

# Rosebank College

## GAZETTE



*Celebrating*  
**140** years

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### RULE OF BENEDICT

IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE TODAY, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS (PS94 [95]:8).

Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

The preparation for the extension of co-education in 2008 is developing smoothly and quickly. We have been overwhelmed by the response from the community who are obviously looking for a contemporary Catholic college offering quality co-education in our region.

Parents have reported during interviews that they have seen the resurgence of Rosebank demonstrating a commitment to quality education, the pursuit of excellence and a high level of pastoral and academic care. Parents have also commented on a huge array of sports and other co-curricular activities during the week and on weekends which have set high standards in student behaviour.

Next Tuesday evening we meet all the newly enrolling families for 2009. This is the first of two consultations that will provide the opportunity to discuss the many elements of development at the College in 2009 and beyond. These will include our fundamental mission and vision as a Benedictine/Good Samaritan College, our continuously improving results in public exams, pastoral care including the revised student management system, our student leadership program and an overview of the pastoral care team.

We will be also covering the underlying principles of teaching and learning adopted and promoted at Rosebank – an education committed to engaging students and challenging them to be active learners, problem solvers, creative and thorough. We will be describing the new integrated learning program that will be launched in 2009 in Year 7. We will also be discussing the enhanced co-curricular program and the revised house point system that will incorporate all elements of College life. Information regarding development of facilities and the new uniform will also be included.

Most importantly there will be time for parents to get to know each other as they begin this six year journey. It is a journey that is often characterised by highs and lows. We hope that together, parents will support each other, set similar expectations for their children and create a unique partnership with the College that is based on a common vision and a commitment to the journey together.

Next Wednesday evening, the College Annual General Meeting will be held. The company members will be visiting the College, meeting student leaders, visiting classes and meeting staff and directors. In particular, this AGM will be accepting Sr. Elizabeth's resignation. Sr. Elizabeth has served the College for over 20 years, being one of the initial directors who supervised and initiated the incorporation of Rosebank College. This was a bold and courageous initiative and people such as Sr. Elizabeth were pioneers in this adventure. Throughout the 21 years she has been a wonderful supporter and promoter of the College's work. She has been a close friend to the three principals and I can personally attest to her compassion, strength, wisdom and creativity. Her insights and suggestions have assisted in steering the College through difficult times and her deep faith and prayer life has inspired us and challenged us on numerous occasions to listen with the ear of the heart.

Sr. Elizabeth is a great educationalist, a wonderful woman and a deeply religious and humble person who has brought God's presences to us in so many ways. We will miss her in our monthly discussions but know that she is a constant supporter and will keep a distant but intense eye on developments in the years ahead. Sr. Elizabeth, may God bless you and shine upon you and allow you some well earned rest and enjoyment in your retirement. We all say THANKYOU!!!

Tom Galea  
Principal



Sister Elizabeth

### Open Day 2008

The College's Open Day will be held on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 3pm. Please invite friends and family along to see the wonderful learning which occurs here at Rosebank. There will be great entertainment, interesting displays and demonstrations and delicious food. Come along for a view of "Rosebank 2009" and beyond.

Since this is such an important date on our school calendar, **all students** are required to be at school on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> for Open Day, as in 2007. We are proud and confident in the wonderful way in which the students represent our school. People considering sending their children to Rosebank are very interested in meeting our current students, so we ask that all students support the school in this way.

All students will be allocated a job for the day, from guiding visitors to demonstrating their dramatic skills or sporting prowess. Open Day 2008 will be an exciting showcase of everything that makes Rosebank such a special place.

## From the Assistant Principal

### Uniform

Every day a disappointing number of girls must be asked to remove make-up and nail polish at school. Parents are asked to please ensure that students adhere to the College's requirements for grooming, and thereby avoid the waste of time and resources that this infringement brings about.

Please note that students will be required to return to school in Term 2 in full and correct winter uniform. Parents and students are asked to check the diary for details of winter uniform, which includes the blazer as a mandatory component. Your continued cooperation is much appreciated in ensuring that our students are well presented and ready for learning.

Ms. Miriam Berlage  
Assistant Principal

## From the Administration Coordinator

As the Yr 12 Half Yearly Examinations draw to a close I wish to thank Nerida Theiring and Mona Attallah who gave generously of their time to help in the supervision of these exams. Both the staff and students wish to thank you for your generous contribution of time to the College community.

The Immunisation program starts this coming Tuesday for Yrs 7 to 10. All students in these years have been issued with a covering letter and the information packs relevant to their injections. I would ask parents to read these carefully and return the form and cards to the college by Monday 7 April. Information regarding the injections is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

Ms Julie MacDougal  
Administration Coordinator

## Enrolling for Year 7 next year?

### Limited Places Available

Enrolments for year 7 2009 are filling up quickly, with a lot of new interest being generated by the expansion to co-education.

To ensure that a place will be available, it is essential that you forward your application to the school as soon as possible. Please note that if you intend to enrol a sibling of a student already at the school, you need to put in your application early to avoid missing out.

If you have not yet picked up an enrolment application form, or have mislaid it, contact the Registrar on 9713 4205 or email: [enquiries@rosebank.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@rosebank.nsw.edu.au).

## Up-dates from the Coordinator of Mission

*The spiritual life of Rosebank College continues to be truly alive and active this Easter season.*

### Easter

Easter is such a significant feast for Christians that it will be celebrated for the next seven weeks, culminating with the feast of Pentecost. In this fifty day period, let us be mindful of our belief in the resurrection – the gift of eternal life. May we live lives worthy of this belief.

### Mother's Day Mass

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May is the date set for the Rosebank College community's celebration of the annual Mothers Day Mass. This Eucharist will take place in the College Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. Father Chris Slattery, Parish Priest of Holy Innocents Parish, Croydon, will be the celebrant. In order to personalise the Mass students are asked to submit, electronically, a mother and child photograph which will be used in a PowerPoint presentation during the celebration.

### World Youth Day 2008

A reminder to all students and families that on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April the World Youth Day Cross and Icon will be processed through the streets and suburbs surrounding St Brigid's at 6:00pm. Rosebank College students and their families will have the opportunity to carry the Cross and Icon in procession at about 9:00pm. Please support this event and by your attendance you will be experiencing some of the excitement that is part of the World Youth Day phenomenon.

### Formulating a College Prayer

As part of the College's transition to full co-education, you are invited to offer suggestions with regard to the wording for a College prayer. A College prayer will become part of the fabric of the daily lives of students, staff and families of the Rosebank College community. In this way the prayer must articulate who we are and what we're about. Obviously a major part of who we are includes the Benedictine tradition and the Good Samaritan values we hold and live out. Interestingly St Benedict had a twin sister, St Scholastica. Thus it will be fitting to include St Scholastica in our spirituality especially in the process of our extending co-education. Therefore any suggestions about the wording of such a prayer will be much appreciated. If you would like to offer your input please submit it to me at [agattone@rosebank.nsw.edu.au](mailto:agattone@rosebank.nsw.edu.au). Your contribution will be valued. Thank you in anticipation.

Mr Angelo Gattone  
Coordinator of Mission

## In the Chapel we have

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER**

**8:20-8:30am**

**Sisters, staff, students**

**& family are all very**

**welcome to join us.**



# Weekly Careers News

Term 1 Week 10 2008

See Ms. McAloon or log on to [www.carecentral.com.au](http://www.carecentral.com.au)

**Business Cadetships** The Business Cadetships Program offers Year 12 students from all schools in NSW the opportunity to apply for a cadetship with a leading company in the banking and finance sector. Applications open 28 March and close 16 May.

**Yr 10 Info Evening** The University of NSW will hold Year 10 Subject Selection Evenings on 28 and 29 May for current year 10 students on subject selection in Year 11/12, assumed knowledge; HSC Plus and Admission to UNSW. Registrations open 28 April.

**HSC Intensive Programs** Edassist is conducting preparation for HSC Trials and Examinations at Sydney University (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Maths 2 Unit and Maths Ext 1). Book online at [www.edassist.com.au](http://www.edassist.com.au) by 17 April for Program A (9 weeks) commencing 3 May.

**The National Careers & Employment Expo** sponsored by CareerOne and the Daily Telegraph will be held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre on 9 – 10 May. FREE ENTRY. For more info visit [www.eocexpo.com.au](http://www.eocexpo.com.au)

**Interested in Hospitality?** William Blue College of Hospitality and Tourism offers courses from Certificate to degree level. Senior students are invited to experience a day in the life of a Hospitality Manager. 18 April, 10 July, 30 September. Bookings now open.

**Customs Work Experience** The Australian Customs Service NSW is offering students in Yrs 11/12 who are genuinely interested in a Customs career, the chance to tour Sydney International Airport as part of a one day Work Experience program. Applications close 4 April.

**FREE Design Workshops** CATC is a specialised design college offering courses from Certificate to Diploma level in Graphic Design and Interior Design. Yr 11/12 visual arts and design students can attend a FREE Design Workshop on 16 May, 20 June or 15 August. Book now.

**Mastering HSC** Mastering the HSC addresses assessment requirements for a range of HSC subjects, whilst providing opportunities to review content and skills relevant for trials and mid-year exams. 12/13 April and 19/20 April. Postal Applications close 7 April.

**Languages at ANU** The Australian National University has introduced a new degree combining study of languages and culture with linguistics, the science of language, to prepare students for the increasingly multicultural and international workplaces of the 21st Century.

**Is Medicine For Me?** Alpha-Omega Education will hold a Seminar for students in Years 11/12 on 17 May at the University

of Sydney covering all aspects of medicine, including medical school admissions and life as both a medical student and doctor. Registrations close 10 May.

**Zoo-Keeping Careers Day** Taronga Zoo offers the Meet A Keeper program for school students aged 14 years and over who have expressed a keen interest in pursuing a career at the Zoo.

**Need Computer Skills?** Sutherland College, Sydney Institute, TAFE NSW, is offering 2 FREE courses to those aged between 15 and 24 years. Learn keyboard skills, word processing, spreadsheets, and how to use the internet. Apply ASAP.

**Tourism and Hospitality** Explore careers in Event Management, Hotel Management, Tourism Management and various areas of tourism and hospitality at Kenvale College from 16-18 April.

**Hospitality and Tourism Workshops** The Blue Mountains Hotel School's Career Focus Days experience will help you make the all-important decision of where to study and whether hospitality and tourism is the right career choice for you! 2-4 April; 7-10 October; 25-28 November.

**APM 'Day in the Life' workshops!** Students can experience a Day in the Life of Event Management, Public Relations, Communications and Marketing. Next Workshop: Saturday 31 May. Please phone 9492 3220 for more information.

**Portfolio Day Saturday 31 May 10 – 4pm** Senior Art students are invited to visit Billy Blue College of Design, to receive feedback on where they're headed in a career in design. Students can bring in their portfolios, spend time with lecturers and receive feedback on their work. Learn how to show off your talent, get direction on layout, and discuss full-time programs available. To reserve a place please call Emma on 9492 3220 or email [ebailey@billyblue.com.au](mailto:ebailey@billyblue.com.au)

**Think: Education Group Info Nights** (includes William Blue College of Hospitality and Tourism, APM College of Business and Communication, APM Training Institute, Billy Blue College of Design, Australasian College of Natural Therapies, Jansen Newman College of Counselling and Applied Psychotherapy and Billy Blue College of English). Information nights will be held on Wednesday 23 April, Tuesday 13 May and Tuesday 17 June at Northpoint Campus, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney from 5.30 – 7.00 pm. Phone 9492 3220 or visit [www.billyblue.com.au](http://www.billyblue.com.au) to book in.

Please see Ms. McAloon, Careers Advisor, for more information on any of the above notices or visit [www.carecentral.edu.au](http://www.carecentral.edu.au). Parents and teachers can also register online at Career Central. To open a user account, click 'registered' and follow the prompts.

## National Assessment Program

The National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) is a national testing instrument that is replacing state assessments such as Basic Skills, ELLA and SNAP. The purpose of NAPLAN is to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. In 2008, all four year groups across Australia will undertake the assessments in the same week. Parents will receive information on their child's performance through individual student reports.

The following is a summary of some important information for parents relating to NAPLAN:

Test dates:

- Language and conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) - **13th May**
- Writing - **13th May**
- Reading - **14th May**
- Numeracy - **15th May**

Students who are unavoidably absent on any of these days may sit the assessment any time between Friday, 16th May and Friday, 23rd May.

The numeracy assessment will be broken into two sections – calculator and non-calculator. All students in Years 7 & 9 must bring a College approved calculator on the day of the numeracy test. Students in Year 7 who have not yet purchased a calculator may do so from their Maths teacher.

Newly arrived students (less than a year before the test) and students with significant intellectual delay may be exempt from sitting the assessment – please contact Ms Laing at the College if you wish to apply for exemption for your daughter.

Parents may withdraw students who have a confirmed disability or difficulty in learning from the test – please contact Ms Marina Laing at the College if you wish to do so.

Students in Year 8 at Rosebank will no longer sit a literacy and numeracy assessment.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Marina Laing at the College.

## Dates for the Diary

8 April	Yr 7 Hep B, Yr 7 -10 HPV Vaccinations
11 April	Term 1 Concludes
28 April	Term 2 begins – Anzac Day Assembly
2 May	CSDA Debating Competition begins
4 May	Open Day
9 May	Yr 8 & 10 English incursion
12 May	Yr 12 Careers Market at ACU
13-15 May	Literacy & Numeracy Testing Yrs 7 & 9
23 May	P & F Social Function

**ROSEBANK COLLEGE**  
**OPEN DAY**  
Sunday 4th May  
11:00 - 15:00



## Science Competition 2008

All Year 7–10 students will be taking part in the 2008 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) for Science, formerly called the Australasian Science Competition, which will be held in the College on Thursday, 29 May.

For this competition, students need to bring a B or 2B pencil, a calculator and ruler. The competition is a 1-hour written test consisting of 45 multiple-choice questions.

As in previous years, all junior students sit for this competition as part of the Science program at the College. This provides students with an invaluable experience to solve a range of different problems based on real-life situations using the skills and processes in Science, as well as practise answering future exam questions of that nature. The results of students' performance in this competition have also been used in planning future teaching programs in science.

All students receive an individual results letter indicating which questions they have answered correctly and a certificate indicating their level of performance in the state.

The best student in each year in each state will receive a prize. This competition is an initiative of the Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales, and has the support of the Australian Science Teachers' Association. Students may check the website at [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au) and access past competition papers.

Mrs Mathieu  
Science Coordinator



## Your Waste, Your future Environment Competition City of Canada Bay Council

To enter the competition, students must create a landscape A3 sized poster, including a slogan and a picture that relates to one of the following waste themes:

- Waste Management
- Waste and the Future
- Your Waste Services
- Waste Minimisation

Competition closes May 16, 2008.

See posters on Year Boards.

Four lucky winners will each receive a new 1GB iPod Shuffle.

**“Green is the new black”**

Your Environment Service Group

## Cocurricular News

As we go to press our MCCS Water Polo side are preparing for the Semi finals to be held on Thursday. In only our second year in the competition our girls have once again made it to the serious end of the games; hopefully next week we will have some good news on the outcome.

Tuesday saw our CGSSSA Soccer sides competing at the CGSSSA Championships. Our junior team had a tough day, however they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our Senior team experienced some success – winning two out of three games to just miss out on the semi finals. Our senior coach Mr. Capello has been chosen to coach the combined CGSSSA side at the NSW championships – well done, coach!

### Rosebank students take on Capoeira.

Capoeira (pronounced ka-pu-we-ra) is an Afro-Brazilian blend of martial art, game, and culture created by enslaved Africans in Brazil during the 16th century. For these slaves, Capoeira emerged as a way of resisting oppression, learning how to fight so they could run away and win their freedom, and for sheer expression and enjoyment. In order to be allowed to practice and not get into trouble from their masters, the slaves disguised Capoeira as a dance or ritual which is why today it is practised as a mix of fighting techniques and artful dance.

Dom Morabito, has been a practitioner of the artful dance Capoeira for the past 10 years. Dom found Capoeira in his local area more than 10 years ago. He trained hard for 4 years here in Sydney with his Brazilian master before taking off to live in Brazil for 1 year to study and train different Capoeira styles from some of the best Capoeira schools. Dom also spent 1 year living on the island of Mallorca, Spain performing Capoeira and Brazilian Dance in shows for tourists.

Dom held a few Capoeira lessons for Rosebank College students at a local gym. The students were so taken by these lessons that they pushed to have Capoeira included as a co-curricular subject. Their persistence and enthusiasm paid off and Dom has now become the College's Capoeira teacher. The students are loving their classes, thrilling to the diversity and fun of it, as well as learning new skills.


#### Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

5<sup>th</sup> April – IWSNA Netball Begins  
 10<sup>th</sup> April – MCCS Tennis Championships - Cancelled  
 1<sup>st</sup> May – CBSA Cross Country  
 5<sup>th</sup> May – CGSSSA Touch  
 16<sup>th</sup> May – MCCS Cross Country  
 21<sup>st</sup> May – CGSSSA Basketball

## This Week in Cocurricular

	Training	Game	Versus
<b>IWSNA Netball</b>	Rebels – Tue 3.30 – 4.30 Rangers – Wed 3.30-4.30 Raiders - Wed 3.30-4.30 Rollers – Tues 3.30-4.30 Rockets - Tues 3.30-4.30	5 <sup>th</sup> April 3.00pm 12.30pm 12.30pm	Briars “Four” Rosebank “Raiders” Rosebank “Rangers” Schols “Cup Cakes” Jacaranda “Jugglers”
<b>Hip Hop</b>	Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm		
<b>Cheerleading</b>	Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm @ New Hall		
<b>Rosebank Fit Camp</b>	Thursday 3.30 – 4.30 @ College Grounds		
<b>MCCS Netball</b>	SNRS – Wed 3.30 – 4.30 Yr 10 – Wed 3.30 – 4.30 Yr 9 – TBA Yr 8 – Tues 3.30 – 4.30 Yr 7 - TBA	<b>Begins Term Two</b>	





Growing Peace in Sydney

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# Peace Forum

**This public forum aims to promote peace and mutual understanding among all people. Dialogue and learning foster mutual understanding and harmony.**

**Come along, listen, learn and ask questions**

**Christian and Muslim speakers will discuss how their respective traditions and teachings promote peace.**

**7pm-9pm Thursday 10th April 2008  
Mitchell Theatre**

**Sydney Mechanics School of the Arts  
280 Pitt Street, Sydney (5 minutes from Town Hall Station)**

**Snacks at 6.30pm  
Supper afterwards. Bookings Essential.**

**For more information contact: Anne Lanyon at the Columban Centre for Peace Ecology and Justice on 9352 8021 or Susana Ng at the City of Sydney on 9288 5347**



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**Free Event—All Welcome**

