In his Message for Lent 2012, Pope Benedict XVI calls us to be mindful of the needs of others. The theme of the message is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews: ‘Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works’ (10.24). It focuses on charity, or love, which is ‘the very heart of Christian life’. Pope Benedict calls us to reflect on how materialism and a sense of individualism and self-sufficiency often prevent us from living a life where concern for others is central.

MAD (Mission Action Day) is a customary Lenten activity in De La Salle College. By appealing to our youth to consider the less fortunate young people of their age, living in less privileged countries in which the De La Salle Brothers work, we are placing concern for others at the centre of our continuing reflection. Poverty is not a gift or a misfortune; it is the lot of those who were born in circumstances over which they had, and have, no control.

Each year the College raises funds to assist our own students who visit and work in India (“Coolies”), Papua New Guinea and the Philippines. We also provide funds to Brother Bill and Denis (both formerly from De La Salle and Old Boys of the College) who have devoted three years of their life to working in Southern Sudan.

In 2012 two De La Salle teachers volunteered to work in Southern Sudan for two months as part of De La’s outreach to the poorest of the poor. Mr Henry Corcoran (recently retired) and Mr Michael Watty (Kinnoull) arrived home on Wednesday 29 February after two months providing in-service Maths programs to very poorly trained maths teachers. Their contribution was also financed by our MAD funds, 2011.

In 2012, De La Salle hopes to provide for a significant development in Papua New Guinea through our MAD funds. We celebrate one hundred years of success and rejoice in what God has given us. We mark those years of God’s blessing by extending our arms to our needy brothers and sisters in PNG.

We encourage all our students to step out of their comfort zone and express concern for those in need. If a social conscience and an appreciation of the need for justice and equality are to be a meaningful parts of the education of each young person in our care, then, concern for others must be central; now and always. MAD is one way!

Br. Paul Rogers fsc
Principal
CONGRATULATIONS

**Dalton Di Medio (Year 6)** who has qualified to participate in the State Track and Field Little Athletic Championships in Bendigo on 24/25 May. Well done, Dalton.

**Alex Di Medio** (Year 11J) Dalton’s big brother!) recently participated in the Victorian Youth Athletic Championships at the new Lakeside Stadium, winning Silver (400m) and Bronze (400m hurdles). He has now been chosen to represent Victoria in the Australian Junior Athletic Championships in two weeks. He is participating in the 400m, 400m hurdles, and 4x400m relay. Well done, Alex, and good luck in Sydney.

**Mackenzie Beadman** (Year 8S) recently completed in the Athletics Victoria Youth Championships. Congratulations on your gold in the Under 15, 100m and bronze in the Under 15, 200m

**Angus McCulloch** (Year 12V) recently represented Australia in the World Junior Speed Skating Championships in the four-man relay. His team finished 12th out of 26 nations.

**Gianluca Intemerato** (Year 6) who has been chosen to be a first violinist for the Melbourne Youth Junior Strings Orchestra. He began his ‘career’ in Yr 4 and has developed quickly under the wonderful tutelage of Mr Reichman, our violin tutor. Well done, sir and Gianluca!

**Cate McIlroy, Sam Magree, Angela Runci and Brother Lawrence**, all teachers at De la Salle, who graduated from the Lasallian Leadership Course last Sunday. It was a two year program with in-service work and studies. Among the graduating class were teachers from Southern Cross College, Scarborough, Qld, St James College, East Bentleigh, St Bede’s, Mentone, and John Paul College, Rotorua, NZ. There were 14 teachers completing the course. Congratulations to our new De La Salle College graduates.

**Brayden Hawkins** (Year 10R) and **Joshua Pulvirenti** (Year 11D) have been selected to represent Victoria in the 2012 FFA National Futsal Championships.

**De La Salle Weighlifting Team**: competed in the 2011 Victorian Schools Championships on 25 Nov last and emerged **Schools Champions 2011**. Their lovely trophy now adorns the trophy cabinet. Schools competing included Mt Lilydale Mercy College, Maribyrnong, Bayside and Mount Waverley Secondary Colleges, Weerona College (Bendigo) and Xavier College. The boys representing De La Salle were Frank McCormack (Year 8J), James Delaney (Year 10M), Murad Mohammed (Year 8B), Luke Torrisi (Year 10S), Nathan Phillips (Year 12H), Bryce Morgan (Year 8B), Levi Otto (Year 12S), and Antonio Russo (Year 12D). Congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations to **Matthew Horrigan** (Year 10R) on his selection to the Australian National Taekwondo Team competing in the Belgium Open on 31 March to 1 April. Matt leaves Australia on 24 March for a training session in Copenhagen with the Danish National Team prior to travelling to Belgium for the Open. Good luck Matt.

CENTENARY BADGES

Any student who did not receive a Centenary badge at the Launch of our Centenary year can go to the Administration Office (Tiverton) and request. If Old Collegians are interested, they can be purchased at $5 a piece. Limited supplies only.
CHANGE OF MANAGEMENT POSITIONS (TERM 1)
Mr Steve Young, Assistant Principal – Curriculum, is on extended medical leave. In his absence Ms Sally Buick has taken responsibility for the Teaching and Learning portfolio, Mr Tim Ford has assumed responsibility for the Kinnoull Campus, and Ms Courtney Sanders has accepted the duties of Year 12 Level Coordinator. We are appreciative of their ready willingness to step in and keep everything moving in a positive way.

BOOK SUPPLIERS – WOOLDRIDGES
The following excerpt is from a letter forwarded to us by the Exec GM of Wooldridges:

Thank you once again for your business during the Back to School program for 2012. For many years Wooldridges has been the supplier of choice providing reliable and efficient Back to School requirements for children and their families. This year our Back to School program has caused some inconvenience for many families and on behalf of the company I offer our apology.........

(Mr Kevin Healey, Executive General Manager)

The College is continuing to follow up our concerns and to speak with Senior Management. Their letter does not address the concerns expressed to us by many parents and students. The matter is ongoing.

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM
There has been much talk about the National Curriculum over many years and the start up date is now very close. The following summary appeared this week in a CEO publication, Southlink, and I think it provides a good snap shot of our present work.

The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), on behalf of the three school sectors, continues to lead and coordinate the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in Victoria. This includes gathering data to inform the development of advice and resource support for all schools.

For Victorian schools, 2012 is a year of trial and validation of the Australian Curriculum, with substantial implementation to occur from 2013. A trial involving 200 schools, including 33 Catholic schools from across Victoria, will be conducted this year, with a focus on the planning of teaching, learning and assessment programs that deliver the Australian Curriculum.

The Foundation (F)-10 curriculum offered in Victorian schools from 2013 will consist of the four Australian Curriculum learning areas of English, History, Mathematics and Science, with the remainder drawn from existing school curriculum. When approved for implementation other Australian Curriculum learning areas will progressively replace or be added to existing school curriculum. Consequently, schools will be working with a hybrid model or framework over the next few years, consisting of the Australian curriculum and their existing school curriculum.

All subjects studied in De La Salle are now on Moodle for students. As this is our first attempt to construct curriculum in a way that reflects the new National curriculum requirements, we recognise that they are a work in progress. There is a detailed outline of the content and the method of assessment, assessment dates etc on Moodle. Your son should be able to show you his curriculum requirements on Moodle. Eventually, parents will be able to have their own access.
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APPROACHING CENTENARY EVENTS IN 2012

CENTENARY MUSICAL
Alexander Theatre, Monash University, 16 and 17 March
Tickets are $25.00 (Adult), $15.00 (Concession)

Learn more about the Centenary Musical
Tickets currently on sale on the DLS website

DE LA SALLE CENTENARY RACE DAY
Caulfield Race Course, 24 March
Learn more about the Centenary Race Day
Tickets currently on sale on the DLS website

DE LA SALLE GOLF DAY
Huntingdale Golf Course, 23 April
Learn more about the Golf Day
Tickets will be available from Monday, 5 March on the DLS website
Volunteers are needed for a major Centenary function coming up:-

**DE LA SALLE CENTENARY RACE DAY**

**Saturday 24 March at Caulfield Racecourse**

Help is needed

- Decorating the Black Caviar Marquee (in the morning); and
- Checking tickets at two entry points (late morning to mid afternoon)
- Selling memorabilia during the event (late morning to late afternoon)

If you think you can assist in any way contact me on 9508 2138 or twoodman@delasalle.vic.edu.au.

So far this term De La Volunteers have been busy at the Morning Tea for Parents of New Students, Centenary Launch Morning Tea, Awards Assembly Morning Tea and Bag Packing for Kids Help Line. Thanks to all those who have helped!

*Trish Woodman  
Community Coordinator*

**NEWS FROM THE PARENT NETWORK**

This Saturday night, 3 March is our **Welcome Pizza Night** (from 7.00-9.00pm in the PAC, High Street – Tiverton Campus). We are looking forward to seeing everyone. If you are able to come but forgot to send in your flyer, please give Lora Domine 0422 524 334 a call.

Our annual **Mothers’ Weekend at Jan Juc** is on the 20-22 April. Please put it in your diary. It is a great opportunity to get away for a weekend in an idyllic setting. Don’t worry if you can only attend for part of the weekend. Information and bookings are through Marita Torrisi, phone 0410 329 767 or 9885 1131.

**EMA / SCHOOL START BONUS**

As advertised in previous Newsprints, applications closed on 29 February, 2012 for the first instalment of the EMA in 2012.

*Elaine Tyrrell  
Assistant Business Manager*
**WELLBEING NEWS**

**PARENT EDUCATION EVENING**
*San Miguel Theatre, Kinnoull Campus from 7.30 - 9.00pm*

Learn more about the Parent Evening

Each year, a number of parent evenings are offered by the College that deal with issues that are common to parents of teen boys. The first one, on 7 March, deals with the topic of *Transition*. It is particularly relevant to parents of boys new to the College (all year levels). Of course, transition not only has to do with starting a new school but also with facing new circumstances and situations that upset ‘the norm’. Pascal Rohan will be accompanied by two boys who will co-present. An evening worth attending!

If you intend to be present, please email Pascal on prohan@delasalle.vic.edu.au your intent and with the number of those attending.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING TO OUR BOYS?**

If you, or others you know, currently work in an area that is inclusive of boys, then you may benefit from attending this professional development seminar. Speakers include Steve Biddulph (psychologist and author), Michael Carr-Gregg and Maggie Hamilton.

Dates: 21 and 22 June at the University of Melbourne

1 day fee is $220, two day fee is $350

Bookings made at bookings@bookedout.com.au

Pascal Rohan

Director of Student Wellbeing

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Sunday School at Glen Huntly**

St Anthony’s Parish, Car Grange and Neerim Roads conducts Sunday school for students not attending Catholic schools, especially those wishing to prepare for Sacraments. Classes commence at 10.00am each Sunday of the School term. Enquiries to either Mrs Fitzgerald or Ms Blair on 9569 2099.

**Hawthorn Parish Business Breakfast**

Hawthorn Parish, in conjunction with the Australian Jesuits, will present ‘Financial crisis or values crisis? What has gone wrong with our economic system?’, on Thursday, 8 March, at Kooyong Tennis Club, 7.15am for a 7.30am start, with a finishing time of 8.30am. Guest speaker will be Fr Des Dwyer SJ, former Associate of the St James Ethics Centre. The breakfast will launch the Jesuit Lenten Podcast Series. Cost:- $40.00 per person. For more information, contact Berny on 8862 4020.
The Lenten Season is upon us and we have marked the beginning with Liturgies at each year level with a focus on personal growth and generosity of spirit. Our Primary through to Year 12 students were involved in Ash Wednesday prayer liturgies—an opportunity during Lent for each student to reflect on the meaning of Lent. We were also treated to a wonderful presentation from some of the Year 12 students who worked in Papua New Guinea in 2011. The students explained how the experience of giving themselves, their time, their holidays to working in the humidity of PNG opened their eyes to the simplicity of life surrounding the young people in PNG and a deepened awareness of how rich their own lives are. Students came forward and received the ashes as a symbol marking the beginning of the Lenten period.

**SACRAMENTS:**
The College supports students seeking Sacrament preparation. If your Parish offers preparation I would encourage you to use these opportunities as your first port of call. If you do wish to tap into the College program, and have not already contacted me, please do so without delay on my direct line: 9508 2161 or return the form included in the 2011 new student package.

Preparation for *First Reconciliation* has begun. The Sacrament will be celebrated in the College Chapel, 7.00pm on 18 April by Father Brendan Dillon.

*Parent Information Night* will take place on 13 March at 7.00pm.

Joan Ferguson
College Chaplain

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**RIP**

Prayers of the community are asked for:-

Marcello Gallina – grandfather of Antonio Russo (Year 12).

Betty Irving – Grandmother of Michael Irving (Year 12) and Sean Trandang (Year 6).

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends.
This year we welcome two new members of staff to the music department, they are Percy Landers (trombone) and Barbara McNeair (piano). Both Percy and Barbara are accomplished musicians and I welcome them to the department and wish them all the best in their work with the students of De La.

Private music lessons are up and running for the year with enrolments for Term 2 opening very soon. If you are interested in signing up for private lessons or would like more information, please contact the music department.

Being involved in an ensemble can be a rewarding experience. We are currently planning our music tour for 2012, which is just one of the performance opportunities available for those in larger ensembles. If you aren’t sure what is available, check from this list:

Monday  
Concert Band
Primary Music Club

Tuesday  
String Ensemble
Intermediate Band

Wednesday  
Guitar Ensemble
Chamber Group

Thursday  
Choir
Flute Ensemble

Friday  
Stage Band
Sax Ensemble

CHOIR
We are currently recruiting new choir members. If you like singing then come along on Thursday mornings in April to check it out. The choir have plenty of performance opportunities including music tour, ACC vocal day, school functions, masses, assemblies and community gigs. See Ms Frost for more information.

Cindy Frost
Music Coordinator
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

‘Windy but sunny’ was the weather forecast for today’s carnival and they were very accurate. Some superb organisation by Mr. Peter Harte, Director of Sport, and his team designed a wonderful morning of competition and involvement for the boys. Those who excelled will be tapped on the shoulder for the approaching ACC Athletics Team. The spirit of engagement and enjoyment was evident for Primary to Year 12. Thank you boys, thank you teachers.

ACC SPORTING FIXTURES/RESULTS

ACC Sporting Fixtures and Results are updated weekly on the College website. To view, please click the following link: [ACC Sport Fixtures and Results](#).

DLS BASKETBALL CLUB

Teams are required for the DLS Basketball Club Winter Season competition, 2012. For more information and registration forms, please click the following link: [DLS Basketball Club](#).