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Term 3 Week 2



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.

Importance of Opportunities

During my recent sabbatical study leave, I was able to visit Boys' schools in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The schools were very similar in structure to our own, had similar numbers, similar curriculum and the students even had similar backgrounds to our young men.

The big difference that I noticed was that the students in the UK schools had very few opportunities for experiencing co-curricular activities which we offer our young men and sometimes take for granted.

Outdoor Education Camps, Retreats, Sports events, Leadership and Service activities and the many other activities that are offered to our young men at De La Salle College were mostly absent from the schools I visited. The young men were the poorer for missing out on these and the opportunity for an holistic education were not part of the school's vision.

Opportunities to participate in sports, music and other outdoor activities were provided by outside organisation very loosely associated to the school and came at a great cost to the students' families.

The young men of De La Salle College are very fortunate that our College continues to offer an enormous range of learning opportunities both in and outside the classroom.

Our staff are prepared to give of their time and skills so that our young men are able to experience a rich co-curricular programme, something that is also quite different from the teachers that I observed overseas.

Our families are very supportive of our staff and the co-curricular opportunities that we offer and we have parents, family and old Boys involved in our programmes for which we are grateful and appreciate.

The Labour Party's Budget initiative to give \$150.00 per student to schools appears a generous idea. This initiative they state is to reduce the pressure on parents and schools as their reasoning is that schools can find it difficult to raise funds from their community.

From our College perspective I feel that this initiative is short sighted and we need to do some investigation and calculations before deciding to opt in to this offer or not.

The \$150 sounds attractive, however should we accept this, we would be unable to offer some of the other co-curricular activities that are the strength of De La Salle and the holistic education we offer our young men and their families.

From my experience, the supportive families of our young men value a quality, excellent education for their son. They understand that they are required to fund the many "important learning opportunities," and they are prepared to make sacrifices to ensure they provide these \$150 while looking attractive, will not cover the many activities for the educational opportunities we offer our young men.

God Bless
Myles Hogarty
Principal

Important Dates:

Parent Partnership Meetings

Year 10 - 27th August

Year 11 - 5th September

Year 12 - 19th September

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mr English

For the last three years I have had the privilege of going to the Buttimer course in New York City. Mr Tutaka was with me and started the first year of the course.

This is for teachers in DLS schools and universities from around the world who come to the course to learn more about JBDLS. The first year is about his life and times, the second about how he taught and ran his schools, the third about his spirituality. In each year group there are about 35 people, around half of whom are from America or Canada. In my group the rest were from Australia, NZ, Kenya, Ethiopia, Togo in West Africa, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea and Pakistan. A few are brothers but most are not.

There are a very wide range of these communities. Some examples are; a special needs school in Sacramento that has only 70 students but about 10 teachers, an orphanage of about 60 students in India where the students live in their own flats and look after themselves, a charter school in the toughest part of Chicago, through to normal high schools with 1000 or so students, some poor and some costing around \$33,000 a year to attend, where the students drive Jeeps, Range Rovers and Porsches. There were also a number of people in my group from the De La Salle Universities in America.

What did we learn? Well it's all about salvation, and salvation is all about the presence of God. We also learned more about Jean Baptiste's great love of scripture, and of the Gospel and St Paul in particular. It was great to experience the huge energy that there is in the Lasallian network around the world, to hear about the great things being done, and to meet such committed and talented Lasallians.



ICT - Mr Singh

ICT Academy News

Years 12 and 13 students are invited to enrol in the following Computer Courses this Term offered by Techorium Institute of Technology in Newmarket.

Tuesday 20 – 22nd August, 9.00am – 2.30pm

Level 3 Code Programming – 9 credits

Tues 3-5th September, 9.00am – 2.30pm

Level 2 Digital Literacy - - 9 credits.

See Mr J Singh in Room H4 for application and parental approval forms.



AP CURRICULUM - Mr Doyle

Academic Counselling Follow-up

We received some feedback regarding parents wanting to meet with each of their sons' subject teachers.

Please make contact via email directly to the subject teacher to arrange a time for before or after school to meet.

All staff email addresses are the in the same format: **lastnameinitial@delasalle.school.nz**

Example: **doylep@delasalle.school.nz**



AP CURRICULUM - Mr Doyle

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Options 2020

This term is a critical for our young men when it comes to Options for 2020. Many of you will have started the conversation at Academic Counselling.

However, to assist families and the boys to make great choices, the College will be running Parent Partnerships sessions for students and their families as well as opportunities for students to meet with our Careers team and outside providers here during school time. The Option process is especially important for all Year 9 – Year 12 students. Look out for Option Booklets coming home as well as updated resources on the school website.

Parent Partnership Meetings

- Year 10 Tuesday, 27 August
- Year 11 Thursday 5 September
- Year 12 Thursday 19 September

Careers Lunchtime Seminars. Most Thursdays the Careers Department run seminars for students to attend. Students are invited to attend presentations by speakers from a wide range of careers and organisations. For example. This week we have had “How to apply for tertiary” study seminar and a presentation from the NZ Police. The speakers will offer advice, talk about their experiences in their chosen career and offer insight into occupations that are of interest to our students. Students should look out on the notice boards and in the daily notices.

NCEA & NZQA

No more NCEA Fees for NZQA

Reminder that there is no fee in 2019 to sit NCEA for both Scholarship and NCEA.

DO YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES BEING MADE TO NCEA?

EARLIER IN THE YEAR THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED THE CHANGES TO NCEA TO STRENGTHEN THE QUALIFICATION FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS RUNNING 26 REGIONAL HUI THAT ARE OPEN TO ANYONE WANTING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHANGES:

- What did we hear from New Zealanders last year that led to the changes?
- Key things you need to know about the changes
- How will the changes impact and benefit students, teachers and kaiako, parents and whānau, and the wider community?
- When will the changes happen?

>> Register now for an event in your region

There is a fono in South Auckland 7 August. The workshops will run from 6.30–8.30pm and catering will be provided. All ages welcome. For more information about the changes, visit the **Education Conversation | Kōrero Mātauranga website.**

Week of Engineering

Engineers are in demand in New Zealand so Engineering New Zealand wants to inspire the next generation of engineers. The Government has a goal to increase the number of engineering graduates by 500 annually. To get more graduates, Engineering New Zealand coordinates the Week of Engineering to highlight the creativity and diversity of the profession.

This year we have a group of Year 8's heading off to Air New Zealand and a group of Year 12 are visiting Harrison Grierson. A huge thank you to those organisations hosting and to Ms Boersen and Mr Kumar and Mrs Fannon in Careers for organising such great opportunities for the boys.



HARRISON GRIERSON

AP CURRICULUM



Maths Week

Be a “sumbody” and get involved in Mathsweek coming up in the next two weeks. Look out for challenges and questions in the Newsletter.

<https://www.mathsweek.co.nz/>

Here is some testers to get you warmed up.

Boys are still expected to be able to answer questions on Roman numerals? Can you? Here's the question: 'At the end of a film, the year is given in Roman numerals. Write the year MMVI in figures.

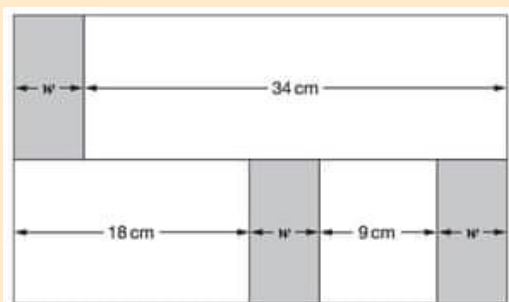
- A. 2006
- B. 2004
- C. 1951
- D. 1996

Here is a rule for the time it takes to cook a chicken: 'Cooking time = 20 minutes plus an extra 40 minutes for each kilogram'. How many minutes will it take to cook a 3kg chicken?

- A. 2 hours
- B. 2 hours and 20 minutes
- C. 2 hours and 30 minutes
- D. 2 hours and 40 minutes



Calculate the width (w) of one shaded rectangle.



- A. 7
- B. 8
- C. 8.5
- D. 9

AP PASTORAL-Mr Charles

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Why is it important to be in school?

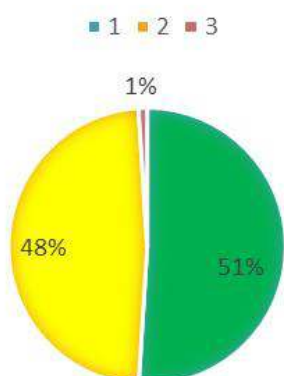
School is one of the most **important** things in our lives! If we are not educated then we do not have the skills needed to function in everyday society. **School** not only helps students learn necessary concepts and skills, but it also allows students to interact with other students socially, academically, and emotionally.

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.

Over the past 10 years De La Salle College has prided itself with having high attendance rates. On average our attendance has averaged over 90%. This has led to us having better positive results and a positive community interaction. Recently though we have noticed a decline in our attendance. This may be due to a number of factors. However it is important that our parents are aware of this trend and support the College in trying to improve our attendance.

Current Statistics



Currently only 51% of all students at our college attend school over 90% of the time. 48% of students attend school between 50% to 89% . 1% of students attend school less than 50% of the time.

What can Parents do to help?

Parents can help improve school attendance by:

- Insisting their son attends school every day without any weak excuse
- Monitoring their child's attendance regularly by using school apps or calling the Attendance Officer for this information
- Help your child by getting organised to come to school. Make sure that your child gets up in the morning and everything is organised a night before
- Engage the school if your child has any issues preventing him from coming to school. We have a very strong Pastoral Care Team that is able to support your child during difficult times.
- Any absence must be reported to the school on the same day followed by a letter upon returning.

These are only a few suggestions, but it can go a long way in trying to raise our attendance rates.



LITERACY CENTRE

Superstars of Reading

Congratulations on two new Superstars of the Lexile Reading Programme



Judah Tu'inukuafe-Matautia 8KAS



Siosifa Havili 7KUR



Both students are their class winners for Term 2 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. Well done on this outstanding effort. **Judah** was a millionaire last year and **Siosifa** is the first Year 7 student to become a millionaire this year.

Multi-Millionaire

Congratulations to **Christian Snyder**, our first multi-millionaire for 2019.



Christian Snyder 8RBT

Scholastic Literacy Pro – Term Two Competition Winners

Congratulations to the following students

Samuela Atatini, 7AND

Siosifa Havili, 7KUR

Kanaan Magele, 8BOE

Matthias Vili, 8OLI

Josiah Cummings, 7DHL

Billy Lam, 7STW

Soul Misiepo, 8KAS

Christian Snyder, 8RBT

Year 7 Class Winner – 7KUR

Year 8 Class Winner – 8RBT and 8BOE

Outstanding Effort in Lexile Reading

Mark Sikuvea, 7KUR; Simote Lokotui, 7STW; Soane Lokotui, 7STW; Elisah Soafa, 7KUR; Inglis Tavu'i Lemalie, 7KUR; Caleb Williams, 8BOE; Gregory Filimoehala, 8BOE; Liuaki He Taufua Hansen, 8KAS; Elijah Abundo, 8BOE; Talalelei Asiata, 8RBT; Dante Bootten, 8OLI.

Moon Landing:

In the Literacy Centre, Year 7's have read about space exploration in recognition of the recent 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon. They were asked to produce their own ticket for a return trip to the moon. Below is the winning entries for 7AND by **Christian Letufuga**.



Christian Letufuga 7AND

LITERACY CENTRE

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Literacy Centre's Zoo Trip with 8RBT

In week one of this term the Literacy Centre staff arranged a visit to Auckland Zoo as part of 8RBT's novel study. For many of the students this was the first time they had visited the zoo. The focus of the visit was to inform an opinion as to whether zoos are relevant in this day and age.

This 'Education Outside The Classroom' was a great experience and our students were fantastic ambassadors for our school. See the email below received from zoo staff.

Hi Amanda

I just wanted to drop you a line to say how much I enjoyed teaching your lovely young men yesterday. They have lovely manners, were excited to be here and have clearly had some great conversation about zoo ethics before coming. You can be very proud of them! (Please tell them I said so!)

Nga mihi

Nicola Sheehy

Educator

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ZOO

Rest in Peace
Berani
2008 - 2019



A highlight for the students was seeing Berani, the Sumatran tiger. Unfortunately, less than a week later Berani had to be euthanised due to health issues.



OMAC PERFORMANCE



STAND UP STAND OUT PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION

Congratulations to **Ofisa Sakaria**, **Mathieson Roodhouse-Hill** and **Sione Tahavalu** who have made it through to the Semifinals for the Solo vocals category – from 200 entries, they are now in the top 45!

On Mon 5th August, our school Gospel choir will be performing at OMAC, 11.56am.

If you are free and in the area – please come and support the boys who are tutored by Leonard Folau.

SPOKEN WORD

Our first spoken word team consisting of **Luani Nansen**, **Noah Brown**, **Jacob Iakopo**, **Daniel Watta**, **Logan Leilua** and **Angelo Toalepai** are throwing down tomorrow afternoon. It's gold coin entry to get into the event. Here are the details if you wanted to come and support:



CAREERS DEPARTMENT

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DLS Old Boys Jeremiah Pesaleli and Constable Elijah Liki

Police Visit

Joining the Police Force is a popular career plan for our students and so we welcomed the visit this week by 4 members of our local police force, three of whom are old boys of De La Salle College. They shared their career journeys and their experience of policing, and gave the students some valuable tips about preparing for this career. Students should aim to gain NCEA Level 2, and need to have a full drivers licence before they can apply. Other useful steps are to have experience in dealing with people, for example community work or employment. They were very encouraging of our students preparing themselves to apply for a challenging and rewarding career in the NZ police force.

Senior Constable Piho offers study sessions to prepare for the police testing. These take place each Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30 – 8pm at the Alan Brewster Centre at Papatoetoe. Students should see the careers staff if they are interested in attending these.

Year 13 University Course Planning & Scholarships

This term, the careers staff focus is on University applications and scholarships. Every day there are workshops in the careers room to help students with their applications, and it is the responsibility of each student to attend. Most tertiary scholarships for 2020 are now open and students are busy with applications.

Every university will run a Thursday lunchtime workshop to help the students with course planning, with Otago University here this week.

Parents are welcome to come in and be part of your son's planning for next year.



Senior Constable Piho Tuaiti & Chocolate Sine

DLS Old Boys Detective Pete Nassau, Constable Jeremiah Pesaleli, Constable Elijah Liki, with Senior Constable Piho Tuaiti

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DE LA SALLE COLLEGIANS

This is the official registration form for those who wish to be a member of the La Salle Collegians. Please click on the link below.

[Registration Link](#)

PTFA

PTFA Annual School Raffle: We are still looking for major prizes for our annual school raffle – if you would like to sponsor or donate towards the prizes please contact Sera on 0210372432

ENROLMENTS

De La Salle College
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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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