Dear Members of the College family,

The new church year commences this Sunday with the beginning of Advent. The season calls us to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent is a time for reflection on our past year and holds a sense of promise for what is to come. Jesus, Son of God, became one of us that he might show us how to live and to love, to be attentive to the needs of those around us, to celebrate our past, to rejoice in our present and to live in hope of a future lived in the presence of our God. Life itself is brief; eternal life with God is the promise to us as followers of Jesus.

The message of Easter is that the blessings of the Kingdom will “come toward” us only to the extent that we “come toward” those most in need of our love and support. In other words, Advent is a time for redirecting the expectation of Christ’s coming at Christmas away from “out there” to “right here”.

Christmas then is a season for rejoicing, for family, and for renewing in our lives the place of those we need to love. That is what makes the birth of Christ so important and meaningful. On behalf of the community of De La Salle – Brothers and staff, we wish all our Lasalle families a happy and holy Christmas and God’s richest blessings on you for the year ahead.

*Brother Paul fsc*
*Principal*

**PEACE AND GOODWILL TO ALL! HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS**

**FROM: THE BROTHERS AND STAFF OF DE LA SALLE**
HEADSTART PROGRAM
Each year our Year 11 students progressing to Year 12 complete a week of classes as a preparation for their holiday period and the work that they will be required to complete before the school year commences in 2012. For them, Year 12, 2012, has already begun. This year we had six days of lessons and in 2012 we will extend the program to Year 10 boys who will begin their Year 11 work before they break for the holidays.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
In 2012 our target of having each boy, Year 7 – 11, with a netbook, will be met. Year 9, 2012, will receive their netbooks at an Information evening early in the new school year and Year 7 students will receive theirs in the week before school commences.

LASALLIANS WORKING FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED
Last Wednesday our Year 12 graduates left for Boys’ Town, Madurai, India. Seven students accompanied by Mrs Christine Thompson and Mr Michael Wilson will spend four weeks on renovation work at the Admin centre, living with the Brothers community and working hard each day to make a contribution to the work of the Brothers for the poor and underprivileged young people of Tamil Nadu. Each student is required to pay for their own air ticket and raise $1,000.00 toward the cost of their project. This year a further $17,000.00 was provided from our MAD money to assist them. The experience has a benefit, beyond words, for each of the participants. We hear that they have settled in well.

During 2011, we have also assisted several enterprises with our MAD monies:

$10,000.00 - for Brother Bill to assist his work of nurse and teacher education in the fledgling nation of Southern Sudan. Recently separated from Sudan in a referendum, the fledgling country is struggling and most teachers have little, or no, formal education. Let us play our part.

$5,000.00 - to provide two teachers to fly to Southern Sudan to assist with a teacher in-service program being conducted by Brother Bill, for Sudanese teachers across the nation in January/February, 2012. Mr Michael Watty (staff) and Mr Henry Corcoran (retired DLS staff) have volunteered to assist Brother Bill with his project.

$5,000.00 - College donated funds to provide tools & machinery for a woodwork facility in a new development for street kids in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Many donors are assisting with this total project.

$10,000.00 - was provided to De La Salle, Bomana, PNG, to assist our group of 12 boys and 4 adults who went there in the late part of Term 3, 2011, to help develop and renovate facilities in the school as part of our Year 11 project for PNG. Each year a group of Year 11 boys, assisted by competent adults, go to PNG as part of our service to the less fortunate.

$17,500.00 - was forwarded to India to aid our Year 12 students, “Coolies”, in their work this year in Boys’ Town, Madurai. They are helping to renovate and refurbish a centre there, at the request of the Brother Provincial. The boys themselves also raised $7,000.00 as part of their effort for the project. They left immediately after their VCE exams were completed and will return in early January.

The College is now working toward a centenary project that will provide focus for our fundraising in 2012 and make a significant contribution in either southern India or PNG where the La Salle Brothers are working; where our students go to assist each year as Year 11 or 12 students, and where the school age population is among the poorest in the world. Our Centenary year must be bigger than just us! Our celebration will be felt
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
The holidays are an important time in College for change. This year:

1. **Kinnoull library** will have the two computer labs dismantled and the library space re-arranged and increased to provide more study space and computer access for Year 12 boys.

2. **Centenary Room.** The College has a wonderful archives simply because we have not had to change campus in the past 70 years. It would be unfortunate if our boys do not get an opportunity to see some of the collection in what will be a special year for De La Salle. The Centenary room is being established to make available to all in De La Salle, all who visit, the opportunity to share in our Centenary with a visual display.

3. The **Tiverton Technology room** is being expanded with the dismantling of another computer lab. This will give the boys much greater safe space within which to work in their technology classes.

4. A **Prayer Room** is being installed in the original Chapel Building at Kinnoull. It is unfortunate that our senior boys do not have such access on their own campus. Soon they will!

5. **Dalny Street entrance** is being closed up with a sliding gate which will give the junior campus better security and improve the face of the College.

Some large work is being prepared for consideration in 2012.

CONGRATULATIONS
To the boys who competed in the **All Schools Athletics Championships, 4 – 6 November**, at the Albert Park Athletics Centre.

**Mackenzie Beadman (Year 7V)**
- Under 14 100 metres

**Chris Ghersi (Year 7D)**
- Under 14 Long Jump

**Harry Lagastes (8R)**
- Under 14 800m (6th fastest in his age group and sliced two seconds from his PB!)

**Alex Di Medio (10J)**
- Under 16 400m Hurdles Silver Medallist
- Under 16 400m Bronze Medallist

Well done to all four DLS competitors. You have done us proud!

MUSIC - YEAR 7: **SOLOMON, MIGUEL, ROLAND AND VINCENT.**
The display of their musical talents developed during Term 3 & 4 was very satisfying and delightful. The PAC was full of parents and young siblings and we all enjoyed the boys playing at the best. Given that each boy could have only received a maximum of 28 hours in the semester i.e. 2 periods per week, they enjoyed their involvement and it has been a great platform for the boys to test their musical skills and see if they would like to proceed with an instrument in 2012. Of course, that means plenty of training on one’s own……but if you like what you do that can be easy. Ask the sportsmen! Anyhow, well done, boys.
And the teachers all deserve big accolades both for the way they engage the boys to enjoy what they are doing and for their commitment to the learning of music. The College is fortunate to have such a talented group of musicians tutoring and teaching our boys. Thank you, Cindy and team.

**BIG MAILOUT**
The College is preparing a large mailout to all families on 19 December, 2012. Your large envelope will contain your son’s College Report, letter from Head of Campus (Tiverton or Kinnoull), Student Information Sheets (Kinnoull boys only), College Uniform notice, ICT Policy form, Parents’ morning tea invitation, School Photo form and the College Calendar. Please keep an eye out for the mailman and check what needs to be done for the start of the new school year.

**DE LA SALLE WEBSITE**
Last week the College launched our new website. A big thanks to Robyn Miller and Tania Allars who worked together on this project for several months and done a magnificent job. I hope that all families find our new site friendly and informative. It will now carry regular updates about the College, important dates and pieces of news. If you experience any problems with accessing the site, please give us a call immediately. Enjoy the read.

**OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES**
Families are asked to check on their fee payments and bring them up-to-date before 16 December. Your response will be appreciated.

_Yours in De La Salle,_
_Brother Paul fsc_

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**ARE YOU 3RD OR 4TH GENERATION IN DE LA SALLE?**

In preparation for our Centenary in 2012, the College is looking to identify all our families who have had, or have, 3rd or 4th generation members of the family studying in De La! Please email the College using the following address: 
[centenary@delasalle.vic.edu.au](mailto:centenary@delasalle.vic.edu.au).

Thank you to those families who responded to this request in our last Newsprint. We are grateful to you but we know we have only touched the tip of the iceberg. Looking forward to hearing from many others.
WHAT IS HAPPENING (SOME REMINDERS)

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KEY DATES - YEAR 7, 2013

COLLEGE TOURS

- Friday, 10 February, 2012 - 9:15am
- Monday, 13 February, 2012 - 9:15am
- Wednesday, 15 February, 2012 - 5:00pm
- Friday, 24 February, 2012 - 9:15am

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, 29 February, 2012  -  Parent Information Evening (for Year 7, 2013 students) – 7:30pm
(Bookings essential)
Friday, 2 March, 2012  -  Applications for Year 7, 2013 CLOSE
Friday, 20 April, 2012  -  Offers of places to prospective Year 7 students are posted
Monday, 7 May, 2012  -  Final date for acceptance by parents of offers made

EMA / SCHOOL START BONUS

Education Maintenance Allowance / School Start Bonus Applications.

Please remember that you need to complete an application form if you are eligible for either or both of the above allowances in 2012. Application forms are available from the College Office and need to be returned to the College by Monday, 12 December, 2011. All details were in the previous Newsprint.

In 2012, the total annual amount is $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students – these amounts are split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

2012 SUBJECT SELECTION / BOOKLISTS

SUBJECT SELECTION

Following review of Year 10 and 11 results some families may be contacted in the last week of term to arrange interviews to discuss subject selections for 2012. If your family is not going to be available for appointments during this week can you please inform the Office staff at Kinnoull.

BOOKLISTS

Booklists were distributed to students this week. Parents will note there are three options available to order their booklists for 2012. They are:-

- Option 1 - Submit the completed booklist online at www.wooldridges.com.au and follow the steps;
- Return the completed booklist to the College by 9 December; or
- Visit Wooldridges at either their Moorabbin or Dandenong stores and select your own list requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this information or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9508 2100.
WEllBEING NEWS

After 20 years of service, Paul has decided it’s time to retire and to enjoy life beyond work, with his wife Monica, who has also retired this year.

Paul, a native of Baltimore, arrived at De La Salle in 1992. Located at Kinnoull, he combined counselling with the teaching of French and RE - moving over time to assist in the Careers area and then on to full-time counselling.

I am very grateful to have met Paul and to have worked with him. Three years ago, when I was the ‘new guy’, Paul made my entry to De La, easy and welcoming. I have come to know Paul as a gentle and thoughtful man - with an appreciation of the funny side of life! I (we) will miss his kind and calm presence and his openness to whomever and whatever came his way.

We sincerely thank Paul for the help he has given to so many over time, and we wish him and Monica every happiness in this new, freer and exciting phase of life.

Les meilleurs souhaits Paul et merci pour tout.

All the best.

All the best.

Pascal Rohan
Director of Student Wellbeing

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

A Film by Year 11 Students called "Taking a Stand" has won an award in the ACMI movie competition. Boys involved were Darcy Conlan, James Rate, Miles Fabris, Nick Rodway, Tim Michael and Michael Swimmerton. The ceremony to receive the award was held on Friday 2 December.

Congratulations boys.
**SHARED STORIES COMPETITION**

Fourteen De La Salle students ranging in age from Year 7 to 12, contributed to this year’s edition of 'Shared Stories', an anthology of student writing and art work, the collaborative effort of twelve Catholic schools in and around Melbourne. This year's theme was 'Freedom' and students were required to produce a piece of writing in any form, or a piece of art work, expressing their individual take on this theme. De La Salle had over fifty entrants from which we were required to select the most effective fourteen. This was not an easy task.

The launch took place at Star of the Sea College, Gardenvale on Tuesday the 22nd of November, with the guest speaker, Martin Flannigan. It was a wonderful occasion for our students to celebrate their achievements in the company of their fellow contributors. All of the speakers on the day spoke of the high quality of the publication and of the works contained within.

Each year copies of the anthology are housed in the State Library of Victoria and at the National Library in Canberra. Various media outlets also peruse the anthology for good student work to publish, so having one's piece in 'Shared Stories' is quite a broad recognition of the talents of the young people published within its pages. Special congratulations to Harry Morris of Year 9 who won the Elikon publishers prize for De La Salle, for his beautifully simple and nostalgic poem on childhood entitled 'I Miss.’ Other contributors were; Josh Talbot, Marcus Henrique-Gomez, Renato Siragusano, Thomas Hyland, Tom O'Dwyer, Harry Holden, Ned Morris, Jacob Taylor, Jeremy Palmer, Jack Forbes, Cameron Wilson, Jacob Mc Gaw and Alec Young. Congratulations to everyone who participated. Next year's theme is 'What the world needs now...'

*Paul Fegan*

**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS DESIGN COMPETITION**

Students from Years 7, 9 and 10 were among the entrants to the recent Little Shop of Horrors Design Competition. The designs were excellent and the judges had a difficult time choosing which design would feature in the marketing campaign to promote the forthcoming Centenary play, The Little Shop of Horrors, which will be staged at the Alexander Theatre in Term One next year.

The winning design was done by Michael McCaffrey of 10 Dunstan. Michael’s entry impressed the judges who awarded him the prize of $100 cinema voucher. The judges awarded an Honourable Mention to Emily Deng, from Sacre Coeur, for her entry.

All of the designs will be displayed in the Foyer of the Alexander Theatre during the performances. On behalf of the Committee, thank you to everyone who took the time to submit their designs.

*Kerry Martin*
BLUE & GOLD PRESENTATION BALL 2012

Details regarding the Presentation Ball were sent to all those who had expressed their intentions to participate in the 2012 Ball. Just a brief reminder that Application Forms need to be returned to me asap. For all students involved please do not hold back on lodging your Application Form if you are waiting for your partner to return her form to you. (I can collect these forms at the commencement of our training for the Ball.) There is a ‘tick’ the box if any student is in need of a partner. This information is important for me to know as a matter of urgency. If I find there is a need for extra partners than those I have already on my books from girls wanting to participate in our Presentation Ball (I have eight at present), then I may need to contact a couple of our nearby girls’ schools to make sure we have enough partners ready to commence our training early in February. If you do know of a young lady who may like to join the Presentation Set, please let me know. Receipts will be issued at our first lesson for all payments received regarding the Ball. If you have any questions regarding the Presentation Ball, please do not hesitate in contacting me on either 9775 6110 or 0422 396110.

Joy Bew,
Coordinator of the Blue & Gold Presentation Ball

DE LA VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has helped this year. Our College is enriched by the labour and community spirit that our volunteers provide. Keep a lookout for the 2012 Helpers Form so that you can register to get involved in our Centenary Year.

SECONDHAND BOOK SALE
Tuesday 6 December (NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS)
PAC - Midday to 4pm

Don’t miss out on this opportunity to save some money by buying second hand textbooks.

If you want to help with the book sale we will be working in the PAC from 8.00am to 5.00pm. So come along for a few hours, or more if you can manage it.

Trish Woodman
Community Coordinator
Direct Phone 9508 2138
Email twoodman@delasalle.vic.edu.au
2011 has been a very hectic year in sport at De La and we have had a mixed bag of results across the year. With two Major ACC Carnivals taking place in Term One as well as the Summer Season of ACC Sport (Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball) for our Senior Teams, there was plenty packed into a ten week term.

Our ACC Swimming Team finished 5th for the second consecutive year and we are certainly hoping to improve upon this placing in 2012. Our ACC Athletics Team, despite the best efforts of those who competed on the day, finished in 7th place and we now find ourselves competing in Division 2 of ACC Athletics next year for the first time in the history of the College. We must now “swallow our medicine” and set about ensuring that 2012 is the last year that we are not competing in Division One!

Fortunately, the disappointment of our Athletics result was quickly overshadowed by the First XI Cricket triumph towards the end of Term One. Not only did this year’s victory provide “Back to Back” ACC Premierships but our First XI Cricket Team is now undefeated in two seasons!

Term Two proved to be a rather successful one for De La in the ACC Competition. We “came out swinging” early in the term with our second consecutive victory in the Open Golf Championship. Later in the term, our Year 10 Soccer Team won the Division Two ACC Premiership registering a 3 – 2 victory over CBC St Kilda and claiming the first ACC Soccer title for De La in a number of years. The term finished on a real high for De La with our Year 7 Football Team easily accounting for Whitefriars in the Grand Final and recording the first ever Year 7 ACC Football Premiership for De La Salle.

Term Three saw us represented at all Year levels in ACC Hockey and Basketball. Our Year 9A Basketball Team finished Runners – Up and both our Year 10A and Year 10B Basketball Teams won ACC Premierships. Their 2011 victory resulted in “Back to Back” Titles for our 10A Basketball Team. The term concluded with the ACC Cross Country Championships and we finished in 3rd place for the second consecutive year with many of our competitors finishing in the top ten placings in their events.

With the Major ACC Carnivals now completed, the year rounded out with De La fielding ACC Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball Teams in Years 7 – 10. Our Year 10 Tennis Team made their way through to the ultimate match but was unfortunately defeated in the Grand Final. The De La Junior Golf Team also just fell short of winning consecutive ACC Premierships in late October. Our DLS Weightlifting Team, who train and enter competitions throughout the year, won the Sport and Recreation Cup during Term Four.

As well as the sports mentioned previously, De La students have also represented the College proudly in ACC Chess and the Victorian Cycling Championships. Participation rates in sport have been high this year and we hope that students will continue to strive to represent the Blue and Gold as often as possible next year and beyond.

Our large involvement in ACC Sport and other sporting activities would not be possible without the willingness of the staff who coach our many sporting teams. I sincerely thank all of these teachers for their time, effort and enthusiasm for the ACC Sport program at De La which is of such great benefit to our boys. A special thank you to Simon Brown, my Sports Assistant, who has not only been a massive help to me with coordinating all sport at the College but also for his great support for me in my first year in this role.

Although we did manage to win six ACC Premierships in 2011, we did have a number of other teams who either made Grand Finals or finished third or fourth. The challenge for all our sporting teams in our Centenary Year of 2012 is to strive for both individual and team improvement through hard work and determination and success will inevitably come the way of De La Salle.

Peter Harte
Director of Sport
ACC SWIMMING

HOLIDAY TRAINING TIMES
Please remember that normal training times finish with the last session on Friday 9 December. During the Christmas Break training will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Holiday Training
1 December - 11 December - Training as normal
12 December - 21 December - Monday and Wednesday only. Times: 8.00am to 9.30am.
22 December - 8 January - No Training
9 January - 25 January - Monday and Wednesday only. Times: 8.00am to 9.30am
30 January - Training at normal times

ACC SPORTING RESULTS

ACC Sporting Results are updated weekly on the College website. To view, please click the following link: