

Theme 2009:

With honesty and respect.

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De La Salle College Newsletter 2010



De La Salle College Mission Statement

De La Salle College exists to educate boys through a Catholic and Lasallian tradition to be exemplary and nationally recognized.



Calendar

Week 1

Tue Feb 2 **Classes begin**
Thu Feb 4 ID Photos
Thu Feb 4 7.00 Yr 7/8 Parent Mtg

Week 2

Mon Feb 8 **7.00pm PTFA Mtg**
Tue Feb 9 7.00 Yr 9 Parent Mtg
Wed Feb 10 7.00 Yr 10 Parent Mtg
Thu Feb 11 **Dedication Mass**

Week 3

Mon Feb 15 **7.00pm PTFA**
Tue Feb 16 **Yr 11-13 Parent Mtg**
Wed Feb 17 Ash Wednesday
Thu Feb 18 **Athletics Day**

Week 4

Mon Feb 22 **7:00pm BoT mtg**
Thu Feb 25 **Yr 13 Retreat**

Week 5

Mon Mar 1 **7:00pm PTFA mtg**
Tue Mar 2 **Yr 7 Retreats begin**

Week 6

Thu Mar 11 **Yr 9 Retreats begin**

Week 7

Mon Mar 15 **7.00pm PTFA**
Tue Mar 16 **Yr 9 Retreats cont**

Week 8

Wed Mar 24 **Report Night**
Sat Mar 28 **FAIR**

Week 9

Tue Mar 30 **1st/2nd XV to NPLY**
Thu Apr 01 **Holy Thur Finish**

One Years Free New Zealand Herald

delivered to your home for the next 12 months. Just complete the form your son will bring home on Tuesday February 2nd and return to the College on Wed 3rd or Thu 4th Feb.



Luke Howard from the NZ Herald with Prefects 2010.

Principals News

Schools are agents of society and as such are credited with the task of transferring society's norms on to the next generation through developing the mind, body and in a catholic school, the soul. This task is ever more difficult when society itself becomes increasingly permissive and less sure and exact in those values and norms that are held as a collective. De La Salle as a Catholic Lasallian College is clear on what values and norms it is to pass on to the next generation and thanks parents for their never ending support.

A very warm welcome to our new Lasallian families who have sons at De La Salle College for the first time this year and to all our parents and friends.

The College started well on Tuesday 2nd February with our largest roll ever—well over 1,000 boys and 90 staff.

We have an electronic attendance system and ask that you keep us informed of your email and mobile phone numbers so we can text or email your son's absence directly to you.

School is about quality teaching and quality learning— this requires commitment from the teacher and commitment from the student. Our young men will not be able to use their talents and contribute to a better New Zealand unless they first can read and write well and attain basic numeracy. All other activities are valuable, necessary, and worthwhile developing a well rounded young man but are second to literacy and numeracy. What happens at school can only be successful if home and school have the same values and expectations.

In our first edition of the 'Newsletter' for 2010 I have included a summary of our excellent interim NCEA results from 2009.



Rodrick Tahavalu—Spirit of Adventure

*Congratulations to Rodrick Tahavalu who attended the Spirit of New Zealand 10-day sailing expedition in the holidays including the Tall-ships regatta in the Bay of Islands. And, congratulations also to Jeffrey Iese and Lotomau Malifa who received the prestigious **Prime Ministers Award** for their amazing achievements.*

Important Parent Dates & Meetings

1. Meeting for all **parents of Year 7 and 8** boys to meet your sons teachers and discuss home-school partnerships in learning—tomorrow night Thursday 4th February, 7.00pm. I hope every family can be represented.
2. Meeting of **parents of Year 9** boys next Tuesday 9th February 7.00pm.
3. Meeting of **parents of Year 10** boys next week Wednesday 10th Feb, 7.00pm.
4. AGM of the Parent Teacher & Friends Association Monday 8th February 7.00pm, staffroom. This is a 10 minute meeting followed by planning for the Fair 2010.
5. Classes finish at 2.10 every Monday for staff planning meetings and professional development focused on improved learning outcomes for boys. The College library is open, boys can stay and use College facilities and staff are about for supervision—buses are at the normal 3.10 time.
6. Leaders Dedication Mass Thursday 11th.
7. Athletics Day Thursday 18th February at De La Salle College—families most welcome (bring a picnic).



Last Weeks Results—			This Weeks Draw	
Volleyball			Volleyball	Time
		Player of the Day		
Touch Rugby			Touch Rugby	
Cricket			Cricket	



New Staff



Mrs. Anafjeh

Ms. Helen Anafjeh—(B.Ed, Auckland). Ms Anafjeh (nee Va'aga), old girl of McAuley High School, comes to De La Salle College having completed 2 years as a member of the New Zealand Black Ferns and Women's National Rugby Coach of Iran. Prior to this Helen taught at Otahuhu Intermediate. Ms Anafjeh will be teaching Year 7-9 at De La Salle College.



Mrs. Deeney

Mrs. Margaret Deeney—(Dip.Tch). Mrs Deeney has taught at Marist Brothers Vermont St, St. Dominic's, Liston College, and more recently St. Paul's. Mrs Deeney will be teaching mostly RE at De La Salle College.



Ms. Foster

Ms. Abigail Foster—(B.Arts, GDipTch, Auckland). Ms Foster, old girl of St. Cuthbert's, grew up in Papatoetoe, and has been teaching History at Carmel College on the shore. Ms Foster will be teaching mainly History at De La Salle College.



Ms. Guevara

Ms. Rosa Guevara—(B.Arts, GDipEd in Chile & GDipTch Auckland). Ms. Guevara is from Valparaiso in Chile and will be teaching English and Spanish at De La Salle College having had a variety of work experiences from flight attendant with Lan Chile Airlines, Walt Disney Florida, to Quest here at Auckland.



Mrs. Hay

Mrs. Lynette Hay—(DipTch, GDipEd, Auckland). Mrs. Hay having taught at Bader Intermediate in Mangere also worked for some time at Manukau Institute of Technology and Niue High School in the area of Literacy and ICT. Mrs. Hay will be teaching Year 7 & 8 at De La Salle College.



Mr. Thornton

Br. Paul Kent—(DipTch, B.Ed, GDipEd, USA Adelaide). Br. Paul from NSW (Blues) taught at Francis Douglas Memorial College in the early 1970's before returning to Adelaide where he has taught Learning Support and SNE for the last 20 years. Br. Paul will be working in our Learning Support Centre.



Mr. Sutton

Mr. Ajinesh Kumar—(B.Ed, GDipEd, USP Fiji). Mr. Kumar comes to De La Salle College having taught for three years at Suva Grammar School in Fiji. Mr. Kumar will be teaching Physics, Science, and Maths at De La Salle college.



Mrs. Sandiko

Mrs. Josephine Sandiko— (BSc BusAdmin, M.PubAdmin, from the Philippines and M.BusAdmin from Griffith University Aust). Mrs. Sandiko has worked as Business Manager at Mt. Albert Grammar and Whitecliffs, and for a number of Companies in New Zealand having worked as the Director of Business at Tarlac University in the Philippines. Mrs. Sandiko has been appointed as Business Manager for De La Salle College.



Mrs. Sale

Mrs. Julie Sale—Mrs. Sale, an old girl of Tangaroa College, has worked at MIT and Mayfield Primary School as office assistant and is employed as office assistant at De La Salle College.

Mr. Peter Sutton—(B.A, B.Ed, Auckland). Mr. Sutton has taught English at East London, St. Kentigern, Mt. Albert Grammar, and Southern Cross College, and has been appointed Acting HoF English while Mr. Khader is on refresher leave for 2010.

Br. Declan Thompson—(BA TTC) Br. Declan has taught and worked in a variety of roles in Lassaillian schools in Australia and New Zealand over the last 50 or so years. Br Declan will be assisting in the library and around the College in a variety of roles this year.

NCEA Interim Results—best Year 12 & 13 results



The College is pleased to announce that the 2009 NCEA results continue to affirm excellence with overall improvement on 2008 in most areas and with some outstanding individual and class performances. Our Level 1 Art work has been selected by NZQA for an exhibition of exemplary work. Thank you to the staff and boys who worked hard throughout the year.

- 98% of Year 13 finished with an NCEA qualification **97% with L2**
- 49% Yr 13 gained L3— up 55%
- 72% Yr 12 gained L2— up 26%
- 56% Yr 11 gained L1— slightly down on 2009
- 69% Yr 11 gained L1 Literacy—slightly down on 2009
- 90% Yr 11 gained L1 Numeracy— slightly down on 2009



Congratulations to the following *Top 10 Achievers* in each Year Level:

Year 13

Ravi Aujla Singh (M); Janil Mateo	John Loay (M) Christian Manuopangai	Benedict Velasco Anthony Winterstein	Jordan Smith (M) Stanley Nair	Rudolf Lauaki (M) Ben Peni
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Year 12

Kopui Papalii (M) Patric Wye	Julian Iosia (M) Gabriel Ikenasio	Nathan Latu (M) Kenneth Paul (M)	John Belford Jesse Fiaalii (M)	Fred Ili Tafaoga Ben Alefosio
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Year 11

Maaola Ioane (M) Sanele Sagapolutele (M) Adrian Phillips (M)	Jeraux Makata (M) Patrick Ah Wong (M) Rodrick Tahavalu (M).	Tupufia Petaia (E) Fehoko Bloomfield (M)	Nehasi Tai (M) Anton Ramsay (M)	Ryan Collier (M) F.Tapuai Gabriel (M)
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Congratulations to the following who received NCEA with Merit or Excellence

To achieve NCEA with an Endorsement the student must achieve 50+ credits at M or at E for an the Endorsement.

Year 11:

17 boys achieved NCEA L1 with Merit Endorsement (13.6%)

Patrick Ah Wong Stephen Leleai Inu Sanele Sagapolutele Justin Te'o	Fehoko Bloomfield Conrad Lipa Clinton Soifuaga Simon Ulberg.	Ryan Collier Jeraux Makata Rodrick Tahavalu	Leonard Finau Xavier Niuiua Tofa Nehasi Tai	Aiga Futialo Adrian Phillips, Faifua Tapuai Gabriel,	Maaola Ioane,
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Tupufia Petaia achieved NCEA L1 with Excellence

Year 12:

22 boys achieved NCEA with an Endorsement (19%)

15 boys achieved a L1 Merit Endorsement 2 boys achieved a L1 Excellence Endorsement,
5 boys achieved a L2 Merit Endorsement

Roy AINU L1M Jesse Fiaali L2M Julian Iosia L2M Rob Lafo'ou Lusa L1M Jimmy To'oto'o L1M	Ben Alefosio L1M Kafoa Hala L1M Ioane Ioane L1M Nathan Latu L2M Tusi Vaatofu L1M	Mohammed Ali L1E Jeffrey Iese L1M Iakopo Lafaele L1M Blakeloch Tipeni L1M	Jedidiah Elemani L1E Gabriel Ikenasio L1M Kopui Papalii L2M James Toea'ana L1M	Faleatua Faleatua L1M Fred Ili Tafaoga L1M Kenneth Paul L2M Donald Tony L1M
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Year 13:

27 boys achieved NCEA with an Endorsement (26%)

15 boys achieved a L1 Merit Endorsement 2 boys achieved a L1 Excellence Endorsement,
5 boys achieved a L2 Merit Endorsement 5 boys achieved a L3 Excellence endorsement

Tavita Arp L1M Rudolf Lauaki L3M Michael Paulo L1M Jordan Smith L3M	Hohepa Jacobs L1M John Loay L3M Safata Savea L1M Karl Tau'taina L2M	Joseph Kalolo L2M Prince Masong L3M Franz Schreck L1M Panapa Tuvae L1M	Sione Kolo L2M Janil Mateo L1M Julius Schwalger L1M Anthony Winterstein L1E	Timothy Lafaele L1M Donovan Ngwun L1M Ravikesh Singh Ajula L3M
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Being The Parent You Want To Be

Parent Trust Children grow up to be happier and more confident when their parents enjoy and get on well with them. Our programmes are for parents who feel the stress of parenting and are committed to building healthy and robust relationships with their children. Day and evening groups available.

Enquiries:

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Prefects 2010

College Captain



Mohammed Ali
Papatotoe
Papatotoe Intermediate
Started Yr 9 2006

Vice Captains



John Belford
Mangere
St. Anne's, Newton
Started Yr 9 2006



Jeffrey Iese
Mangere
Holy Cross School
Started Yr 7 2004

Prefects

Kafoa Hala	Papatotoe
Sebastian Lagaala	Manurewa
Kopui Papalii	Papatotoe
Thomas Parima	Otara
Joshua Passfield	Papatotoe
Alexander Peesala	Otara
Donald Tony	Papatotoe

Kedgley Intermediate	Started Yr 9 2006
St. Joseph's Otahuhu	Started Yr 7 2004
Robertson Rd Primary	Started Yr 7 2004
Shirley Boys High School	Started Yr 11 2008
Papatotoe Intermediate	Started Yr 9 2006
St. John's Otara	Started Yr 7 2004
Mary McKillop	Started Yr 9 2006



Kafoa Hala



Sebastian Lagaala



Kopui Papalii



Thomas Parima



Joshua Passfield



Alexander Peesala



Donald Tony

Christmas Raffle

1st— Dima Wye (\$300 Hamper)
2nd— Elijah (Corned Beef)
3rd— Leonard (Food Vouchers)



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Special Character Information

'Let us remember we are in the presence of God'.

Lasallians begin prayer by taking a moments silence to remember the great mystery that we are always in God's Holy presence.

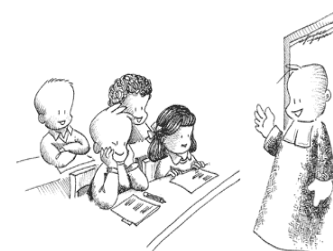
'I will continue O My God to do all my actions for the love of you'.

After a moments silence remembering we are in God's mighty presence Lasallians are drawn through love and gratitude for the gift of faith and salvation by promising in all things to bring honour and glory to His holy name.

'Live Jesus in our Hearts. Forever!'

This closing prayer is most powerful if we reflect on what the words mean. We are Jesus' eyes and ears, hands and feet. If we truly try hard to live Jesus in our hearts, that ought to motivate our next actions. At De La Salle, if we truly live Jesus in our hearts

what would that look like. There would be no mocking, stealing or fighting. There would be students and teachers thoughtful in the words they use; words that build and bring about change for the better not words that hurt.



Hno. Felipe Ocaziz, FSC

You would see boys being brothers to each other, bigger boys playing with junior boys; boys correcting each other in class, in school and in public. Living Jesus in our heart would mean everyone would be Jesus' hands and feet, eyes and ears and would be involved in making God's will become a reality.

With honesty and respect.