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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Members of the De La Salle Community,

The past few weeks have been particularly busy from a community perspective, with a good number of terrific school community events, culminating in the very successful – indeed sold out! – inaugural Father’s Day Breakfast held in the College Gym on Wednesday morning. At the breakfast I had the pleasure of speaking to our 330-strong crowd on a few ideas around sons and dads, plus a brief outline of the direction I see the College taking in the next few years.

I am including below an extract from the presentation which I hope will be of interest:

A special welcome to the 165 dads we have in the audience today, plus a few more we have on staff; welcome to you also!

It is terrific to see so many fathers and sons here this morning supporting our very first De La Salle Father’s Day Breakfast. I have embarked on a deliberate strategy this year to create increased opportunities for parents to be involved in their son’s education; to be on campus, at events, involved socially; to feel like it’s your school as much as that of the students and staff. I have great memories of the community feeling at De La from my four years here in the late 1990s and that played a major role in my decision to apply to return to Malvern when the job came up last year. Thank you for your support and involvement. Thank you also to College Captain James Benton and Vice Captains Ben Stafford and Christian Di Donato who we will hear from shortly with the welcome prayer and grace; James will be our MC for the morning.

In the past week or two we’ve had tremendous numbers at the Year 7 Mother and Son Time and Space night, the Parent Network Bring on the Spring social event at Caulfield Racecourse, the annual Music Concert - with a full house in the PAC - and last Wednesday’s Year 8 Father and Son night. This is a sign of a good school; a culture where parents work in partnership with staff and students, want to be involved, and are devoted to their sons’ education and wellbeing.

Thank you also to our superb Parent Network and in particular Julie Car and Michelle Barron, who have taken direct responsibility for the organisation of this morning’s event. Cate Robertson and Louisa Salmon have taken over the co-presidency of the organisation this year and have done an outstanding job in strengthening the Network, getting excellent support from a wide range of parents, so thanks again to all those involved.

When organising these events in the past schools traditionally invited guest speakers from sport, charity, business, media etc. and that was the original plan for today. However, the Parent Network decided as I’m the new principal and I haven’t met a lot of you yet, I should speak a little about my background, my thoughts on being a father and a son, my relationship with my own dad and also a little about where I see the College heading in the next few years. I’ve mapped out a few ideas along those lines so I hope you enjoy hearing a few reflections and where De La is headed as a school.

I’ll say right from the start I don’t plan to give advice or provide answers on being a good son or a good dad for a son - the fact that you are all here together today suggests you already know what’s important there - but I’ll tell a few stories about my dad and refer to a writer on adolescent/teenage boys who I think does have some good advice on the realities of teenage boys.

Celia Lashlie is a New Zealander, the first woman to work in the men’s prison system, where she saw lots of young men incarcerated, often as a result of lack of support, guidance and direction. Celia is the author of a tremendous bestselling book, “He’ll Be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men”. It’s essentially a book about the world adolescent boys disappear into and how father-son relationships can assist. It doesn’t criticise or lecture; it makes much of the fact that so many dads and sons have great relationships with each other, but it also simply acknowledges the importance of interaction and communication between boys and their dad.

One chapter is titled “The Wonderful World of Boys Schools”, which I thought may be worth a look, considering the job I am in. Celia makes some great points about what’s important to our boys and how to understand them - loyalty, sport, competition and an incredible sense of fairness and justice. Boys’ schools like De La can provide that and develop a sense of pride in being male, but maleness is also about connection; about links to the past that show pathways to the future, and that, I believe, is the value of events like last week’s Father and Son evening and opportunities like today. Events where you all – sons and dads – have made the effort to just come along and share a meal and a social event together. I hope being together this morning promotes and enhances that connection. Just as a final comment on Celia Lashlie and advice for dads about dealing with young men: as a dad, just remember no matter what your relationship, a son is always looking and watching his dad for a guide on how to behave and interact with the world.

YEAR 11 RETREAT

Next week we have the Year 11 Retreats. These are always an excellent time for our students to participate in Lasallian formation and to take time to withdraw a little from the business of everyday life and reflect on contemporary issues around their faith and identity as Catholics and Lasallians in 2014. The Lasallian Ministry Team run the Retreats in concert with the homeroom teachers and together provide an essential element of the Year 11 experience in our College.

LASALLIAN MISSION

On this theme of formation and our faith as a Catholic school, can I offer the following extracts for your consideration from Fr Noel Connolly's presentation at our Lasallian Mission meeting in Sydney a few weeks ago:

- *"Jesus was very conscious of the power of evil, but also of his Father, and of the power of good breaking through."*
- *"Mission is not primarily about the extension of the Church but the realisation of God's love and plan for the cosmos."*
- *"The Church is the community gathering in Jesus' name to carry on his mission."*
- *"We must discover what God is doing, celebrate it, and join it!"*
- *"God is in everyday history and not just the perfect."*
- *"Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades." (Pope Francis)*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Michael Griechen (Year 11), who won the Best and Fairest Award in the Division 1 Colts, and was named Captain of the Representative Team (at centre half forward) at the Yarra Junior Football League Presentation Night this week.

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMS

Finally, a word of encouragement and support to our Year 12 students (and their families) as they approach the end of Unit 4 studies and upcoming trial exams next month. It is critical that structured, targeted revision is well and truly underway by now; past papers are being worked through as a matter of course and a commitment should be made to attend the various revision/support classes offered by teachers at lunchtimes and after school.

Mr Peter Houlihan
Principal

POLICY REVIEW

As part of the College review process this year a number of important policies have been reviewed and updated.

Parents can view the following policies via Moodle – Parent Information – Policies.

- Anti-Bullying Policy – Students
- Attendance Policy
- Cybersafety Policy
- Enrolment Policy
- Extended Absence Procedure
- Fees Policy
- First Aid Policy
- Grievance Policy
- Monitoring Student Attendance Procedure
- Notice of Unsatisfactory Completion of a Unit Due to Absence Procedure
- Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- Pastoral Care Policy
- Privacy Policy.

ACCENT ON MUSIC CONCERT

ACCent on MUSIC

ACC Music Spectacular

Hamer Hall

Arts Centre, Melbourne

7pm Wednesday 17 September, 2014



Following a successful inaugural concert in 2008, Associated Catholic Colleges is proud to announce that we will return to Hamer Hall in September this year for our second combined schools concert, “ACCent on Music”. This music spectacular will feature the individual and collective musical talents of the 11 ACC member schools, as well as the legendary genius of one of Australia’s pre-eminent musicians, Mr James Morrison. We are delighted that James has made himself available to perform with a selection of our ensembles, and he will also act as compare on the night. He is a strong supporter of music education and we look forward to welcoming him to our event. The aim of this concert is to provide an opportunity to showcase the variety and excellence of music programs within the ACC to our school communities and to the general public. It also provides our musicians and singers with the potentially once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of performing high calibre works in a world-class concert hall.

A wide variety of musicians and vocalists will be involved in this performance in a number of ways:

- Several combined school items - Choir, Senior Concert Band, Junior Concert Band, Advanced Stage Band and Orchestra
- Individual school items – each school will have an ensemble perform on the Hamer Hall stage, as well as several ensembles performing in the various foyers leading up to the event.

Rehearsals for the massed items will be delivered within the scope of the usual ACC Music Workshop program to be held throughout 2014, as well as within the normal rehearsal program of each contributing school. The directors of music from our member colleges have been working hard in preparation for the concert and will be working collaboratively to ensure that the concert is a great success.

We ask the support of all students and families in attending the concert, which is to be held at Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne on Wednesday 17 September. Tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase through the College. Students will receive further details next week.

PARENT NETWORK

BRING ON THE SPRING

On Saturday 16 August Parent Network held *Bring on the Spring*, their major fundraiser for the year, at Caulfield Racecourse. Members of the College community got dressed up in their racing best and enjoyed a flutter on the horses as well as a professional fashion parade featuring spring 2014 trends for both men and women. With champagne flowing, gourmet food to enjoy and models as company, everyone felt like they were in the Birdcage! See the full set of photos at <http://bit.ly/1sGceue>.

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Dobsons

On Wednesday morning Parent Network hosted the inaugural Father's Day Breakfast, held in the Tiverton Gym. The event was a sell-out with in excess of 330 fathers and sons joining us to celebrate fatherhood. Principal Peter Houlihan made a heartwarming speech about his own relationship with his father during his adolescence in country Victoria, and Captain James Benton also spoke about how his father has supported and encouraged him throughout his life. Plenty of coffee was sipped by the dads and the sons cleared out the kitchen – there was not a Danish or egg and bacon roll left in sight!

Special thanks to the Parent Network for their huge effort putting this event on. It was a great way to start the day and a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate and appreciate the role of their fathers in their lives.

A link with photos taken on the day will be emailed to all fathers who attended.



CENTENARY OF WAR EXHIBITION OPENING

Last night the Centenary of War Exhibition was opened in the Tiverton Library by Dr Rosalie Triolo, Lecturer in History Education at Monash University. It was an honour to have Dr Triolo there and she opened the exhibition with an insightful speech into the importance of understanding war so that we can appreciate peace.

The exhibition looks back on 100 years of conflict for Australia and features a range of pictures and memorabilia which capture the reality of war. The evening was a great opportunity to share stories about our families' involvement in conflict over the past 100 years and feel connected to the men and women who fought for the freedom that we enjoy today.

Special thanks to Mr Andrew Wozencroft who curated the exhibition, spending many hours collecting and framing the items. The exhibition will be open from 8am – 4pm until the end of Term 3 and all community members are welcome to view it on their own or with their families.



TIVERTON TRADITIONS

Born from the idea of College Leader Stephen Athaide, Tiverton Traditions aimed to bring the junior and middle school campuses together through a week of lunchtime activities. Preparations and planning for each activity involved the hard work of all primary, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 class captains, Year 9 vice-captains, the primary captain and College Leaders. All money raised from the week was donated to the *Asylum Seeker Resource Centre* (a recipient of our Social Justice Food Drive).

The week began with a draw; the College Leaders took on a Year 8 team in a futsal match, but even with age, strength and, arguably, wisdom on their side, the leaders couldn't manage to get over the line to win against the Year 8 team - the final score being 4-4. Wednesday was the primary students' turn and they chose to hold an old fashioned lolly bag stall. The stall was hugely popular, with the lollies selling out in no time at all. Thursday was the day that the Year 9 students found out who really were the champions of the basketball arena. Each Year 9 homeroom played off against the other in a series of half court games. The final whole court challenge saw 9 Benilde come up trumps. Friday was the big day though - the Year 7 students pulled out all the stops with a campus BBQ and a footy colours/casual clothes day.

With the guidance of the College Leaders prior to and on the day of each event, the Tiverton Captains were able to play host to a week of fun with a social justice twist. The final tally raised from the activities was **\$891**. The boys should be commended for the time and effort they put into organising the week.



Ms Olivia Wenczel
College Leader Coordinator

SCIENCE WEEK

During *Science Week 2014* I participated in numerous activities that required deftness and teamwork. Throughout lunch in the Tiverton science laboratory on Tuesday the 19th I accepted the challenge of creating the most aerodynamic paper aeroplane I could to land in a bucket. Unfortunately ailerons and a fancy empennage will not always help you, but seeing the grin on the faces of Mrs Webster, Mr Evans, Mr Fleming and Mr Murrell overcome with acute nostalgia of their youth was priceless.



Shortly afterwards I participated in a building competition, hosted by Mr Church, that required you to create a structure made from four potato shards and ten spaghetti sticks that could support fifty grams or more of steel discs. My friend Zac Cobucci and I discussed how we could strengthen the frame's structural integrity. We underestimated the spaghetti's frequent ability to snap in crucial moments, so we got frustrated and moved on, even though we had a lot of fun.

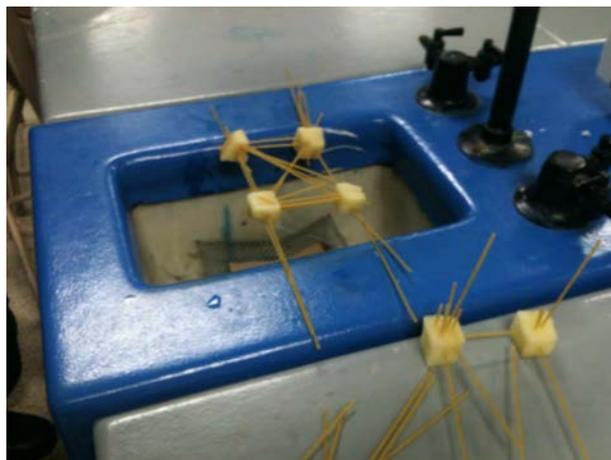


The next day my friends and I returned to see if we could make a comeback in the new challenge. The challenge required us to construct a paper tower with a styrofoam cup on top, that could hold fifty millimetres of water and stand the tallest amongst the other group's towers. We created our tower that we believed would be stronger than our city's magnificent infrastructure. We soon realised this stuff was best left to engineers, but we stayed ambitious.

We migrated to the lab next door and studied marine wildlife from a lake, under instruction from the extravagant suit wearing Mr Bourke. I can certainly say my friends and myself truly enjoyed these activities. I would like to thank the teachers and staff that made these activities possible.

Daniel Papalia
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P.S. An **aileron** is a hinged surface in the trailing edge of an aeroplane wing, used to control the roll of the aeroplane. The **empennage** is the tail assembly of an aeroplane, consisting of vertical and horizontal stabilisers, including the fin, rudder and elevator.



CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to Brock Augustynski, Owen Davies, Thomas Easton, William Martin, Liam McCaffrey, Andrew McGaw, Julian Ober, James Pavlou, Thomas Richards, Tom Robinson, Thomas Simpson, Byron Gelagin, Harvey Sparks, Gabriel Strain-King, Nathan Barrow, Michael Skehan, Kai Bloomfield and Mitchell Rogers, who were Confirmed on Sunday 10 August.

FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for this Sacrament began this week. This is the final call for anyone who wishes to be involved and has not registered their child.

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

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

Contact information (direct line): 9508 2161

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***Mrs Joan Ferguson
College Chaplain***

CONDOLENCES

May we keep in our prayers Jenni Harrington (longtime staff member), whose husband Kevin Harrington recently passed away.

We also keep in our prayers the Monger family, who recently lost their grandmother; the Aquino family, who recently lost their grandfather; and the Contins, who have also lost their grandmother.

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1	Year 8 Hegarty and Jerome Camp (return Thursday 4 September) ACCent Concert Workshop
Tuesday 2	Parent Network Meeting – Boardroom 7.30pm
Wednesday 3	Year 9 and 10 ACC sport finals
Thursday 4	Senior ACC sport finals
Sunday 7	Primary Showcase – PAC, 7.30pm
Tuesday 9	Father’s Day
Wednesday 10	Year 7 and 9 immunisations (third round) Year 6 Camp (return 12 September) ACC Cross Country Carnival – Bundoora Park, 10am-2pm
Thursday 11	Year 7 and 8 ACC sport finals
Friday 12	Sports photos
Sunday 14	Year 11 students depart for PNG (return 26 September)
Monday 15	Lasallian Public Speaking Challenge – St Miguel Theatre, 6pm
Tuesday 16	Official opening of Arts Week – PAC, 7.30pm
Wednesday 17	ACC Concert – Hamer Hall, 7pm
Friday 19	Social Justice Mass, 11am-12.30pm Newsprint Issue No. 10 End of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 6	Term 4 commences
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