

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	
Tues Mar 23	Report Night
Sat Mar 27	FAIR
Week 9	
Tue Mar 30	1st/2nd XV to NPLY
Thu Apr 01	Holy Thur Finish

Principals News -Mr. Brian Evans (Acting)



*Talofa lava—Malo le lei—
Tena Koe*

Farewell to Br Steve

It was with mixed emotions that the school farewelled Br Steve on Friday. On one hand there was sadness at losing such an outstanding person and friend who has contributed so much to this great college. But on the other hand Br. Steve's leaving also left so much for us to celebrate. His achievements and legacy are undoubted – the MPC, the outstanding academic results to name a few.

What makes a great leader? I think the best leaders have the courage to stand by their values and what they believe in. Lasallians at this school have seen an example of someone who was quite simply a very strong man, unwavering in his beliefs and values – a man who stood strong in the good times and the bad and kept his faith in the students no matter what the challenge.



I ask all the students who knew Br Steve to think really hard about their memories of him. Besides the 'big' jobs of making a better school for you, he was the one picking up the litter, the one on the sideline at the games no matter what the result or the conditions, the one who would be at all your events and the one who took the time to wish every single one of you happy birthday!

Br Steve you have been an inspiration for many of us here – the real model of what a Lasallian looks like – humble and full of respect for others. The school and community will keep you in their prayers and wish you well for the future and we have no doubt of your continued success.

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 the school office on 276 4319



Photos from the PTA farewell, Final assembly and Staff farewell

Sports Results

Last Weeks Results			This Weeks Draw		Coming Events
Volleyball			Volleyball	Time	Waka Ama Nationals 23rd to 26th March
DLS			DLS—No Game		
4th in Auckland Champs			DLS—No Game		
Touch Rugby			Touch Rugby		Volley Ball Nationals 21st to 26th March
DLS vs Ak Advent	L	0-1	DLS vs Otahuhu @ House Park 1	4.00pm	
			Semi Final @ House Park	5.00pm	
Cricket			Cricket		
DLS vs Tamaki	W	130/90	DLS vs Saint Kents @ DLS 1	4.00pm	
Baseball			Baseball		
Cancelled			DLS vs Otahuhu	4.00pm	
Debating			Rugby		
			1st XV vs James Cook		

Assistant Principal

Congratulation are in order for the way that the boys have started the year.

- **98% of the boys are wearing correct uniform.** The challenge is to maintain this when the weather gets wet and cold
- **Attendance for the year is at 95.4%.** This is already a significantly better than last year. In weeks 5 and 6, unexplained absence was under 1%. This is especially pleasing at a time when many boys are busy with Polyfest practices, pre-season rugby training, Waka Ama, volleyball and other commitments. The challenge is to keep it up when the going gets tough.
- **The team from the Education Review Office** commented on how friendly and helpful the boys were during their stay, and how much they enjoyed talking to the boys that they interviewed.
- The boys involved in the University of Auckland MATES mentoring programme and the MIT mentoring programme have all impressed the people who are running their programmes



Keep up the great effort.

Dermot English

Assistant Principal for Student Services

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 - Vince Causing

Year 8 Barradale Shield for Lasallian Spirit - Renata Pites'a
and Leigh Munro

Year 7/8 Warrender Cup - 8 Red

Year 9 Lasallian Class of the Week - 9 Maroon



Vince Causing, Renata Pites'a and Leigh Munro

Report Night

Changed from Wednesday 24th March to Tues 23rd March

Polyfest

17th – 20th March
Please be aware that school policy is that no student from De La Salle will be at Polyfest during the week unless performing in one of our groups. On Saturday students are welcome to attend but are not to wear any part of the school uniform.

Fiafia Night
Come along and support our Cultural Groups
Wednesday 17th March
6pm in the MPC

Parking on the Field Please.
\$2 entry or \$5 per Family

Catholic Character Office Review

Visit 29th March

We have just completed a successful ERO visit and look forward to showcasing our school to Linda McQuade as part of our Catholic Character review.



Board of Trustees Elections—May 2010

2010 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Strong leaders make strong schools

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 9th April
Nominations Close	noon 23 April
Voting Papers sent	by 28 April
Voting closes at noon	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



Health and Medical Careers

When our students talk about Health related careers, they often cannot think past doctors. This field covers a wide range of jobs, some of which I have listed below.



Optometrist, Physiotherapist, Laboratory Technician, Podiatrist, Dietician, Male Nurse, Radiologist, Doctor, Specialist, Surgeon, Occupational therapist, Dentist and Dental Technician, Social Worker, Speech language therapist, Anaesthetist, Pharmacist, Psychologist, Natural Health Therapist, Osteopath.

There is much need and also opportunity, for our young people to train and work in these areas. Counties Manukau District Health Board is aiming for a well qualified workforce that reflects the community which it serves. This year they are supporting and encouraging our school by targeting our boys who are thinking about a career in Health. These boys will be offered work-shadow days, visiting speakers and assistance with planning and applications. The careers staff are happy to talk with yr 9-13 students who are interested in being part of this. The sign up sheet is in the careers room.

Ms Fannon



COUNTDOWN TO THE FAIR—WE NEED YOUR HELP

The School Fair

Saturday 27th March

The PTFA are working flat out to organise this year's Fair. As one of my first big jobs, I don't want to simply be an 'acting' Principal – I want to make the Fair a huge success because at the end of the day our boys get the benefit. So please support the College as much as possible. Over the next two weeks please bring your contributions to the school office.

Mr Evans



Look how many cans we had last year!



Come along and have a great time.

Auction at the Fair from 9.30am
Includes: **Signed All Black Jersey**
Black and Decker Tools



FAIR 2009 – a 56 year tradition
— \$25,000 profit.
Lets beat that this year !!

FAIR 27th March

Books

Used Clothing

Cans

White Elephant

wanted for our School Fair.

Please bring to

School Office.

Thank you for your support !!!

URGENTLY NEEDED Books, Cans, Used Clothing.

St Marys Gala
54 Clark Rd

Papakura Sunday
28th March
10.30am
Come and join us
for a great family
day out

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Matt 5:14

Special Character—St. Patrick's Day 17th March



Many people ask the question 'Why is the Shamrock the National Flower of Ireland?' The reason is that St. Patrick used it to explain the Holy Trinity to the pagans.

Saint Patrick is believed to have been born in the late fourth century, and is often confused with Palladius, a bishop who was sent by Pope Celestine in 431 to be the first bishop to the Irish believers in Christ.

Saint Patrick was the patron saint of Ireland who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Most of what is known about him comes from his two works, the Confessio, a spiritual autobiography, and his Epistola, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians.

Saint Patrick is most known for driving the snakes from Ireland. It is true there are no snakes in Ireland, but there probably never have been - the island was separated from the rest of the continent at the end of the Ice Age. As in many old pagan

religions, serpent symbols were common and often worshipped. Driving the snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic of putting an end to the pagan practice of worshipping snakes.

While not the first to bring Christianity to Ireland, it is Patrick who is said to have encountered the Druids and abolished their pagan rites. The story holds that he converted the warrior chiefs and princes, baptizing them and thousands of their subjects in the "Holy Wells" that still bear this name.

There are several accounts of Saint Patrick's death. One says that Patrick died at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland, on March 17, 460 A.D. Another account says that St. Patrick ended his days in England and was buried there. Today, many Catholic places of worship all around the world are named after St. Patrick, including St. Patrick's Cathedral.

