

Theme 2010:

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 27 **FAIR**

Week 9

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

Principals News

Talofa lava—Malo le lei—Tena Koe

On Thursday night last week we had our first Teacher-Parent meeting with Year 7 & 8 parents. It was great to see an excellent turnout. I applaud our parents for their effort and for their questions so that we can understand each others expectations and needs ensuring quality education for each individual boy. De La Salle College has about 1060 boys this year with 100 or more on the waiting list. Thank you to the 1,000+ mums and dads who had their sons in uniform and ready for work Tuesday 2nd Feb.

It is the College expectation that boys attend school every day it is open and that we organize accordingly. If your son is not at school we expect guardians to phone the Attendance Officer 276 4319 ext 812.

It is most important we have accurate Phone/Mobile/email contacts. Please forward them to me brsteve@delasalle.org.nz or phone the office.

I ask your prayers for a number of tragedies

and illnesses in our community over the last month. Deon Samani from Year 9 2009 died suddenly from a turn just before Christmas. Old boys Leith Hay died from a car accident, and Michael Carter from illness. Also a number of friends of the College from its foundation years also passed away. Sadly last week Br. Paul, arrived to start this year at De La Salle College but was taken to hospital where he has been diagnosed with acute leukemia and is now receiving chemo therapy at Auckland hospital. This week Sr. Noela's uncle died in Samoa. For all those who have suffered tragedy in our community we offer our prayers and if I can help in any way please

do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing families at the Dedication Mass and Athletics Day next week.

Br Steve



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.

De La Salle College's Four Golden Rules

1. One person talks at a time
2. Respect.
3. Honesty
4. Care for others.

Deputy Principal

Plan for Success in 2010

At the start of the school year I would encourage all parents and caregivers to discuss with their boys what goals they have set for this year. Goal setting can be daunting though and sometimes it is too easy to make a bland statement like 'pass NCEA' or 'make the 1st XV' without really thinking through how you can achieve this. A simple goal setting tool is to use the words 'What' (what is your goal), 'So What' (why do you

want to achieve this) and finally 'Then What' (what are you going to do right now to set about achieving your goal). The important thing is to plan and set yourself up for success rather than just hoping things will happen – they never do! So remember:

- **What,**
- **So What, and**
- **Then What.**

Reminders -

1. Classes finish 2:10 every Monday.
2. Mondays 7:00pm Fair Meeting.
3. Tuesday 9th Year 9 Parent/Student Meeting 7:00pm.
4. Wednesday 10th Year 10 parent/Student Meeting 7:00 pm.
5. Thursday 11th Dedication Mass for start of 2010, 10am.
6. Thursday 18 Athletics Day programme.



Sports Results

Last Weeks Results—

Volleyball			Player of the Day
Touch Rugby			
Cricket			

This Weeks Draw

Volleyball	Time
DLS vs Avondale @ Avondale	4.00pm
DLS vs Kelson @ Avondale	5.00pm
Touch Rugby—Tuesday	
Bruce Pulman Park Tues	3.00pm
Cricket	
Senior Cricket Gillette Cup– Tues	3.30-6.00



Summer Sport—helpers needed

Summer sport starts for seniors this week with Touch, Volleyball, Waka Ama, Cricket, and Athletics. The College will be defending Auckland Titles in Volleyball and Waka Ama and will be hoping to be placed in the Regional Touch Tournament and get to the Auckland Championships.

The College is in urgent need of volunteer helpers with sport. We have many more boys wanting to play sport for the College than we can find coaches/managers. Playing for the College keeps boys fit, active, engaged, and out of trouble.

Can you help with sport? Do you know anyone who can help with sport— Touch, Volleyball, Waka Ama, Cricket, Basketball, Soccer, Rugby? Please contact me brsteve@delasalle.org.nz (276 4319).

A Lasallian Achiever

- Works hard
- Has mental toughness
- Is disciplined
- Has a goal
- Shows commitment
- Plans for his future



Boys at work—house meetings preparing chants for Athletics Day & Saturday rugby training—all grades

Lasallian Awards



The College promotes and awards students who are identified for actions that express our two (2) core values; **honesty** and **respect**. It is through living the values of honesty and respect that we believe the gospel of Christ is lived and shared and that young men grow to be the fulfillment of God's plan for them. Lasallians are honest and respect people and property.

Year 7 Skinner Shield for Lasallian Spirit - 7 Red

Year 8 Barradale Shield for Lasallian Spirit - 8 Blue

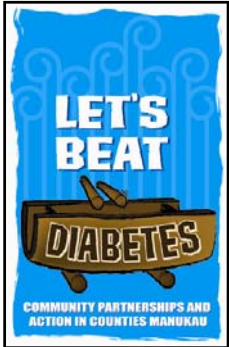
Year 7/8 Warrender Cup - Tavake Tausala 7 Gold for Honest

Year 9 Lasallian Class of the Week - 9 White

Lasallian of the Week:

Tavake Tausala 7 Gold

For Honesty



Careers

In Term 1, each of our Year 13 boys will have a careers interview during study time. This time is also used to set goals for the year, learn about tertiary study requirements and complete a CV. The boys are encouraged to discuss their plans at home, I am happy to be contacted by families about careers information on 276 4319 ext 902.



The careers staff are available to meet with students at morning break and lunchtime each day. Students at any level are welcome to make an appointment to discuss their future plans and gather some relevant information on courses and careers.

National Standards launched for Year 7 & 8

What are National Standards?

National Standards in reading, writing and maths show what all New Zealand children are expected to be able to do by the end of each stage during Years 1-8, as part of what they learn at school.



Why have National Standards?

National Standards give teachers, children, parents, families a clear idea of what children need to learn and show where they are at in reading, writing and maths. When everyone understands where they are at, then everyone can be clear about how to get to the next level – both at home and at school.

How does the teacher work out where your child is at?

Teachers will use a range of assessments to make an overall teacher judgment to work out where each child is at, what their next learning steps are and to set goals. School reporting will clearly show your child's progress and achievement, what the teacher and school will do to help your child reach their goals, and what you can do at home to support your child's learning.

Will there be one test?

No. Teachers use many different ways to work out where each child is at – including watching them in the classroom, talking with them about their learning, children's assessment of their and each others' work and using formal tests.

Why is reporting important?

Parents have an important part to play in supporting children's learning at school. To do this you need support from schools, including clear, regular information about your child's progress and achievements.

How will the results be reported?

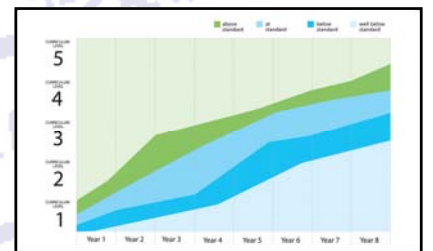
At least one out of the two written reports you receive each year will clearly show your child's progress and achievement in reading, writing and maths, in relation to National Standards. The report should tell you if your child is working at the expected level for their age, or if they are working at a level above or below the expected standard.

What will reporting look like?

Schools report in a variety of ways through formal reports, student portfolios, e-portfolios and workbooks.

Reporting in relation to National Standards is likely to include:

- your child's current learning goals
- your child's progress and achievement in relation to National Standards
- what the school will do to support your child's learning
- what you and your family can do to support your child's learning.



Who has set the standards? How have the standards been set?

The standards have been developed by the Ministry of Education team in consultation with education experts. As part of the development, consultation took place throughout the country during 2009 with more than 6,000 people – including teachers, principals, parents, families and whānau. The standards have been set at a level that most children are expected to be able to achieve, if they are learning at their full potential.

Message from the Auckland Catholic Schools Office

ATTENDANCE DUES

As Proprietor of all our Diocesan primary and secondary schools, I am writing to thank you most sincerely for the ongoing commitment you have made to educate your children at Catholic schools. The existing Catholic school system across New Zealand, highly regarded for its pastoral and educational standards and achievements, is very much the product of the generosity and commitment of all our Catholic forebears in New Zealand, representing an inheritance rich in commitment to church and community.

Buildings and facilities of the past and today have largely been funded from long-term loans which the Diocese has the obligation to repay.

As we have brought improvements to our Catholic schools, so too has the quantum of these loans increased. The single source of funds to service the debt for these loans is from attendance dues, which proprietors of Catholic integrated schools legally charge parents and caregivers in respect of students enrolled at the schools.

I do urge you to consider the importance of promptly paying these attendance dues.

I am deeply grateful to so many who pay attendance dues. In this way I am able to do the very best I can to enhance and expand our Catholic school system in the Diocese of Auckland.

God bless you all, and thank you for your continued support for the benefit of our Catholic students for this and future generations.

+ *Patrick Dunn*

Patrick Dunn
Bishop of Auckland



Marriage Encounter Weekends for Parents

March 19-21

A chance to enrich your marriage, rediscover and strengthen your love.

Bookings can be made with David & Christine Sloan—friends and parents of old boys of De La Salle College from St. Anne's Manurewa.

(09) 2677 203 or
0800 ENCOUNTER



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Snug Homes Project Coordinator on Ph (09) 477 0270 or email snughomes@ecoinsulation.co.nz

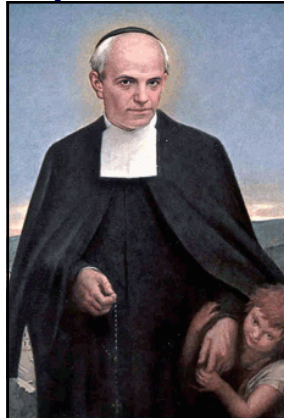
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Special Character Information—Mutien House



St. Mutien was baptised Louis Wiaux, he was the third of six children, born in a small village in French-speaking Belgium. His father was a blacksmith, while his mother helped to run a small café.

As soon as Louis had met the Brothers in a nearby school he was determined to become a Brother. After two years, teaching primary school, Brother Mutien was assigned to the boarding school at Malonne where he would spend the next fifty-eight years. He had difficulties in teaching the core subjects and was not a good teacher however the Principal put him in charge of music and art. From then on Brother Mutien

was not only an effective teacher of those subjects but a tremendous influence on the students by his patience and evident piety. He was known to spend whatever time he could before the tabernacle or at the grotto of Our Lady. Among the Brothers, it was said that he had never been seen violating even the smallest points in their Rule.

After his death at Malonne, his fame began to spread through Belgium, where many miracles were attributed to him. His relics may be venerated in Malonne at the shrine built in his honour after his canonization.



Born at Mellet, Belgium March 20, 1841
Died January 30, 1917
Beatified October 30, 1977
Canonized Saint Mutien December 10, 1989

[Next Week—The origins of Miguel House]