



GAZETTE

From the Assistant Principal

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Dear Parents, Students & Friends of Rosebank,

On behalf of the College community, I extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to Mr Galea and his family on the loss of his father, Thomas Galea senior, on Tuesday August 25. Students and staff joined in prayer and reflection during our College assembly on Wednesday last week, giving thanks for the gift of all fathers, and praying for the eternal rest of Mr Galea's father in particular.

*Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.*



As Mr Galea noted in last week's newsletter, our Year 12 students have just finished their HSC Trial Examinations. This week Ms Peruzzi welcomed them back to classes with a reflection which called on them to "listen and attend with the ears of their hearts" to the experiences of the apostles when caught in a storm with Jesus. At this time of panic and uncertainty, Jesus called on them to have courage and faith, and to find in themselves the calmness that He wrought on the sea.

The students have returned to be congratulated on some fine results, as well as to be encouraged to continue to strive unstintingly for their best. We pray that they continue to be guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit – of wisdom, fortitude, knowledge and understanding – to strengthen both their faith and their learning in these final key weeks of formal schooling.

On Tuesday evening this week Stage 6 students presented a showcase of their recent creative works, including HSC Music performances, HSC Design & Technology major design projects and Visual Arts bodies of work. Together with the Drama performances and English Extension 2 projects, these works represent the fruits of many hours of research, creative endeavour, experimentation and sheer hard work.

These projects will shortly be submitted to the Board of Studies for marking. A huge vote of thanks is due to the teachers who have worked closely with these students, and congratulations to the students whose works were received and admired by a most appreciative audience.

On Wednesday evening Snr Constable Saskia Llowarch, Schools Liaison Officer from Burwood LAC presented an informative and engaging parent and student education session on issues associated with electronic communication. The parents and students who attended found the case studies, warnings and preventative strategies most helpful, and some lively discussion was generated.

If you were unable to attend, but are interested in learning more about this area, the Australian Government website <http://www.netalert.gov.au/> is an excellent resource for families. My sincere thanks to Tammy Alexandroff and the other members of the P & F Executive Committee who organised the event.

Finally, this week we farewell Mrs Kerrie Graham, who has taught TAS and Visual Arts since Term 1 this year. Mrs Graham's energy and expertise will be greatly missed, but we wish her many blessings as she and her husband await the birth of their first child.

May God carry you gently through the week.

Miriam Berlage



Dates for the Diary

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Rosebank College will mark its celebration of Social Justice Day on 9 September. It is perhaps timely, therefore, that we seek a clear understanding of what social justice involves. In the words of the Australian of the Year for 2009, Mr Mick Dodson:

"Social justice is what faces you in the morning. It is awakening in a house with an adequate water supply, cooking facilities and sanitation. It is the ability to nourish your children and send them to school where their education not only equips them for employment but reinforces their knowledge and understanding of their cultural inheritance. It is the prospect of genuine employment and good health: a life of choices and opportunity, free from discrimination."

Mick Dodson

Annual Report of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Social Justice Commissioner, 1993

With this understanding in mind, we look forward to our Rosebank community having an ever greater awareness of social justice issues and playing our part in addressing those issues as best we can.

THE PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS

On Friday 28 August, the Year 7 and Year 11 Students spent time reflecting on and exploring the concept of a life's "vocation." To this end, a number of visitors and teachers were invited to speak to the Year 7 and 11 students about the options open to them in making fundamental life choices. Sister Veronica McCluskie gave the students an excellent overview of the whole concept of "vocation" as a call to love God and to becoming the best we can be. This calling can be expressed as a married person or as a single person. The students were also spoken to by five seminarians (men training to be priests) who each gave their personal testimony as to why they have chosen to pursue a vocation to priesthood. We hope that the experience of hearing about vocations has given our students something to think about and reflect up.

CONVIVIO

A reminder to all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 that there is "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

AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BE MISSED

The following is information about an initiative organised by the Sydney Catholic Education Office:

After five years working with Youth Mission Team Australia, Samuel Clear decided to take a year out to walk 29,000 kilometres around the globe praying for the UNITY OF ALL CHRISTIANS! Setting out on 14 December 2006, Sam slowly travelled from Cape Branco, the eastern-most point of Brazil, up through South America, Central America and North America, across Russia and down through Europe to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Throughout his journey he prayed for the unity of all Christians and invited Christians worldwide to join him in walking and praying for unity.

Hear Samuel Clear (a modern day missionary) present at the Catholic Education Office Lidcombe.

Venue: CEO, 3 Keating Street, Lidcombe, Meeting Room 2.

Date: Thursday 3 September

Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Please RSVP: grace.kordahi@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au or 0427 275 729.

Ski Trip

On 13 August, 52 students and 5 members of staff, Ms Laing, Ms Staniforth, Ms Dix, Mr Taylor and Mr McDonald took off on Rosebank's 2009 Ski Trip. The 6 hour bus trip was long but eventful, however we entertained ourselves through singing and dancing. After a stop at our favourite fast food restaurant, 'The Golden Arches' in chilly Goulburn, we continued on our journey towards the famous '5 star', Snowgate Motel in Berridale. Both staff and students arrived safely, and after organising rooms and ski gear, we hit the hay, as they say.

The morning brought everyone full of energy and excitement, ready to hit the slopes. After arriving at Smiggins (other side of Persher Valley), everyone took part in 2 hour lessons from instructors, and of course our very own professional, Mr Taylor. After this we were free to do what we wanted, whether that meant skiing, snowboarding, or even rowing down the slopes. This was our daily routine for the next two days, where Friday and Saturday had magnificent weather. Although Sunday was a little bit miserable with wind and rain, everyone still made the most of it, inside and out.

Ski Trip 2009 would not have been as enjoyable if it wasn't for the nightly entertainment of Karaoke from Ms Laing and Mr McDonald, along with arcade games and pool tournaments. Although there were a few stacks and falls, Ski Trip 2009 was one that will not be forgotten. It would not have been possible without the help and support of all, especially Ms. Laing, and not to mention the involvement of all students who attended.

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Year 11**



Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	Ist XI Football	Trinity	W3-1	Joanne Aboumelham
MCCS	Int Football	Bethlehem	W3-0	Carla Dolfo
MCCS	Jnr Football	Bethlehem	W2-1	Carla Nesci
MCCS	Ist V Basketball	McAuley	L50-2	Michelle Smith
MCCS	Int Basketball	Trinity	L28-3	Maree
MCCS	Jnr Basketball	Trinity	W22-19	Natalie Dinh
MLC	Water Polo	Ascham	W3-2	Claudia Willis-Craig
Futsal	Rosebank Ones	Santa Sabina	W4-2	Alicia Smith
Futsal	Rosebank Hotties	Domremy	W2-0	Sarah Khoury
Futsal	Rosebank Kittens	Santa Sabina	W2-0	Maretta Akkari



St Martha's Parish Strathfield

HSC students are invited to the annual HSC Mass to be held at 6pm on Sunday, 27 September, 2009 followed by pizza and coke in the parish hall. Students are invited to take part in the Mass - Readers/Ministers of Holy Communion - as well as being part of the Entrance Procession.

Weekly Careers News

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

Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo

Attend the expo for students, parents, employers and educators on September 30 at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club 5-8pm. Explore apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities. For further details contact Daniela Anderson on 9449 7201 or email: daniela.anderson@northwestben.com.au

Teaching scholarships

The NSW Department of Education and Training is offering 300 scholarships in 2010 worth \$5,000 per year of full time study in a teaching qualification. On successful completion, permanent employment in a NSW public school is guaranteed in an agreed location and a further \$3,000 provided to assist with relocation costs. Students may also receive HECS-HELP benefits of up to \$1,558.50 each financial year. Applications close 2 October. See <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/teachnsw/scholarships.htm>.

"Taste of TAFE" Introduction to Plumbing

6 days are being planned starting around October 29. This is an essentially "hands on" course, consisting of soldering, working with sheet metal, looking and working in plumbing situations. Projects completed would include a tool carryall and a dustpan. The cost will be \$70 for the whole six days. Interested students please contact Ms McAloon.

NSW/ACT University Open Days

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

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS	OPEN DAY
ACU Nth Sydney Open Night	9 September
ACU Strathfield	12 September
Macquarie	12 September
New South Wales	5 September
UTS Kuring-gai	9 September

Private Providers also hold Open Days as follows:

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
APM College marketing, advertising, communications, public relations, event management, sports marketing and entertainment and music	5 September
Australasian College of Natural Therapies Natural therapies and beauty therapy	5 September
Australian Film Television and Radio School Film, television, radio and digital media	5 & 6 September
Billy Blue College of Design	12 September

Educational Access Scheme

Students who feel their studies in Yrs 11/12 have been adversely affected by circumstances beyond their control can apply to UAC for special consideration under the Educational Access Scheme. On-time Applications close 30 September.

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. Meadowbank is open on 12 September.

Studying for the HSC

An information booklet for Year 10 Students is now available at <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 applications forms - most close 30 September at 4 pm. If you are a female 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.

Scholarships@Raffles College

Raffles College of Design and Commerce offers one full-fee and one half-fee scholarship annually for each of their 3 undergraduate degree programs in Commerce, Design and Visual Communication. Applications close 30 September.

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Apprenticeships and Traineeships in the Hospitality Industry

WPC Group currently need to fill at least 10 positions ranging from Chef apprenticeships to Food and Beverage traineeships. School leavers please see Ms. McAloon, visit www.wpcgroup.org.au or ring Kylie Grove on 0422281882 or 1300 760 099 for details.

CSU Marketing Scholarships

Charles Sturt University offers scholarships worth \$3000 to students enrolling in the Bachelor of Business (Marketing) for on campus study in Bathurst or Albury. 5 Scholarships are reserved for PREP applicants – note: applications close 14 September.

UTS Engineering Scholarships

UTS:Engineering offers a lucrative scholarship program that not only provides financial support but also promotes your development as a future leader in engineering through industry partnerships. Applications close 2 October.

Notre Dame Applications

The University of Notre Dame selects students for admission on the basis of personal qualities, motivation and academic performance. ATAR 70+ required. You must apply directly to the University. On-time Applications close 25 September.

Accelerate Your Career!

Trivett is Australia's largest retailer of prestige vehicles and is offering 20 apprenticeships across Sydney in Light Vehicle Mechanical, Motorcycle Mechanical or Sales - Parts Interpreting, to commence January 2010. Applications close 18 September.

UTS IT Info Evening

The University of Technology Sydney will hold an IT Undergraduate Courses and Scholarships Information Evening on 15 September for prospective students and parents. RSVP required by 11 September. BIT Co-op Scholarships close 30 October.

Discover Engineering and IT

The Faculty of Engineering and Information Technologies at the University of Sydney will hold an

Information Evening for prospective Yr 12 students on 23 September. Registrations required.

ADF Gap Year

Applications are now being accepted from current Yr 12 students/recent HSC school leavers for the Australian Defence Force Gap Yr Program. No long term commitment. Various training and employment options, great lifestyle and benefits! Applications close 3/9.

Scholarships for Children of Vietnam and other War Veterans

Please see Ms McAloon for information on the many scholarships available for students intending tertiary study in 2010.

UOW - New Degrees for 2010

In 2010 the University of Wollongong will offer the 4 year B of Medical and Health Sciences Advanced (Honours) degree for high-achieving students (UAI > 93) and the B Digital Studies in conjunction with Illawarra TAFE.

Creative Arts at UOW

Yr 12 Applicants for courses offered by the Faculty of Creative Arts at the University of Wollongong must apply for an interview by 16 October. Applicants for the Creative Writing degree must also submit a portfolio of their work by this date.

Student Start Up Scholarships

From 1 January 2010, all university students receiving income support will be entitled to an annual Student Start-up Scholarship of \$2254 in 2010 and indexed thereafter. No application is necessary.

Engineering Summit @ UOW

'So you think you can Engineer?' at the University of Wollongong from 11-15 January is a summit for young women interested in a career in Engineering. Late applications will be considered until 2 October.

Pathway to Legal Practice

The Diploma in Law offered through the Legal Practitioners Admission Board is deemed equivalent to a Law degree and offers a much cheaper pathway to legal practice (approx \$11000 – pay as you go!). Min UAI 66+ required. Applications close March/September.

Film, TV and Radio Course

The Australian Film, Television and Radio School has two pathways for aspiring screen arts and broadcast practitioners that include a FT 1 year Foundation Diploma + a vast array of courses offered by the School's OPEN PROGRAM. Applications open 1/9.

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.

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.

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.

APS Finance Careers

The Department of Finance and Deregulation Canberra is seeking talented Yr 12 school leavers for its Career Starters Program, positions to commence January 2010. Applications close 6 September.

TAFE International Student Open Day

Sydney Institute TAFENSW will hold an Open Day for International students on 4 September. Explore course and study options and the advantages of a TAFE education both in Australia and abroad.

Medicine Info Evening

Sydney Bond University invites students, parents/carers to the MBBS Information Evening in Sydney on 2 September. Online Registration required.