FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Members of the De La Salle Community,

Peter Houlihan
Principal

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

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Dear Members of the De La Salle Community,

This has, like all those before it, been a very busy term and I would like to thank all staff and students for their resilience throughout the sometimes bleak winter months. We have emerged largely unscathed - spring is here, holidays beckon and there is an opportunity for rest and renewal for all.

As the saying goes, this has been a big week for The Arts at De La Salle. On Monday we had the Br Quentin O’Halloran Lasallian Public Speaking Competition. Excellent presentations from Year 7 – 12 speakers from De La, St. James and St. Bede’s entertained a healthy crowd of family, staff and supporters. Details of the evening appear later in Newsprint but I would like to thank Ms Kate McIlroy and Ms Rose Roe for their organisation of this significant event on our calendar.

Tuesday evening saw the official opening of the 2014 Visual Arts Exhibition. Again, there are details of the event further into this publication but I must acknowledge Visual Arts Coordinator Mr David Happ and his team from Art, Visual Communication & Design, Media and Studio Arts. There appeared in the exhibition a superb array of students’ work from all year levels and in a range of mediums across the various arts. A very supportive crowd enjoyed the opportunity to view our boys’ talents, showcased in so many different ways. It is always encouraging and gratifying to see De La Salle’s young men demonstrating such creativity and displaying their skills.

On Wednesday evening I was privileged to attend the Associated Catholic Colleges Music event, ACCent on Music. This was simply outstanding in its splendour and the extraordinary talent on display. We had 57 students from Years 6 - 12 joining 300 plus students from the other ACC schools in a three-hour extravaganza. De La’s individual item was an amazing performance of Gotye’s ‘Somebody That I Used to Know’ by our eight-strong guitar ensemble, conducted by Matt Lewin. Various De La Salle students populated the ACC combined items that included: Junior Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, Choir and Orchestra. It was an amazing experience for our young musicians to be able to sit in full ensembles with multiple players on each part. Rehearsals began at the start of the year in ACC music workshops and the chance to perform in Hamer Hall at the Arts Centre was just reward for the many hours of rehearsals. Renowned international musician James Morrison was the MC for the night and did a superb job in encouraging the students and playing alongside them – what a thrill for our budding musos! Our very own Director of Music Cindy Frost was instrumental (excuse the pun) in the production of the concert. Cindy worked as school liaison officer for the ACC, planning throughout the year, and was stage manager on the night. Thank you also to Andrew Verco and Kelly Williams for their invaluable contributions.

I would like to relate briefly an incident passed on to me a fortnight ago, which coincided nicely with the message from the Gospel from Sunday 7th. I often speak of the quality of our young men and once again I received a positive email from the public relaying how two of our boys in uniform went to the assistance of a frail and elderly gentleman obviously struggling to get on a tram in High St. Matthew’s Gospel quoted “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Our two anonymous good Samaritans obviously deserve a few credits for their good deed.

The ACC hockey, basketball, table tennis and cross country seasons have concluded with a variety of teams doing very well and several premierships being won. Further details appear in Sport News but I would like to thank all players, coaches and assistants for the many hours of training, preparations and matches given to the College sport program this term.

DIGITAL LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION

Starting in the second half of 2013, the College has been committed to the creation and implementation of a plan which addresses our capacity to deliver a substantial learning and teaching program employing contemporary digital technologies. There can be little dispute about the dramatic and pervasive - but in many ways exciting - influence of technology on contemporary society. In turn, this creates extraordinary potential for supporting students’ learning via targeted use of technology. Increasingly, students without a deep grounding in technology will find themselves at a disadvantage, especially competing in a shrinking job market.
At the beginning of this year a strategic plan for the improvement of ICT provision was adopted, following extensive consultation with students, parents and staff in 2013. As part of the implementation plan, the method to deploy College-owned and managed devices to staff and students has been resolved. The arrangements are as follows:

- A College-owned mobile device will be issued to each teaching staff member in December 2014, together with an intensive end of year professional learning program that will continue throughout 2015.
- There will be a progressive improvement of services throughout next year, including internet access, security and wireless network access.
- College-owned mobile devices, based on the Windows 8 operating system, will be issued to students over the next three years. Funding for the devices will be through a fee levy. The actual amount per annum will be determined once we have selected the most appropriate device for student use, early in 2015.
- The roll out schedule is shown in the following table, with the blue coloured cells indicating the beginning of a three year cycle:

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In association with the roll out to Year 9 students at the beginning of Semester 2 2015, teaching staff will develop a digital curriculum that exploits the opportunities that the new devices offer.

The current Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) arrangement will continue to apply for students not issued with a College-owned device. The recommended BYOD device is the Apple iPad.

For students issued with College-owned devices, there will be an expectation that the device is used strictly for educational purposes. The device will come with all required software apart from book-listed material and will be fully insured. At the end of the three-year cycle (3.5 years for Year 9 in 2015), there will be opportunity for buy-out at a minimal cost.

The changes sketched out represent a major shift in the handling of this area of the College. With the unfolding of the plan, reliable access to emerging technologies will open possibilities for creating interesting, relevant and engaging learning experiences in a most exciting way for students and staff.

**VCE EXAM PREPARATION**

This is a critical period for all Year 12 students as Unit 4 winds up: intense revision and exam preparation must be the order of the day. There is simply no substitute for hard, organised disciplined work at this time of year. Past papers’ questions, structured revision, seeking and acting on feedback from teachers, a non-negotiable study timetable and self discipline can make an enormous difference. A strong performance in the trial exams in the second week of the holidays will stand students in good stead for the real thing next month, and with most exams making up 50% of the assessment it is imperative we are as well prepared as possible.

**OVERSEAS PROGRAMS**

A team of Year 11 students on our annual visit to Papua New Guinea is completing their first week of work at Bomana De La Salle High School outside Port Moresby. I have had a couple of texts from the crew and can report Messrs Hogan, Walker and Wilson have the renovations in hand and all are safe and well with the students enjoying – by and large – the experience as builders’ labourers. More importantly, they have the opportunity to see what a
difference their fundraising and unselfish commitment of time can make in this underprivileged part of the De La Salle world.

Similarly, 16 Year 9 & 10 students, accompanied by Mr Happ, Mr Wozencroft and Ms Hawley, travel to the Philippines during the holidays for their immersion in Manila and surrounds at La Salle Green Hills school. Staying with local families, the students will enjoy a truly multicultural immersion, witness firsthand the challenges a city like Manila faces, and in some small ways make a contribution to improving the lives of the poor in the areas they visit. In 2015 these boys will in turn host a visit from Green Hills students, sharing the mission with our Lasallian neighbours and colleagues.

DLS BASKETBALL CLUB

I would just like add a note in support the DLS Basketball Club, which has been operating independently from the College for almost 20 years.

The club is designed to introduce boys to the game and create a shared experience with others who may have played before, in order to gain new sporting skills and help build social networks at school. The club is administered by parents, and as students complete their time at De La Salle new parents with boys playing in the club, particularly in Years 7-10, are urgently needed to assist with the administration of the club over the next few seasons. Team registration will be migrated to an online system, as will payments to the club, however the club does need general system admin support and uniform coordination. The summer season starts on Friday 10 October so it is important to get the teams registered in the next few weeks so that all is ready for the commencement. It concludes March 2015 - no play during holidays.

If you are willing to assist please contact Rod Lack on 9826 6653. More information about the club can be found at http://dlsbasketballclub.weebly.com/.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to our Year 8 Coordinator Shane Mackintosh, his wife Melanie and son Noah, on the new addition to their family, Claire Gemma, born 29 August.

Mr Chris Church (Maths, R.E. & Year 7 Homeroom teacher) and fiancée Erin are to be married this Saturday 20 September. We wish the happy couple all the best.

As ever, the end of term sees some staff departing. Ms Nadia Tati and Ms Lydia Triafylos have both been highly competent and professional replacements for staff on long service leave and both have made tremendous impressions and contributions in their time here. We will certainly welcome both Nadia and Lydia back should vacancies arise.

Mr Greg Sully, one of our valued instrumental music teachers, has been on leave this term and has advised he will not be returning to De La Salle. Greg made a great contribution to our music program and we wish him well in his future endeavours.

Mr Peter Houlihan
Principal
CAMP LA SALLE

Camp La Salle is a project of Lasallian Youth Ministry. Over the coming holidays a group of seven Year 8 students will participate in a camp at Phillip Island. Students from St. James East Bentleigh, St. Bede’s Mentone and St. John’s Dandenong will also attend. The camp is designed to help students develop confidence and interpersonal skills as well as friendships with other students from fellow Lasallian Schools.

UNIFORM CHANGE FOR TERM 4

Students are reminded that summer uniform may be worn from Monday 6 October. Wearing the uniform correctly demonstrates pride and respect for the College and presents a very positive image to the general public. Homeroom teachers and year level coordinators will be closely monitoring uniform from the beginning of Term 4.

COURTESY AND CONDUCT

The College has recently received a number of positive comments from members of the public concerning boy’s behaviour and awareness of those around them. This is a timely reminder to the vast majority of boys who travel to and from school by public transport. Members of the public do notice De La Salle students each day, so all students need to behave with courtesy and respect towards the travelling public.

PASTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

Over Term 3 the Pastoral Review Committee has continued to work. The committee has focused on researching systems and practices in a variety of Catholic Secondary Colleges. Consultation included visits by committee members to St. Peter’s College Cranbourne, St. John’s College Dandenong, Star of the Sea College Gardenvale and Marcellin College Bulleen. Staff of the College have also been involved in consultations over the future direction of pastoral care at the College.

The committee will continue its work during Term 4 with the aim to provide an interim report to the College Executive by December. Final recommendations are due by the end of Term 1, 2015 with the intention of implementing the recommendations at the start of the 2016 academic year.

Mr Tom Ryan

Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care and Organisation
END OF YEAR AND END OF SCHOOL – SOME FORWARD PLANNING

Many parents and students will have had conversations about the end of the school year, and for older students, holidays that include spending time away from family with friends. Some plans will have already been made and solidified – others are yet to be finalised. The following information is offered by way of support for parents who wish to draw boundaries around their son’s leisure time NOW to promote safety and wellbeing:

1. **Alcohol.** We know that the brain is still developing until a person’s early 20s. We also know that in Australia, those young people who are permitted to drink socially, at the family table and at family functions, are the ones who are more likely to abuse alcohol when they are older *(see probably don’t like to hear that, but it’s true)*. We often think of alcohol as a ‘social lubricant’ and an essential and socially acceptable accompaniment to most gatherings, and therefore, fairly inoffensive. But it IS a drug! Many young people tend to ‘pre-load’ before attending an event, drink a little at the venue (due to costs), and then hang out at a nominated person’s place to continue drinking. Holidays and end of year functions at which alcohol is present represent a real danger to young people’s health and wellbeing. Parents have the right and power to make a stand against that which is potentially harmful and injurious.

2. **Other Drugs.** It is difficult for young people in the senior reaches of all schools to attend functions where they are not able to participate in taking a variety of drugs. Some of the more recent drugs that are produced cheaply and so are readily available (e.g. ice) have devastating effects on young people’s physical, emotional and psychological health. ‘Lesser’ drugs, including the imagined ‘acceptable’ drug, marijuana, are toxic. Traces of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, can be found in a young person’s brain up to 3 months after they have imbibed. This is dynamite for a developing brain! It is also well recognised that marijuana is one of the gateway drugs to other, more harmful substances.

3. **Sexual activity.** The rise in STIs among young people continues. Young people need to be made aware, not just by schools, but also by parents, that STIs are a risk-factor in casual, unprotected sex. There is a plethora of information available online and in brochures from places such as doctors and chemists. This information is useful to have in the home in the event that your young person engages in sexual activity.

These issues - alcohol, other drugs and sex - are ones that are real and more common than some may believe. They are awkward issues for parents to discuss with young people; but they are important issues. Most parents would still claim that they have ‘control’ over their older teens – and so they also have the ability to say a firm ‘no’ to their sons when they suggest they go to places or involve themselves in behaviour which can easily be tagged as high-risk. Part of effective, strong parenting is the preparedness to say “no”. And the boys expect it!

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY TIME

Have you ever noticed how unusual it is to see a family out together? In my work, I gather that many boys’ experience of family is the ‘passing ship’ experience – that is – for the greater part of the busy year, family members see each other in the family home where each person is doing very much their own thing. On weekends, young people tend to head out to other friends’ places and parents busy themselves with a variety of other tasks and pleasures. Some ‘taxi-parents’ are dedicated to ferrying their children to many and varied parts of Melbourne.

Parents want a good, solid and developing relationship with their sons. This can really only come about if there is dedicated **time** to develop the relationship.

Some suggestions:

- Where time is very limited by circumstance, why not start with a dedicated day of the week where all family members sit down to a family meal, and make this an ongoing feature of the way your family operates.
- Take a family day once per month, where you move from familiar surroundings and explore.
- Take just one child away at a time for the day: do a common activity, visit a place in which you both have some interest, share a meal together.
- Do high energy, adrenalin-inducing ‘boy’ things - what about car racing, rock climbing, sailing - or lower energy things such as camping, fishing or construction.
- Share an interest with your son. How much do you know about gaming and online activities? He will (probably) be an expert. Let him teach you and participate.
All these things take time and effort. They probably also represent a degree of inconvenience and even awkwardness. But the time that you spend with your son is priceless and will reap the most wonderful rewards.

All the best,

Mr Pascal Rohan  
Director of Student Wellbeing

LORD SOMERS EMPOWERME PROGRAM

Whilst the weather was wild outside, the Powerhouse building along Albert Park Lake played host to around 100 students from schools around Melbourne. Tuesday 9 September saw five Year 10 De La Salle students attend the emPOWERme Lord Somers program. An entirely youth led event, the interactive whole day workshop sought to engage students with a variety of topics that would help them to reflect on their future aspirations. The theme grounding the day was ‘Life under construction’.

Some guest speakers presented on social justice issues such as the plight of asylum seekers, whilst others called for students to consider their values and the foundations they’re built on. Students were challenged to re-evaluate stereotypes after listening to Jason Ball’s experience of being gay whilst playing Aussie rules football, and a session about goal-setting ended the day’s formalities. Students also took part in small group sessions to discuss the concepts explored in each presentation at a more personal level.

Of course there were also the games, such as giant jenga and Who sir? Me sir?, which was certainly loud and lively.

The day gave students reassurance and courage that they can take control and play a part in building their future and be empowered.

Ms Olivia Wenczel  
College Leader Coordinator
MEDIA AWARDS NIGHT

*Lights, Camera, Action;* it’s almost time for the annual De La Salle Media Awards.

This year's awards will feature the 2014 VCE Media class films as well as the best of Years 9, 10 and 11 Media classes.

Students, parents and friends are invited to join staff in the St. Miguel Theatre for this red carpet event.

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2015 MUSICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**OLSH** College Bentleigh and De La Salle College Malvern are proud to announce a new partnership for 2014/2015 and beyond as they combine to present: **GREASE**

Auditions will be held in the **first week of Term 4, 2014:**

Tuesday 7 October 4pm to 6pm at OLSH for the girls and

Thursday 9 October 4pm to 6pm at De La Salle for the boys.

The show will be performed on **Friday 1 and Saturday 2 May 2015.**

More information about rehearsal schedule and times to follow at auditions.
ART EXHIBITION OPENING

To coincide with Arts Week, the College Art Exhibition was opened for viewing on Tuesday 16 September. Artworks were featured from students in Years 4-12 and there was a vast array of art forms on display, with sketches, photography, 3D art, car parts and even skateboards. It was fantastic to see the talent of so many of our students and each and every student who submitted a piece should be proud of their effort. Congratulations to James O’Dwyer, Year 10, who was awarded the ‘Staff Favourite’ prize with his basketball themed skateboard (pictured right).

Many thanks to all the staff who put many hours into setting up the show and running the opening.

ART DONATION

Thank you to Ms Monica Costa who recently donated her artwork The Good Shepherd, which has now been hung in St. Miguel Theatre.

The painting was a commission Monica completed for a church group in Brunswick in 1992. The group closed down and the painting was left in a cupboard for many years. Monica was able to track down the painting late last year and donate it to the College for the boys to appreciate and value.
LASALLIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION 2014

The Lasallian Speaking Competition is an annual event hosted in honour of Brother Quentin O’Halloran, a former teacher of senior English at De La Salle. The event sees the best orators from St. Bede’s, St. James and De La Salle compete against one another through the delivery of a prepared speech and an impromptu speech on an unseen topic. 2014 was De La Salle’s turn to host the event and the St. Miguel Theatre was the venue for some hotly-contested September action.

The boys representing De La Salle were outstanding. William Sidji of Year 7 began the evening by educating the audience about deforestation. Jordan Burns, of Year 8, followed shortly, urging the audience to question Australia’s national identity, whilst Year 9’s Adam Crestani called for society to recognise the talent of rappers. As the evening progressed, Thomas Ponissi of Year 10 passionately argued that it is time for gender equality, before Matthew Mottola from Year 11 vehemently contended that technology is not killing conversations, bad manners are. Joshua Talbot, Year 12, rounded off the evening by presenting the idea that a change in consumer choices can have a positive impact on society.

Our students were very competitive amongst a strong field from St. James and St. Bede’s, winning the competition at three of the six year levels. Congratulations to Jordan Burns (Year 8), Thomas Ponissi (Year 10) and Matthew Mottola (Year 11) on their success.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the staff that assisted in the organisation and running of the night and the preparation of students. Furthermore, the night would not have been possible without the humour of our MCs, Enzo Hamilton (Year 11) and John Buchanan (Year 12); our student ambassadors (Year 9 & 12 students), who assisted with ushering; and our enthusiastic judges, Lindy Woodburn and Harry Lew of Toastmasters Bayside; all of whom kindly volunteered their time for the event.

The night was a great success; success that we look forward to building on when St. James host the competition in 2015.

Ms Rose Roe
KLAC English

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS BLOOD BANK VISIT

After the recent visit from the Australian Red Cross Blood Service to De La Salle College, we received the following letter from them:

The Blood Service’s visit to De La Salle College on 28 August was another great visit as we managed to collect 42 units of whole blood and had 43 volunteers pass through the unit on the day.

For this visit we had a target to collect 40+ units of blood, so your result was very pleasing and all your volunteers should be thanked and congratulated for their efforts. With every donation having the potential to save 3 lives, these 42 units donated have the potential to save up to 126 lives so on behalf of all potential recipients of this blood I say ‘thank you’.

Thank you to everyone who donated and especially to Mr Kevin Hunter for his ongoing organisation of these visits.
SOCIAL JUSTICE MASS

Today we gathered as a Lasallian community - as a symbol of brotherhood with our fellow man - at our Social Justice mass. Sadly we live in a time; in a world; in a country; in a city; where there is a divide between those who have a home and those who do not. We should note especially that people who are migrants or refugees are placing their faith and hope and trust in Australia’s humanity. I suggest that we have a duty to help our fellow brothers and sisters who arrive in Australia fleeing persecution and seeking asylum, no matter how inconvenient this might be. I pray that we will be inspired to fully live our Christian commitment and open our hearts and allow the love of God to abide in us.

I thought it worthwhile to share, in part, a speech made by Pope Francis at a diplomats meeting earlier this year in Rome. I think it is prudent to reflect on Francis’ words and focus as a community on trying to uphold the need for world peace at a time when it seems our world is out of control. Francis said:

“Peace is threatened by every denial of human dignity, firstly the lack of access to adequate nutrition. We cannot be indifferent to those suffering from hunger, especially children. We think of how much food is wasted every day in many parts of the world immersed in what I have often termed the ‘throwaway culture’. Unfortunately, what is thrown away is not only food and dispensable objects, but often human beings themselves, who are discarded as ‘unnecessary’. For example, it is horrifying even to think there are children… being used as soldiers, abused and killed in armed conflicts; and children being bought and sold in that terrible form of modern slavery which is human trafficking, which is a crime against humanity.”

It is in our trying to uphold a sense of compassion, love, tolerance, forgiveness and acceptance for each other that we will begin to break down, in a small way, the divide between those who have, and those who do not.

Mr Graeme Pender
Director of Religious and Moral Education

SOCIAL JUSTICE FOOD DRIVE

For a number of years now De La Salle has conducted a Social Justice Food Drive for local community organisations during Term 3. This year, Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda (SHM) and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) were the selected recipients of the food items collected. The college leadership team saw this as an opportunity to raise awareness of each organisation’s work. In turn, a variety of different strategies and events were arranged to promote the social justice campaign throughout the College.

Initiatives:

- At the beginning of Term 3, a group of Year 11 class captains and college leaders put together a video clip that was used during homeroom time to inform students about the background and work of SHM.
- In August, all Tiverton class captains, Year 9 vice-captains and college leaders organised and ran a week of lunchtime activities to raise funds for the ASRC, which amounted to $891.
- Posters were made to promote the food drive for every homeroom.
- Guest speakers from SHM presented to Year 7 and Year 12.
- Guest speakers from ASRC presented to Year 8 and Year 9.
- Each homeroom from Primary to Year 12 were allocated particular food items to collect and contribute to the food drive.

In planning such initiatives, the college leaders were firmly guided by the meditation of St John Baptist de La Salle: 'Example makes a much greater impression than words.'

Efforts culminated with our Social Justice Mass held today. Both Sacred Heart Mission and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre are very grateful to have received such support from De La Salle.

Ms Olivia Wenczel
College Leader Coordinator
PARENT NETWORK

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
All parents are invited to attend the Parent Network Annual General Meeting on Monday 20 October, 7.30pm in the Boardroom on Tiverton Campus.

If you would like to nominate for the committee or if you have any questions email parentnetwork@delasalle.vic.edu.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Can you help at the Year 12 Breakfast on Tuesday 21 October in the PAC?

Here are the options:

- **The set up shift** looks like starting at 7.30am. If by any chance you can help at that hour of the day we can put you to work. It will be a ‘fast and furious’ set up for 200 breakfast places.
- **The serving shift** goes from 8.30am to 10am.
- **The wash up shift.** After the breakfast any helpers who are Year 12 parents go to their son’s final school assembly. It is quite an emotional time for all involved. So there are plenty of spaces for non-Year 12 parents to help with washing up from 10am-midday.

If you can help for any of the shifts, or for a combination, or for ALL, email me at twoodman@delasalle.vic.edu.au or ring on 9508 2138.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU
**Thank you** to all the parents who have been involved in our community activities this term, especially the members of the Parent Network Committee, the Homeroom Representatives and every parent who has pitched in.

Correction – Last Newsprint we forgot to thank Baker’s Delight Tooronga, who generously donated food for the Father’s Day Breakfast. Pop down to visit them at 16/354 Tooronga Rd, Hawthorn East, or ring through your order on (03) 9822 0094. Thanks Baker’s Delight Tooronga!
SPORT NEWS

ACC CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Our team of 60 runners bravely and proudly represented the College at the ACC Carnival on Wednesday 10 September at Bundoora. It was one of the more pleasant days weather wise that we have had at Bundoora for a number of years.

After finishing third for five consecutive years, we managed to break our ‘run’ of bronze medal finishes. Unfortunately though, we slipped to 4th place in the overall placings in Division 1.

The final Division 1 standings were:

1st - St Bernard's
2nd - St Bede's
3rd - St Joseph's Geelong
4th - De La Salle
5th - Whitefriars
6th - Mazenod

Despite this slight fall, we did have many of our DLS competitors achieve ‘personal best’ times and nobody could doubt the effort and courage shown from every blue and gold representative.

Six of our DLS runners finished in the top 10 (at least 100 competitors per race) in their respective events, so special congratulations to:

- **Ben Richter (8D)** 1st in Under 13 in a time of 9.59 minutes for 3km
- **Harrison Gill (9M)** 3rd in Under 14 in a time of 10.02 minutes for 3km
- **Angus McLean (8B)** 10th in Under 14 in a time of 10.15 minutes for 3km
- **Cooper Joyce (8J)** 7th in Under 15 in a time of 10.08 minutes for 3km
- **Daniel Byrden (11R)** 7th in Under 17 in a time of 17.19 for 5km
- **Liam O'Callaghan (12H)** 6th in Senior in a time of 17.30 minutes for 5km.

The preparation for the carnival began way back in June for our 2014 Cross Country Team and sincere thanks to the staff involved for their energy, commitment and goodwill with our training campaign.

Our challenge for 2015 is obviously to return to the top 3 schools in Division 1 ACC cross country and our boys are already very keen to prove that is where we truly belong!
DE LA DOUBLE PREMIERSHIP

Thursday 11 September was a big day for DLS Sport. We had our Year 7 Hockey Team and Year 8A Basketball Team in ACC Grand Finals and it is with great pleasure that I inform you that DLS won TWO ACC PREMIERSHIPS.

Our Year 7 Hockey Team went into the Grand Final undefeated during the regular season. They defeated St Bernard’s 3 - 0 in the Grand Final to claim the ACC title with their 7th consecutive victory. This is a historic moment for De La in ACC hockey as this is our first ever Junior (Year 7 or 8) ACC hockey premiership since the competition began in 1999. It is also the first DLS hockey flag in ACC competition since our Senior Hockey Team won in 1998. Well done to Coach Yates and his team for being the YEAR 7 ACC HOCKEY CHAMPIONS.

Our Year 8A Basketball Team had only lost one match going into their Grand Final. The only loss was against our Grand Final opponent, Whitefriars, on Thursday 4 September, by 22 points. It was almost a total score reversal in the decider as our Year 8A Team defeated Whitefriars comprehensively by 23 points to win De La’s first ever Year 8 basketball title since the competition began in 1997. Congratulations to our Year 8 Basketball Team for being the YEAR 8 ACC BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS, particularly as last year the 7A Basketball Team managed to win just one match for the season. What an incredible improvement.

We celebrated both premierships at our Term 3 Sports Assembly today.

Mr Peter Harte
Director of Sport

VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOL SKIING COMPETITION

Over the years we have experienced all weather conditions at Mt Buller for the Victorian Interschool Skiing Competition. This year we had perfect weather with clear skies, light winds and warm temperatures for our entire stay. Morning skiing was great on the groomed runs but in the afternoons we had to contend with softening snow in most areas. We had to be content with runs on the Blue and Green courses, with only a few Black runs due to the marginal cover in most of the more challenging Black runs, which made them off limits to our students for safety reasons.

This year we entered all students into the skierX or boarderX events and this change from the alpine giant slalom proved popular with the boys. We will most likely continue this in 2015 and will endeavour to gain some practise time on the course with an instructor on the day prior to competition. Our students did their individual best in their respective divisions to complete the demanding course. Our aim next year will be to get some members of our group into a top 24 final.

The following students made up the DLS Ski Team for 2014: Anthony Ryan 7S, Tom Martin 7H, William Cavey 8H, Trent Puddy 8J, Ben Richter 8D, Elijah Kingsley 9M, Spencer Embrey 9V, Kasey Entwistle 9S, Tom O’Kane 10R, Riley Watson 10R, Connor Norris 10S, Will Jones 10R, Liam O’Neill 10S, Nick Amon 11V and Callum Brace 11S. Many thanks to Mr Tom Ryan and Mr Shane Slavin who assisted me with the running of this trip. We look forward to putting together a team next year to represent the College in 2015 at Mt. Buller.

Mr Ken Stokes
DLS Ski Team Leader
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Elias Fernandez (7H), who has been selected in the Victorian Under 13 Hockey Team. He will be representing Victoria in the National Championships in Adelaide in early October. We wish Elias all the best for a successful campaign.

Year 7 student Kosta Emmanuel has been invited to participate in the prestigious Maebashi Mayor’s Cup in Japan this week with his Football Technique School squad. The competition is an U12 international exchange football tournament held annually in Japan and is now in its 18th year. This tournament will host 48 international teams as well as teams from other Japanese clubs. The players in Kosta’s team are based in Mentone, Bayside and Glen Eira and have trained and played together for many years in the developmental program. They will each be staying with a Japanese host family for their 8 day stay. Best wishes to Kosta and his team!

DLS BASKETBALL CLUB

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Visit the DLS Basketball Club website here.

PRIMARY NEWS

ROCKET LAUNCH

On Wednesday 17 September Year 6 students headed down to Caulfield Racecourse to launch rockets they made last year as part of Design, Creativity and Technology. Due to inclement weather on their scheduled launch day they were unable to launch them, and after waiting so long to get the chance the boys were very excited.

The rockets are purchased in kit form and each student constructs and decorates their own rocket. They are powered by solid fueled engines which utilise an electrically powered igniter to ignite them. Once going they can reach speeds upward of 200 km/h for a brief amount of powered flight (6 seconds). They then coast for a further 5 seconds, reaching an altitude of around 50 metres (160 ft), before popping a streamer and drifting to the ground. The boys had a great time trying to catch their rockets, however due to the wind it was a little tricky!
CHAPLAIN’S NOTES

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will take place on Sunday 26 October, 11.00 a.m. at St Anthony’s Parish, Glen Huntly.

RETREAT DAY

There will be a Retreat Day on Sunday 12 October for parents and their sons in preparation for First Communion. Please flag this date in your diary.

The day will start with Mass at 11.00 am in St Anthony’s Church, Cnr Grange and Neerim Roads Glen Huntly, followed by lunch and activities. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Contact information: Phone 9508 2161 or email jferguson@delasalle.vic.edu.au.

I take this opportunity to wish you a restful and enjoyable spring break.

Mrs Joan Ferguson
College Chaplain

IMPORTANT NOTICES

NEWSPRINT CHANGES

From Term 4 Newsprint will be published fortnightly on a Thursday. The first edition for Term 4 will be published on Thursday 16 October.

Please note that all Old Collegian condolences will now be printed in Roll Call and Blue and Gold, but not Newsprint. If you know of any Old Colls who have passed away this year, please contact Alumni Officer Trish Woodman at twoodman@delasalle.vic.edu.au. Condolences to current families will still be printed. Please contact Chaplain Joan Ferguson if there is someone you would like included.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

If your child has achieved something outside of school which you would like mentioned in Newsprint, please contact the head of the relevant campus:

- Primary School: Mrs Gemma Austin – gaustin@delasalle.vic.edu.au or relevant class teacher
- Middle School (Years 7-9): Mr John McAlroy – jimcalroy@delasalle.vic.edu.au
- Senior School (Years 10-12): Mr Luke Kenealy – lkenealy@delasalle.vic.edu.au

UNIFORM SURVEY

Thanks to all parents who have completed the Uniform Survey. The response has been tremendous and the results will be submitted to the Uniform Committee for review. The survey will be open until the start of Term 4 so if you haven’t had a chance to have your say, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MD5YW6D. There are only 10 questions and the survey should take no longer than 5 minutes.

VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENT BODY (VCSPB) - BULLETIN

The latest issue of the VCSPB Bulletin is now available on the VCSPB website.

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OCTOBER

Monday 6  
Term 4 commences  
Year 8 Roland and Soloman camp  
VCE performance and language oral exams commence

Thursday 9  
VCE Awards Night – PAC, 7.30pm

Friday 10  
ACC Junior Golf Tournament – Werribee Park

Monday 13  
Year 9 Lasallian Service Week and Howqua camp

Wednesday 15  
ACC Leadership Workshop – Parade College

Thursday 16  
Year 8 Bush Dance with Presentation College  
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Monday 20  
Year 8 Vincent camp  
VCE Unit 2 Music Performance Recital  
Parent Network AGM – Boardroom, 7.30pm

Tuesday 21  
Year 12 Breakfast and Farewell Assembly  
Year 12 Graduation Mass and Valedictory Dinner

Wednesday 22  
ACC Junior and Intermediate Chess Tournament  
Parade College

Wednesday 29  
VCE Units 3 and 4 exams commence (until November 21)

Thursday 30  
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Friday 31  
De La Salle Swimming Carnival (Years 7-11) – Harold Holt Swimming Centre