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Term 2 Week 3



De La Salle College Newsletter

Catholic School for Boys in the Lasallian Tradition.

"De La Salle Creates Great Men of Learning, Community and Character."

From the Principal - Myles Hogarty

Tena Koutou Katoa, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Ni Sa Bula, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei, Kumusta Ka, Greetings.

"I have come that they may have life— and life to the full." (John 10:10)

This quote from John's Gospel regarding life has been reminded to me recently by the events in the College. Last Thursday evening I walked around the College, it was a very busy place and full of life.

Rugby teams were involved in some serious pre-season fitness activities, training and team play. Our young men were attending Tuition classes to raise their achievements in several subjects.

The MPC was full of young men practising their Basketball skills in preparation for the start of their season.

The Art rooms had students putting some finishing touches to their work and catching up on some of their Art boards.

We have our Year 10's away this week on their Outdoor Education Camp taking them out of their comfort zone and challenging them both mentally and physically. Seven of our top academic performing students are attending school this week in De La Salle Hong Kong to experience academic life in another culture while also experiencing the hustle and bustle of a major overseas city.

All of these activities are important indicators of a successful Catholic school. These are the opportunities to live life to the full as a young man and real evidence of the holistic growth within our College and the variety of experiences that our young men are offered.

As I constantly remind our Staff and young men, De La Salle offers many "life opportunities" for its community.

- Sports - 12 sports offered; Summer and Winter
- Music – Bands, Choir, tuition
- Faith – Prayer, Mass, Sacraments, Religious Education.

Outdoor Education and overseas trips
Tuition and Mentoring opportunities

Added to these are Tramping, Enviro Groups, and the many Service opportunities for young men. These rich life and learning experiences should be offered and have a high student participation in our school which has a Catholic tradition of offering "Life to the full," as our young men grow up.

These experiences can be seen as encounters with Christ and living life to the full.

Our challenge as a Catholic school in the Lasallian tradition is to continue to offer rich life opportunities so that our Vision of "Creating Great Men of Learning, Community and Character," is achieved.

Unfortunately life building activities like sport, culture, faith and service are not measured on NZQA tables or reports defining the success of a school, however these activities in my opinion are the intangibles that define a successful Catholic school.

This Sunday is Mother's Day and a great opportunity to recognise and spoil all the wonderful mums in our community. I urge all the Lasallian men to spoil their mums this Sunday with love and attention. Let mum put her feet up and the men can make the meals, do the washing and run the family activities as a thank you to all of our wonderful mothers.

Term Two has started smoothly and the Staff and students are settled well into their teaching and learning routines while enjoying these cooler Autumn days.

I thank our parents for their continued engagement and support of the College in its endeavour to give our young men a life to the full.

Next week is a significant one in the life of the College. On Wednesday 90 students and 12 staff will travel to Hamilton to represent our College at the Tercentenary Mass celebrating 300 years since the death of our Founder John Baptist De La Salle. We will join with staff and students from John Paul College and Francis Douglas College to celebrate the legacy that our founder has left us. Following the Hamilton celebration we will celebrate De La Salle Day on Friday 17th May here at the College with our Mass and other activities which have been recommended by the Lasallian Student's Association.

"I have come that they may have life – and life to the full."

God Bless
Myles Hogarty
Principal

Important Dates:

De La Salle Day
17th May

Teachers Only Day
31st May

Queens Birthday
3rd June

School Photos
6th June



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REMINDER

**All students Y7-13 finish school at 12.30pm on
De La Salle Day Friday 17th May
Normal School Buses will leave at 1.00pm.**



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mr English

KICK IT IN

There are a lot of important football games happening in Europe at the moment and I've noticed that there is an awful lot of work that goes into scoring a goal, so every chance to score is valuable, as it doesn't happen that often. Most football games only have one or two goals. The same applies to boys and their work. There is a large amount of planning and resourcing by the teachers to get a unit organised and to teach it in a way that is effective. There is a big effort on behalf of families to get everyone to school, with the right uniform, on time, fees paid, the right bags and books and the boys focused. Then there are weeks of teaching, listening, reading, writing. Near the end of this process the boys will be given an assessment task.

This is where there can be some missed goals. Everything has been set up, the teacher has done their job and the boy has everything he needs. He just needs to kick the goal. Much of the underachievement by boys is because of this missing piece, because of the boy not kicking the goal. It makes the whole team feel let down, families included, but when the goal is scored, when he does make the effort and kick it in the right direction, then everyone rejoices, as they know that he is that closer to winning the game, and of having more choices in his future. So when the goal is wide open and the ball is at your feet, kick it in!



AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles

Why Wear a School Uniform?

The media recently focused on the uniforms of an Auckland school recently. The debate around this issue is fascinating and it will be interesting to see how this story unfolds. This had lead me to think about the importance of school uniforms, particularly our own school uniform. Are there any benefits in wearing this? After reading a few articles on the internet, I found that researchers overwhelmingly agreed that there are certainly benefits for students to be consistently wearing a school uniform. Some of the advantages are listed below:

- School uniform promotes effective learning for all students. Students' concentration will be focused more on their education rather than their wardrobes. If students are allowed to wear civilian clothes, they will be more eager, concerned and excited on what clothes to wear to make them stand out at school. Thus, school uniform is important for it creates an effective learning atmosphere.
- School uniforms create an orderly environment and improves student behaviour and this certainly contribute to teaching and learning.
- Uniforms plays a vital role in helping our students learning values. By wearing the uniform correctly students learn to accept what is required from them.
- School uniforms lessen students clothing expenses for their day to day use. It is also beneficial for parents for it enables them to save extra cash. Just one time spending for school uniforms and that's it. Whereas, if parents have to spend for latest fashion clothes for their children's day to day attire in school, it can cost them a lot of money. <https://www.stuff.co.nz>

With this I would like to encourage all students at De La Salle College to take pride in their uniform by wearing it correctly. Parents should actively support our school by ensuring that their sons are sent to school with the correct uniform every day.



ICT-Mr Singh



ICT Academy

Term 2 School Holidays Computer Course Registrations Tuesday July 9th – Thursday July 18th

Years 12 and 13 Students are invited to register their interest to do Level 3 Computer courses in Cyber Security, Servers, Cloud Technologies, Programming, Games and Artificial Intelligence at the Techorium Institute of Technology in Newmarket during Term 2 holidays. These introductory courses provide clear pathways for students to gain relevant IT Skills and Credits for entry into Computer Engineering and Software Development courses in Tertiary Institutes. Each course runs for 3 days and is NCEA approved worth 10 credits at either Level 3 or 4. Course costs are funded by the School.



See Mr J Singh for further details and Application Forms.

SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mr Tutaka

Welcome back to Term 2! We are now in the Easter Season as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. This Term is one of the busiest with so many Special Character events. Recently, we just finished our Year 10 Retreat at the Year 10 Camp. The Theme: Making A Better Choice. The retreat was received with an open heart as our young men prepare themselves for the future ahead and to surround themselves with good values and principles as their guide. We all need to surround ourselves with good values and principles every day, especially with our technological world filled with warped values and disillusioned principles that produce fake truths. We need remind our children of the importance of faith, family, education and a chance for a better future. As we journey this term, we have the Tercentenary Mass in Hamilton next week Wednesday with our other two Lasallian schools, Francis Douglas Memorial College and John Paul College. We also have our Founders Day Mass next week Friday. Next week Thursday is the Pompallier Shield as well as a Leadership Retreat organised by our Lasallian Mission Services. So many events taking place within a short space and we pray for God's Spirit to guide us through it all. Wishing you well and wishing especially our Lasallian mothers a very happy Mother's Day! "Live Jesus in our Hearts! Forever!"



UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Hours:

8am - 9am

11:25am - 11:55am (Morning Tea)

1:40pm - 2:15pm (Lunch Time)

Senior Blazers are now \$150

All sizes available



AP CURRICULUM - Mr Doyle



Mr Muni Ratnam – Technology Hard Materials

Mr Ratnam moved to NZ from Fiji in 1996 and has taught at various schools in New Zealand including Tamaki College, Aorere College, Mt Roskill Grammar and Lynfield College. He is an active, creative, confident and empowering teacher and aims to develop these qualities in the learners he teaches. He has enthusiasm for learning and teaching himself. He believes in helping learners to take responsibility for their own learning, and to develop a desire to learn that will serve them throughout their lives. He values parental involvement and whanau support to enhance learners' achievement. He hopes that his lessons are a place where learning is not a chore and where nobody is afraid to speak up or make a mistake. His favourite quote is "Education is the enemy of poverty"



Miss Jessie Phillips – Visual Arts

Miss Phillips is beginning her teaching journey here at De La Salle as a visual arts teacher. She recently graduated from the University of Auckland with a Graduate Diploma in Teaching and has completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts at Whitecliffe College of Art & Design in 2015 where she majored in Photography. She is passionate about the arts and hopes to inspire her students so that their dreams and aspirations can be reached with hard work and dedication. She was lucky enough to achieve one of her goals by living and working in New York City and Los Angeles where she was able to use her creative abilities and skills. The arts can be a rewarding career path with multiple avenues to explore and she is excited to share her knowledge and experience with the students here at De La Salle.



We look forward to great things for them both here at De La Salle College.

Progress Reports for Year 11 – 13

Progress Reports for all families of Year 11 - 13 students have been posted. You can also see copies of Reports and NCEA Credit Updates on the KAMAR Parent Portal - <https://parent.delasalle.school.nz/student/index.php>.

Please make contact with your son's homeroom teacher if you have any immediate concerns.

NCEA Progress

Start of term is a good time to check in with your son about his progress towards NCEA.

Year 11 NCEA Level 1

Previous years have shown us that a Year 11 student on track to achieve would have 20 or more credits at this time of year.

Year 12 NCEA Level 2 and Year 13 NCEA Level 3

A student should expect to have 35 or more credits [15 Level 2 credits from this year and 20 credits from previous year at this time of year.

Year 13 students should be able to tell you about how they will meet the University Entrance literacy requirements and identify which 3 subjects they are on track to achieve 14+ credits.

NCEA Fees

2018 NZQA fees for Year 11 – 13 students can now be paid to the school office. Families can pay here at De la Salle College through the office or directly to NZQA at www.nzqa.govt.nz

The costs are the same as previous years;

Full Fee \$76.70

Fee with Financial Assistance \$20.00

SIR BROTHER PAT

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60 Years of Service



The De La Salle Shield

This year I have initiated the **De La Salle Shield** to acknowledge and celebrate a member of our community who has shown outstanding service and zeal towards their work with the College.

This award will be given to one recipient a year.

It is my great pleasure to announce that the inaugural De La Salle Shield award is to Br Sir Pat Lynch.

Br Sir Pat is our treasure, our taonga.

He is a local boy who grew up in Papatoetoe and attended De La Salle as a foundation student in 1953.

Br Sir Pat joined the De La Salle Brothers after leaving school.

He was the Principal here from 1979 to 1993 and probably taught many fathers who are Old Boys at De La Salle.

Br Sir Pat is passionate about Catholic Education and was the CEO of NZ Catholic Education for 22 years based in Wellington.

Br Sir Pat has been in semi-retirement over the last 4 years, however his work load does not seem to have lessened.

Br Sir Pat continues to serve our College by being on the Board of Trustees and we are grateful for his knowledge and enormous experience that he selflessly

contributes to De La Salle and the running of our College.

Br Sir Pat has huge reserves of energy which I am always amazed by, he serves as a Trustee on the Boards of 4 other Catholic schools spread over New Zealand and Australia and he faithfully makes every one of those BOT meetings, always cheerfully contributing his skills with such selflessness and concern for the education of the students.

Br Sir Pat reminds us of the 4 values that form the foundation of the Lasallian Order and our own.

He is a man of immense Faith, Service, Community and Excellence.

Br Sir Pat, we are indeed the fortunate ones to have had you as part of OUR Lasallian Community for the last 50 years.

On behalf of De La Salle thank you for your constant care and concern for your old College, you are an outstanding example to Staff, students and families of unconditional support, tireless energy and devotion to your faith.

We are proud and privileged to call you "OURS" and we share in the significance of this award.

Myles Hogarty
Principal



MIDDLEMORE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Middlemore Remembrance service: Critical care complex

On Tues 7 May, our school were invited to share our talents at the Middlemore remembrance service for the Critical care complex. This service was to pay tribute to patients who did not survive and the journey that many patients are still on. It was also a chance to acknowledge the tireless efforts of Doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. It was a beautiful celebration of life and the school was represented proudly by **Ofisa Sakaria (13GTS)**, **Sione Tahavalu(13RET)** and **Michael Peti (13RET)**. What was even more meaningful was that the service was attended by the family of **Veni Mata'afa (class of 2011)**, a past student who sadly passed away in Feb this year. They found comfort in having fellow Lasallians provide the music for the service.

Mrs R Laumemea



RE TRIP- GUY CONSOLMAGNO SJ

Is Science and Faith In Conflict?

Top Vatican scientist Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory spoke to senior students from all Auckland Catholic secondary schools at Sancta Maria College on Friday 3 May, about how science and faith have more common connections that commonly understood. He reminded the audience that the Catholic church have been at the forefront of scientific discoveries of nature and night sky and space. He provided a very interesting set of ideas about how Science and Faith are not in conflict, and that they are often overlapping in explaining different aspects of key historical, materials, social phenomena.



Guy Consolmagno SJ meet with senior De La Salle students

Fuimaono Tuiasau, RE Faculty

ATTENDANCE DUES

Term 2 Attendance Dues are now due.

Please be reminded that students with overdue attendance dues will not be eligible to join overseas trips.

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STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE!

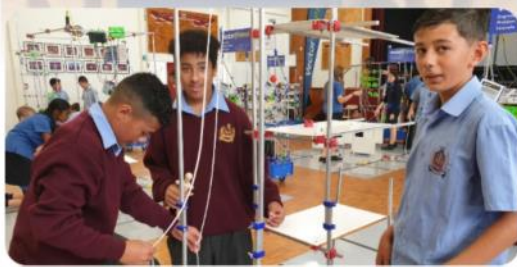
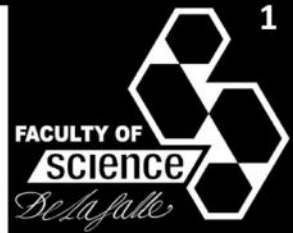


Science Faculty fielded three teams (Year 9, Year 10 and Year 12) to the first round of Vector Epro Challenge which took place at Papatoetoe High school. This a 2 ½ hour race where students in a team of four solve science and engineering problems. The solutions involve building devices which suits a purpose and students get points for successful completion of each challenge.



All the three teams did very well, the Year 10 team was placed 1st in their category, receiving certificates and the trophy. Team Y10 has qualified for the semi-finals later this term. Congratulations to all the teams for their efforts.

MR KUMAR

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STUDENTS VALUING OUR ENVIRONMENT



Science Faculty Envirocouncil students and staff recently volunteered on a cold rainy Saturday and spent 5 hours cleaning foreshore at the Taumanu in Onehunga. It was tedious work but worthwhile working alongside other members of the community to achieve something meaningful for our environment. The large amount of microplastics collected shows just how much damage our casual and relaxed use of plastic items does to the ecology of our beaches and wildlife. We look forward to helping again at a later date. Mr Raukura, Mrs Spencer, Mr Kumar and Mr Ufi.



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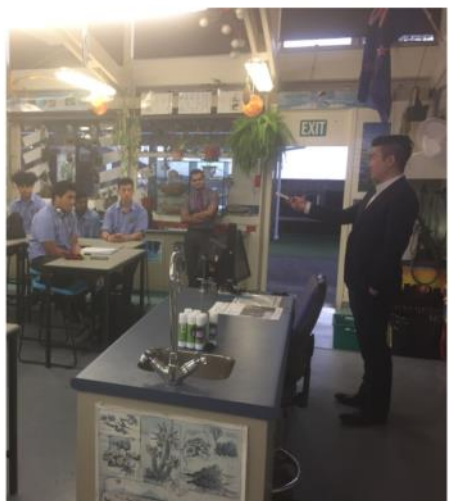
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HEALTH SCIENCE ACADEMY IN FULL SWING



The Health Science Academy is in full swing with 25 students at each level making up three cohorts. Students are already fully engaged in lessons and extra tutorials with our Period Zero on Wednesday mornings. Recently students in Year 11 and 12 attended the BOSE Leadership 2 day experience gaining vital communication, study and future career orientated skills. 100% of our graduating HSA Year 13 from 2018 went onto Tertiary Education which was very pleasing. A large majority of these young men also gained scholarships. We continue to have an excellent turn out parent at partnerships and we are proud of the strong relationships we have built with families and with the Counties Manukau District Health Board. Mr Raukura.

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SCIENCE FACULTY



MAKING IT RELEVANT FOR OUR YEAR 13



As part of the Year 13 Chemistry course, students conduct a research project for their internal assessment AS91389 (Demonstrating understanding of chemical processes in the world around us). Their assigned task this year was to look at the extraction of gold using cyanide as carried out at the Martha Mine in Waihi. Students travelled by bus to beautiful Waihi and were given a presentation and tour of the mine, pit and processing areas. This enabled them to connect their research with the actual process and they were able to ask questions and clarify ideas. The students were excellent and they had the opportunity to do the Karangahake Gorge Windows walk on the way home which went through old mining tunnels. Thanks to Miss Ashford and Mr Raukura for taking the students.



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YEAR 7 & 8 DEPARTMENT

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Term 1 Man of Courage & Lasallian Spirit Recipients



From Left : **Charles Palea** (7KUR – Man of Courage), **Bruno Ta’ale** (7STW – Lasallian Spirit), **John Lavea** (7KUR – Lasallian Spirit), **Lawrence Anae** (7DHL – Man of Courage), **Chisom Ochibulu** (7STW – Man of Courage), **Xaviah Smith** (7AND – Lasallian Spirit), **Aki Takau** (7AND – Man of Courage), **Josiah Cummings** (7DHL– Lasallian Spirit)

BOT ELECTIONS



De La Salle College: 94

Nominations are invited for the election of five (5) parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a copy of this notice will be posted to all eligible voters.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at 12 noon on **Friday 24th May 2019** and should be accompanied by a signed candidate statement.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at 12 noon on **Friday 7th June 2019**.

Signed: Josephine Sandiko & Julie Sale (Returning Officer/s).

Please click on the link for more information :

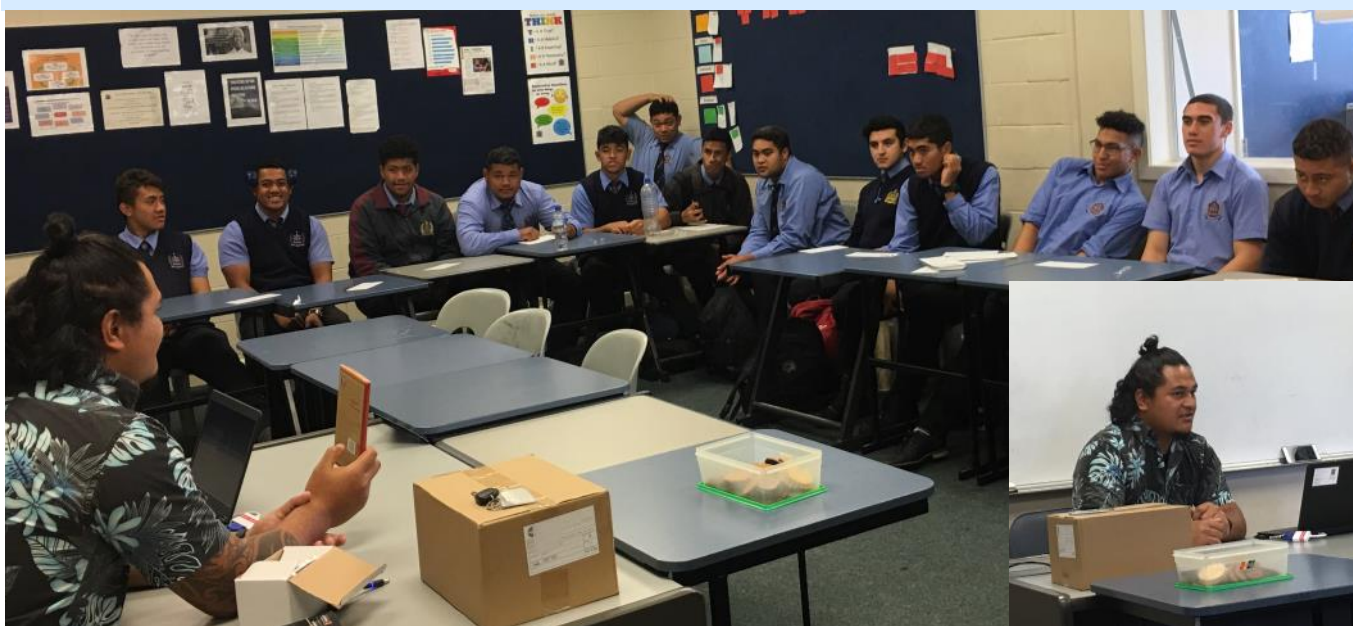
<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/assets/Information-for-parents/A-parents-guide-to-the-role-of-the-board-of-trustees.compressed.pdf>

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CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Waikato University

This week **Leni Lolohea** attended our Thursday lunchtime seminar to present information about Waikato University. Students learned about the courses offered, scholarships, accommodation and campus life. Waikato is an excellent university, and close to Auckland, allowing students to maintain contact with family and community. Students can find further information at www.waikato.ac.nz and in the careers room.



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Panpac Distributors Ltd
Mangere Bridge Pharmacy
Fill Um Tum
Yvonne Hinemoa Hawkins
Vege Oasis
Jacinta Sheck
Royal Green
Roger Hunter
Lin Kaiou
Yvonne Matson
Sheralle Dairy
Bairds Road Price Cutter
Supa Value Otara
Supa Save Supermarket
Wholesale Meats Direct
Hari & Sons Ltd
Holy Cross School
St John The Evangelist School
Perfect Produce Ltd
Mangere Bridge Floral Shop
Countdown Meat Processing

Otara Mini Supermarket
Otara Veges
Nicks Fabrics Ltd
Food For Less
Schwartzkopf Toll Global
Mr Meats Otara
Mr Meats Otahuhu
Graeme Superette
Gold Fresh Hot Bread Bakery
Kingsford Home Bakery
Peter & Jojo Fuga
Sistema Plastics Ltd
Countdown (ARDC)
Radio Waves NZ
Asiasiga Tipi
Farrell's Nursery
Ah-Gorn & Sons Ltd
Hira Bhana Co Ltd
Fresh Connection
Lusa Family

Te Tai Awa o te Ora
Rosella Superette
Siueli Vatikani
The Warehouse Airport
Van Den Brink Poultry Ltd
Gilmours Manukau
Steel Rigging Ltd
SWIS Dairy Samoa
NZ Rugby League House
Vaine Puapii Elia
Get Fresh Supermarket
Shop N Save Supermarket
Mr & Mrs Taliaoa
Francis Faalili
Toby Fish Shop
Evelina Restaurant
Jivan Produce
Balle Brothers
Set Sue Ltd
Muliaga Family

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