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Term 1 Week 5



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.

Providing Opportunities

The first question I ask the parents and young men who meet me at their Enrolment interview is "Why do you want to be educated at De La Salle?"

Among the answers is that they already have a son here or have in the past, Dad is an Old Boy or has a strong reputation in the community.

However the most common reply is that the parents want their son to receive a strong Academic education based on a foundation of Catholic and Lasallian values, traditions and spirituality.

Parents rightly so, want their sons to be given a wide range of academic, sporting, music, cultural and faith opportunities, these match perfectly with the College Vision that we have for our young men.

The reality of providing such a wide range of opportunities can be a challenge for us as a College as the funding that we receive from the government does not fully cover our costs, which means that we have to fund some of these as a College.

De La Salle asks our parents for a very small amount of money to provide all of our young men these educational opportunities.

In fact, all we ask is that each family contributes \$30 per term to boost our finances and allow us to continue providing the range of educational opportunities for our young men.

The current collection rate of this amount is 40% from our families, I thank these families who have made their contribution.

\$30 a term in simple language equals \$3.00 per week for your sons educational opportunities, cheaper than the price of a Big Mac.

The commitment from all of our families to pay is necessary so that we can continue to provide those educational opportunities for our young men.

I appreciate that there are families within our College community who face financial hardship and if that is the case I would like to invite you to contact me so that we can provide you with some assistance.

On Wednesday the College gathered in a powerful student lead Liturgy for Ash Wednesday. Every boy in the College received the Ashes with a reminder, "Be faithful to the Gospel and turn away from sin."

We start our season of Lent, the young men being challenged to make some small change in their actions by adding an act of service to others in our community.

Our three Cultural groups are rehearsing with great focus, sports and music are in full swing. Retreats have been completed in the Years 7 & 8 as well as the Induction overnight camp for Year 7.

Please remember April 4th is our College Fair date. We look forward to another great community event, invite your family friends, neighbours. Our PTFA are well under way with the planning but please if you would like to help out, put your name forward, the more helpers the better.

God Bless
Myles Hogarty
Principal

Important Dates:

Year 10 Parent Partnership
4th March

Niuean Fiafia
16th March @ 6:30pm

Samoan Fiafia
17th March @ 6:30pm

Tongan Fiafia
18th March @ 6:30pm

Term Dates

Term 1 28 Jan- 9th April

Term 2 28th April-2nd July

Term 3 20th July - 24th Sept

Term 4 12th October -
Senior - 30th October
Junior - 8th December

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mr English

How Then Should We Live?

Anybody who drives past a cemetery quite often, or attends a lot of funerals, is reminded of a basic human truth, We are all going to die. This does seem obvious, as every singly human in history has died, but it is amazing how often we forget this. One way of remembering is to have ashes smeared on our foreheads at the Ash Wednesday service. We will all become dust once again. This is what we did as a school this week. It is the basis of humility as it is common to all, no matter how important or insignificant. We all die. It also frees us from worry about the future, as it will only go for a certain period of time.



It does raise a question. If we are all going to die, how then should we live? What does our death mean for our life? We can all answer that in our own way, but it does make each moment more precious, and lends an urgency to our desire to help others, to live a good life now, to take all the opportunities we have now, to be disciplined with time that we have been given.

So what as teachers, parents and students can we do straight away? We can treat everyone as equal to us. We are all united by being one breath away from death. Secondly, we can start each day with an act of gratitude for being alive, for being in the holy presence of God. We are all going to die, so lets live like it matters.

AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles

Student Portfolios

Student Leadership

"A sense of connectedness to school is a protective factor for young people. Students who are connected to school have improved longer-term Health and Wellbeing and Education outcomes. Providing students with opportunities to have meaningful input into school decisions, and show leadership at school are ways of enhancing students' sense of belonging and connectedness. These opportunities are also one way of enabling students to develop social competencies" (wellbeing@school).

Active student involvement can take a range of forms. One aspect of our student leadership at our college involves Student Portfolios. The Leadership Portfolios will cover the following:

- Academics
- Art
- Well-being
- Culture
- Service
- Sports

Some of the jobs performed by the portfolios groups include Peer Mentoring, Fundraising, Magazine Editing, Bully Free Initiatives, etc.

It is hoped that we can include a wide range of students in leadership roles and with parent support and encouragement we will be able to build fine men, who will contribute to society.



SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mr Tutaka



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

Last Tuesday night, was the Teacher's Dedication Mass for the Auckland Diocese with hundreds of teachers present. We would like to express our congratulations to Mrs Teuila Vaotu'ua and Mr Joshua Del Rosario who received certificates on the night. A special thanks to all the teachers who attended the Mass as well as the Musicians Mr Faalepo Vaotu'ua and his son on the drums with Mr Dermot English on the guitar. Such a lively Music Ministry at this year's Mass.

This week, we start the Season of Lent. Our College celebrated the Ash Wednesday in a Liturgy led by Staff and Students. A huge thanks to all those who assisted in the preparation of the Liturgy. A special thanks to Mr Fuimaono Tuiasau for an amazing reflection.

In this season of Lent, the traditional Lenten expression of praying, fasting and giving alms is repeated over and over. This is the time of the year where we, Christians, dedicate and renew ourselves, we give something up, give to others and give up our time to be in God's presence. We give, not because we have to, but because we want to be better than yesterday. We want to be a better person for others. This is also a time where parents should be talking to their children more often. Ask them what they are giving up for lent. Similarly, let them know of what you're giving up for lent. Family communication can be a strong instrument and giving up one's time for others can be meaningful. Let us pray during this Lenten season for a better us and come out at the end of this season ready to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever!

Samoan Group 2020

Please come along and support our Samoan group's FIAFIA night

FIAFIA NITE - TUES 17TH MARCH, 6.30pm in MPC



And if you are available – come down and support the group perform on stage,

De La Salle College, Polyfest Samoan stage

Friday 20th March at 1pm



CURRICULUM- Mr Doyle

A final reminder that students should order their NCEA Certificates from NZQA www.nzqa.govt.nz

All students that have achieved NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3 should order their Student Documents: NCEA Certificates, Record of Achievement & School Results Summary from NZQA. All documents are free. Students should talk to their Homeroom teacher if they need assistance.



One month in and

De La Salle Certificate and NCEA Internal Assessments starting

All students will be starting to be assessed in their courses. For Year 7 to 10 the grades can go to their De La Salle Certificate points total. Check out your son's De La Salle Certificate/Assessment Handbook to see what is coming up in the next few weeks.

For our Year 11 – 13 students the assessment is a little more high stakes. If your son is in Year 11 -13 he will be starting assessment in most of his classes in these next two weeks. These will be worth credits towards NCEA.

Again, ask to see your son's Student Assessment Handbook. The Handbook outlines all the dates and assessments for all subjects.

As well as gaining credits, we are also asking boys to aim high and achieve big. Ask your son what he needs to do to get Merit or Excellence in his next Internal Assessment.

For all students, keeping track of progress is key.

Year 7 – 10 students should be aiming for 20 points by the end of Term 1/start of Term 2.

Year 11 students should be aiming for 20 NCEA Level 1 credits by the end of Term 1/start of Term 2.

Year and 13 students should be aiming for 15 - 20 NCEA Level 1 credits by the end of Term 1/start of Term 2.

Great news for those students lucky enough to be part of our Polyfest Cultural groups – Their commitment to practices, making progress and good performances will mean most students have the opportunity to achieve 10 credits for NCEA Level 1, 2 or 3.

SERVICE HOURS

A Man of Service

All De La Salle students from Years 7-13 are asked to complete service hours as a core part of living our De La Salle values

- Year 7 and 8 students should aim to complete at least 10 hours in 2020
- Year 9 and 10 students should aim to complete at least 15 hours in 2020
- Year 11 – 13 students should aim to complete at least 15 hours in 2020

Students should record in their diaries and share with their homeroom teachers.



LA SALLE COLLEGIANS

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We are finally up and running! The Lasalle Collegians signed their constitution on Tuesday 25th February and are awaiting confirmation from charity services. We would like to direct ALL interested parties to the Lasalle Collegians Facebook page to register their membership.

Miss M Fouhy

ART WORKSHOPS EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

(For students who take Year 11 – 13 art subjects)

3.10PM – 4.30PM IN D6

Miss Tanuvasa & Miss Philips



SCIENCE FACULTY



Faculty of Science: Insulation Project Rm G8

On Saturday the 22nd of February my Lasallian brothers Beren Sopoaga and Valentino Taito and I gathered at school in the morning to work with builders from Habitat for Humanity to install insulation in the roof of G8. During the process of the insulation we were given tasks to do such as measuring where the insulation would go, using power tools to cut timber, drill them into the walls and put the insulation through the frame we built.

The point of us having insulation in one room is to run an experiment to see if there is a difference between other classes as the insulation is supposed to trap heat in during winter and in summer keep the room cooler. The benefits of having insulation in our classrooms is that we don't have to use air conditioning and heaters so often which the result would be cutting down on energy usage and the electricity costs for the school. Overall it was a great experience for us and we will be following up with this as we will record temperatures in different classrooms and compare the data to see how insulation helps regulate temperature better. We would like to thank Habitat for Humanity for helping the college with materials and labour for this wonderful project.



Charm Tuala Year 11

EnviroCouncil



SOCIAL SCIENCES

On the 19th of February, thirty-six Year 12 and 13 students participated in the Timata, the introductory event for students taking part in YES Enterprise competition. As part of this National competition, the students will complete five different business challenges throughout the year. The competition is well regarded by business and employers nationwide. The Kickstart event was run by experienced external facilitators who challenged our students to come up with original business ideas. The students also gained a valuable feedback from a large number of business mentors who took time out of their own busy schedules to come and coach the next group of future entrepreneurs.

Mr M Jeremic



LITERACY CENTRE



Former principal of De la Salle College and present principal of Oakhill College in Sydney, Australia took timeout to visit the Literacy Centre. It is always a pleasure to see Brother Steve, he is a great friend and supporter of the Literacy Centre.

Ms A Chapman

Green Chair Interviews

Today's interview, 26th February 2020 is with Mr Daniel Kumar, new staff member.

What university did you study at and what was your degree?

I studied at the South Pacific University in Fiji and. My degree was Bachelor of Education, Physics. Also I gained a Graduate Diploma in Mathematics from AUT.

How do you relax and what are your hobbies / interests?

I play soccer and I enjoy cooking.

What subjects do you teach?

I teach Mathematics.

What do you think is the biggest issue facing our students in the world today?

I think peer pressure is the biggest issue, students feel pressured into making the wrong decisions.

Why did you want to come and teach at De La Salle College?

I heard really positive feedback from the public and parents who live close by about the values the school has.

What culture do you identify with?

Fijian Indian.

What are your hidden talents?

I enjoy problem solving.

What is your favourite book/movie?

When I was younger, I loved reading the Hardy Boys Detective novels.

What has been the highlight at De La Salle College so far?

Good students who focus.

Three words to describe yourself?

Approachable, easy-going, cool.



This is the second in a new series called 'Interview in the Green Chair' conducted by students in the Literacy Centre. Today's interview by AJ Lalovao.



SPORTS NEWS

Athletics Day

CONGRATULATIONS BENILDUS WINNERS OF 2020 ATHLETICS

OVERALL RESULTS

BENILDUS	827
MIGUEL	778
MUTIEN	717
SOLOMON	648

Rugby News

Mils Muliaina surprise visit in the sweltering heat.

Our Under 14 rugby boys were treated to a surprise visit during training from former All Black, **Mils Muliaina**. Mils took the boys through some intense rugby drills, and offered some valuable advice. The boys were able to ask the 2011 World Rugby Champion questions and took the opportunity to grab some photos at the end of training. A special mention and thanks to David Fa'alili for organising the visit.

Mr U Hakeagatoo



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De La Salle College School Fair Saturday 4th April 2020

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR SCHOOL FAIR

Only 5 weeks to go before our Annual School Fair. Our PTFA are asking that every child from each year group donate one or two of the following items listed below towards our school Fair. All these items will go towards helping with the different stalls on our Fair Day:

Canned foods (Spaghetti, Fruit, Corn beef, Tuna etc)

Packet foods (Noodles, rice, Chips, pasta, biscuits etc)

Breakfast foods (Milo, Coffee, Tea, Cereals, Sugar etc)

Toiletries, Sweets, Candy, Chocolates, Drinks

Any donations will be greatly appreciated !!!

Please start sending these items with your son to his Homeroom Class NOW !!!! - Thank you for your support



**PTFA WILL MEET EVERY TUESDAY
IN THE STAFFROOM AT 6PM UNTIL THE FAIR
ALL WELCOME**

MARIST OPEN DAY

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MARIST COLLEGE 
Catholic School for Girls, Years 7-13

OPEN DAY
 Tuesday
31 March 2020
 3pm – 6pm

- *Special Character at Marist College... is real, pervasive and alive. (Catholic Character Review Report)*
- *Marist College continues to be a high performing school and provides high quality education for all students. (Education Review Office Report)*
- *Outstanding academic results.*

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A Catholic School for Boys Years 7-13
In the Lasallian Tradition

De La Salle creates Great Men of Faith, Service, Community and Excellence

- 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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