



#### 13th September 2019 Term 3 Week 8



# 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 Acting Principal - Dermot English

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

#### **EMOTIONAL CONTROL**

Kia ora koutou. Three of our rugby teams were in Auckland Secondary School finals on August 30th. U14A, U15A and 2C. The U14 and U15 teams came away with Auckland Championship titles. with 2C making a final for the 5th time in 6 years. Congratulations to all the boys, staff and adults involved with these teams, especially to those parents whose help means that we can field so many teams. The U14 and U15 are great example of what happens when parents form a family around their boys. The end-of-season dinner for the U15s held, with the generous support of sponsors and school connections, at the Sky City Convention centre, was a great example of community support and acknowledgement of the efforts made during the year.

An outstanding aspect of the two winning finals was the emotional control of the boys. When the U14 team won they were very gracious and low-key in victory. When the U15s spent most of the game on defence, and playing without possession, they never lost hope or gave away penalties through frustration, and so were able to score the crucial try with only 27 seconds left in the game.

Three of our Year 10 debaters made the Top 10 Debaters list for Auckland Region Secondary Schools Junior section, and were honoured on Wednesday night at an event at Auckland Boys Grammar. This area includes about 90 secondary schools and so to make the top 10 individuals is a wonderful achievement. In order to achieve in this area boys have had to control their emotions, especially nervousness and stage fright.

After the main awards there was a special award given to the person who had contributed the most to debating in the region for this year. This was presented to the main coach of our team Mr Otto Wendt, an old-boy and second year teacher at the college. The organisers also commented the amount of support that our debaters had, and how positive their support was. I was very proud to be at the event representing a school with such great boys and teachers.

On Saturday our choir and a solo singer will compete in the Auckland SUSO finals at Vodafone events Centre. Our Yr 13 Spoken Word boys will be in the Auckland Regional Final, and last week one of our Year 10 boys Taniela Tongotea won a gold medal in the U15 section of the New Zealand Weightlifting Championships. These boys have all had to control their fears, doubts and anxieties in order to achieve. Congratulations to all the boys involved.

Haere mai ki te wiki o te reo maori. In a community where the majority of boys and parents are bi-lingual there is already an understanding of the central crucial importance of language to culture and identity. For Te Reo Maori this extends, not just to personal identity, but to the identity of our nation. That is why Te Reo is an official language of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Nga mihi nui

Dermot English Acting Principal

#### **Important Dates:**

Samoan Parents Fono Tues 17th September 6.00pm

Sports Prize-giving
Thurs 26th September
10.00am

Last day of Term 3
Thursday 26th
September

**Teachers Only Day** Friday 27th September



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# **AP CURRICULUM - Mr Doyle**

#### **OPTIONS CHOICES 2020**

Your son has received a letter with instructions on how to enter his subject choices for 2020 into the KAMAR Parent portal. The 2020 Option Booklets are also helpful documents - your son will be bring them home in the next few weeks. You can also access these on the school website. Below is a summary of course selections at each year level.

<u>Year 7 and 8:</u> There is no Options at Year 7 and 8. All Students complete modules in Te Reo Maori, Art, Drama, Music and Technology.

Year 9: Choose an additional Language option. Students are not required to choose an additional language. All Year 9 students will complete Modules in Te Reo Maori, Technology, Art, Drama and Music.

Year 10: Choose 4 different half year options. Selected students are also eligible for the Sports Academy and Rugby Academy classes. These sports students will be invited in the coming weeks.

Year 11: Compulsory Subjects:
Religious Education, English or ELL,
and Mathematics. We strongly
recommend Science plus 2 different
option subjects. However, with
consultation students can opt to do an
option other than Science

Year 12 and 13: Compulsory
Subject – Religious Education plus 5
different option subjects.



## De La Salle Writing Competition

Write #300 Words and win.

Submissions can be fiction, non-fiction, prose, poems, essays.

Year 7 \$50 Dreams for my life?
Year 8 \$50

Year 9 \$50 Education delivers freedom and liberty.
Year 10 \$50 What does this mean to you?

Senior \$100 St John Baptist De La Salle has deeply influenced school education by his ideas and energy. What do you think enabled him to achieve a legacy that has endured over 300 years?

Word limit: 300 - 500 words\*.

\*Submissions greater than 500 will not be accepted.

Due date: 16 September

Take your entry to the Main Office

Winners Announced in Week 10

## **AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles**

Thank you to the families who attended the Year 9 Writing Fono on Saturday. The afternoon was very successful with whanau and staff sharing their dreams and goals for the Year 9 students. Ideas were shared as to how students' writing can be improved both at school and home. The afternoon was a great opportunity to strengthen the partnership between school and home working together to raise great young men.





## **EXAM WEEK**



Congratulations to all Senior students for completing their exams this week .

## **GOLD MEDAL**



Congratulations to **Taniela Tongotea** for receiving a Gold Medal in NZ Weight Lifting.



## **GALA DINNER - Wednesday 9th October 2019**





9 OCTOBER 2019

BOOK NOW
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#### SPECIAL THANKS TO

















## **DE LA SALLE DEBATE TEAM - Congratulations**

On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September, the De La Salle debate team was privileged enough to be able to attend the Auckland Schools Debate prize giving held at Auckland Boys Grammar School. The prize giving was to award the top 10 speakers from the Junior Opens Debate Competition. In the prize giving, we were proud to have three recipients receive an award on the night. Out of 400 students from 120 schools, the award winners were **Nathaniel Siaosi placing 10<sup>th</sup>**, **Gabriel Toreja placing 6<sup>th</sup> and Jarren luvale placing 4<sup>th</sup>** for all of Auckland. As a member of the debate team, I was really proud to see my brothers accomplish a first for our school and South Auckland in debates. Our debate coach **Mr Wendt** was also awarded the Barbara McGowen Trophy for the outstanding contributions to debating by a teacher.

We are excited to continue the journey of the De La Salle Debate Team in the coming years and proud of the achievements we have made in debates over the past year and a half. Fight the good fight!

#### Y10 Charm Tuala and Y10 Edison Obon





## **STAND UP STAND OUT - GRAND FINAL**

Come and support our Gospel choir and Sione Tahavalu who are competing for the top spot in the Stand up stand out performing Arts competition this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 3.00pm-6.30pm at Vodafone events centre.



Delores Lesatele - Avondale College Reikura Boyd - Aorere College Sione Tahavalu - De La Salle College Janayah - Takapuna Grammar School Silika Isaia - Papatoetoe High School

## Dance – 5.05pm

Chapter.63 - Aorere College Avcol Hip Hop - Avondale College Pasifika Mai - Avondale College Xzile - Alfriston College Careless Whispers - Marcellin College

## Bands - 5.40pm

78District - Papatoetoe High School Black, White & Brindle - Sacred Heat College C6 - Tanagroa College Nomadic - Northcote College Pocket-8 - Aorere College

Guest performer KINGS – 6.15pm Winners' announcements – 6.30pm



## **TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK**

Theme 2019: Fakakoloa Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Tauhi Fonua'.

A Tongan Perspective of Enriching Aotearoa NZ

At De La Salle College this year Tongan Language week was celebrated with a few items during the school assembly and around the school. (Na'e fakamanatu he uike' ni 'a e uike 'o e Lea Faka-Tonga 'i 'Apiako' ni).

- Speaker: Manatu'ofa Mila YR9. (Ko e tangata lea 'o e uike' ko Manatu'ofa Mila).
- Year 13 students were performing the Mako in the assembly. National Anthem was sung by the school led by Sione Tahavalu. (Na'e fai 'a e Mako 'a e fanau lalahi' pea hiva'i mo e Fasi 'o e Tu'i Tonga' he 'osi 'a e asemipilii').
- Group photos by the school flag with their Tongan Attire (Vala Faka-Tonga).
   (Ne vala Faka-Tonga e fanau' pe 'ai mo honau ta he fusi 'o e Fuka Tonga' he lolotonga 'o e uike').
- "Tongan Lunch" in the Staffroom . (Ne fai 'a e kai ho'ataa fakataha 'a e kau faiako fakamanatu 'o e uike' he Tu'apulelulu').

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT OF STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR TONGAN LANGUAGE WEEK 2019. MALO 'AUPITO.





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## **PTFA RAFFLE**

#### **2019 PTFA RAFFLE:**

Our PTFA School Raffle will be drawn at the end of this Term. Your son has been sent home with a raffle booklet. There are 5 tickets in a booklet, \$10 a book (\$2 per ticket). More tickets are available on request from the school office. All money due in by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

PLEASE send your son to school with his \$10 NOW, first Homeroom to have all their tickets paid will win a prize. All proceeds from this raffle will go towards a new School Van

### SAMOAN PARENTS MEETING

## Samoan Parents Fono

When: Tuesday 17th September

Time: 6pm

Where: Staffroom



## **ENROLMENTS**

## De La Salle College

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#### **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**



#### **ENROL NOW FOR 2020**

For Enrolment Enquiries phone Bianca on (09) 276-4319 ext 816

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