



7th June 2019
Term 2 Week 6



De La Salle College Newsletter

Catholic School for Boys in the Lasallian Tradition.

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

Important Dates:

Last Day Term 2
6th July

First Day Term 3
22nd July

From the Deputy Principal - Dermot English

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

It's Worth It

Sometimes in the middle of all the effort of a year it's good to step back and look at the data, the real stories, and see what has been achieved. Here are some things to remind ourselves of. Our final NCEA results for 2018, compared to national averages for all schools and all boys in NZ are

Level 1 National 67%

DLS 74%

Level 2 National 74%

DLS 87%

Level 3 National 61%

DLS 64%

These are outstanding results, which come from the work put in by parents, teachers and boys. Also in the academic area we have had boys pitching business ideas to the ASB Business Challenge and at Auckland Uni for the Young Enterprise programme. Our 5 debating teams have so far had a 70/30 win loss ratio, with the top Junior team being undefeated. Our Spoken Word teams made history when for the first time De La Salle had two teams make the Auckland semi-finals. Seven of our boys with the top results from Yr 12 in 2018 went in May on the Academic Trip to De La Salle College in Hong Kong for eight days.

Last year DLS boys completed 10,000 hours of service activities. That is a huge amount, which is a real testament to our service coordinator, Johnnie Timu and to all the boys and families that helped out. In Special Character we have Mini-Vinnies and Young Vinnies.

We also have a school choir for the first time in several years. Their skills were shown off at the combined tercentenary mass in Hamilton last month. Old boys this year have again continued to run all our Yr 7-10 retreats.

In sport this year we have already achieved two medals at Waka Ama Nationals, an Auckland Championship and a 4th at Nationals for Volleyball. We have two boys in the National U19 Volleyball team who will travel to the US and Australia later in the year. When many schools are losing player numbers we have a greater percentage of our boys playing in our 11 rugby teams than any other school in Auckland. This is in large part due to our head of rugby Mr Hurst, and the large number of parent coaches. Basketball has had a similar boost, going from about 5 teams three years ago to 9 teams this year.

Successful camps have been held this year for Years 7, 9, 10 and 13.

There are many activities that have been missed out, but even with this brief look, we should take confidence in our achievements, in how well the boys are doing, and that the efforts of parents, teachers and boys does pay off. This confidence is based not on future wishes, but on what has actually been achieved. Boys should remember this as they sit down to do more study for the assessment week in Week 8. It's worth it.

God Bless
Dermot English
Deputy Principal



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NO STRIKE

All rolling strikes have been cancelled by the PPTA.

All students are expected to attend school.



AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles

School Attendance and Truancy



Attending school is compulsory by law

Children are **legally required** to be enrolled at and regularly attend school between the ages of six and sixteen. If this doesn't happen then parents, caregivers, whanau, whoever is ultimately responsible for that child can be prosecuted.

All children in New Zealand, except foreign students, are entitled to attend school free from their fifth birthday.

If your child is absent on any given day, where possible you should let the school know. This is especially important where a school operates a system for checking that their students arrive at school safely.

You can do this by phoning the school office and telling them your child's name, classroom name or number and why they are absent. Some schools may have an automated process for reporting absences.

It's also helpful for the school if you follow this up with a note stating the same things when your child returns to school.

It is acceptable for you as a parent to ask for your child to have time off from school for special reasons such as medical appointments. You are also within your rights to ask that your child be exempted from religious instruction or classes in sex education.

If your child is absent for a period of time, be it a day or more, then in the interest of student safety, the school should make contact with you to discuss your child's whereabouts. Although this is not a legal requirement, so is not always the case.

Remember that the school becomes the guardian of your child during the school day so they'll want to get it right and know where every one of their students are at any given time.

So what can you do to help?

Your child has to view going to school as a positive. This will help with their wanting to be there five days of every week. Obviously from time to time there may be hiccups in this process but you as the adult need to keep the chin up.

Routines and rituals are the best way to ensure going to school is easy. Children love to know what's coming up next, curve balls can cause muddle in their little minds and throw them denting their confidence.

Some basic, easy to establish rituals and routines you can put in place that will help are –

Being organised for the next day

Make sure bags are packed, uniforms are laid out and homework is completed the afternoon/night before school. Rushing in the morning puts everyone on edge and causes problems. (It's as important for us big people to know everything's done the night before).

Plenty of sleep on school nights

It's so important to set school night bedtimes and stick to them where humanly possible. A tired, scratchy kid at school is no fun for anyone, even the tired scratchy kid and chances are they won't want to get up and go in the morning.

Be happy!

Morning moaning and nagging means everyone's day is off to a bad start. There's nothing worse than facing a day away from your loved ones knowing you yelled or moaned at them in the morning. For a child who may already be reluctant to go to school that morning, this sort of start is going to really dampen their spirits.

Think about this as morning madness whirlwinds about you. Keep a smile on your face; stay upbeat, for their sakes.

Be on time

Help your child get up, ready, out the door and into the classroom on time. Punctuality is important to learn, for school and the rest of their lives.

by THE KIWI FAMILIES TEAM

SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mr Tutaka

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Kia Orana, Talofa lava, Malolelei and Kia Ora to you all!

Last week, the Sacramental Programme classes started with 15 students preparing for the sacraments of Initiation. Some receiving all three sacraments and others only receiving Holy Communion and Confirmation. In order for your child to be admitted to the programme, parents are to fill in the registration form and encouraged to attend a meeting with Mr Faalepo Vaotu'ua, one of our Campus Minister and the Teacher in Charge for the Sacramental Programme. Assisting him are Br Waseem, Sr Noela and I (Director of Mission). The classes for the programme takes place during school time and during class periods where they will be taken out of for that period. This year's classes take place on Day 4, period 3 and Day 9, period 1. There are 14 weeks of classes but one class a week where the students will study about the Catholic Creed, Catholic Prayer-life, Catholic Morality and the Sacraments. There is a Cathedral trip closer to the end of the programme where our students will go to the Cathedral for a visit and learn more about the mother Church, receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before attending the Midday Mass there. The sacraments are then administered at our All Saint's Day Mass in front of the whole college. This year, the Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Soane Mafi of Tonga. Some of the photos below are from this year's parent meeting and from last year's All Saint's Day Mass. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me (Director of Mission) or Mr Vaotuuua through our college office.

Wishing you well! "Live Jesus in our Hearts! Forever!"





AP CURRICULUM - Mr Doyle



Assessment Week

We have Assessment Week in Week 8. Students and teachers will also get an individualised KAMAR timetable at the start of Week 7. Students and parents will also be able to see their adjusted timetables on the KAMAR Parent Portal from Week 7. There will be a mixture of in class assessments and exams in the MPC. Otherwise the week is classes as normal. Students **do not** get study leave during the assessment week.

Attached is the Exam timetable for the MPC. He will also have assessments in his option and other core classes. Ask your son what classes have assessments coming up and what type of assessment it will be – project, exam, group task.

It is a good time to start talking to your son about study. Send a message to your son's homeroom teacher if you would like him to get involved in tuition. It is wonderful to see the number of boys taking advantage of lunchtime and after school tuition.



NCEA Change Package Overview 2019

Last newsletter we alerted you to the changes around NCEAZQA Fees. That change is just one part of the NCEA Change Package the Ministry of Education has announced. *The intent of the NCEA Change Package is to make our senior secondary qualifications more robust, consistent, inclusive and accessible for students of all abilities and backgrounds.*

The seven changes are:

Make NCEA more accessible

Mana ōrite mo te mātauranga Māori

Strengthen literacy and numeracy requirements

Have fewer, larger standards

Simplify NCEA's structure

Show clearer pathways to further education and employment

Keep NCEA Level 1 as an optional level

If you would like to read more you can go to [NCEA Change Package Overview 2019](https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/NCEA-Change-Package-2019-Web.pdf) for more detail about the changes, the journey we took with New Zealand to get to them, and what an NCEA programme could look like. <https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/NCEA-Change-Package-2019-Web.pdf>



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Mid-Year MPC Assessment Timetable

June 17 – 21, 2019

		Exams in the MPC		
Monday 17 June	Period 1	MPC set up		
	Period 2	Year 10 English		
	Period 3			
	Period 4	Year 9 English		
	Period 5			
	Period 6			
Tuesday 18 June	Period 1	Year 8 Science		
	Period 2	SCI101	PHY201	BIO301
	Period 3	MAT101.6 [ACH] MAT102.6	SAM201	SAM301
	Period 4	Year 10 Social Studies		
	Period 5			
	Period 6	Year 9 Mathematics		
Wednesday 19 June	Period 1	Year 9 Social Studies		
	Period 2	ACE101 SAM101	ECO201 ESS201	ECO301 ESS301
	Period 3	MAT101.4 [OVE] SCI102.1 [ASH]		
	Period 4	MAT102.1 SCI102.1 [VER]	DRA201 MAT201	CHE301 GEO301
	Period 5			
	Period 6	Year 7 Science		
Thursday 20 June	Period 1	Year 8 Mathematics		
	Period 2	BST101 DRA101	ACC201 BIO201	HIS301 MAT301 MAT302.5
	Period 3	MAT101.5 [VAI] SCI102.1 [UFI] Year 10 Science [in classes]		
	Period 4	GEO101	HIS201	MAT302.2
	Period 5			
	Period 6	Year 9 Mathematics		
Friday 21 June	Period 1	Year 7 Mathematics		
	Period 2	Year 10 Mathematics		
	Period 3			
	Period 4	HIS101 MAT101.3 [FRA]	CHE201	ACC301 DRA301 PHY301
	Period 5	SCI102.3 [VKU]		
	Period 6	MPC clean up		



De La Salle College Exam Procedures

Notes

You will be given a new KAMAR timetable for Week 8. It has 3 changes.

PLEASE CHECK

No assessment leave – you will be at school all day.

Look out for Room changes in student notices.

ENTERING AN EXAM

Students line up outside the MPC in option or core classes.

Year 7 – 10 in front of MPC

Year 11 – 13 on Volleyball Court/Tuckshop

Cell phones are to be turned off and placed in students bags.

Students to place bags at the front of the MPC/classroom.

Written work to be done in black or blue pen (not green or red).

Pencil is acceptable. However, work may not be marked.

Student and teacher names need to be written clearly on each part of the exam.

EXAM CONDITIONS

No talking or communicating to any other student at any time during the exam.

Copying or looking at another's work is cheating.

Students must raise their hand if assistance is required.

Students are responsible for all equipment including pens, rulers and calculators - No sharing of equipment

Water bottles are permitted – no other food or drinks are allowed

Students need to use the bathroom before coming to the exam

Students who refuse to settle will be removed from an exam.

SMT or Senior Dean will contact families for you to be collected from school.

LEAVING THE EXAM

Students are required to remain for the whole exam

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Mr D'Souza - Food Tech & Y13 Dean

Solo dad creates scholarship to help parents struggling with school fees



Eight years ago, single dad Aaron D'Souza was jobless, facing eviction and raising two boys alone while struggling for money— now he wants to help other families in the same position.

D'Souza, who is now a teacher at De La Salle College, in Mangere, South Auckland, along with his new partner Sarah Samuel, has created two \$1000 scholarships to help families with one income pay for school supplies and uniforms.

"Having been through solo-parenting myself, I know what a struggle paying for school supplies can be and a lot of kids out there are missing out on school trips and camps because they can't afford to go."

For more information please click on the link below.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/113066367/solo-dad-creates-scholarship-to-help-other-parents-struggling-with-school-fees>

Article courtesy of Melanie Earley & Stuff.co.nz

NZQA TOP ART EXHIBITION

Where: Nathan Homestead, Manurewa Arts Centre 70 Hill Road, Manurewa

When: Monday 10th June - 15th June

Please support James Saua Patea and Old Boy, Talafatu Pupualii who are part of the show.





CAREERS DEPARTMENT

SOUTHTECHWEEK

On Thursday morning **Noah Brown (12JER)**, **Logan Leilua (12PUL)**, **Devante Mika (12LAU)**, **Avineel Mudliar (12VAT)**, **Luani Nansen (12RUN)** and **Angelo Toalepai (12VAT)** went to the Manukau Event Centre to SouthTechWeek. The boys gained first-hand experience and one on one dialogue with Maori and Pasifika digital and technology innovators to show them the world of tech and the future of jobs.

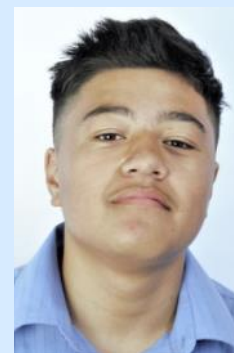


LEARNER LICENSE

Congratulations to **Christian Sanele (12FOH)**, **James Matapula (12VAT)**, **Jermaine Siolo (12JER)**, and **Devonik Saumalu (12VAT)** for passing their Learners licence test this week.

We encourage boys to come to the Careers office at morning tea or lunchtime to do practice theory tests. Congratulations, as well, to all the boys who have gained their Learners licence from the start of the year.

L-R Christian Sanele, James Matapula, Jermaine Siolo, Devonik Saumalu



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO INFORMATION SESSION



University of Otago presentation given by Kitiona Pasene, Student Liaison Officer – Otago University. The University offers great scholarships, and is well known for the Health Science programmes.

UNITEC INFORMATION SESSION

On Thursday lunchtime, Blair Sorenson from UNITEC came to speak with the boys about programmes on offer at UNITEC and what University life is like.



POMPALLIER SHIELD

Pompallier Shield 2019 was held on 16th May and was buzzing with students from Auckland Catholic secondary schools who gathered for this annual event focused on Holy Scripture.

The following young men represented De La Salle in the following categories in true Lasallian spirit. Well done young men!

Senior Scripture: Daniel Watta

Junior Scripture: Gabriel Toreja

Junior Oratory: Jarren Iuvale

Maori Scripture: Ofisa Sakaria

Waiata: De La Salle Choir

A spirited vibe amongst our young people included actively supporting for representatives in different categories and all schools coming together in Solidarity for the final category of Waiata and Drama to celebrate the Gospel messages weaved creatively in drama and song.

Congratulations to our brothers from Sacred Heart College who won the shield on the night! Thank you to Senior Management, Staff and families that came along to support our young men and to our lovely hosts McAuley High school.

Mrs Teuila Vaotuuu





LITERACY CENTRE

Superstars of Reading

Congratulations on two Superstars of the Lexile Reading Programme



Christian Snyder, 8RBT



Tahavalu Samiu, 8KAS

Both students are their class winners for Term 1 and have read over 1,000,000 words this year. This makes them members of the Millionaires Club, 2019 and they have received academic badges. Both students were multi-millionaires last year. Well done on this outstanding effort.

Congratulations to the following students

Scholastic Literacy Pro – Term One Competition Winners

Christian Letufuga, 7AND

Siosifa Havili, 7KUR

Gian Reyes, 8BOE

Matthias Vili, 8OLI

Bailey Ioane-Fuiava, 7DHL

Soane Lokotui, 7STW

Tahavalu Samiu, 7KAS

Christian Snyder, 8RBT

**“Boys Who Read
Achieve”**

Year 8 Class Winner – 8RBT



Outstanding Attitude to Reading Certificates



Samuela Alatini, Lawrence Anae, Jett Anitela, Talalelei Asiata, Tomu Cook, Josiah Cummings, Ngakau Faalogo, Christian Faavae, Chanel Filivaa, Sosefo Hale, Liuaiki He Taufua Hansen, Joe Kalepo, Tristan Keil, Billy Lam, Chanel Junior CJ Leota, Simote Lokotui, Sione Loni, D'artagnan Mafoe, Roldan Mark, Chisom Ochibulu, Henry Olo, Charles Palea, Mikaele Pangai, Mark Sikuvea, Ryan Sio, Elisah Soafa, Bruno Ta'ale, Tino Taupau-Pauli, Judah Tu'inukuafe-Matautia, Dayton Wong

**Report by Amanda Chapman, Kristina Ah Ta and Angela Barry
Literacy Centre**

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CELEBRATING SAMOA LANGUAGE WEEK AND SAMOAN INDEPENDENCE

DLS SAMOAN STUDENTS AT AGGS on Friday

Talofa lava tangata o te motu

We were so pleased to see DLS's good participation during the day, and interacting well with Samoan students from Mangere College, Mt Roskill High School and AGGS. It all seemed like a big family affair and the girls students were like sisters.

The day was made up of group activities interspersed with school performances. Our Y13s were also group activity leaders.

DLS at the end of proceedings brought a gravitas to the day with a formal oratory session – la'uga - to formally apologise to AGGS for a past DLS indiscretion. It was done in traditional style – attachment. This is Samoa culture at its best. All schools observed this ancient customary practice, and I was very impressed at the student poise and delivery of it. The orators were excellent. DLS then presented to AGGS an 'ie toga (fine mat) and a teu tupe mea alofa (money collected from the students).

The AGGS students who received the gifts of Ifoga were moved, as well as parents and teachers there. It was a fine way for DLS to make amends and build on the positive day.

Matagofie mea uma.

Mr Fuimaono and Mr Tuua



Samoan Debating Team

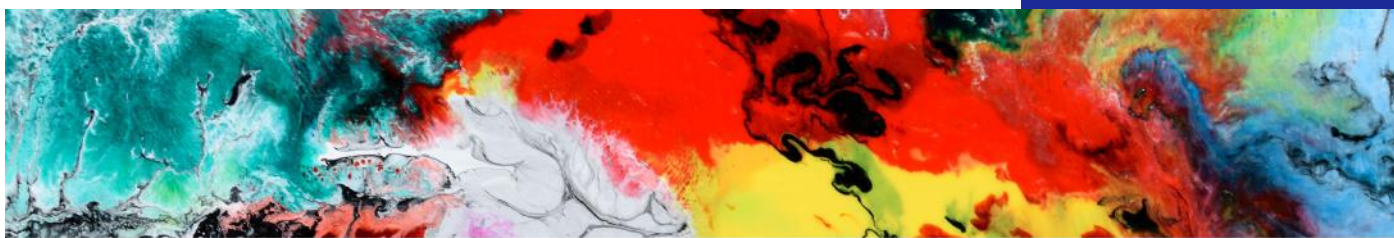
CONGRATULATIONS



DLS Samoan Debating Team won the Trophy for the first time against Aorere College

ART WORKSHOPS

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ART WORKSHOPS

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
3.10pm - 4.30pm in D6



ENROLMENTS

De La Salle College
A Catholic School for Boys
In the Lasallian Tradition

ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2020

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



- Strong Catholic Character and Lasallian Traditions
- Dynamic Teaching Staff
- Strong Academic Achievements
- High Expectations of Every Student
- Caring and Supportive Pastoral Care Team
- Extensive Co-Curricular Activities
- Strong Sporting Achievements



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