

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

This year the Special Character team at the College is working to encourage the boys to engage with Prayer more intimately. Part of this is more opportunity for designated school Masses.

On Tuesday we celebrated a full school mass for the House Patron St Mutien Marie Wiaux. During the Mass the Rev John Jolliffe reminded us about the true meaning of Easter and the fact that our greatest friend, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us on the cross.

It is important for our young Lasallians to remember this as sometimes we can forget the significance of Easter and Christmas as we are bombarded by the commercial aspects of these days.

Last week our Maori, Tongan and Samoan groups performed at Polyfest. Well done to all the staff, students and parents involved and the college community can be proud of the not only the

performances but the way the boys conducted themselves throughout the festival.

Results:

Kapa Haka: 3rd 'Whakaeke'
Song of entrance onto stage

Tongan: 1st in Taufakaniaua
and 2nd in Mako

Samoan: 1st Fuataimi – Justin Paulo 2nd
Pese 3rd Manaia – Andrew Savea



Assistant Principal

Another big week at De La Salle. Congratulations to all the boys in Polyfest, who represented the school so well. The Samoan Group learned one of life's great lessons, life is unfair!

- The boys have made a great effort to keep their attendance up as well as keep all their commitments.
- The senior leaders continue to learn about serving their community with a range of duties, activities and commitments. The Junior leaders in yr 7 and 8 are doing the same.

As Lent draws to a close we can think about how much we have changed, or not. Have we been able to look at ourselves honestly and see how we affect others? If not there is still time!

Finally to parents, as boys get to 15 or 16 they need to be looking at how they handle their emotions. It's a difficult job but if our boys are supported to cope with failure and disappointment they will be much happier in the long run.

Dermot English



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

Sports Results

Last Weeks Results			This Weeks Draw		Coming Events
Volleyball			Volleyball	Time	Waka Ama Nationals
DLS—No Game			At Nationals		23rd to 26th March
Touch Rugby			Touch Rugby		
DLS vs Otahuhu @ House Park 1					Volley Ball Nationals
Semi Final @ House Park					21st to 26th March
Cricket			Cricket		
DLS vs Saint Kents @ DLS 1	W	130/90	Junior Milo Cricket	10.00am	
Baseball			Baseball		
DLS vs Otahuhu			DLS at Crossfields Reserve	3.30 to 6.00	
Rugby			Rugby		
1st XV vs James Cook					

Bring your Unsold Raffle Books back NOW!

Assistant Principal

The 'new' New Zealand curriculum.

As many of you will know, a new curriculum has been introduced to New Zealand schools over the past couple of years. The staff at De La Salle have been doing a great job in developing the different aspects of it in their units of work and lessons.

This year we have been working on introducing the Key Competencies into teaching and learning. These are; relating to others, self management, thinking, participating and contributing and using language, symbols and text. Your son's teacher will be incorporating these competencies into each lesson. We would encourage you to ask your son which of these competencies he has been learning about in class and how they help him to develop who can contribute to his community.

Teachers at De La Salle are constantly reviewing our practices and we will keep you updated on our progress with the introduction of the new curriculum throughout the year.

Monette Atkinson

Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning



URGENTLY NEEDED
Supplies for food stalls

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 Blue

Year 8 Barradale Shield for Lasallian Spirit - 8 Blue

Year 7/8 Warrender Cup - Paelata Latu for much improved work

Year 9 Lasallian Class of the Week - 9 Blue



Warrender Cup: Paelata Latu for much improved work

Report Night

Tues 23rd March
 Students finish at 2.45pm
 Report night starts at 3.30pm.
 Please park on the field.

Early Finish

Wednesday 24th March
 All students will finish at 2.45pm on Wednesday

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

Waikato University seminar

This week Waikato University will be visiting on Wednesday to talk to our boys about their courses and facilities. This will be held in the library at lunchtime, and is open to all senior students.

All boys who have signed up for this, and those wishing to do so, please make sure that your name is on the list in the careers room. Waikato University is situated in Hamilton, a 90 minute drive from Auckland.

Navy and Air Force

We are currently organising a visit by the Air Force and Navy liaison officers for Term 2. These presentations will be open to students from all levels provided they have a genuine interest in these careers. Boys are to sign up in the careers room so that we are able to let you know when the talks will be held.

Whitecliffe College of Arts and Design offers our students the opportunity to attend its open days each year. These are always popular, and book out very early. If you would be interested in attending an open day, please talk with your art teacher, and to the careers staff about this during this week.

As well as pre-degree Foundation studies, Whitecliffe offer a four year Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (BFA) majoring in – fine arts, fashion design, graphic design and photography, film/video.

Yr 12 and 13 students are taking part in careers interviews this term. We are encouraging them to take an active role in planning their future pathways. Part of this process is to investigate a variety of courses that interest them, and to learn what the requirements are to get there. Because entry to many Tertiary courses is competitive these days, our boys need to take responsibility for their planning. This means finding out what the pre-requisites are for courses, and tracking their own academic progress throughout this year. Families can help by being interested in the information their boys bring home, and taking the time to discuss options. I welcome contact from parents about your son's career planning. My school phone number is 276-4319 ext 902.



COUNTDOWN TO THE FAIR—WE NEED YOUR HELP

UNSOLD RAFFLE BOOKS MUST BE BACK TOMORROW!!!!

The School Fair

Saturday 27th March

This Saturday

Auction at the Fair
Starting at 9am
Includes:
Signed All Black Jersey
Black and Decker Tools



Please contact the College if you can help with supplies.	
BBQ # 1	Mr Winterstein
BBQ # 2	Gibson Family
Books	Mr Shirley
Cakes	Mrs Alai
Candy Floss	Kamalita
Hayride/Tractor	Taia Fautua
Ice Creams	Peni and Tuanai Families
Indian Food	Deo Family
Clothing(New/Used)	Sophie
Samoan Food	Petaia and Ah Wong Families
Plants & Produce	Pailate and Gray Families
Raffles	Serah & Kelly
Auction / Garage Sale	Mr Hurst
Drinks & Sweets	Alofa Sione
Tongan Food	Soane & Susana
Hangi	Mr Apelu & Helpers
Wheel # 1	Mr Tufuga / Mr Lusa / Helpers
White Elephant	Mr and Mrs Malo
Coffee Shop	Martha Lafo'ou Lusa

**Fair 2009—
\$25,000
profit. Let's
beat that this
year!!**

**WANTED
FOR FAIR
Books
Used Clothing
Cans
White Elephant
wanted for our
School Fair.
Please bring to
School Office.**

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Matt 5:14

