



GAZETTE

From the Principal

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Rosebank,

On behalf of my family I would like to extend my gratitude for all the wonderful words, prayers and good wishes of support following the recent death of my father. We were overwhelmed, deeply touched and most grateful. The celebration of his life was a fitting tribute to a man who lived a long and healthy life of 92 years much of which was dedicated to assisting his local community, looking after his family and being a loving and loyal husband for 58 years. Much of what I bring to Rosebank can be sourced from this great but very humble man.

The College continued this week to highlight significant achievements. On Tuesday evening we welcomed our newly enrolling families for the initial induction into Rosebank life. One cannot help but be impressed by the enthusiasm, excitement and hope displayed by parents and students as we prepare for the commencement of the graduating class of 2015.

On Wednesday night the College gathered to acknowledge the co curricular involvement and achievements of 2009. As hundreds of students proceeded onto the stage, we were reminded of how much this program has grown and developed. The well organized event celebrated effort, sportsmanship, leadership, participation, the pursuit of personal best, excellence and team work. Staff, parents and students have much to be proud of. We acknowledge the organizational efforts of Mr McDonald and Mr Taylor and thank them for their enthusiasm, commitment and skill.

The celebration of Social Justice day on Wednesday was a reminder to the whole community of the core Benedictine values of peace, hospitality and justice.

There can be no peace in the world until there is a more equitable distribution of its resources and we are all asked to play a key role in making this happen.

Each year, a Yr 12 student is selected as recipient of the Sydney Archbishop's Award. On Tuesday morning, Isabella DiManno received her award from Archbishop George Pell at a wonderful ceremony in St. Mary's Cathedral. Isabella has been acknowledged for her untiring efforts in leadership, service and prayer. Her parents are to also be congratulated for their support, encouragement and inspiration.

The College now enters into the period of interim reporting for students in Yrs 7 to 10. This provides opportunities for parents to be briefed on the progress of their children half way through the semester. Appointments are being set up for all families to attend.

I ask that you keep in your prayers our Yr 12 students who are engaged in intense preparation for their HSC. May God grant them courage, stamina, commitment and clarity of mind.

Tom Galea
Principal



Dates for the Diary

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

2 October

Term 3 Ends

19 October

Term 4 Commences

Parent- Teacher Interviews

All students in Years 7, 8 & 9 should now have received a letter and booking sheet for Parent-Teacher interviews on 22 September. Please ensure that your son or daughter makes appointments promptly.

NAPL:AN reports for students in Years 7 and 9 will be issued on this occasion.

Year 10 Interim reports were mailed on Friday. Parents of Year 10 students who wish to make an appointment to speak with any of your daughter's teachers on 22 September are welcome to do so, as outlined in the letter enclosed with the report.

Miriam Berlage
Assistant Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Student Health

Rosebank has recently renewed our Asthma Friendly Status. This has involved the staff undergoing training in asthma and its management, and providing evidence to the Asthma Foundation of NSW that we comply with eight essential criteria to claim this status. These processes ensure that we have the skills and equipment necessary to deal with an asthma emergency at school.

The Asthma Friendly Schools (AFS) program is a major national health and education initiative funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and is available to all schools. It is designed to ensure students with asthma are safe in the school environment and can participate fully in the classroom and on the sports field.

Our First Aid Office is staffed by Mrs Maria Mollica, with the support of other staff members all trained in Senior First Aid. If a student is feeling unwell or is hurt whilst at school, they should follow the procedures outlined in their diary. The First Aid Office is located in the General Office area.

Mrs Mollica assesses the student's situation, and responds with appropriate treatment. If the student is not well enough to return to class, a member of staff will contact the parent or guardian and ask them to collect him or her. Generally, students may not remain in the First Aid office for extended periods.

Parents are asked not to send their son or daughter to school if they are unwell.

College staff are not authorised to give any medication to student without the written permission of the parent/ guardian. If your son or daughter does require medication, including non-prescribed pain relievers such as Panadol, during the day for any reason, you are asked to provide a signed note to Mrs Mollica giving the relevant details. Any such medication must be provided in its original packaging and will be stored securely in the First Aid Office. Mrs Mollica may contact you for further information if required.

If you need further information about First Aid or the College's medication policy, please contact me.

Transport Matters

Sydney Buses has recently published and distributed to local homes and businesses a very detailed brochure on proposed changes to bus routes in the inner west and south of Sydney. I encourage you strongly to review this brochure, as it contains proposed changes which may affect your son or daughter's current travel method. It contains information on how to comment on the proposal.

Of particular concern is the proposed removal of the 409 service which will have a serious impact on our students who use this service travelling towards Hurlstone Park. A new 415 service is proposed to operate between Five Dock and Burwood. However the 502 service which is proposed to operate between Five Dock and Hurstville (via Ashfield, Canterbury and Hurlstone Park) does not pass directly by Rosebank.

I will be in touch with affected families directly to provide a template letter for your use in responding to the Sydney Buses proposal.

In the mean time, I encourage you to view the proposal in the published brochure or at www.sydneybuses.info where you can also complete an online survey.

From the Coordinator of Mission

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

Men Who Matter Gathering

It was remiss of me not to have made special mention of Mrs Hazel Askew, mother of Sarah Askew in Year 11, who also helped out on the morning of our Rosebank Fathers' Day/Men Who Matter Breakfast. The P&F volunteers who helped us out on the day made our work so much the lighter. Thank you once again for your contribution.

Convivio 2009

Convivio is one of the post World Youth Day 08 initiatives organised by the Catholic Church in an effort to keep alive the spirit of WYD08. Last weekend, despite it being Fathers' Day on the Sunday, four students from Rosebank College attended the event. The four Year 10 students who attended were: Jessica O'Connor, Nicole Goodwin, Marsha Schibaia and Rachelle Bakhos and we thank them for being worthy ambassadors of our College.

Here now is Jessica O'Connor's report about Convivio:

Convivio happened on the weekend of 4 to 6 September at Bethlehem College, Ashfield. Convivio is an organisation for youth where people can gather together and share their faith. On the weekend we prayed, sang, played games and reflected on different aspects of Christian life. Around seventy people came to this event and the atmosphere of it all was amazing. Convivio is a follow up of World Youth Day and happens every year. This was the second year and I'm glad to say I was a part of it. The theme of this year's Convivio was "Who do you say that I am?" which was the question Jesus asked of his Apostles. As Christians we must truly understand who Christ is before we can fully know ourselves. I left the event having a clearer and deeper understanding of who Christ is and who I am.
Jessica O'Connor

Social Justice

On Wednesday 9 September, the Rosebank community celebrated Social Justice Day. Our communal celebration of Eucharist was presided over by Fr Julian Belich, assistant priest at Five Dock Parish. Fr Julian spoke to us about the life of St Benedict. Following the celebration of Eucharist, a fundraising activity was held during lunch and the monies raised will be put aside for now and will be allocated in future to a charity with urgent needs. After lunch, all students reassembled in the College hall to listen to an address by the keynote speaker of the day: Mr David Addington. The following is the introduction delivered by Kirsty Timsans and Lisa Minchella:
"It is a privilege for the Rosebank community to have here

today Mr David Addington who ministers to refugees at the Northern Beaches Refugee Sanctuary which is a project of the Manly Catholic Church. Mr Addington knows well the plight of the refugees—they are often people who have suffered greatly. They are escaping horrors unimaginable to Australian families. Often all they need to escape such horrors is help with the airfare. The Northern Beaches Refugee Sanctuary is currently focusing on helping people from Sierra Leone but they will assist any refugee if the funds are available. Sierra Leone is ranked 176 out of 177 countries for quality of life by the United Nations. Australia is third."

After the keynote address, students went with their year group to learn about a specific charity for which they will be fundraising from now until the end of next term. Year 7 was spoken to by a representative from the Croydon branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Year 7 will be contributing non-perishable items for the creation of Christmas hampers. Year 8 viewed a DVD which explained the work done by Fr Chris Riley and they will be raising money for Fr Chris's Youth Off The Streets program. Year 9 was visited by Elsie Heiss who spoke about the needs of Australia's indigenous people. Elsie works for the Catholic Aboriginal Ministry for which Year 9 will be fundraising. Year 10 students were addressed by Sr Meg Kahler sgs who spoke about the work of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan in Kiribati. Year 10 will be raising money to send there. Year 11 will be fundraising for the Children First Foundation after having viewed a compelling DVD presentation about the work of this foundation which is to offer free surgical procedures to children with disabilities or disfigurement.

Special thanks are extended to the two Social Justice Service Group Leaders, Lisa Minchella and Kirsty Timsans, both of whom contributed a great deal of effort in ensuring the day flowed smoothly. Amanda Boumelhem also offered her support and energy without reserve. As one of the Liturgy Service Group Leaders, Steph Di Val went way beyond the reasonable with her efforts in ensuring the powerpoint for the Mass was exact. We are blessed in the Rosebank College community whenever there are people willing to contribute so much effort. Once again, thank you to those who played their part in making Social Justice Day 2009 such a success.

Angelo Gattone
Coordinator of Mission

Co-Curricular News

Last Wednesday saw the Annual Co-curricular presentation night take place. This event saw us gather as a College community to celebrate the fantastic efforts of our students over the past year in various endeavours. As well as the announcement of our award winners we were treated to performances from the Chamber Choir and Rosebank Cheer Team. A special thanks to all who attended, as well as the staff and students who helped put together the evening.

The major award winners were:

Rosebank Sportsmanship awards

- Year Seven – Lara Murray
- Year Eight – Lauren Wilson
- Year Nine – Joanne Abou Melhem
- Year Ten – Emma King
- Year Eleven – Daniel Tassone
- Year Twelve – Cassandra Cocciolone

Coach of the Year

- Mr Michael Franco (MCCS, CGSSSA, Invitational Basketball)

Junior Sportsperson of the Year

- Ana-Lise Sio

Senior Sportsperson of the Year

- Gemma McTegg

Overall Sporting Contribution

- Rebecca Katrib

Last Friday evening saw our two Year 11 teams competing in the Five Dock Leisure Centre Futsal grand finals. Both teams did exceptionally well in their games, coming out runners up for the competitions. Congratulations for both teams on their fantastic efforts throughout the competition!

Aaron McDonald
Co-Curricular Coordinator



Sports results from previous week

Comp	Team	Versus	Result	Player of the match
MCCS	1st XI Football	St Patrick's	-	Match cancelled
MCCS	Int Football	Marist	L2-1	Stefania Luongo
MCCS	Jnr Football	Marist	L1-0	Ashley Maniakas
MCCS	1st V Basketball	St Leo's	L12-11	Emily Tresidder
MCCS	Int Basketball	Bethlehem	L22-18	Annette Slosu
MCCS	Jnr Basketball	Bethlehem	W28-12	Jasmine Crnogorac
MLC	Water Polo	Santa Sabina	L5-3	Caitlin Lamont
Futsal	Rosebank Ones	Santa Sabina	L5-2 Pen	All Players
Futsal	Rosebank Hotties	Domremy	L2-1	Gab Giunta
Ryde	Rosebank Comets Baseball	Ryde	L14-1	Jordan Livian

Weekly Careers News

Apprenticeship & Traineeship Expo

Attend the expo for students, parents, employers and educators on September 30 at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club 5-8pm. 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. Applications close 2 Oct. <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 Sept. Confirm requirements and closing dates with the relevant institutions.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

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 EAS. Students must lodge applications with Ms McAloon by 16 September.

TAFE Application Courses

Many popular courses offered by TAFE NSW require an Application Form by 30 Oct for Semester 1 2010. All Year 12 students will be taken through the TAFE application during period 5 in the Old Hall on Tuesday 15 September. Meet with teachers, get course information, training options, study support, financial and enrolment advice at Open Days.

Sydney University Scholarships

Please see Ms McAloon for information and applications forms - most close 30 Sept at 4 pm. If you are a female

considering Civil Engineering please apply for the Winifred Nerious Scholarship closing 19 Oct 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.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

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.

RTA Traineeships

The RTA is currently recruiting for Business/Government Trainees to start in Jan 2010 at various locations. Applications close 18 Sept.

Sydney College of the Arts

Sydney College of the Arts offers a range of undergraduate courses in contemporary visual art. All local applicants for the B Visual Arts are required to complete and submit a BVA questionnaire to SCA in addition to a UAC application.

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 Sept.

Accountancy Cadetships

The Audit Office of NSW is offering to cadetships to school leavers interested in studying an accountancy degree part-time while working full-time. Applications close 18 Sept.

Give Your CV an International Flavour...

Applications for 2010 entry to UK Universities are now open. Applications for Medicine, Dentistry, Vet Medicine/ Science + Oxford and Cambridge close 15 Oct.

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TAFE/CSU Social Welfare

Pathway TAFE NSW and Charles Sturt University have recently signed an articulation agreement which will give community services diploma graduates the opportunity to enter a Bachelor of Social Science (Social Welfare) with 2 years advanced standing.

Bonus Points at Macquarie

Academic Advantage is Macquarie University's new bonus point scheme that recognises HSC students' achievements in subjects that relate specifically to Macquarie's degree programs. Up to 9 points available depending on eligibility.

USYD Oral Health

The Bachelor of Oral Health at the University of Sydney course provides training in oral-health promotion, dental hygiene and dental therapy. Selection is based on UAI, Personal Qualities Assessment (PQA) and mini interviews. PQA Applications close 30/10.

Hospitality and Tourism Management The Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School offers residential short courses that provide an introduction to hospitality and tourism management. 6 - 9 October and 24-27 November. Info Sessions: Sydney (21/9)

New Indigenous Job Site

Australia's first national indigenous employment website was launched recently by the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce to provide job seekers with greater access to vacancies and training programs.

Lights, Camera, Action!

The Sydney Film School offers accredited courses at Certificate IV and Diploma level in Film-Making. University pathways are possible. Open Day: 21 November.

Australian Screen Tests

The Australian Institute for Performing Arts will run its annual Australian Screen Tests from 4 - 10 January 2010 for aspiring actors. Reps from leading Australian and US agencies will be at the event scouting for new talent. Applications close 9/11.

Private Providers also hold Open Days as follows:

Sutherland TAFE	15 Sept
Petersham/Eora/St George TAFE	16 Sept
Richmond TAFE	19 Sept
Bedford College	19 Sept
Julius Media College	19 Sept 14 Nov
JMC Academy:	19 Sept
Total Agricultural College	16 Oct
The Hotel School Sydney	19 Sept

National Literacy & Numeracy Week

Last week Rosebank celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week. There were many activities and events on offer that were fun and enabled us to celebrate students' achievements in literacy and numeracy. The theme for this year was 'Getting the Basics Right'. This theme allowed us to reflect on how fortunate we are to have access to a wide range of educational resources and facilities, and the support and encouragement of our families. Many Indigenous children who live in remote communities across Australia are not so lucky. So this year we ran several initiatives, with the help of the Social Justice group, to raise funds to go towards supporting the literacy and numeracy development of Indigenous communities. A cheque of \$600 was presented to the Dymocks Children's Charities on Social Justice Day this week.

Story Sharing Safari

If you are looking for a book to keep you enthralled and entertained, a trip to the library will set you in the right direction. Students in Yrs7-11 were encouraged to decorate their compasses with their favourite book title. This provided students with a wonderful opportunity to share their love of reading with others in the school. Some of the most popular reads this year include Parvana, Chinese Cinderella and Twilight. Amongst the favourites were classics such as Enid Blyton's Famous Five and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. You can also catch up on what books have been nominated as 'top reads' amongst the staff by visiting the staff book display in the library. Year 10 Home Rooms were invited to match which book was each teacher's favourite in a Guessing Competition. The prize of a mufti day for the winning Home Room proved to be a strong motivator with 10B outright winners. However, all Yr 10 students deserve congratulations as they were particularly generous with their donations.

Spelling Bees

It seems that spelling well is still in fashion at Rosebank. Both the Year 7 and Year 9 Spelling Bee Finals were held in the Old Hall and proved that we have some excellent spellers. Congratulations to all the finalists who made it through their class rounds.

Yr 7

1st – Jessica Samuel
2nd – Alexeya Mowat
3rd – Josephine Munz

Yr 9

1st – Melissa Gench
2nd – Vanessa Tomasello
3rd – Aketi Foketi

Yr 8 Maths Literacy Challenge

Students were issued a graph of crime statistics that were presented at a press conference by Sydney's Chief of Police. The challenge was to use this information to write a speech for the Chief of Police. Students had to refer to the statistics and include some information to explain the variations in the statistics. Prizes were awarded to the two most creative responses in each class. Congratulations to Gabriella Malki, Emilia Suryak, Isabella Robinson, Brooke Teague, Claudia Scarfo and Elizabeth Nguyen.

Flourishing Fig Awards

Students were encouraged to submit a creative writing piece using our treasured fig tree as a theme. Pieces could be entered in the categories of narrative, poetry and media. Congratulations to Serena Alexander and Michael Grassi for their winning contributions.

