the rest of the year will be on the Parish grounds.

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 close on 30 September. All Yr 12 students will receive a FREE copy of the 2010 UAC Guide on 8 August when the application procedure is explained in detail by the Careers Advisor.

Studying for the HSC

An information booklet for Year 10 Students is now available on the Board of Studies website. Get a copy by following the link:

<http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm/2009/8/17/Studying-for-the-NSW-Higher-School-Certificate-u213-An-Information-Booklet-for-Year-10-Students-2009>

Sydney University Scholarships

Please see Ms McAloon for information and forms. Most applications close 30 September at 4 pm. If you are female and considering Civil Engineering please apply for the Winifred Nerious Scholarship closing 19 October 2009. See <http://www.eng.usyd.edu.au/scholarships/future-students.shtml> for details.

NSW/ACT University Open Days

Please access each of the university websites for more information regarding Open Days.

University Open Days include:

ACU NSydney Open Night 9 September
ACU Strathfield 12 September
Macquarie 12 September
New South Wales 5 September
ADFA Canberra 29 August
Newcastle Callaghan 29 August
Sydney Uni Live 29 August
UTS Broadway 29 August
UTS Kuring-gai 9 September
UWS Parramatta 30 August
Notre Dame 29 August

Private Provider Open Days include:

Raffles College of Design and Commerce 5 September
Qantm College, Creative Digital Arts 29 August
Kenvale College, Hospitality and Event Management 5 September
Bedford College, Business, Finance and Child Care 19 September
Julius Media College, Lighting, Live Sound, Video, Staging, Music and Events, Theatre 19 September
JMC Academy, Film and Digital TV, Audio, Music, 3D Animation and Digital media 19 September

UTS:IT Bachelor of Information Technology Scholarships

Round 2 applications are open for this prestigious scholarship worth \$43,500 over 3 years. See Ms McAloon, attend the info evening on 15 September or visit <http://it.uts.edu.au/news/index.html> for details.

Australian Robertson Scholars Program

Each year up to two Australian students are selected to complete a four year undergraduate degree in the US. Applications close 30 November. See www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au/robertson for details.

TAFE Application Courses

Many popular courses offered by TAFE NSW require an Application Form by 30 October for Semester 1 2010. All Year 12 students will be taken through the TAFE application process during period 5 in the Old Hall on Tuesday 15 September. Find out about training options, study support, financial assistance, applications and how to enrol for 2010 at TAFE information sessions 8 – 16 September.

Design Centre Expo

Visit the Design Centre Enmore on 12 September between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm to view student work, talk to teachers and students about careers in design.

Student Shelters Wanted

City of Canada Bay Council has a number of casual positions available for student shelvees 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.

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.

TAFE Engineering Cadetships

OPTUS offers an Engineering Cadetship Program to Yr 12 school leavers that combines paid on-the-job learning and TAFE NSW studies over a 3 year period. Applications close 28 August.

Scholarships for Children of Australian Veterans

The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust offers bursaries and scholarships worth \$3000 - \$6000 pa to help disadvantaged children of the veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applications close 31 October.

MQ Law Info Evening

The Dean of the Macquarie Law School, Professor Peter Radan, will be hosting an information evening for prospective law students and their families on 2 September. RSVP essential.

Interested in Aviation?

The University of NSW will hold an Info Session on 5 September for prospective Flying and Management students plus Open Days at Bankstown Airport on 19 September and 28 November.

Quantity Surveying Scholarships

The Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors offers \$3000 Scholarships to Yr 12 students entering a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics / Management or other approved course at an AIQS accredited university. Applications close 30 September.

UTAS Scholarships

The University of Tasmania offers generous scholarships to interstate students studying on-campus courses in Ag Science and Engineering. 2010 Scholarships brochure now available. Most applications close 31 October.