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Term 4 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 Principal - Myles Hogarty

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

The Birth of Christ

As a Catholic, Lasallian community we are privileged to celebrate the season of Advent leading up to our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Our young men know that it is Christ's birth which is the reason for our celebrations and they are challenged to unashamedly display our 2019 year old Catholic traditions and rituals at De La Salle in praise of our saviour's birth.

Standing strong and proudly showing our Catholic colours is our mark of difference and we are privileged to be able to study and live the Gospels as a Catholic school.

Next year our Scriptural Theme for the College will be:

"Stand Firm in your Faith. Be courageous." 1 Corinthians 16:13

This phrase comes from Paul's 1st Letter to the Corinthians.

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ even when they were challenged by some tough times and it may have been easier for them just to give in to temptations.

He told them to hang on tightly to their faith, show love to one another and lift each other up by encouragement and by making Courageous decisions based on their Christian values.

A very strong and relevant message for us all as we head into our new year.

This is our last Newsletter for the year and an appropriate time to reflect on the year.

I can proudly say that as a College we are providing an excellent holistic education for our young men, we are aware of the areas that we need to develop further and have planned for these through our latest Strategic Plan, composed through consultation with Staff, Parents, Board of Trustee members and students.

I enjoy the strong partnership and engagement that we have with our young men's families, this has been identified as a key factor in the success of students in several recent research papers on educational success.

Community is one of the original De La Salle Brothers' values and remains so relevant in today's teaching and learning environment.

The long school holidays ahead for our young men can pose a daunting prospect for parents, many of whom do not have the same lengthy break.

In our constant reminders to our young men about taking responsibility for themselves and showing greater self management, I would like to offer **Parents some practical suggestions for our young men to accomplish over the holidays.**

- Read for a minimum of 20 minutes a day
- Keep a Reading Log of your reading
- Join your local Public Library
- Learn how to use the family washing machine
- Learn how to iron a shirt
- Learn how to sew a button on a school shirt
- Make a meal for your family
- Perform an act of Service to your local community, Parish, School
- Find a Part-time job to help pay for your 2020 College Fees
- Join your Parish Choir

I would like to wish all of the families and friends of De La Salle College a blessed Christmas filled with the love of Christ and the joy and hope that the celebration of the Birth of Christ brings.

God Bless
M K Hogarty

Important Dates:

Term 1 2020

30th January – 9th April

Academic Counselling

4th February

Waitangi Day

6th February

Dedication Mass

7th February

Athletics Day

21st February

Ash Wednesday

26th February

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AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles

This year, once again was an opportunity for honest reflection and appraisal of ourselves and our actions as a College Community. This reflection and appraisal is always made easier when we have the values of Faith, Service, Community and Excellence as platforms. These values are directed at our entire College Community which includes all students, parents and families.



Young men are moulded for the future, and on this journey there will be mistakes that are made. However when these mistakes are made, it is important to embrace this as a learning opportunity ensuring that it never happens again. This year with the ongoing support of the College Community there were many lessons learnt. We were able to count on the support of the College Community to support our young men in many different ways. For this we are thankful.

As teachers and staff of this community we strive to ensure that all our students are safe and well supported. Quality outcomes always lead to quality returns. 2020 will come with new challenges, but I am confident that with the support of the entire College Community that we are able to “rise to the challenges.”

I would like to thank all parents, who have been directly involved in their son's learning. We look forward to your continual support. I would also like to thank all staff who continue to make a difference to our students.

ICT - Mr Singh

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2020 BYOD Registrations

The School's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Programme will continue next year. Registrations will begin from Tuesday 28th January 2020. Years 11-13 students will be able to use their Laptops to access the School's WIFI and resources. Parents will need to sign the give permission for their sons to use the School.

Our recommended device is listed below. This is the same model used across all Learning Areas at the College. Contact Harvey Norman's Manukau Branch for further details. They will be able to offer assistance with purchases, insurance, maintenance, trouble shooting, financing options and initial training for students and their parents on device use and care. **We have negotiated discounted pricing which is valid until 31 March 2020.**

Please direct all your BYOD questions to Mr J Singh - singhj@delasalle.school.nz or contact the School Office.



SPECIAL CHARACTER- Mr Tutaka

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

It is my pleasure to formally thank all our staff and parents for their support of the Catholic and Lasallian character this year. You know who you are. You have never judged, denied your support, even when urgent or when you didn't need to. You were not paid to do so and you were not rewarded with elaborate gifts whatsoever, yet you showed how much you loved the school and how much you cared about the importance of our Catholic and Lasallian character. You feel like you do so little or nothing when in fact, you do more than anything expected. Every time there is a request to assist, whether that be using culture in our Masses, providing liturgical linen or the elaborate colourful decoration of our Mass venue. You jump at the opportunity with humility and without reluctance. You desire to give our college Special Character the support it deserves. Some quietly kept at the corner of the hall, helping me setup for the whole school Masses, others providing verbal support and others just asking questions as to how I am doing as a Director of Mission. In all honesty, this role can be challenging but you have kept my strength to the end of this year. This year was not an easy one with so many Special Character events and dreams to fulfil about the significance of the Tercentenary celebration. However, your support has brought me to the assurance that you will continually support the future of our school and it's Special Character.

A few weeks ago, you completed a Catholic Character Survey. The general consensus showed that a significant majority of you believed in the importance of our Special Character. We also value your authentic voice as you speak without emotions about the truth of what you see. You are genuine and asked for more involvement in the Special Character in the years to come. With us working side by side next year, it will be one full of vibrancy and excitement. Feel free to contact me that you'd like to help out with our Mass as I will update you over newsletter of what Masses are coming up. Our first Mass preparation is on February 5th for the Mass on Friday February 7th. I am really looking forward to your support. Thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for this year and please keep up with safeguarding our school character. My sincere wishes to you all this Christmas and keep safe. Many blessings for the New Year.

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever!



Holiday Programme @ De La Salle College

When: 9th December to 13th December, 16th December to 20th December, January 13th to 20th January.

Time: 9am - 12:30pm

Where: MPC

Parents need to come in to fill out the registration forms first.

Uniform Shop Hours

Holiday Hours

13th January - 24th January 9:30am-2:30pm

Term Time

Every Morning from 8am-9am, interval 11:25am-11:55am and lunchtimes 1:40pm-2:15pm. Other hours depending on availability.

Our College Uniform is only sold by our Uniform Shop at the College.



AP CURRICULUM-Mr Doyle

De La Salle Certificate

Congratulations to the following Year 9 and 10 students who achieved their De La Salle Certificate last week.

Year 9

Francis Agana, Joseph Airolupo-Fauea, Joshua Alo, Patrick Behnam, Luke Bourne Matagi, Murray Church, Sheriff Collier, Robbie Dahl, Kupa Dolan, Michael Eka, Tauma Ekeroma, Johnas Enoka, Jahkeal Evalu, Shaun Faalili, Gordon Fata, Fretton Felise, Lafi Feo, Peseta Fesili, JD Fili, Augustino Filipino, Lino Finau, Nu'u Fineanganofu, Folau Leha Jr Foliaki, William Fonua, Mika Futialo, Christopher Gillespie-Roberts, Hamish Gosai, Raymond Havili-Teinaki, James Hunt, Xavier Ifopo, Simon Junior Ioane, Tyson Isa'ako, Daniel James-Nanai, Allerton Koloamatangi, Jalirius Lulu, Benedict Laufo, Frederick Leapepe, Bryan Leumaga, Apoua Lilo, Preston Littlechild, Giovanni Lolohea, Jeshua Maa-Nelson, Richard Maea, Earl Maisog, Dallas Makasini, Roger Maligi, Ravishay Mani, Pouliavaati Manisela, Chris Masina Tuivai-Lopa, Sonny Mauigoa, Manatu'ofa Mila, Azahryus Misiniu, Ashwyn Moeroa-Lemalu, Adrian Moimoi, Sae Edward Muliaga, Filipino Muliaga, Lawrence Nair, Augustino Nansen Jeremiah-Seulu, Aute Jeremiah Neli, David Niko-Tolefoa, Sebastian Nisa, Kingston Niu, Ron Onosi, Tevita Otuafi, Taka Pailate, Sean Panadero, Walter Patolo, Steven Paulo, Vailolo Pele, Phoenix Petelo, Billy Peto, Kalani Peyroux-Donaldson, Moses Pikokivaka, Pio Jireh Mose Pio, Poasa Poasa, Zephaniah Antonio Robertson Faasalele, Sonny Sagato, James Sakalia, Vj Sali, Loma Samita, Iosefo Sanele Tunai, Nick Scanlan, Hatori Seu, Caleb Seumanufagai, Gabriel Shepherd, Phillip Sii, Ioane Silva, James Singh, Walter Sio, Korik Sopoaga, Ivan Stowe, Roman Stowers, LJ Tafa, Patolo Taito, Loli Tanoi, Anitelea Teofilo, Jeremiah Teu, Aukusitino Toeava, Orlando Toese, Blessing Tolefoa, Jeremiah Tololi-Tuiloma, Patrick Toluono, Law Tua, Junior Tuiloma, Jedidiah Tu'inukuafe-Matautia, Norman Cameron Tuipulotu, Marlon Tuipulotu, Deeziyah Tusani-Mafua, Khaveizel Uelehipa, Amos Va'a, Rayton Vaeno, Seter Vaomotou, Sam Vaotuaa, Abdiel Veia, Connor Watene.



Year 10

Sebastian Afa, Kenny Ah-Chong, Pekisale Lionel, Ainea, Latu, 'Ale-Mafi, Francis Alofaga, Faigafou Amani, Aidan Amoa, Turaroe Apa, Jaydee Aulua, Javan Aumua, Khiano Bentley, Tevita Bloomfield, Kimiora Bond, Alesana Bureta, Solomone Cook, Bayley Cummings, Carlo De Guzman, Vaega Ekeroma, Ezra Esera, Bronson Faatoia, Viliami Fa'aui, Kevin Faauma, William Faoagali, Kayliss Fatialofa, Derek Filimoehala, Sebastian Fonoivasa, Ben Nepo Fonotalaga, Lui Fruean, Dereck Gaga, Dominic Gerin-Tugaga, Michael Gray, Uaisele Hala, Peter-Ray Havili-Teinaki, Alexander Hughes, Eddie Ieremia, Asalemo Ioane, Jarren Iuvale, Liufau Kaloni, Dante Kasimausi, Sheshan Krone, Caleb Kuresa-Ngan Woo, Junior Lafaele, Reese Latu, Denzel Laumea, Marcellous Ethan Lautogo, Willy Lavaka, Mykah Lesa-Luamanu, Clement Leuea, Ezekiel Lokeni, Manase Lokotui, Vaughan Loli, Lucia Lolohea, Lalotoa Maelega, Sateki Mafuahingano, Benjamin Maka, Phranklyn Mano Le-Mamea, Dallas Matautia, Jeremiah Matautia, Jude-Lukas Mateo, Karlin McFall, 'Ofeina E He Langi Mila, Saia Moala, Tionisio Moata'ane, Bradley Moka-Ross, Rophe Mulitalo Malu, Edison Obon, Joseph Iosefo Olo, Jaydis Penney, Kasanova Pepine, Pio Peters, Manako Piutau, Vavega Poutasi, Petelo Pua, Joe Pulu, Devis Raumaewa, Ieti Jeff Samuelu, Nathaniel Siaso, Niraj Singh, Raymond Joe Sio, Taione Sionetama, Lalomilo Sititi, Hayden Smith, Dennis Sofara, Beren Sopoaga, Alfred Su'a, Shane Sua-Bacon, Shaun Sua-Bacon, Pj Suapaia, Kenisius Ta'ale-Pailegutua, Alex Jr Tabaco, Valentino Taito, Nehemiah Talau-Brown, Tominiko Tauiliili, Dice Taupau, Nasoni Tava, Mata Teiaua, Benedict Te'o Vitolio, Patrick Teputepu, Richard Thomas, Pua Timu, Hawkin Toeava-Tihema, Taniela Tongotea, Malachi Tony, Gabriel Toreja, Charm Tuala, Carlos Tugaga, Rodney Tuipulotu Veia, Jayden Tulisi, Anthony Ulugia, Simione Uluinakorovatu, Michael Vaega, Exzodia Vagaia, Codie Vai, Mark Taria Von Radtke, Dezekiel Yorke.

AP CURRICULUM-Mr Doyle

All our Year 9 and 10 students study towards the De La Salle Certificate. The De La Salle Certificates aim to recognize students for a combination of achievement across all subjects as well as work habits and attitudes.

More importantly the De La Salle Certificate values those attributes that test scores don't always show. What we are talking about are the wider values of Faith, Service, Community and Excellence. Those lofty but key values are actually shown by some simple daily or weekly habits.

We value punctuality and attendance. Students who have high attendance and who are on time to class, ready to start at the beginning of each lesson achieve additional points. More importantly, they are setting themselves up for success in all that they do.

We use the Weekly Note scores, which we email home to families every week. A Weekly Note score of 4 or 5 can reassure you that your son is fully involved in his lessons and making the best of his opportunities. Students who complete Service hours and who are involved in the wider school activities will achieve additional points towards the De La Salle College Year 9 and 10 Certificates. While we count Service Hours up to 20 points, many boys have exceeded this three and four times over. Finally, we also value participation in the wider life of the school. We know that students that stay involved in the life of the school outside the classroom do well in the classroom. For our Year 10 students the NCEA Years are not a time to withdraw from other activities but learning how to manage a busy life.

The De La Salle Certificate is another way for our students to give of their best in the classroom and to develop habits that support their learning now and in the future as they head towards NCEA and beyond. It also signals to families whether or not your son is prepared for the next steps ahead.

This year 115 of our Year 9 students and 114 of our Year 10 students achieved the De La Salle Certificate. This represents 73% of all students.

We believe all students are capable of achieving the De La Salle Certificate.

If you were close this year, set yourself a goal for next year whether it is the De La Salle Certificate or NCEA.

If you were successful this year, don't take anything for granted and come back ready to give your best in 2020.

Men of Excellence

At our Prizegiving we celebrate something extra – a **Man of Excellence**. A **Man of Excellence** is the award that shows your son is achieving to his best across multiple subjects.

Just like the De La Salle Certificate, we believe all students are capable of achieving a Man of Excellence Award. However, not all students do. A **Man of Excellence** views failure as an opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. A **Man of Excellence** is mindful of himself and others while still focusing on what is meaningful and important in our lives. A **Man of Excellence** recognises what is not working and is willing to change what they are doing to achieve their goal.

We congratulate all our young men who have achieved Men of Excellence

Have a blessed Christmas and joyous summer

Mr Phil Doyle

Assistant Principal

LITERACY CENTRE

Congratulations to all those students who received a Literacy Centre Certificate this year. The challenge is to KEEP READING OVER SUMMER.



These students received a certificate for their self-management which resulted in an outstanding improvement in their Lexile Score.

Bedazzled

Bedazzled is the colour of the red Tongan flags at the parade flashing past my face.
 I remember standing in the Tongan crowd, catching the breeze with my flag and screams like a lion's roar
 And how it felt to win against Australia and be proud of our culture, looking down and dancing to traditional songs.
 I can still hear the beeps with flags whipping against the fresh, thin air and fireworks sparkling like the Fountain of Youth erupting.
 I can still see the traffic similar to New York's and glazing against shining sky and cascades spurting out uniquely.
 I miss the rush of getting the try and celebrating like horses winning a race. The feeling of adrenaline.
 Bedazzled is the colour of the sea of red at every Tongan game and at parades.

Poem by Giovanni Vatikani, written in the Literacy Centre



Simote & Soane Lokotui

LITERACY CENTRE

Exciting News for Year 9 Students in 2020

JOIN THE YEAR 9 LITERACY CENTRE BOOK CLUB 2020

The year 2020 sees the first year that we will be offering Year 9 students a continued Lexile (Scholastic Learning Zone) Licence. Previously, only available to Year 7 and 8 students, this Year 9 licence will allow students to carry on with the Lexile Reading Programme.

What does this mean for my son?

Your son will be able to continue reading in the Lexile Programme. This will be on a voluntary basis with the Literacy Centre assisting and monitoring your son's reading and improvement. There will be no timetabled classes for this programme, your son will be self-managing his reading.

What are the benefits?

School incentives, e.g. prizes, trips etc for great reading mileage

Year 9 Millionaires Club, a new Honours Board will be commissioned and any Year 9 student who reads a million words between the beginning of school and end of term 3, 2020 will have their name on the board and will also be presented with an academic badge.

Students can monitor their own academic growth.

What is the cost?

\$14.00 for the year, this includes access to the Scholastic Learning Zone e-library.

How does my son join up?

Simply visit the Literacy Centre early in term 1, 2020, complete the application and pay \$14.00.

Any other queries?

Please email Amanda Chapman at chapmana@delasalle.school.nz

"Boys Who Read Achieve"

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



Dr Brown, Mr Lakimo & their sons Raen & Manaia Lakimo



SPORTS NEWS-Softball

SOFTBALL – U13 MARIST DE LA SALLE



We are nearly at the halfway stage of our season in the Auckland Boys U13 Softball Competition and this is a good time to share our results with you. 13/14 of our players are new to the sport and we are on a steep learning curve. From the games we have played so far we know we are in the mix and our goal is to be in the top four at the end of the season. We would like to thank all our parents for their support and turning up on Saturdays. Also much thanks to Ellen and Eddie Kohlase and the Marist Family for all your help, support and encouragement.

Team

Tristan Papalii, Mark Sikuvea, William Leau, Charles Palea, Zion Atalangi, Josiah Cummings, Lawrence Anae, Roniahris Sau-Nansen, Junior Tolovaa, Jordan Etei-Michael, Soane Lokotui, Simote Lokotui, Josiah Siaki, Sopo Semisi

Management

Coach	Mr Bull
Assistants	Mr Stowers-Tualega and Mr Anderton
Manager	Miss Kuresa

Played

MARIST DLS	7	VS	WAITAKERE GOLD	0	Win by Default
MARIST DLS	6	VS	HOWICK GOLD	8	Loss
MARIST DLS	15	VS	GLENORA	3	Win
MARIST DLS	22	VS	WAITAKERE BLACK	7	Win
MARIST DLS	12	VS	AUCKLAND UNITED	14	Loss
MARIST DLS	7	VS	WESTERN MAGPIES	0	Win by Default

Upcoming

7/12/19	VS	WAITAKERE GOLD	Simson Park	9.00am
14/12/19	VS	MOUNT WELLINGTON	Hamlin Park	10.30am

LASALLE COLLEGIANS



With open arms we invite you to our first La Salle Collegian's Sports Day!
This year we've decided to go with Touch & Basketball as the competition sports for the day.

TOUCH RUGBY | 4 Males , 2 Females | 25 minute Games

BASKETBALL | 3 Males, 2 Females | 25 minute games

This will be a one day event with 2 different pools. A competition pool for the serious goers
and a social pool for the fun lovers.

The only catch is all teams should be captained or coached by a Lasallian.

COMPETITION POOL | \$500 entry fee | Max of 15 players (female & male)
\$1000 prize money and the LSC Champions trophy

SOCIAL POOL | \$250 entry fee | Unlimited amount of players
Christmas Hampers prizes.

To register fill out the rego form through the following link;

<https://forms.gle/aXLd6t2nLr2Kje4t7If> you would like more information feel free to ask.

ST JOHNS GALA

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A poster for the St John the Evangelist Catholic Parish Otara Gala. The background features a sunburst pattern with rays in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. At the top, a white banner with black text reads "ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH OTARA". Below this is a large red shield with a white dotted border, containing the word "Gala" in a white, stylized script font. The shield is flanked by two blue chevrons pointing outwards. Below the shield, the text "SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER 2019" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Underneath that, "8.00am to 12.00pm" is written in a similar font. Then, "14 OTARA ROAD, OTARA." is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below that, "STALLS, PRIZES, FOOD, RAFFLES, WHITE ELEPHANT & MORE" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, in a smaller font, it says "FUNDRAISING FOR ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC PARISH OTARA" and "TO DONATE OR FOR MORE INFO CONTACT 09 274 8214".

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CATHOLIC PARISH OTARA

Gala

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