

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

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**

De La Salle College's Four Golden Rules

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

De La Salle College Needs Parent Volunteers

Can you help us -

1. Library work
2. Reading groups
3. Sport Coach/Manager

Please contact Br. Steve
276 4319 ext 811

Principals News (Br. Steve)

Talofa lava—Malo le lei—Tena Koe

I have thought what might the boys, staff, parents and friends expect of me in this my last Principal's News. I have decided to conclude as I started—sharing with you news of the boys and their achievements for that is why we are here, called by God to serve those he places in our care.

During the week the boys have been commended by Mighty Mouth for their behaviour, attitude, and manner. Mighty Mouth, the dentist, mentioned boys have come as and when asked and have self referred through to 5:00pm at night in order for them to get all their work done.

De La Salle sent a team to the Auckland Athletics Championships with outstanding success—a team will also compete at the Counties Manukau Championships this week. We hope to send our largest team to the North Islands at the end of March.

ERO is here this week and the staff are well prepared—rooms look good, boys look good. I must

commend the boys and particularly Year 13 for there is a very real sense of serious focus on academic achievement throughout the College.

Next week is the Polyfest. De La Salle boys are not permitted to go on Wed-Friday as there are large numbers of youths and we can not send staff to keep our boys safe. Our groups perform on Saturday and the boys are welcome to go and support BUT no uniform—organisers ban all school uniform for safety reasons.

Week 8, Wednesday 24th March is Interim Report Night. We expect all parents to call in and check how things are going and collect the Interim Report and Attendance Report. All Year 7 & 8 parents MUST come in to complete the new Standards Report—its like the plunket book graph to see where your son fits in the National Standard and what you can do.

Well it is now goodbye and a big thank you. I will miss you all. Pray f or me. *brsteve*

Deputy Principal

School Fair – Saturday 27th March

The school Fair is rapidly approaching and the PTFA are welcoming any assistance that you may be able to offer. This might be running a stall, helping run a stall or just being around for the set up and clean up of the Fair. If you can't make the Fair or you simply wish to make a donation, please send or bring it to Mrs Puni in the office and say that it is a donation for the Fair. Please contact Mr Evans on 276 4319 ext 883 for further information.



Board of Trustees Chairperson—Mr. Muller

The Board of Trustees invites you to join them in a Mass recognising Br Steve's contribution to the College at St Therese Parish, Mangere East on Wednesday 10 March at 7.00pm. During the mass, the College community will have an opportunity to thank Br Steve. Please feel welcome to join us in this celebration.

Students and staff will also be holding a final assembly with Br Steve on Friday 12 March at 1.00pm to 2.00pm. Students will be released from school at 2.00pm and buses have been arranged to pick up students early.

The search for our new Principal has began and as a Board we will be working to ensure that our new Principal continues the great work done by Br Steve over the past five years. We wish Br Steve well as he begins a new chapter in serving God through his teaching vocation.

St. John Baptist De La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our Heart Forever
Paul Muller
Chairperson
Board of Trustees



Sports Results

Last Weeks Results—			This Weeks Draw	
Volleyball			Volleyball—Friday	Time
DLS vs Rangitoto	L		DLS vs Rangitoto @ Hillary	5.00pm
DLS vs Hillary Coll	L		DLS vs Hillary @ Hillary	6.00pm
Touch Rugby			Touch Rugby—Tuesday	
DLS vs Otahuhu	L	0-3	DLS vs Ak 7th Day Advt. @ House Park2	4.30pm
DLS vs Aorere	W	WBD		
Cricket			Cricket—Wednesday	
DLS vs Aorere	W		DLS vs Tamaki	4.00pm
Softball			Softball	
DLS vs cancelled			Cancelled this week	
Debating			Debating	
Starts this week				

Auckland Waka Ama & Athletics Championships

De La Salle College had excellent days at both the Auckland Secondary Schools Waka Ama Championship and Athletics Championships this past week.

Auckland Waka Ama Championship

- 1st Division 1 Mixed Final
- 1st Division 2 Mixed Final
- 2nd Division 1 Snr Boys Championship
- 3rd Division 1 Snr Boys Championship
- 3rd Division 2 Snr Boys Championship



De La Salle College competes in Division 1 alongside schools such as James Cook whose students participate in Waka Ama clubs making the boys' achievement more commendable

Auckland Athletics Championships

The following boys qualified for the Auckland Regional Championships to select the North Island team:

Fomai Ah-Ki	Snr 100m + Snr 200m	Christian Talaimanu	Snr High Jump
Xavier Niua-Tofa	Snr 100m + Snr 200m	Mane Tupuola	Snr Shot-put
Brandon Nimo	Jnr 100m	Eperu James	Snr Javlin
Darren Tiumalu	Int High Jump		



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 White
- Year 7/8 Warrender Cup - Jericho Afamasaga Langkilde and George Collins for 'helping a brother'
- Year 9 Lasallian Class of the Week - 9 White

Lasallian of the Week:
Jericho Afamasaga Langkilde and George Collins for "Helping a brother"



Board of Trustees Elections—May 2010



What is a school Board of Trustees?

Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The school's Principal is the Board's 'Chief Executive CEO' and manages the school operation in line with the Board's policies. The membership of the secondary school Board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative, an elected student representative, and the Principal.

What do Trustees do?

School Trustees have a very important role in making sure every child achieves their potential at school.

Here are some of the things they do:

- Work with the Principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Select the school's principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.



Event	When
Call for Nominations	by 15 March 2010
Nominations Close	noon 23 April
Voting Papers Distributed	by 28 April
Voting Day	7 May 2010
Count Votes	13 May 2010
Board Takes Office	14 May 2010

Who can become a Trustee?

Parents, caregivers and people from the wider community can be nominated for election to a school board. Our schools need your skills

Working together for our children's success

Careers Information

1. Your Careers Room

Our careers room here at De La Salle has information and booklets on a wide range of career areas. It is great to see so many students making use of these resources at morning break and lunch-times. If you wish to discuss your plans or ask questions, there are careers staff to talk to you at these times. We encourage boys to take this information home to discuss, so that their families can also be involved in this very important decision.



2. Students Planning to Study at Tertiary level 2011

If you wish to attend an open day/ student for a day/ experience day, you should register your interest at the careers room. Some of the training providers who offer these days are : MAINZ (Music), Whitecliffes (Art, Fashion), MIT, AUT, UNITEC, BEST (Performing Arts and other courses), Auckland Uni, Massey Uni, Waikato Uni, ESITO(Electrical Training).

3. CV Writing

Boys who are looking to apply for part time or full time employment, are encouraged to see the careers staff about writing a CV. We have blank formats on our school intranet so this is a very straightforward process. We encourage all of our students to complete a CV while they are at school.

Ms Fannon





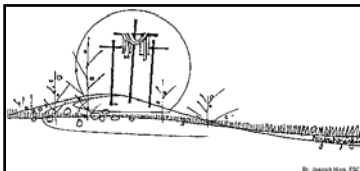
ID Cards
for student fare are now available at the office (\$5). Also, families have the opportunity to order class/individual photo packs— boys have information packs.

Free insulation to help against respiratory illnesses.



For more information and an application form contact:

Snug Homes Project Coordinator on Ph (09) 477 0270

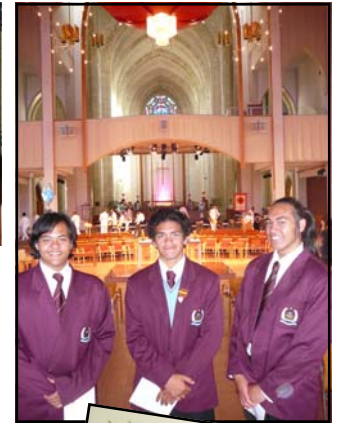


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Old Boy Visitors —week 5, 2010



1. Mr Stowers, .2000
2. Taitoko Fale, De La Salle 1993-2000; 1st XV 2000. Taitoko was offered a University Scholarship from Japan and has been playing University Rugby and rugby for the SANIX Club in Japan since 2001.
3. Mrs Weijermars— Principals PA, DLS Mangere; Mrs Blair— Business Manager, FDMC; and Mrs Sandiko—Business Manager DLS Mangere had meetings at DLS Mangere on Friday.
4. Oliver Gray, College Captain 2009 called in on the way home from University.
5. Justin Paulo and the Samoan Group boys practising.
6. Julian Iosia, Thomas Parima, Robert Lafo'ou Lusa, De La Salle College Leaders attend the Commonwealth Day Service at Trinity Cathedral on Sunday 7th March
7. Vibin Wilson presented a gift to the College from his holiday in India. Vibin came to De La Salle College last year having grown up in Ireland but born in Saudi Arabia.

Special Character—Br. Steve shares favourite scripture

For my final special character reflection I would like to leave you with two (2) of my favourite passages of scripture which are significant for me and influence my life and hence the way I try to live my life. The first is the prophesy of Isaiah of the suffering of Christ for our sake . The second is from the prophet Micah writing about the same time as the 2nd Isaiah, 300-500BC.

Isaiah 52:14—53:7

Who has given credence to what we have heard? And who has seen in it a revelation of Yahweh's arm? Like a sapling He grew up before Him, like a root in arid ground.

He had no form or charm to attract us, no beauty to win our hearts; He was despised, the lowest of men, a man of sorrows, familiar with suffering, one from whom, as it

were, we averted our gaze, despised, for whom we had no regard.



Yet ours were the sufferings He was bearing, ours the sorrows He was carrying, while we thought of Him as someone being punished and struck with affliction by God; whereas He was being wounded for our rebellions, crushed because of our guilt; the punishment reconciling us fell on Him, as we have been healed by His bruises.

Micah 6:8

This is what I ask of you—to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God. (this is what is required for salvation).

God Bless and thank you!