

## 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**

## 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

## Principals News -Mr. Brian Evans (Acting)



### Talofa lava—Malo le lei— Tena Koe

For Catholics, Easter Sunday comes at the end Lent after 40 days of prayer and fasting. Many

Catholics and our young Lasallians will have made the effort of giving up something during this period. It is through this self-denial that they have prepared spiritually for Easter and maybe given themselves a way of remembering what Christ gave up for them on Good Friday, the day of his Crucifixion. Easter is also a time to spend with family and friends and to be grateful and remember all the blessings we have.

To be an exemplary, nationally recognised college means that we have to achieve at the top level both academically and outside of the classroom. Last week was a good example of how we can achieve this. Our Waka Ama and Volleyball teams placed well in their national events and we had groups of senior students earning up to 13 credits on outdoor education courses.

However striving to be at the top comes with hard work. This has been an exceptionally busy and vibrant term for the school and students should spend some time over the holidays reflecting on

how their studies have gone so far. If they feel they have some catch up to do then now is the time to do this.



A big thanks to all the parents who assisted in making the fair another successful day for the college. From the school staff, thank you to all parents and caregivers for your wonderful commitment to De La Salle this term and we wish you a peaceful and safe Easter.

## Head Prefect

We have reached the end of term one 2010. In general we have had a good term as all students have participated positively towards school. We look back at Athletics day and congratulate everybody who participated because your contribution made Athletics day a success. We fare welled Br Steve who we keep in our prayers for his safety and so he can serve the La Sallian Community in Hong Kong like he has done here.

Thank you to everybody who participated in a cultural group at the Polyfest. This is one of the best years for our school at Polyfest as students have cooperated well and stayed out of trouble.

As the holidays sneak up remember to stay fit by exercising, sleeping and eating right. Senior students do not abuse this time, please do some studies, especially to the Year 11's and Year 12's because the step up from the previous year is big. Thank you to all staff who have helped the students throughout this term. Finally, keep safe in the holidays, have fun, stay out of trouble and remember "Bonum Certamen Certa" - 'Fight the Good Fight'.

Mohammed Ali



## Sports Results

Last Weeks Results			This Weeks Draw	
Volleyball Nationals			Rugby	
DLS vs Palmerston North	3-1	W	1st XV vs FDMC at New Plymouth	
DLS vs Trident	3-2	W	2A vs FDMC at New Plymouth	
DLS vs NapiaBoys	0-3	L	  <div data-bbox="1098 651 1414 831" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Christian Talaimanu 13Y. Has been selected for the National Volleyball Team. Congratulations Christian!</p> </div>	
DLS vs Orewa	1-3	L		
DLS vs Bayfield	2-3	L		
DLS vs St Thomas	3-2	W		
DLS vs Mt Maunganui Boys	3-1	W		
DLS vs Napia	3-0	W		
DLS vs Christchurch Boys	1-3	L		
DLS PLACED 10 <sup>th</sup> out of 64 Schools				
Debating				
Juniors 1 vs Rosehill	L			
Juniors 2 vs Otahuhu	W			
Seniors vs Botany Downs	W			

## Campus Minister

### Special Character Report 2010

As a Catholic, Lasallian School, our Special Character is vital to our identity as a school community. This year we have decided to extend our boys' commitment to the wider Lasallian community by introducing several new initiatives.

St Jean Baptiste De La Salle 250 years ago, envisioned that his work would benefit those who he made contact with, those that were marginalized in an ideal society. In following his mission, we have decided to engage with those in our community, and to use our time and energy to help in whatever way possible. We have introduced to the Year 12's the 'Service Programme', where they as individuals must accomplish a minimum of 20 hours of voluntary work. The aim is to appreciate what we have, and to give without seeking a reward or recognition. I encourage you to get involved with your son's progress on this programme as the more support they receive the more successful our students, your sons, will be.

We have just celebrated our first founders Mass, St Mutien Marie Wiaux, on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This was a great success and thanks must go to Mr. Andrew Malele and Mr. Kane Raukura for their organization of this mass.

Retreats have got off to a successful start and the boys have enjoyed sharing time with each other and their teachers as we seek to build a strong foundation for our Lasallian family.

The Year is a work in progress, and there is a lot more work to do. We hope that we will always continue to do all of our actions, for the Love of God.

St John Baptist De La Salle, Pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

Andrew Malele (Campus Minister)



## 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 - Louis Kolio 7 White for being very helpful

Year 9 Lasallian Class of the Week - 9 White



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## FAIR 2010—a 57 year tradition—\$ 16,487.20

Thank you to the PTA, Staff and Parents for all your hard work on the Fair. The money raised is for our boys.



Thank you to Kmart and Crewcut for the vouchers for the Raffle



### 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.



Thank you to the Pukekohe Farmers, Tip Top Otahuhu and Supa Value Otara



Thank you to Chelsea for donations of sugar for the Candy Floss and DFS Galleria for donated items



Thank you to Const. Kama for the Police Car Rides

**2010 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**  
 Strong leaders make strong schools

## Board of Trustees Elections—May 2010

Nomination forms will be posted this week.

### 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

If you do not receive a nomination form and think you are eligible, please ring the Returning Officer : Cheryl Weijermars on 2764319 ext 811

Event	When
Call for Nominations	by 9th April
Nominations Close	noon 23 April
Voting Papers sent	by 28 April
<b>Voting closes at noon</b>	<b>7 May 2010</b>
Count Votes	13 May 2010
Board Takes Office	14 May 2010

## Careers Information

### 1. Scholarships

This year De La Salle has subscribed to a Scholarship database called BREAKOUT, which has information on 2000 active scholarships, awards and grants for further study. The scholarships are grouped under place of study, type of study and preferred subject area. Our IT staff are making this accessible through our school intranet, and all of our senior boys will be made familiar with it, and encouraged to browse for relevant information. This database is also available at public libraries, so parents can also be informed about this important area of funding for further education.



### 2. Health related careers

Following on from my discussion about careers in Health recently, we are now organising a yr12 and 13 group of boys who enjoy science and would like to find out more about this area. If you would like to find out about what this involves, go to the careers room to register your interest.

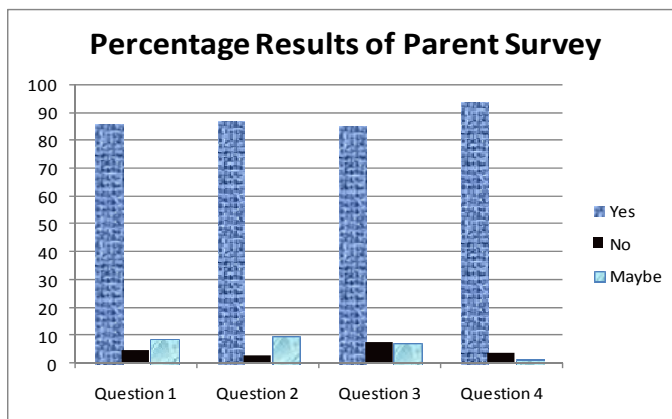
Frances Fannon

## PARENT TEACHER NIGHT LAST WEEK

At Last week's Parents teacher evening we ran a survey for parents about their views of the Catholic Special Character at De LaSalle College. The questions and responses are below. The outcomes were very positive for the college and there were a number of suggestions that will help us to continually improve the Lasallian and Spiritual aspect of the College.

### Results of Questionnaire for Parents

1. Do you think the Charism and spirituality of De La Salle College makes it different from other schools?
2. Does the leadership of the College ensure that this continues to be nurtured?
3. Do you think the Special Character influences the activities within the school?
4. Do you think the strengths and successes of the College can be attributed to its Special Character?
5. Do you have any suggestions on how the Special Character of the College could be better?



## Waka Ama Nationals

Up against 36 other school teams from throughout Aotearoa De La Salle 1 finished first in the Plate division for 500 metres and fourth place in the Plate Division 250 meters.

De La Salle being a development team comprising of four Year 11 students also did well coming third in the Plate division in the mixed 12 person crew with Epsom Girls.

The Waka Ama squad was lead well by captains Vincent Ezekeila and Jason Solofa.



## CATHOLIC CHARACTER



This week sees the grand drama at the centre of our faith enacted through the liturgies of the Triduum.

What is the Triduum you may ask, and why do we Catholics hype ourselves over it?

Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, the period in which we see the core of our Christian beliefs come into action. Holy Thursday precedes with the last supper, the very event that has gifted us our celebrations at mass; Good Friday where Jesus makes the ultimate sacrifice, and Easter Sunday, where death itself is conquered with the Lord's resurrection.

So we're reminded that Love isn't limited to one or many, its available to all. We are here because of one man's action, we are Lasallian's because of the influence of this man, and we are saved.

Given the reality that many of us may not attend those services, how and what do we communicate about Holy Week and Easter to the young people in our care?

It seems that Jesus' life, death and resurrection show the pattern for our lives. Simply put, it's not about you or me - it's about us. As educators, parents and mentors we may be used to giving of ourselves. So we model that for our young people. We are all called to community and called to build up community -there lies salvation - "May the body of Christ bring us all to eternal life". And so the caring for the last, the lost and the least (Matt 25:40), is at the centre of the Easter message: Christians are people who hope, who bring hope, pointing to the full life of which Jesus spoke (John 10:10), building the bonds of community.

May we celebrate and use God's gifts to each of us to build up our communities. Happy Easter to all, and have a safe Holiday break.

*Lasallian Reflection from Patrick Jurd Spiritual Director De La Salle Malvern.*

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Matt 5:14