

Rosebank College

GAZETTE



Celebrating
140 years

**“TEACHING IS NOT JUST A JOB. IT IS
A HUMAN SERVICE, AND IT MUST BE
THOUGHT OF AS A MISSION”
DR. RALPH TYLER**

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Dear parents, students and friends of Rosebank,

We have concluded the first term of 2008 as we had begun it – extremely busy and extremely rewarding.

The World Youth Day gathering at Marrickville was a reminder that this great world youth event is fast approaching and that registrations are now due for all pilgrims aged between 16 (Year 10) and 35. I encourage you to support this unique event and take up the invitation to host pilgrims in your home sharing some of that good old Australian and Benedictine hospitality.

The gathering of our new 2009 families on Monday evening was exciting and affirming. I thank them for their support for our new venture of full coeducation. I praise the work of staff as they busily work through several development committees in preparation for the start of 2009. These committees have a 6 year focus so all members of the community will benefit from this development work including quality teaching and learning, innovative teaching programs, student leadership, student management, uniform, parent involvement, co-curricular, post compulsory education and facilities.

We now cast our eyes to intense preparation for Open Day on Sunday May 4th. I hope you are able to join us for this wonderful day of celebration of all that is good at Rosebank and all that is going to occur in the future.

Last Friday the College organised a retirement dinner for Mr Eugene Abraham who will be completing fulltime work this Friday.

Mr Eugene Abraham has been a committed and passionate Science teacher at Rosebank

for over twenty years. Indeed, this week Mr Abraham celebrates the milestone achievement of having worked as a teacher for forty years!

This week we celebrate his many years of service to education and also wish him well on his retirement which he has decided to embark upon from the end of this term.

Eugene Abraham, the son of two teachers himself, trained as a Science teacher in South Africa the 1960's. There he worked in several schools, eventually attaining the position of Principal. In the 1980's Mr Abraham decided to immigrate with his family to Australia, in search of a more peaceful and just way of life.

Since 1987 Mr Abraham has energetically taught Science at Rosebank, and shared his enthusiasm for this subject with students and staff alike. In his forty years' experience as an educator Mr Abraham has touched the lives of thousands of students, both in South Africa and Australia, and we congratulate him and thank him for this dedicated service.

Both Mr Abraham's students and peers will remember fondly his vast knowledge of science and in particular Biology, and his generous and gregarious nature. We wish him many blessings and all the very best of health and happiness in retirement.

And so we conclude the term with deep gratitude for the efforts of parents, staff and students. We pray that you are all kept safe during the next two weeks and that the holiday is a period of rest and renewal in preparation for the next term.

**Tom Galea
Principal**



Eugene Abraham

Open Day 2008

The College's Open Day will be held on Sunday May 4th 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 4th 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

Staff News

This week we farewelled Ms Dianna Guerra from the Learning Support Department as she commences her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the very best for their impending addition!

Next term we will welcome Ms Anna Prentice who will replace Ms Guerra whilst she is on leave. We are very fortunate to have recently had a significant expansion in our Learning Support staff, having welcomed Ms Francine Commeignes and Ms Michelle Seiner as Teachers' Aides earlier this term.

We also welcomed to the staff this week Mr David Orlando who will provide much needed support in communication technology across the school.

Miriam Berlage Assistant Principal

Favourable Outlook for Rosebank's future Debaters

Lunchtime on Monday and Tuesday was full of opposing opinions this week for Yr 7. The three Yr 7 English classes came against each other for rounds of debates with interested English students spectating and cheering for their class.

Round 1 saw Mrs Travey's English class take on the affirmative side against Mrs Berlage's English class on the topic "Dogs are better than cats". We thank the adjudicator, Kate Angus, who awarded the win to Mrs Tracey's team.

Round 2 finalised the competition when Mrs Tracey's team again pulled through against Mrs Gentile's class. Emilia Surak, Jasmin Crongoran and Andrea Farina spoke confidently agreeing that "no one cares about anybody else" and were highly commended by the adjudicator, Clare McTegg.

Extra Congratulations to Isabella Robinson, Andrea Farina, Kayla Daniels, Anita Sruthar and Leila Moussa who were undefeated and spoke exceptionally well.

The high standard of the Yr 7 debaters has Rosebank placed in a favourable position for interschool debating in later years and we should be very proud of our young public speakers.

As the community spirit leaders, we would like to thank these students for getting involved in co-curricular activities and increasing the spirit in the Rosebank community. Remember, "anyone can think about it but actually doing it is what really matters".

Sheralee Clark and Adriana Petralia.



Up-Dates From The Coordinator Of Mission

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

End Of Term 1 Holiday

Our prayer at Rosebank College is to offer all members of the College community a safe and restful holiday. May the presence of the resurrected Christ be with all members of the Rosebank College community, specially throughout the school holiday.

Mothers' Day Mass

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Thursday, 8th May is the date set for the Rosebank 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. Please submit mother and child photographs to me via my e-mail address agattone@rosebank.nsw.edu.au

World Youth Day

The World Youth Day Cross and Icon finally made it to the inner west of Sydney, arriving at St Brigid's Church in Marrickville on Monday 7th April. Although the rain meant that the planned procession of the Cross and Icon could not take place, the rituals and celebrations which occurred inside St Brigid's Church were both moving and exciting. A sincere thank you is extended to the Rosebank students and parents who took the time to attend and participate. Your support of the WTD phenomenon is much appreciated.

Also during this week, a number of our Year 10, 11 and 12 students have registered as WYD Pilgrims. Any other students interested in attending WYD as part of the Rosebank College group are urged to see me or Ms Saito as soon as possible in order to register.

Another important aspect of the WYD event is the opportunity to offer Home Stay accommodation to international visitors who attend WYD. Under this program, families throughout Sydney are being asked to offer accommodation to overseas WYD visitors. If families offer Home Stay to two or more visitors, the household (including the parents and children under 16 years of age) will gain free admission to the WYD Papal Mass. This is a great opportunity to host overseas and interstate visitors and show them the best that Sydney has to offer. So please consider this chance to connect with the world's youth. For further information, please contact me or Ms Saito via the school telephone number.

Mr Angelo Gattone
Coordinator of Mission

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



Weekly Careers News

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

Term 1 Week 11 2008

Career choices Year 12 students are invited to attend the following lunch time presentations booked for next term. It is compulsory for Year 12s to attend at least 5 of the lunch time presentations given by guest speakers throughout the year.

30-Apr	Defence Forces
07-May	University of Technology Sydney
14-May	PKF Cadetships (chartered accountants and consultants - accompanied by current cadet Lisa Zions from Year 12 2007)
21-May	Ultimo TAFE
28-May	APM, Billy Blue & William Blue private colleges
04-Jun	Television industry
11-Jun	Australian Catholic University
18-Jun	Australian Federal Police
25-Jun	Psychology (School Counsellor)

Day in the Life of a Uni Student Year 10-12 students are invited to explore their options at The University of Notre Dame Sydney on 11 July. Campus tours, info sessions on course and study options and a BBQ are all included! Bookings required.

USYD Flexible Engineering Options Thinking of studying engineering at the University of Sydney but unsure what area you'd like to specialise in? Now you can explore a number of areas before deciding upon your ultimate specialization with the Flexible First Year Program.

Engineer High School Info Day UNSW is running a day for students in Years 10-12 on Wednesday 21 May, who have an interest in problem solving, design, sciences, world technological needs such as water, infrastructure, power, etc. You must see Ms. McAloon before 9 May to complete a registration form. Places are limited so get in early.

Studying Business at UNSW The Australian School of Business would like to invite Year 11-12 students and parents to an info evening on Wednesday 7 May at the John Niland Scientia, UNSW Campus. Registration is essential at www.business.unsw.edu.au. For further enquires ring Julie O'Brien on 93851737 or email julieo@unsw.edu.au.

Become a Cadet Leading Chartered Accountant organisations offer Year 12 students the chance to work while they study a business or commerce degree at University. Register at www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students for the free cadetship evening on Thursday 22 May from 4.30 pm at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Parents are also welcome, come along and meet the employers looking for cadets (includes PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Ernst & Young, Deloitte, KPMG and many more).

Traineeships and Paid Work Opportunities Busy Bodies Australia is seeking high school students to train and work in coaching, leading and educating primary school children as part of The Active After-School Program developed by the Federal Government. In addition, the opportunity to transition into full-time or part-time work within the Busy Bodies Organisation is an attainable goal for any student

participating in the program. The Active After-School Communities program is conducted within primary schools and Outside Hours School Care facilities for 1 hour, during the hours of 3.30 – 5.30 pm. Please see Ms. McAloon for more details.

Engineering Scholarship Information Evening UTS will offer 20 Engineering Co-operative Scholarships to school leavers commencing the B Engineering, Dip in Engineering Prac programs in 2009. Applications open early April and close Friday 30 May 2008. Attend an info evening on Wednesday 23 April to find out more about the program. Contact Engineering Outreach on 95142666, visit the UTS website www.uts.edu.au or email engineering@uts.edu.au.

Are you interested in Marine Careers? Contact Ms. McAloon for information about the Marine Careers Forum to be held on 17 June for a cost of \$10 per student.

HSC Preparation Edassist will offer several intensive HSC Preparation programs in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Options Maths 2 Unit and Maths Extension 1, commencing 3 May and 16 August. Enrol now.

UTS IT Info Evening The University of Technology Sydney will hold an Undergraduate and Scholarships Information Evening on 12 May to provide course and scholarship information to students and parents. RSVP required by 7 May.

Natural Therapies Open Day Nature Care College offers workshops, short courses and professional qualifications in areas including Naturopathy, Nutrition, Herbal Medicine, Life Coaching, Yoga, Massage. An Open Day will be held on 3 May.

Graphic Design Workshops Billy Blue College offers courses in Communication Design, Multimedia Design and Hospitality, Tourism and Leisure Management. Experience a day in the life of a Designer at a 1 day Workshop on 31 May, 26 July, 23 August, 20 September and 15 November.

Fast Track H and T Management Carrick Education offers a range of vocational programs from Certificate to Adv Diploma level including a 2 year fast track degree in Business (Hospitality and Tourism Management). Info Evening: 18 December.

Info Evening for Cultural Care Au Pair Attend a free meeting on Saturday 19 April from 1 – 3pm at the Embassy Conference Centre, 824 George Street, Sydney. Contact 92522977 or check out www.culturecare.com.au to reserve your seat.

Want a Career in Aviation? Find out all you need to know at the Aviation/Aerospace Careers Expo to be held on 22 May at Bankstown Airport. Places are limited so advise Ms. McAloon early about your interest.

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

Books Come Alive at Rosebank



Thursday 10th April was book character day at Rosebank. Staff as well as Yr 7 students dressed up as their favourite characters from much loved books.

As well as dressing up, the students had to give a short speech to their class about why they chose their particular characters. They were also asked to compose and perform a song inspired by the stories in the books.

Pictured right are Madeline Dimento (Thing 1), Nicole Nasr (Thing 2) and Gabriela Dolfo (The Cat) who chose characters from Dr Seuss's 'Cat in the Hat' because they have always enjoyed the sense of humour in the Dr Seuss books.



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.

Dates for the Diary

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

Creative Arts @ Rosebank

Welcome

A warm welcome to Jay Byrnes who has joined our team of private instrumental teachers as the new clarinet/saxophone teacher. Jay brings a great deal of both teaching and performance experience to the College and we are very excited to have him on board.

It is great to hear that we have three new saxophone students who have just commenced lessons. Using our own fabulous school Yamaha Tenor and Alto saxophones, these girls are already playing a couple of notes.

There are still 2 x tenor saxophones, 3 x alto saxophones, 4 x clarinets, 3 x flutes, 2 x trumpets and 2 x trombones available for hire so get involved in learning an instrument at Rosebank. Forms are available from either Mr Hoy or Mrs Bartasek.

Open Day Performances

A reminder to all musicians that the College Band, Jazz Band and Chamber Choir will be performing at Open Day as well as members from the Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 music classes. Please make sure you are organised with your music and instrument for this important event.

Instrument Hire Forms

Students using a College instrument have been given a new instrument hire form to be completed and returned. It is important that these forms are returned promptly to me.

Mrs Bartasek Creative Arts Coordinator

Youth Group

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette Clemton Park combined parishes youth group will be holding some activities soon for 12 to 15 year olds.

April 11 - BBQ and introduction to the youth group.

June 13 - boys' night for year 7s

June 20 - girls' night for year 7s

These events will be held at 280 Homer street, Earlwood.
Contact Rian at earlwoodyouth@gmail.com for further details.

Mark this date in your diary now!

Rosebank College Parents & Friends Association cordially invites you to a.....

70s & 80s Night

Date: Friday 23rd May 2008

At: Rosebank College Hall, 1A Harris Street, Five Dock

Time: 7pm for 7.30 dinner!

B.Y.O: Drinks

Cost: \$35 per person

Three course meal, tea and coffee, DJ and dancing

Look out for your personal invitation and ticket order form next term!