



# GAZETTE

## Men Who Matter

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*Early on Thursday morning, the third of September, many fathers of our students responded to a personal invitation extended to them to attend a Fathers' Day/Men Who Matter Breakfast as a way of honouring and celebrating their fatherhood role.*

*Year 11 student Steph DiVal delivered some words about her father. Mr DiVal then delivered his reply. Both speeches are reproduced below.*

Good Morning Mr Galea, Teachers, Students, Parents – Fathers.

My name is Mark Di Val – father of Stephanie and three sons Morgan, Marc, and Taylor. Just like Mr Galea, I have recently lost my father, and this has caused me to reflect often on what my Dad meant to me, on his life, and everything he gave us.

But today is a happy day - because my daughter has invited me to this Father' Day Breakfast at her school, Rosebank College. And with little notice, she has invited me to speak today about fatherhood – so let me begin by saying that “fatherhood is full of wonderful surprises”.

You stand, or sit for fear of fainting, beside a bed and watch as a part of you – a new life – emerges into the world. In a moment you hear the first cry, as through a blur of joy and relief, you learn the gender. You were two, but now you are three. You gaze in wonder as your newborn child settles in loving arms. You eagerly imagine a lifetime ahead full of adventure and discovery and sharing and hope. You realise that Responsibility, with a capital 'R', is now rested fully on your shoulders. You know that your life is changed forever.

As time goes by you get to know each other, and if you are lucky enough to have more than one, you soon learn that each is different – each child is an individual – a little person. They learn to walk – learn to talk – and a thousand other things - it is a fun but often exhausting time.

One of the greatest joys, after the hardest day at work, when all the world is rotten – is to come home and be greeted by little arms around your neck, to sit together, to laugh, and to be a family. Later on you will come home to find your children playing in the tree outside or riding a bike, and you will smile when their eyes light up on you arrival.

When you have children, you get a taste of something that you cannot buy and can never have again: innocence – for a time at least. As your child grows and learns, you attempt to replace innocence with courage and honesty and many other things. You encourage them always to do their best, and when things don't work out as planned, you help them to regroup, to gather their strength, and to try again. Sometimes you are stern – perhaps more so than your heart would choose, but between head and heart, a father always wants what is best.

So what does a father want for his child?

Good grades? ... naturally! A university education? ... maybe. A successful career? ... sure – why not.

If you want something - then I want you to chase it with all the energy and passion that you can muster. You must find your life and live it.

My greatest wish for you, my child, is that you are happy.

For me – it is enough to hear you call me “Dad”.

**Mark Di Val**  
**Father of Year 11 Student Stephanie Di Val**



## Dates for the Diary

### 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.*

### FATHERS' DAY/MEN WHO MATTER GATHERING

On Thursday 3 September, in anticipation of Fathers' Day celebrations on Sunday 6 September, the Rosebank community hosted a gathering for fathers and for other men who matter. There was an impressive turn-out of both fathers, significant men and students. Breakfast was served with the help of a number of the Rosebank staff, some members of the P & F and the Student Leaders. Such an event highlights once again for all of us that one of the most precious gifts we receive is the gift of family. The support that comes to us via our family is that which helps us cope with the vicissitudes of life—family helps to keep us steady and balanced. Such an occasion also demonstrates to me that Rosebank is blessed with many wonderful people who go out of their way to serve the community and to make real our call to serve one another. Thank you to the staff, students and members of the P & F who contributed their time, effort and hospitality. I make special mention of Mrs Carmel Haddad and Mrs Ann King from the P & F who, in their unassuming way, helped in the cooking, serving and clean-up of the breakfast.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE

On Wednesday 9 September, the Rosebank community will celebrate Social Justice Day. This celebration will be an opportunity for us to refocus on an essential part of our mission as a Catholic school; that is, the pursuit of social justice by serving others and reaching out to the poor. It will also be opportune on this occasion to commence the fundraising drive that will culminate during the Advent season next term. Year 7 students will be invited to donate items for Christmas hampers to be distributed to the poor and needy via Croydon Parish Branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Year 8 students will be invited to raise money for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets Program which caters for the needs of homeless youth across Australia. Year 9 students will be invited to raise money for the Aboriginal Catholic Mission. Year 10 will be invited to raise money and equipment for aiding the work of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in Kiribati. Year 11 will raise money for the Children First Foundation which is an Australian woman's initiative to organise surgery for children who have disfiguring diseases. Year 12 have made their contributions in the past, so they are urged to focus their efforts on their final preparations for the Higher School Certificate Examinations. On that note, we wish them well and they may be assured of our prayerful support.



# Men Who Matter (continued)

*Stephanie's speech about fatherhood is printed below:*

When I thought about talking today, I was sitting at my computer, wondering what to say. To be honest, my mind went blank. I found myself wanting to say something moving, powerful and well, wonderful – without sounding too sappy. I even thought about writing a poem, but thought that might not be the best idea when I reached the part about bald spots and beer guts. Then I tried to define it, but couldn't. I thought it would be easy, to define a simple word like 'father'. I soon discovered it wasn't, which I took to mean that for everyone, the definition is different.

I think fathers are pretty clever. They have an ability to know when something's not right. They give the best hugs in the world. They're the taxi, the soccer coach and the tutor all in one. They're the guys who crack out lame jokes at birthday parties and remind you of all the embarrassing things you've said and done – and tried to make them forget. They set an example. They are 'Father of the Year' – every year.

When I think of my own Dad, I think photographer. Over the years, he's been the man behind the lens, taking more photos than he was ever in. My three brothers and I are incredibly lucky. All the moments from our birth until now, he has followed and frozen in film. He's probably been to a thousand hockey, soccer, rugby and cricket games, presentation nights, birthday parties, Santa photos, recorder concerts and school discos and has survived to tell the tale. If I were wearing a hat, I would take it off to you fathers.

My Dad has given me more than I could ever measure. Your unconditional love makes me appreciate all the little things. You gave me your love of reading – those who know me will recognise how significant that is. For me, he is the person I bounce my ideas off, the person who taught me to drive and the person to blame for more than 16,000 photos both digital and developed. I have so much of you in me and that's something I am thankful for.

A lot of the time fathers go unrecognised for what they do, so this is the day we thank you. Thank you to all the strong, talented and generous men in our lives. Thank you for being the taxi. Thank you for being everything that you are and thank you very much for coming today, so that we could do this in appreciation of you.

**Stephanie Di Val**  
Year 11

## Co-Curricular News

Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	1st XI Football	McAuley	W2-0	Laura Gonzales
MCCS	Int Football	Trinity	D0-0	Elizabeth Nobrega
MCCS	Jnr Football	Trinity	W1-0	Siobhan Pirina
MCCS	1st V Basketball	Trinity	L40-7	Jayde Harrison
MCCS	Int Basketball	St Patrick's	W18-14	Felicity Simpson
MCCS	Jnr Basketball	St Patrick's	W22-12	Natasha Dinh
MLC	Water Polo	Santa Sabina	L8-6	Avalon Turner
Futsal	Rosebank Kittens	Santa Sabina	L3-0	Chanel Sorbello

Cocurricular Presentation Night

This Wednesday **September 9th**

Starting at **7:00pm**

Guest Speaker - Nikita Cuffe - Australian Waterpolo Team

Please help us celebrate our students achievements!

Congratulations to Rosebank Rangers for making the grand final on Saturday. Coming up against St Scholastica's College, we knew it was going to be a hard game. After winning the semi final against Burwood, we went straight through to the grand final. After having a week off, all girls were very nervous and feeling a little intimidated as St Scholastica's won their quarter final quite comfortably. Rosebank Rangers played well, but unfortunately there could only be one winner with the girls being defeated 42 – 22. Well done girls! It was a great achievement to have reached the grand final.



## From the Assistant Principal

This week we welcome to the College staff Ms Tina Mavritsakis who takes up the role of Coordinator of Development. As an ex-student of Rosebank herself, we are excited to welcome Tina into this important community relations role, and wish her much happiness and success in her work.

This week I came across one of those thought provoking pieces that do the round of emails. I thought it worth sharing, particularly as a follow up to our recent Parent Education Night on the role of electronic communication in our lives.

Try treating your Bible like a mobile phone....

Wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our mobile phones?

What if we carried it around in our bags or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

## Weekly Careers News

### UOW Management Cadetships

The University of Wollongong offers Management Cadetships to talented HSC students interested in combining work with study. Cadets work in a number of areas across the University giving them a professional edge. Applications close 13/9.

### Youth Allowance Changes

The Government has revised a number of budget initiatives. 2008 Yr 12 students who have taken a gap year in 2009 can now claim independent status for Youth Allowance under the existing system until 30/6/2010 (Conditions apply).

### US Study Opportunity!

The UNSW Robertson Scholarship valued at \$50 000 pa offers talented Yr 12 students the opportunity to pursue undergraduate studies at a leading US university for 4 years. Covers tuition, room and board and a living allowance. Applications close 30/11.

### RTA Traineeships

The RTA is currently recruiting for Business/Government Trainees to start in January 2010 at various locations including Sydney. Applications close 18 September.

### National Art School

The National Art School Sydney offers B Visual Arts and is a centre of excellence in studio based visual arts, research and the delivery of a liberal education. Open Day: 23 September.

### Video Competition

The Railway Technical Society of Australasia invites students in Yrs 10-12 to enter their video competition. Each video must

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it as we travelled?

What if we used it in case of an emergency?

What if we upgraded it to get the latest version?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our mobile phones, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parents of students in Years 7, 8 & 9 are asked to make note of the upcoming Parent-Teacher interviews which will accompany the publication of Semester 2 Interim Reports. Interviews will be held in A Block between 4 and 8pm on Tuesday 22 September.

Students will shortly receive a letter and booking sheet with details for the evening. Please ensure that your son or daughter makes appointments promptly.

### Miriam Berlage

address specific themes about 'Railways' and is to be uploaded onto YouTube. Cash Prizes! Entries close 11 October.

### Electro-technology Training

Electro Skills (Sydney) offers accredited training in the electrical/electronics field including pre apprenticeships. Aptitude tests are conducted throughout the year. Registrations now being accepted.

### Accommodation at UNSW

New College is an Anglican residential college at the University of NSW providing around 80 places a year to both male and female students. All applicants are interviewed. Online applications now open.

### Sport and Fitness Scholarships

The Australian College of Sport and Fitness Scholarship Program helps Australian school leavers to start their career in the fitness industry. Scholarships covering tuition fees (\$3800) and equipment costs (\$1000) are available. Applications close 31 October.

### Speech and Hearing Sciences at MQ

The B Speech and Hearing Sciences offered at Macquarie University encompasses a large number of traditional disciplines including Linguistics, Psychology, the Medical and Clinical Sciences, Biology, Physics, Computer Science and Engineering.

# Weekly Careers News

See Ms McAloon or log on to [www.careercentral.com.au](http://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](mailto: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>.

## UAC Early Closing Dates

Courses with additional selection criteria - submitting a portfolio, attending an interview and/or auditions, completing a personal statement - may have earlier closing dates than 30 September. Confirm requirements and closing dates with the relevant institutions...

## 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. Students must lodge applications with Ms McAloon by 16 September in order to meet the on-time closing date of 30 September.

## 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
UTS Kuring-gai	9 September

**Private Providers** also hold Open Days as follows:

Billy Blue College of Design	12 September
<b>Bedford College</b> Business, Finance and Child Care	19 September
<b>Julius Media College</b> Lighting, Live Sound, Video, Staging, Music and Events, Theatre	19 September
<b>JMC Academy</b> Film and Digital TV, Audio, Music, 3D Animation and Digital media	19 September
Total Agricultural College	9 and 16 October

## 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. Meet with teachers, get course information, find out about training options, study support, financial advice and how to enrol at Sydney TAFE Open Days 8-16 September. Randwick (8/9) Ultimo (10/9) Enmore (12/9)...

## 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.

## 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](http://www.wpcgroup.org.au) or ring Kylie Grove on 0422281882 or 1300 760 099 for details.

## Interested in Aviation?

The University of NSW will hold Open Days at Bankstown Airport on 19 September and 28 November.

## Overseas Exchange

Student Exchange Australia offers students 15-18 years the chance to live and study overseas for a semester or year. Scholarships available - next deadline 31/10. Info Session 9/9

## 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.

## Aged Care Nursing Scholarships

Scholarships up to \$10 000 pa are available to those with an interest in aged care nursing, intending to enrol in an undergraduate nursing program in 2010. Late applications are now being accepted until 11 September.

## What Is An Actuary?

Find out at an Actuarial Studies Info Session to be held at Macquarie University on 12 September! Students in Yrs 11/12 who have excellent mathematical ability and enjoy solving complex problems might find this career area interesting and challenging.