From the Principal

Dear Families

We live in a time of volatility and change around the globe. In recent weeks we have seen the continuing saga of Syria and Yemen lived out on our TV screens daily; we have seen the people of Libya firing aimlessly into the air as they attempt to bring closure to their hard-fought struggle for freedom; we are witnessing the collapse of a cargo freighter slowly breaking up on a reef of the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand and destroying sea life for miles; we are evidencing the rapid take over of farm land for coal seam gases and threatening arterial basins in the vicinity with toxic water; we are living in a two speed economy with the mineral companies making millions and ever expanding and manufacturing declining severely in a highly competitive world and an asset rich nation. It all sounds too much, doesn’t it!

The growing disparity between rich and poor will always be with us. Jesus told us so long back that “the poor you will always have with you”. People are poor because of corrupt governments, non-agricultural land, lack of water etc etc. But the poor provide for all of us who are more fortunate the opportunity to serve and help others. They give us the opportunity to go beyond our comfort zones and work with, and serve, others in the same way as Jesus did.

Papua New Guinea for Year 11 students

Part of our philosophy is to offer the opportunities to our students to go beyond their familiar and comfortable existence and serve other Lasallian communities to improve their circumstances. One such community we recently helped was De La Salle College, Bomana, PNG. An old school with a strong history and good academic record it has been struggling to develop some resource areas. Our team of Year 11 students raised funds and spent two weeks (one week of holidays working and learning about the spirit, culture and traditions of Papua New Guinea. The locals were so pleased that an email from Brother Leo had reached me even before the team had landed at Tullamarine.

The College appreciates the leadership of two teachers: Mr Tim Hogan and Mr Warren Walker (Technology Department) for taking care of the project. Mr Murray Wells (Plumber – Holmesglen TAFE) and a former parent and plumber, Mr Craig Stewart, gave two weeks of their working time to join us. We needed every skill we could get. We appreciate their contributions immensely for without them we could not have completed much of what we did, including the laying of a new water line to a complex.
In the words of Brother Leo: “They worked extremely hard, they were always pleasant and happy and seemed to enjoy not only the work but the companionship of each other and the local people. I think the cultural experience was a challenge to some of their own values and a positive experience for them. I was very impressed with their maturity and confidence and their concern to achieve the goals they had set themselves …….congratulations to all concerned.” (Brother Leo fsc)

DEATH OF BROTHER LEO SCOLLEN FSC
Unfortunately Brother Leo, with whom we had earlier liaised, and who was with our group for much of the time, died suddenly in his chair last Friday evening. Brother Leo was a model of what it means to serve the poor. Following a period as Principal of St John’s, Dandenong, he identified Balgo Hills, WA, as a suitable Aboriginal community with whom the Brothers could work and contribute to their education and development. He was a pioneer in style and approach to Aboriginal support and was frequently given accolades for his work in the Kimberley. Anthony Cormick (2009) is spending his second year at Balgo this year in an aide capacity.

After Balgo, Brother Leo moved to Papua New Guinea where he has been responsible for so much planned development and securing government aid to assist our numerous projects in the country. Leo never wanted for much and gave himself, without reservation, to the poor and marginalised in Australia and Papua New Guinea. We thank Brother Leo for assistance to the De La Team in September. Along with all the Brothers throughout Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Pakistan, we mourn his passing. We thank God for the gift of Leo to those who needed him most. In his 72 years he walked the talk and gave himself that others might benefit. He was a true Lasallian.

We thank God for the life of Brother Leo Scollen. He taught at De La Salle, Malvern, was Principal, education pioneer to the Aboriginal community of Balgo Hills, WA, and completed his life’s journey by serving the people of Papua New Guinea.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
The prayers of the De La community are asked for those in our community who are struggling with serious illness at this time. A number of mothers are suffering and I am sure that the prayers of all will be a source of strength to them and their families. So please say a prayer when you can.

FAREWELL YEAR 12
We prepare this week to farewell our Year 12 students after as many as 9 years in the College. This group has been a particularly talented and dedicated group and the school has benefited enormously from their enthusiasm and commitment during their final year. We wish all of them good luck as they prepare to go into heavy study and preparation for the VCE exams. Their Valedictory Mass and Dinner will be held this Thursday and a final College Assembly and presentation of Academic, Sports and Special Awards will be made to the graduating class of 2011. We wish them well in the difficult weeks ahead.
SCHOOL FEES
The Board confirmed the fees for 2012 at its meeting on 18th October, 2011. With our increasing costs, and the expected increase in staff salaries as a result of their new agreement currently being negotiated, the Board has decided to keep our fee increase (5.0%) to a minimum, necessary to meet our anticipated cost increases in 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations are extended to Andrew Rappos (Year 11J) who was presented with an Applied Learning Award, 2011 at a special Awards ceremony at Brighton International on Tuesday, 18th October. His award is for excellence in his course: VETiS Certificate III in Acting (Screen). Andrew was one of lead actors in our earlier production of ‘Freedom of the City’. Well done, Andrew.

We congratulate Alex Sly (Year 12H) who was recently awarded the Queen’s Scout Award - the highest award internationally that a scout can attain. It was presented to Alex by the Governor of Victoria at a special ceremony to mark the occasion. Congratulations on a fine achievement Alex.

Brother Paul fsc
Principal

WHAT IS HAPPENING (SOME REMINDERS)

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Year 9 Miguel Class 2012

During 2010 De La Salle College launched the development of the Miguel Class (Newsprint - 5th November, 2010 and Roll Call - May 2011 (P18)). This Homeroom group of higher academic achieving students undertakes a program of enrichment and extension in core curriculum subjects. The class was formed in Year 9 and will follow through into Year 10, 2012.

Capable students are provided with the opportunity to learn at a different pace and do appropriately enhanced work to solidify their depth of understanding in Mathematics, Science, English and Humanities.

Emphasis is also being given to developing their leadership skills especially through community service activities and using their abilities to assist other students in the year group and beyond who may be struggling scholastically. There will be steady and regulated timetabled opportunities to maintain a high level of integration with their peers.

The College is currently in the process of offering places to qualified students from Year 8 for the 2012, 9 Miguel Class. The data used in this process is primarily the Year 8 Semester One academic results which are then comprehensively cross-checked against Year 7 results and the Year 7 NAPLAN data.

The offers of places are being made in two stages. A first round of offers was sent to some students two weeks ago. Every one of these students had achieved an average assessment score of 85% or higher across all eight of their Year 8 semester one subjects.

A second round of offers is being sent at the end of this week which, if all accepted, will take the class up to its capacity size of 27. The students receiving these offers have all averaged a minimum of 83% across the 8 Year 8 subjects and have achieved a minimum of 80% in each of the 4 core subjects of English, Maths, Science and Humanities.

Acceptance of a place in the Miguel class includes acknowledgement that the standards achieved for entry need to be maintained in the semester two Year 8 results to take up the place.

Naturally some students will be disappointed having narrowly missed the ‘cut’ for selection. Our initial evaluations of the Miguel class process have shown, among other things, benefits for higher achievers in the other Homeroom groups as well. One of our strategies in the initial year of the Miguel class was to have the Heads of the core Learning Areas teaching the class and developing the enrichment material. This enriched material was also available for use with higher achievers in other Homerooms as well.

I would be more than pleased to respond to any questions about the Miguel Class.

Steve Young
Assistant Principal Curriculum
WELLBEING NEWS

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK
One in five Australians will experience a mental illness or serious mood disorder during their lives. Every one of us is affected by the cost – emotionally, socially and financially.

Mental Health Week seeks to focus attention on the range of psychological issues that affect people and how they may be assisted to deal effectively with them.

If you or a family member of friend wish to discuss a mental health problem, you can contact your GP, your local community mental health service or your local public hospital. For information about a range of mental health services, programs or support groups, contact the Mental Health Foundation of Australia (Victoria) on 9826.1422 or visit www.mentalhealthvic.org.au

A list of agencies is also available on the Student Wellbeing link on Moodle under the heading “agencies”.

Pascal Rohan
Director of Student Wellbeing

NETBOOK YEARLY RE-IMAGING

Next month the technicians will begin re-imaging all Netbooks. The process involves saving student data and re-loading the operating system and application software on every Netbook. The procedure ensures that the Netbooks are reset to the most efficient configuration with all security patches ready for the 2012 school year. Students will only be without their Netbooks for one school day.

The dates are:

- Year 10 Netbooks 14th - 18th November
- Year 9 Netbooks 21st - 25th November
- Year 7 Netbooks 28th November - 2 December

The re-imaging process will be communicated through the homeroom teachers. Please ensure that your son has his Netbook with him at school everyday on the dates that affect him.

If you are aware that your son will be away from school when the re-imaging is to take place, please present the Netbook to the technicians in the week before.

Paul Maxted
ICT Coordinator
Music Notes

The biggest music event to happen in Term 1 of our Centenary Year of 2012 is the De La Salle/Sacre Coeur musical production Little Shop of Horrors. Rehearsals for the cast began in Term 3 and now the orchestra is in full swing. The show will be performed in March next year. Stay tuned for further updates and information on ticketing.

Elective music in Year 10 gives students the opportunity to organise a music event for a charity of their choice. This semester students hosted VISION. The Sunday’s from Star of the Sea were one of 3 bands who entertained the crowd. The night was a great success and raised over $500 for World Vision. Congratulations to the students from Year 10 who made the night possible.

The ACC music workshops are an excellent melting pot for the talent across all the ACC schools. The Stage Band day was hosted by Parade College and featured master classes with the Greg Spence Quartet. All students worked on the same piece in tutorial groups and then performed the piece in one of four ensembles with players from other schools. Working in this setting challenges students to follow the conductor, improve sightreading, control tone and articulation and often the most challenging is to be able to blend and find their place in the wider ensemble.

ACC Rock Band is a totally different experience. The focus is on original music with presentations on Music Industry Skills and Songwriting by specialists in these areas. The final session of the day was a battle of the bands between all ACC schools. Our De La Salle band played well but the worthy winners on the day were Whitefriars College.

We have hit VCE recital time. Unit 4 students are in the thick of external performance exams and Unit 2 students are madly rehearsing for the recital on Monday night. It may be Term 4, but there is still plenty of music to be made and performed.

I hope to see you there!

ACC Music

Throughout the year, there are opportunities for students in the school ensembles to participate in the Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) music workshop days. There are days for the following ensembles: Rock Band, Concert Band, String Ensemble, Choir and Stage Band. One of the ACC schools hosts each workshop day where the boys are inspired by local and international guest conductors in a positive learning environment. These days give our students the opportunity to interact with other musicians and experience different ideas through tutorials and massed ensembles.

Cindy Frost
Music Director
LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the following students, who successfully completed the 2011 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The requirements for completing this award are demanding, with applicants needing to read 15 books. We had several students not only complete the Challenge, but in record time!

**From Grade 6**
Nicholas Buccheri, Evan Chatterton, Michael Dickson, Liam Farrell, Oliver Lindsay, Jack McGrath.

**From Year 7**
Timothy Cafarella, Samuel Gimisis, George Kouzoumis, Tanis Van Laake, Jacson Lalande, Harrison Long, Edison Nguyen, James O’Dwyer, Aaron Vargiu, Riley Watson, William Wright.

*Susan Jost*
*College Librarian*

**RIP**

Prayers for the community are asked for:-

**Br. Mark Murphy fsc.** Br. Mark was posted to De La Salle in 1964 to take over Science following the death of Br. Denis Crowe fsc. He taught Physics in the College until his retirement in the 1980s. An ardent cricket fan, he was the coach of the First X1 Cricket team for many years and was the College representative of the Old Collegians Football Club for more than 20 years.

**Br. Leo (Dominic) Scollen fsc.** Br. Leo worked for the disadvantaged and marginalised people of Australia and Papua New Guinea for 30 years. He also taught at De La Salle, Malvern in the late 50s/early 60s. More recently, Br. Leo had taken responsibility for our De La Year 11 students, staff and adult volunteers who went to De La Salle Bomana, Papua New Guinea to help develop that school.

**Reverend Roger John Ryan.** Father Ryan was Parish Priest of Mount Waverley. He passed away on 17 October. Father Ryan served the Church in a very positive and pastorally enriching manner, giving fine example to both his brother priests and the community for over 38 years. The Archdiocese is most grateful for his untiring service to the Church of Melbourne. He served as Assistant Priest at the parishes of Camberwell, Dandenong, Greensborough and St. Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne. He served in the Military Ordinate (RAAF) and then appoint Parish Priest serving in the parishes of Lilydale, North Dandenong and Mount Waverley.

**John Ryan.** Father to Michael Ryan and Caroline Fitzpatrick (staff members). Passed away recently after battling illness. He was 90 years. Rest in Peace.

Please remember them all in your prayers.
PARENTS’ NETWORK

PARENTS’ NETWORK AGM
Our AGM was held Monday, 17th October and attended by a few familiar faces and some new arrivals which was exceedingly pleasant to see.

Minutes of last year’s AGM were passed and through the joint efforts of our parents and friends, we have a sizeable cheque to present to Brother Paul in the next few weeks when I return from holidays.

Brother Paul joined us for his report in relation to the school, his vision going forward and exciting changes which are planned to ensure continuous improvement and the best of academic and pastoral care for our boys. Question time proved most enlightening with those present having a much better understanding of the enormous task involved in running an educational facility of this size. Our sincere thanks to Brother Paul for his input and clarification of topics raised.

Next on the agenda, our new committee was appointed albeit that a couple of vacancies remain to be finalised in the forthcoming weeks.

President: Virginia Fairchild
Vice President: To be confirmed
Treasurer: To be confirmed.
Publicity Officer: Allana Roberts

I genuinely encourage everyone to come along to our meetings and share your ideas and comments with us at any time.

Virginia Fairchild
President
vfairchild@iinet.net.au or Phone: 0408 947 886
De La Volunteers

I’m still keen to hear from anyone who can help out on any of the following occasions – especially the upcoming Year 12 Breakfast. Contact me on 9508 2138 or email twoodman@delasalle.vic.edu.au

Setup for the Year 12 Breakfast – Tues, 25th October
Setting tables for 200 people in PAC at 2.00pm

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast – Wednesday, 26th October
Serving and cleaning up from 8.00am in the PAC.

Year 11 Final Mass and Assembly – Thursday, 24th November
Set up, serving and clean up for morning tea after assembly 8.30am-1.00pm in PAC.

Second Hand Book Sale – Tuesday, 6th December (Note Change of Date)
Thursday, 1st December: 1.00pm-3.30pm - Sorting and tagging of books at Kinnoull.
Friday, 2nd December: 1.00pm-3.30pm - Sorting and tagging of books at Kinnoull.
Monday, 5th December: From midday - Setting up of PAC for sale.
Tuesday, 6th December: Day of Sale in PAC - Helpers needed 8.00am till 5.00pm or part thereof.
Wednesday, 7th December: 8.00am to midday - Follow-up work from sale in PAC foyer.
Thursday, 8th December: 8.00am to midday - More follow up work in PAC foyer.

Year 10 Final Mass and Assembly – Tuesday, 6th December
Set up, serving and clean up for morning tea after assembly 8.30am – 1.00pm in Gym.

Year 9 Final Mass and Assembly – Wednesday, 7th December
Set up, serving and clean up for morning tea after assembly 8.30am – 1.00pm in PAC.

Years 7 & 8 Final Mass and Assembly – Thursday, 8th December
Set up, serving and clean up for morning tea after assembly 8.30am – 1.00pm in PAC.

Business Chicks Breakfast – Bag Packing at Crown Palladium – Thursday, 10th November
Help raise money for Kids Helpline by joining the crew of volunteer parents who pack gift bags for these breakfasts. The packing starts at 11.00am at Crown.

Looking forward to catching up with lots of you in Term 4.

Trish Woodman
ACC SWIMMING

Training is now happening three times per week at Harold Holt Pool for the remainder of Term 4 and the details are as follows:-

- Monday mornings: 7.00am - 8.00am
- Wednesday mornings: 7.00am - 8.00am
- Friday mornings: 7.00am - 8.00am

It is hoped all Squad members will commit to all three sessions as we strive to have improvement in Personal Bests from everyone for the ACC Swimming Carnival on Friday, 17th February, 2012.

DLS BASKETBALL CLUB

A reminder for all students intending to play Friday night Basketball with DLS that the season begins on Friday, 21st October.

All teams need to be finalised this week and registration forms submitted.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the DLS website via the Community section.

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

**Sam Anderson** (Year 11D) has been selected in the Senior ACC Hockey Team of the Year. A great individual achievement and Sam will be striving for selection again in 2012!

**Seb Young** (Year 6) and **Leon Lymbouris** (Year 6) have both qualified for the SSV Southern Metro Region 2011 Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 19th October. Seb is competing in the Under 12/13 Discus and Leon in the Under 12/13 Hurdles. Good luck boys!