

# DE LA SALLE COLLEGE



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear Families,

It is surprising to realise that we are already half way through Third Term. The College has settled into a productive rhythm in class. This is a crucial term for all students, and for the Year 12 cohort especially, in seeking to establish a strong foundation in all subjects prior to the relatively short lead in to final examinations in Term 4.

The importance De La Salle attaches to academic achievement was brought home to me recently when I attended separate Academic Awards Ceremonies for the Tiverton and Kinnoull Campuses. What impressed me, too, was that some parents were able to be present to witness their son receiving an award. It brought home to me the critical role that parents play in encouraging their children to perform to the best of their ability both inside and outside the classroom.

I have not previously been part of a school community which rewards formally the academic achievements of students in the 1st Semester. On reflection, it is a very sound initiative. First of all, it acknowledges the attainment of a high level of success academically by students through consistent hard work and that their excellent work ethic is recognised by the entire school community. These students are then encouraged to reset their academic sights at the highest level in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and to aim to achieve further accolades with the achievement of excellence at the end of the year.

For those students who have under achieved due to a variety of reasons, including a lack of consistent effort, there is an opportunity for them to redeem themselves by seeing that sustained hard work does bring its rewards as well as a feeling of self satisfaction. Hopefully, this will be the motivation they need to be true to themselves in working harder in 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester in order to achieve an academic standard which is commensurate with their ability.

Of course, some students find the achievement of a high standard in their studies particularly challenging. However, at the end of the year, if they can look back on their efforts during 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester and if it is acknowledged that they reflect their “best”, their parents, teachers and most importantly the student himself will be proud of his achievement.

Away from the classroom, I never ceased to be amazed by the plethora of activities which are available to all students here which bring a high level of enjoyment and pleasure to their lives. From music to sport, camps to drama, debating/public speaking to chess, the possibilities are almost limitless. As a teaching staff, we hope our boys will find their niche at De La Salle and therefore channel their energy into activities which bring much satisfaction and enjoyment. There is much truth in the adage “an involved boy is a happy boy”.

We hope they will also chose to give a priority at times to volunteer and participate in activities which take the focus off themselves and place it squarely on those in need, especially those who live on the margins. Some specific examples spring to mind including:

- Year 9 Lasallian Service Week when students put into practice the Christian values and learning that are taught within the College.
- Year 10 Philippines exchange where participants build simple housing for the homeless.
- Year 11 Papua New Guinea trip where staff and students work side by side to restore and refurbish very old and substandard local school buildings.
- Year 12 Coolies Program where Year 12 Graduates volunteer to work on a school or housing building project for six weeks with the Brothers in South India.

Above all, it is important for our young men to place God at the centre of their lives, too, by reflecting with gratitude on all that has been given to them. A simple daily prayer in a quiet moment at the end of the day is the perfect way to bring the day to a satisfying conclusion. I would recommend this to parents as well.

**Brendan Ellis**  
**Acting Principal**

**Cover: De La Salle Cross Country Championships**

## REST IN PEACE

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*Malachi (Br Celsus) Clark FSC*, passed away recently. Br Celsus was a member of the Scarborough Community in Queensland. His life included diverse ministry experiences in PNG and Thailand as well as various Australian Schools.

*Edna Buckley*, grandmother of Richard (Year 12) and mother of Shaun Buckley (Year 7 Coordinator) passed away last weekend.

*Frank Thompson*, brother of Charles, sister to Christine (both staff members) passed away early this morning.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

## CONGRATULATIONS

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To Courtney and James Walton (staff members) on the safe arrival of *Caitlin Jane* on Sunday, 11 August.

## PRIZE WINNER

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Congratulations to **James Ziemkiewicz (Year 10V)** on winning the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's *Bully Stoppers "Win an iPad"* online student quiz competition.

James was chosen from over 1000 entries received. This is an outstanding achievement James. Well done!

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

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On Thursday, 8 August, the de la Salle St Vincent de Paul Group ran a Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for "Project – Assist a Student". The program allows the group to sponsor a child's education in a third world country for \$70 per year. Thanks to the support of the Kinnoull staff and students we were able to raise \$280 which will allow us to sponsor 4 students overseas. The St Vincent de Paul Society will provide us with the students' names, country of origin and the course they are undertaking, after they receive our donation.

It is the intention of the De La Salle group to raise more money to support the education of other students, in the future.

***James Eracleous 12H and Carmel Smart  
St Vincent de Paul Group***

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – TEACHING & LEARNING

## TRANSITION AND SUBJECT SELECTION

Throughout Term 3 students in Years 7-11 will be involved in activities in preparation for 2014 subject selection. The Transition program is tailored to the different needs of students at the different levels of schooling, involving extensive information provided through assemblies at each year level, a Course Advice Day for Year 10 students and a VCE/VCAL Information Evening for Year 10 students and their parents.

The [2014 College Handbook](#), which outlines the Years 4-12 curriculum program, is now available via the College website. This is a crucial tool for students in being as well informed and prepared as possible for this important decision-making time. Parents are encouraged to spend time with their son going through all of the options available for the coming year.

Subject Selection/Re-enrolment forms for students will be sent home via students in coming weeks. Please note the dates of distribution and collection:

2013 YEAR LEVEL	FORMS DISTRIBUTED	FORMS COLLECTED
Year 7	Thursday, 17 October	Wednesday, 6 November
Year 8	Tuesday, 13 August	Monday, 2 September
Year 9	Thursday, 8 August	Tuesday, 3 September
Year 10*	Wednesday, 24 July*	Friday, 23 August
Year 11	Thursday, 1 August	Thursday, 22 August

*\*Re-enrolment form only*

With encouragement and support, serious reflection and careful decision making, it is possible for all students to choose a pathway in which they will be happy and successful, be it in the subjects they undertake in coming years or choice of tertiary study and careers.

## YEAR 10 COURSE ADVICE DAY

As mentioned, all Year 10 students will be taking part in Course Advice as part of their Transition program. This acknowledges the often complex and difficult decisions made as students move from the compulsory years of education into VCE or VCAL. On Course Advice Day, students will not take part in normal classes. They will be allocated a fifteen minute appointment time with a Course Advisor, a staff member who will guide them through completion of the subject selection form. Further information will be provided in the coming weeks, however, listed are a number of key points for students regarding Course Advice Day:

- Students will be required to attend their appointment on time, in full school uniform.
- They will be required to bring their completed Planning Exercises booklet, which they will have received and be working on throughout the beginning of the term, their Semester 1 Reports and completed Re-enrolment form.
- Students who come to their appointment unprepared will be sent home without filling in a subject selection form on the day. This may jeopardise their chances of being placed in the subjects they wish to choose.
- Students will receive a record of their subject selections to take home to parents. We ask that the slip at the bottom of the form is returned to Homeroom Teachers on the following Monday to acknowledge parental endorsement of the selected subjects.

Course Advice Day for Year 10 students is **Friday, 23 August**.

*Mark Gustincic*  
*Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning*

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

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As part of the College's commitment to creating a culture of continual improvement, we are seeking the feedback of the College community through the School Improvement Survey. Students, parents and staff will be canvassed for their views about the things that are working well and other areas which may require further attention. The results of this year's survey will be a powerful factor in the development of the School Improvement Plan in 2014, our effort in identifying areas for development over the coming four years. A random sample of parents will receive a letter in the coming weeks about participation in the survey. Along with the letter will be an online link and key to unlock the confidential survey form. Paper surveys will also be available. Randomly selected student groups across Years 4 - 12 will complete the survey at school. The survey season will take place within the fortnight following Monday, 2 September and all those receiving an invitation are encouraged to participate in this key element in the future growth of the school.

*Mr Mark Gustincic*  
*Deputy Principal – Teaching and Learning*

## 2013 FEES

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If you have chosen to pay your 2013 fees in three equal instalments (February, May, August) **the third and final instalment is due by Wednesday, 28 August, 2013.**

If you are having difficulties in finalising your fees, please contact Ann Corcoran, Business Manager by phoning 9808-2185 or emailing [acorcoran@delasalle.vic.edu.au](mailto:acorcoran@delasalle.vic.edu.au).

The College will be mailing statements to all families during the next week.

*Elaine Tyrrell*  
*Assistant Business Manager*

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR YEAR 7, 2014

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### **Saturday 24 August 2013 - Year 7, 2014 Assessment Morning**

- Tiverton Campus 8:30am - 12:15/12:30pm.
- please remember to bring a blue or black ballpoint pen
- please supply a copy of your son's 2013 Semester 1 School Report by this date - you can bring a copy with you on the day
- this testing morning is compulsory for all boys, please contact Robyn Miller, College Registrar, if you are not able to attend - [rmiller@delasalle.vic.edu.au](mailto:rmiller@delasalle.vic.edu.au) or 03 9508 2104.

### **Friday 8 November 2013 - Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day**

- further details will be sent to all families closer to the date

### **Thursday 14 November 2013 - Year 7, 2014 Information Evening**

- Tiverton Campus Gymnasium 7:30pm
- All information relevant to your son's commencement at De La Salle in 2014 will be delivered at this session
- Parents and students welcome to attend

We also have the following College Tours scheduled for the remainder of the year:

- Friday 13 September 2013 at 9:15am
- Friday 22 October 2013 at 9:15am
- Friday 22 November 2013 at 9:15am

All tours run for approximately 90 minutes. Please reply by email or contact the College if you would like to book a place.

# WELLBEING NEWS

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The following presentations may be of interest to parents.

## UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT BOYS

Monday, 19 August, 2013

7:00pm to 9:00pm

Parade College, 1436 Plenty Road, Bundoora.

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Wednesday, 4 September, 2013

Salesian College, 10 Bosco St, Chadstone.

Email: [rick@criticalagendas.com.au](mailto:rick@criticalagendas.com.au)

Include your name, date attending and number of tickets required.

Collect and pay for tickets (\$10) on the night.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS: FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY OR DEPRESSION

An evening with Joanne Garfi, Psychologist

Thursday 5 September, 2013

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre (Large Community Space), 5 Sargood Street, Altona.

Cost: \$22.00 Non-Members and \$12.00 ADAVIC members

Bookings: <http://www.adavic.org.au/product-view.aspx?Id=172>

Conducted by ADAVIC. ADAVIC (Anxiety Disorders Association Victoria) is a not-for-profit organisation providing community-based support, information and resources for both anxiety and depression.

## “YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION” INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS, CARERS

Presented by Jenny Furey, Psychologist

Wednesday, 16 October, 2013

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Louis Joel Arts & Community Centre, 5 Sargood Street, Altona.

Cost: \$22.00 Non-Members and \$12.00 ADAVIC members

Bookings: <http://www.adavic.org.au/product-view.aspx?Id=174>

Conducted by ADAVIC.

***Pascal Rohan***  
***Director of Student Wellbeing***

# CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

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After several weeks of preparation, 27 students from De La Salle joined parish children from St Anthony's Parish, Glen Huntly for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In preparation the students had the opportunity to spend a day visiting churches and communities around Melbourne to experience how other people serve God through the Church and widen their own vision. The first stop was to the oldest church, St Francis. Tucked as it is today amidst the high rise of shopping malls, the Blessed Sacrament Fathers heard their confession and showed them around the Ladye Chapel. Father explained how important the Church is to the people of Melbourne as a place of refuge and prayer for the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.



The next visit took us to The Missionaries of Charity, (Mother Therese's congregation) in Fitzroy. The Sisters offer a refuge to abused women and children; provide catechetics to migrants and a soup kitchen for men. Sister Elise spoke to us about her vocation and happiness in serving the poorest of the poor and to the young people about how they too could offer to help when they are older.

A quiz to reveal the intricacies of the Cathedral followed; a highlight for many of the students. It was then on to the hospitality of the Carmelites at their monastery in Kew. Sister Isabell delighted the boys with her warmth and enthusiasm in living out her vocation as a monastic.

Finally, we were welcomed by Father Robert a member of the Capuchin Order of St Francis who is the Guardian of St Anthony's, Hawthorn. Father Robert engaged the students with stories of the great Franciscan Saints and invited them to light candles for their special intentions. Decorated with many Saints and a proud place of prayer for Melbourne's Italian community, the boys went about finding the patron they had chosen for Confirmation.

Families gathered on the evening of Monday, 22 July to celebrate a family Mass and supper together in preparation and on Friday morning the students travelled across to meet with Bishop Elliott to test their knowledge and awareness.

It was a very excited group of students from Years 6, 7, 8 and 9 who welcomed the Holy Spirit into their lives and committed themselves to walk with Jesus on Sunday, 28 July. Bishop Peter Elliott in conferring the Sacrament urged the candidates to exercise the gift of courage and to have resilience in holding firm to their beliefs and faith amidst the many challenges that would face them.

**Please Note:** First Communion will take place at the end of November. Class will commence at the start of Term 4.

*Joan Ferguson*  
**College Chaplain**

# 2013 MUSIC TOUR

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It's been eight years since our first regional Music Tour and each year there is something new and different. This year we discovered Marysville, a town that continues to rebuild after the 2009 fires. With Camp Marysville as our home base we played seven schools in four towns over three days. It was brilliant!

Each show opened with crowd stoppers from the Concert Band and closed with dance numbers from the Stage Band. In between were the sweet sounds of the String Ensemble, the funky tunes from Guitar Ensemble and the bold voice of our Choir.

We were treated to performances at many of the schools. Buxton Primary has an incredible Steel Pan band with a lovely back story. It was one of the first signs of music returning to the community after the fires. The pans are made from 44 Gallon drums that are cut, treated, pitched and played. It was truly amazing to listen to this band and watch some of their pint sized players. We were also privy to a beautiful violinist from Warburton Primary and percussive guitarist at Eildon Primary.

Musically our students achieved great heights. We saw new confidence from Alex Lindeman, Matt Sidji, Liam Ramirez as they took on solos in Stage Band. Others such as Nicholas Bohan, Liam Kelliher and Rhys Nicolaou stepped up musically and also in responsibility in stage setting and management.

Music Captain Andre Lew and our Year 12 musicians (Lachlan Biasuzzo, Elliott Holden, Nathaniel Smith and Harry Thompson) lead by example, singing, playing and performing with great strength and passion. These students really pave the way for the younger musicians and show grace and good humor in their leadership.

Finally thank you to Andrew Murrell, Kelly Williams, Matt Lewin, Jaymee Lee, David Reichman and Jeff Locke for their wonderful talents as staff leading and supporting the tour.

Each ensemble sounded fantastic at every show. The annual concert is coming up on August 20 in the PAC, come along and hear the music department at its very best as we bring the tour to you.

*Cindy Frost*  
*Director of Music*



## WORK EXPERIENCE

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Following the Work Experience Program in Year 10 this year we conducted a survey to establish if the program still has merit and students are receiving a worthwhile experience which justifies a week away from school.

Results from the student survey indicated that Year 10 boys enjoyed a week at work and overwhelmingly think that the program should continue. Many felt that they had learnt much from experiencing a full week at work and that they had received good feedback from the employers. Many felt better organised and felt they had clarified some ideas about future career pathways.

Year 10 parents were also asked to contribute to the survey but so far not enough parents have completed the questionnaire to make it worthwhile. If you would like to complete it now please go to MOODLE, login, then Careers and Pathways to find the survey.

**Current Year 9 parents should note that the Work Experience dates set aside for 2014 are 23 – 27 June.**

Please note that students have been advised that they should begin to apply for positions now as the best places fill quickly.

*Carmel Smart  
Pathways Coordinator*

## DAV DEBATING

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### DAV YEAR 9 DEBATING AND UPCOMING YEAR 7 AND 8 CLINIC AND COMPETITION

Our Year 9 season finished on a high with a 3 point win over Camberwell Boys Grammar.

Keelan Tambimuttu, Thomas Ponissi and Xavier-Joseph deLa Masse-Homsy debated that we should NOT reserve seats in Parliament for Indigenous Australians. Thomas Ponissi was also awarded best speaker for the debate.

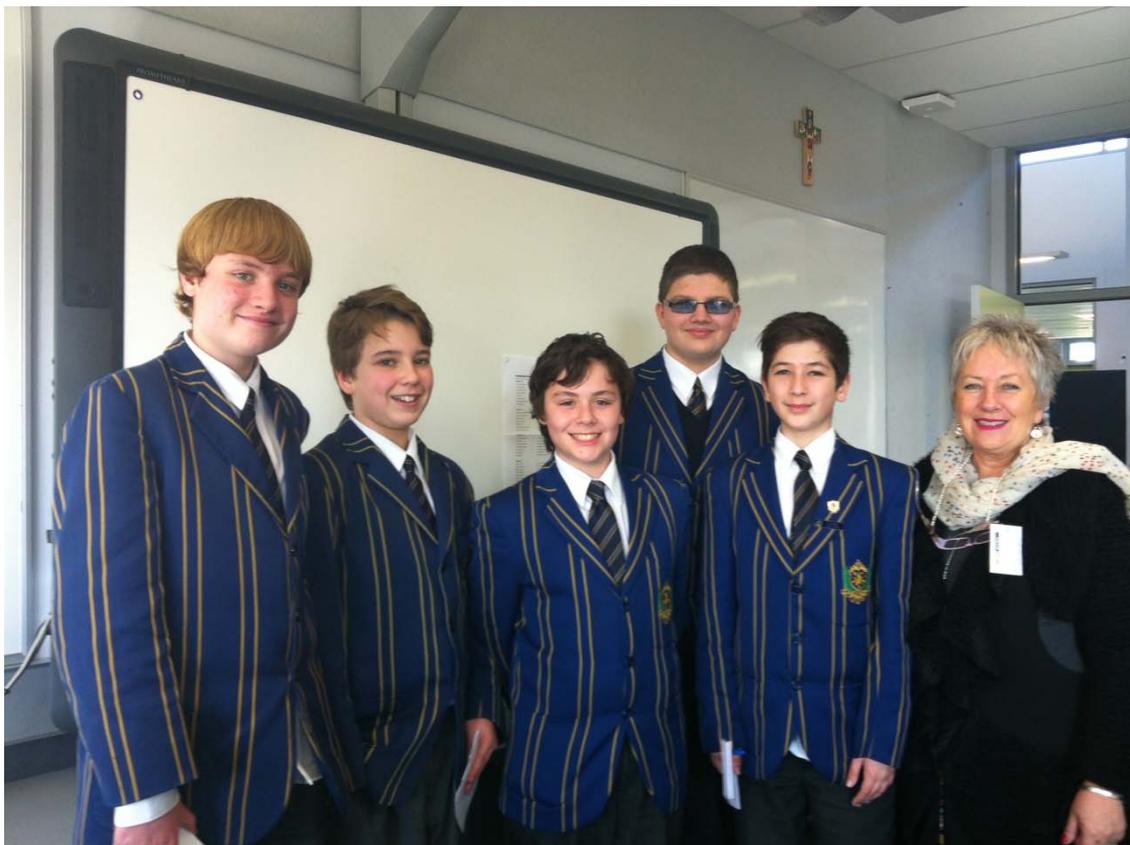
Any Year 7 or 8 students interested in learning debating skills and competing in the DAV JSP Competition to be held in September and October please email [kmcilroy@dlsmalvern.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kmcilroy@dlsmalvern.catholic.edu.au) for more information.

*Kate McIlroy*

## 2013 DAV - JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

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On Friday, 26 July, a number of Year 7 and 8 students represented De La Salle College in the DAV Public Speaking Competition that was held at Avila College, Mt Waverley.



*Adam Crestani (Year 8J), Lachlan Joseph.(Year 7R), Rodney Garrido (Year 7R), Romy Persi (Year.7R), Daniel Papalia (Year 7B) and Mrs Carmel Dwyer*

Each student had to present a prepared speech of 4-5 minutes on a chosen topic.

The choices were as follows: A borderless world; Africa Land of Opportunity; Animal rights; and Thinking about tomorrow, today. They also had to perform two impromptu speeches on a given topic, having only five minutes of preparation time.

There was an excellent workshop conducted by the DAV people at the start of the day on preparing for Impromptu speeches which reinforced what the boys had learnt earlier at school.

Being young and inexperienced proved rather a challenge, however, we came away knowing and learning more skills of Public Speaking for future competitions.

Each of these students worked hard in preparation for this competition. The boys met during our lunch times and in their own home time. Each of the boys should be very proud of the way in which they went about their preparation and the way they conducted themselves on the day. I want to encourage these students and others to join our groups whenever the opportunity arises. It can be a source of great self confidence building as well as acquired English skills. We have fun in doing so!

*Carmel Dwyer  
Year 8 & 9 English Teacher*

# YEAR 8 AND YEAR 10 STATEWIDE MATHS GAMES DAY

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As part of our enrichment programme in Mathematics, some of our high performing Mathematics students took part in the statewide Maths Games days organised by the Mathematical Association of Victoria.

While most students were enjoying a half day on 18<sup>th</sup> July, two teams of four students from Year 10 accompanied by Mr Marty Rhoden travelled to Mt Scopus Memorial College. A couple of weeks later another two teams of four students from Year 8 accompanied by Mr Chris Windley travelled across the city to Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School.

During both days the boys competed against more than 120 teams from over 70 schools. Boys were grouped into teams of four and the math challenges undertaken were of a difficulty that far exceeded the Australian Curriculum for their respective year levels. Boys enjoyed competing in puzzle challenges and brain teasers as a team, before challenging other schools in “Head to Head” competitions.

Against strong competition, our boys performed extremely well. At the lunch break during the Year 8 challenge, one of our teams was ranked in the top 16, before a late technical “malfunction” forced our boys from the leader board. Another particularly pleasing result was the overall performance of one of our Year 10 teams which came 20<sup>th</sup> against very strong opposition. This was a significant achievement out of 120 teams where the top ten are dominated by selective and high performing private schools. Well done!

Congratulations to all students who participated on the day for their behaviour and enthusiasm. Thank you to Marty Rhoden and Chris Windley for accompanying the students on the day.

## YEAR 8 STUDENTS

Patrick Frencken  
Harry Gustin  
Henry Pendergast-Kruger  
James Biviano  
Mark O'Connor  
Jackson Sturge  
Hee Jae Shin  
Ben Tran

## YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Jeffrey Su  
Jonathan Wijaksono  
Conor Rate  
Marcus Karam  
Elliot Fabris  
Liam Gava  
Lachlan Kafer  
Xavier Wigg



# WHAT'S HAPPENING (SOME REMINDERS)

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## AUGUST

Friday, 16 August	<b>STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO CLASSES</b>
Monday, 19 August	<b>MID TERM BREAK</b>
Tuesday, 20 August	Book Week (until 23 August) Annual Music Concert
Wednesday, 21 August	Year 8 Hegarty Learning Experience (until 23 August) Victorian Interschool Snowsports Competition (until 25 August)
Thursday, 22 August	ACC Open Chess Tournament at Kensington Year 11 Fit to Drive Program
Friday, 23 August	Course Advice Day for Year 10 students – PAC
Saturday, 24 August	Year 7, 2014 Assessment Morning – 8:30am to 12:30pm
Monday 26 August	VCE Unit 4 Music Performance Recital
Wednesday, 28 August	Year 8 Dunstan Learning Experience (until 30 August)
Thursday, 29 August	Red Cross Blood Bank Collection – PAC

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 1 September	<b>Father's Day</b>
Monday, 2 September	<b>Feast of Blessed Brother Solomon</b> ACC Music Workshop – Stage Band at Parade College Parents' Network Meeting – Tiverton Staffroom, 7:30pm
Tuesday, 3 September	Year 9/10 ACC Sport Finals
Wednesday, 4 September	SDSA Primary Athletics Carnival at Box Hill Athletics Track Year 8 Benilde Learning Experience (until 6 September) Senior ACC Sport Finals
Tuesday, 10 September	Year 7 and 9 Immunisations (3 <sup>rd</sup> Round)
Wednesday 11, September	<b>ACC Cross Country Carnival at Bundoora Park</b>
Thursday, 12 September	Year 7/8 ACC Sport Finals
Friday, 13 September	Sports Photos Tour of College, 9:15am Newsprint No. 10 emailed to families Parents' Network Weekend at Jan Juc (until 15 September)

# PARENTS' NETWORK

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Our Trivia Night has come and gone - what a successful night!

The preparations for the evening started many months ago with the collection of items for the silent auction. The value of items collected was over \$55,000 and this was mainly due to the efforts of John Morgan.

We used Trybooking for the first time and this proved very successful. Karen Chant, Kym Gardiner and Robyn Miller were responsible for looking after this.

The job of preparing the bid sheets then following up with thank you letters to all the donors was professionally handled by Marie Birkenleigh.

Then there was Trish Woodman who looked after so many aspects of the night that I cannot even begin to list them.

To all of the above and everyone else who helped my sincere thanks.

We raised over \$20,000 and this combined with our last few years of fund raising has arrived at a total of just over \$90,000. I will be meeting with Brendan Ellis to discuss how the school can best utilise this money and will let the school community know in due course.

Our next meeting is Monday 2 September 2013 at 7.00pm in the Boardroom (Tiverton Campus).

*Virginia Fairchild*  
*President Parents' Network*

## DID YOU KNOW....

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The [2014 College Handbook](#) (Primary to Year 12) is now available for viewing.

Achievements, Sporting Fixtures, Results and Career News are placed on the College Website regularly and can be found within the [News Section](#).

The College will endeavor to attach relevant information to calendarised events on the College Website. To access, please visit Calendar of Events within the News Section of the website.