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Term 1 Week 7



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.

"Here to Learn"

1. The presence of a tiny virus one hundred times smaller than a human hair has a world-wide effect on nations from the smallest third-world to the might of the U.S.A, Europe and Asia.

Presently New Zealanders are feeling some minor disruptions to the country, however the fact that the world has become a much smaller place due to improved travel, means that we are all on guard and watchful as this virus spreads around the globe.

As a College we are in constant communication with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education who are updating us regularly with advice. We will communicate these updates to our community if there are any new recommendations.

2. The College staff, students, Board of Trustees and parents have recently been collaborating to produce the Strategic Plan for De La Salle for the next three years.

We have confirmed that our Vision for this Catholic, Lasallian school is that **"De La Salle creates Great men of Faith, Service, Community and Excellence."**

The mission of De La Salle is to create excellent learning opportunities for everyone....teachers, students and parents, through a curriculum that meets the needs of all learners and an extra-curricular programme that gives a range of opportunities for everyone.

De La Salle is not a rugby club, a church, a social club or a music venue.

It is a **Catholic, Lasallian learning community**. Yes, these other opportunities add on to a young man's all-round education, but at the heart of our existence we are here to raise the achievements of our young men. I am reminded of this in John 10:10 **"I came that they may have life and have it to the full."**

The job of the College is to provide opportunities to make learning easier for our young men.

The job of the young men is to make their Teachers job easier to teach them.

3.

- The Polyfest groups are putting the polish on their performances in preparation for next week's event. Fiafia night early next week will give families and friends a chance to see the work that has been put into this.
- Sports are all well underway with the usual cross-over between Summer and Winter codes. I thank the many parents and Old Boys for their coaching, mentoring and guiding of our cultural and sports groups.
- We welcome your further support and your attendance at all of our College events.
- Fair day 4th April, . Bring family, friends, neighbours.

God Bless
Myles Hogarty
Principal

Important Dates:

Niuean Fiafia
16th March @ 6:30pm

Samoan Fiafia
17th March @ 6:30pm

Tongan Fiafia
18th March @ 6:30pm

School Fair
4th April

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

COMPASSION

Our theme this year is Stand Firm and Be Courageous. It made me think of a story. Over two years ago I met a lady in a park in South Auckland. Over that time I have got to know her and some of her story. She had a very tough childhood, and at the age of 12 she started living on the street. She spent 30 years on the streets in various cities and towns around New Zealand, and about 6 months ago she finally found her own place to live in. Now she cooks food for other people who live in the park.

She had to stand firm in her faith, in her uncertainty, in her darkness and despair, and be courageous. She probably doesn't realise it, but she is a huge inspiration to me.

Every day at school I come in to contact with families, and teachers and boys, who have to deal with serious illness, death, grief and family estrangement. These are tough things to cope with. We don't want to focus on them all the time, but Lent is a time to talk about them, the things that we need faith to cope with. I have always been amazed by the faith and courage shown by the boys and teachers at this school in the face of difficulty. It is often kept very private by families, and by boys, so you may have no idea of what someone close to you is dealing with.

So **we should be compassionate** with people around us, even if they don't seem to appreciate it, or even want it. You never know what battle they are fighting.

Our school rules are important, but seeing the struggle that others are facing, and putting ourselves in their shoes is crucial. It's important that we stop mocking and scabbing, but it's more important that we view each other with compassion, and as all being part of the same community.



SPECIAL CHARACTER - Mr Tutaka

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

Last Friday, we ran our Year 11 Retreat for the first time in a very long time! The theme of the retreat, "Love and Life" which was about redefining our understanding around sexuality and reinstalling the Christian values in the lives of our young men. It was hosted by an experienced team with Gerard, Charlotte and Briege from RealTalk NZ. RealTalk is a Catholic organisation that is experienced on the topic and really knows how to engage our young men into the conversation about sexuality. Everyone really enjoyed the day, including the teachers who were helping with supervision. Our sincere thanks go out to the retreat team for a job well done at RealTalk NZ.



As the Season of Lent is now well into the third week, let us take the time to reflect back on how we are doing. How well are we in our commitment prior to starting Lent? Have we failed yet? Are we tested and challenged or are we doing well? Lent is always a great period of change and we may be surprised by what we didn't know we can achieve. Going around the school and conversing informally with students in the classroom and the school yard, amazes me at how their spirituality grows. I've encountered on numerous occasions where students would say, "I'm changing my life, or I've changed my life." The 'changing of life' seems to be their mantra and I would encourage parents to have spiritual conversations with your sons.

Ask them about their spiritual life, such as, "How is Lent going for you? Do you think you've changed? I know this might be confronting or perhaps embarrassing but ask your sons these things. They might respond with a simple response and that's alright. They are simple beings. However, it is in the simple things that some experience a most profound and meaningful reality. Stay well and continue changing your life.

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever!

AP PASTORAL - Mr Charles



Year 10 Literacy Fono

Last Wednesday, our first Year 10 Parent Partnership meeting took place in the MPC. As requested by the Year 10 Parent Committee, this meeting was a Literacy Fono designed to give parents strategies to help them improve their son's literacy at home.

The Fono presentation was well received by the families in attendance. We discussed the importance of reading and writing and how literacy can be improved at home as parents and caregivers ensure that their son has a regular reading routine and also uses online resources and apps to improve his comprehension, vocabulary and writing. This was also the first opportunity for our Year 10 student Council to help-out with an event. A few of the Council members volunteered to help and it was awesome to see these young men be so willing to serve. Their proactive approach to the evening was impressive.

Our next Parent Partnership meeting will be held next term – a Numeracy Fono – and we look forward to having a greater number of parents join us to learn more about strategies that will help your son improve his numeracy skills. We look forward to seeing you there!



CURRICULUM- Mr Doyle

Congratulations to the following students who gained endorsement in one or more subjects within the Social Sciences Faculty.



LEVEL ONE ENDORSEMENT WITH MERIT

LEVEL 1 HISTORY	LEVEL 1 ACE	LEVEL 1 ACCOUNTING
Justin Sharma	Nikhil Gosai	Adeley Khan
		Demisy Sakalia
		Josiah Tupi

LEVEL 2 ENDORSEMENT WITH MERIT

LEVEL 2 HISTORY	LEVEL 2 ACCOUNTING	LEVEL 2 ECONOMICS
Michael Tupi	Halelluiah Mea'ole-Naea	Nerony Evile
	Manu Saipani	

LEVEL 2 ENDORSEMENT WITH EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY

Sunia Filimoehala

LEVEL 2 ENDORSEMENT WITH EXCELLENCE IN ACCOUNTING

Fred Gasu

LEVEL 3 ENDORSEMENT WITH MERIT

Carlo De Guzman



Maths Tutorials Year 7-13

Every Wednesday
3.10pm to 4.20pm
In E3

ICT - Mr Singh

ICT Academy

Term 1 School Holidays Computer Courses

Years 12 and 13 students are invited to register to do additional Computer courses at the Techorium Institute of Information Technology in Newmarket during Term 1 Holidays. These courses are funded by the School. Students gain NCEA Level 3 and 4 Credits. Course details, dates and times are listed below:



14/04/2020	Cyber Security	3 days	Tuesday to Thursday *FT
14/04/2020	Programming	3 days	Tuesday to Thursday *FT
20/04/2020	Cyber Security	4 days	Monday to Thursday **AM
20/04/2020	Games	4 days	Monday to Thursday **AM
20/04/2020	Programming	4 days	Monday to Thursday **AM
20/04/2020	Games	4 days	Monday to Thursday ***PM
20/04/2020	Servers	4 days	Monday to Thursday ***PM
20/04/2020	Cyber Security	4 days	Monday to Thursday ***PM

****AM Courses 8:30am to 12:30pm across 4 days**

*** PM Courses 1pm to 5pm across 4 days

See Mr Singh at lunchtime in Room H4 for Registration details.

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POLYFEST FIAFIA NIGHTS



DE LA SALLE NIUEAN GROUP FIAFIA NIGHT

WHEN: 16TH MARCH
TIME: 6:30PM – 8:30PM
WHERE: MPC

GOLD COIN ENTRANCE

DE LA SALLE SAMOAN GROUP



FIAFIA NIGHT

17TH MARCH || 6:30PM-8:30PM

@ DE LA SALLE MPC GOLD COIN ENTRANCE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE!



DE LA SALLE TONGAN GROUP FIAFIA NIGHT

WHEN: 18TH MARCH
TIME: 6:30PM – 8:30PM
WHERE: MPC

GOLD COIN ENTRANCE

POLYFEST PERFORMANCE TIMES

Friday 20th March

9:30am	Tongan Group -Ma'ulu'ulu
1:00pm	Samoa Group
1:50pm	Tongan group—Taufakaniua

Saturday 21st March

10am	Niuean Group
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Come and support our groups!

SCIENCE FACULTY

Biology Pool Visit and Estuary Study

BIO201, BIO301 and a few Envirocouncil students along with Mrs Spencer and Ms Mutivari have been preparing to study how our oceans have been effected by change in climate, loss of species, how our body regulates temperature, and the human impact through fishing. This involved learning how to snorkel, and studying our local Middlemore Estuary. Our final trip is to Goat Island, to compare our local environment with fishing and pollution, to a marine reserve.



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AND MUSIC AT DE LA SALLE



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LITERACY CENTRE

Scholastic Literacy Pro—Lexile Programme

Every student in Year 7 and 8 has completed a classroom-based reading test as part of Scholastic Literacy Pro. The programme is designed to develop successful readers by evaluating student's reading abilities and motivating them to read more at appropriately challenging levels. At the end of the test, each student receives a Lexile score.

When your son reads at his Lexile score, he can read that book with confidence and control. At this target rate of comprehension, material is challenging without being frustrating or boring. This encourages your son to read more, and reading more in the targeted range will increase his Lexile score, furthering reading skills.

The Literacy Centre has plenty of incentives to keep students working toward their reading goals, but we need your help too. To continue to grow as a reader, encourage your son to:

- * Read 20 minutes a day.

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Choose books on a variety of topics, fiction and non-fiction.

- * Discuss books they are reading with friends and family, asking questions before, during and after.
- * Keep track of new vocabulary learned and use new words in conversation and writing.
- * Use context clues and a dictionary to understand unfamiliar words.

Your involvement is critical to your son's success. **Thank you for working with our school to help your son read more to achieve more.**

Congratulations to all who have contributed to a great start to our reading for 2020. We have read nearly 9 million words already this year. The following students have made great individual starts, congratulations to them all.



Y7 L-R Patrick Ipinu, Kelesi Filimoehala, Evander Su'a, Vaivelata Uhatahi, Blessing Elisala, Riel Espinoza-Leota, Andrew Mapusua, Joel Leau, Benedict Faalogo



Y8 L-R Manaia Iakimo, Elisah Soafa, Bruno Ta'ale, Dayton Wong, Simote Lokotui, Soane Lokotui, Rylan Muaulu, Filemu Sau, Malu Aiga-Futialo

LITERACY CENTRE– Green Chair Interview

Today's interview, 11 March 2020 with **Mr John Dobson**, new staff member and De La Salle old boy.

When did you attend De La Salle and who was principal?

I started at De La Salle as a Year 7, I graduated from De La Salle in 1977. Brother Peter was the school principal.

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

I went to the University of Canterbury and got my degree in Education

How do you relax and what are your hobbies.

Reading books.

What subjects do you teach?

I teach Technology

What is your favourite app on your phone?

I'm so old I don't use apps. I use my mobile phone for phone calls and texts.

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

I wanted to come back and help out.

What culture do you identify with?

Maori/European

What are your hidden talents?

Fishing. I go fishing with Mr Hawkins but I'm a better fisherman than he is.

What is your favourite book/movie?

Name of the Wind

How does it feel to return to your old school?

Strange! It feels different. The school looks a lot smaller than I remembered

Three words to describe yourself?

Very, very, old.

This is the latest in a new series called 'Interview in the Green Chair' conducted by students in the Literacy Centre. Today's interview was conducted by the students from 7TUF.



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



YEAR 7 & 8 DEPARTMENT

Y7 & 8 Camp

Year 7 and 8 students, their homeroom teachers, senior helpers, Share the Mission Volunteer – Nathan and the Literacy Centre Staff visit the Jellicoe Swimming Pools as part of the Year 7 and 8 Camp.



DLS Old Boys Sam & Trent (future Police officers) with their Y7 Homeroom teacher Mr Brown

YEAR 7 & 8 DEPARTMENT

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

On the 10th of February to the 20th of February, the year 7's and 8's had their annual Junior School retreats. This was led by the UNI-Lasalle team founded by Denis Tutaka in 2017. This team consists of Lasallian Alumni from all the Lasallian schools in New Zealand (De La Salle Mangere East, John Paul II College Rotorua, Francis Douglas Memorial College New Plymouth). These Alumni give their time generously to help their younger brothers understand two main themes: 'What does it mean to be a Lasallian' (Year 7) and 'Created in the Image of God' (Year 8). These retreats consist of games, interactive skits, and talks all relating to theme. Through these retreats the boys are able to create stronger bonds with each other and encounter, embrace, and enjoy the presence of Christ in their Lasallian journey.

Please follow us on Facebook to be up to date on retreat events, photos and reflections.





YEAR 7 & 8 - Student Work

Alphabet List for Camp

At camp we did a lot of team building activities
 Because of camp, we are now closer together
 Camp was really fun with lots of food
Doing the exercise was not really fun
 Energetic, but maybe a bit too much
 Friday was for the pools! There all day!
 Games were hard case
 Haka was really fun and loud
 I enjoyed camp to very fullest
 Jumping around on my sleeping bag
 Kind to each other now all brothers
 Love De La Salle now best school ever!

Moving across the hall at night
 Night time so very quiet and relaxing
 Our camp was very cool, it was fun
 Pools all day, we came home tired.
 Quit bombing in the pool please
 Running around early in the morning
 Sleeping time! Jump into bed!
 Time to go home so tired
 Under the MPC roof sleeping safe & sound
 Very very tired when I got home
 Water was so cold, Adrenaline boost!
 EXamples were set for the young men
 Young kids bouncing around the pool
 ZZZ sleeping time
By Lucas Vaaga 7TUF



YOUNG VINNIES



Young Vinnies Leaders 2020 Josiah Tupi, Jordan Mika, Niko Lomano and Mafi Kiola attended a leaders meeting at the Cathedral on Monday along with other leaders around Auckland for Catholic fellowship and to plan upcoming Vinnies events. Great to see our leaders from 2019 Joseph Saufua and Abel Raumaewa join the Ignite team and continue their service to Young Vinnies by preparing our Auckland secondary school leaders for their role and the upcoming commissioning mass for leaders on the 28th of March at 6.30pm St Patrick's Cathedral

We have another enthusiastic cohort of Young Vinnies this year with over 80 students signing up to be Lasallian men of service. Senior students attended our first cooking project with St Vincent De Paul in Otahuhu after school last Thursday to cook meals that were frozen and distributed the next day through Monte Cecelia House to those in need. We will be inviting Juniors (Minnie Vinnies) to help with this in the coming weeks, Parents with sons involved will receive consent forms to be signed next week.

We are also assisting with the Caritas challenge with Campus Minister Matthew Apuda – we humbly implore you to please give generously to our coin collection.

Finally, meetings for Vinnies are Wednesdays – students can join us for some prayer time and a host of ways to serve with our time and talents - check the notices for meeting place and time.

Best blessings

Mrs Teuila Vaotua13VAT

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS - Mr Raukura

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New NZ MASTER

in Taekwon-Do



Congratulations to Mr. Raukura , our College Head of Science and who is currently away working at the University of Auckland. Mr. Raukura, successfully passed his recent examination in International Taekwon-Do.

After 30 years of training and dedication to his sport and martial art he has been officially recognized and tested to the level of "Master" and 7th Degree Black Belt.

Well done Sir on what has been a long journey and for showing real perseverance and spirit. Inspirational!

PTFA

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

DONATIONS NEEDED
CAN YOU HELP?

Our PTFA need your help for our annual school fair! To assist the different stalls on the day and the raffle, we are asking for donations of the following items:

Year 7 & 8	Canned food <i>Spaghetti, fruit, tuna, corned beef etc.</i>
Year 9	Packet foods <i>noodles, rice, flour, biscuits etc.</i>
Year 10	Breakfast foods <i>Milo, coffee, sugar, tea, cereals etc.</i>
Year 11.12.13	Toiletries, sweets & drinks <i>Toilet Paper, Soap, chocolate, drinks etc.</i>



Please send your donations with your son to his homeroom by Friday 27th March 2020

All donations are greatly appreciated 😊

ALL SCHOOL FAIR FUNDS RAISED BY THE PTFA WILL GO TOWARDS PURCHASING A NEW SCHOOL VAN



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