

Delany News



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Events in August

Tuesday 15th
Year 10 Be Street Smart

*Feast of the Assumption
School Mass*

Wednesday 16th
PDSSSC Athletics Carnival

Tuesday 22nd
*Year 10 Geography
Excursion*

*Year 11 Ancient History
Excursion*

Wednesday 23rd
*Staff Development Day
No students to attend*

SIBLING ENROLMENTS

A reminder to all those students who have brothers and sisters starting at Delany College in 2018. You will need to collect an enrolment form from the front office and lodge your enrolment application asap.

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Dear Delany Community,

My son and I saw the film **Dunkirk** last weekend, after reading very positive reviews, which we found moving and inspirational. What was memorable were the numerous vignettes depicting individuals, both military personnel and civilians, acting selflessly and compassionately under the most horrific circumstances. Their actions, in all the cases, involved saving other lives while placing their own lives in mortal danger. One particular scene, without telling too much of the plot, had a fighter pilot make the tough decision of either flying back home with the fuel available or return to the battle to intercept an enemy bomber intent on destroying a ship loaded with British troops. He returned and shot the enemy bunker out of the sky but was later captured when he had to crash land his plane after it ran out of fuel.

The film's popularity stems from not only its cinematography and real-like action scenes, but I believe its positioning of values such as camaraderie, tenacity, fearlessness and kindness that appeals to all generations. Underpinning its main plot are subtle reminders of a society imbued with qualities that respect the other and had closely to hope, gratitude, love, optimism, a positive identity and good relationships.

We and you the parents have an obligation to teach these values and more importantly, as adults, to live and be true role models for our young people.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of Ms Louise Broue and her team in organising the Monsignor McGovern Art Night. The annual event recognises and celebrates the many artistic talents in our local Catholic Primary schools. Congratulations to our winners and we hope to one day read about their future artistic accomplishments.

God bless,
Robert Muscat
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

THE DELANY COMMUNITY

On Tuesday evening, 8 August, Delany College hosted the annual Monsignor McGovern Portrait competition and prize giving. An invitation is extended to all Year 5 and 6 students from our catholic primary schools: Holy Trinity; Holy Family; St Patrick's; St Margaret Mary's; and St Oliver's. This year we received 148 entries - an increase of over 100% from 2016.

The Awards are judged by Mrs Louise Broué, Leader of Creative and Performing Arts, and Mr Johnny Romeo who is a renowned Australian artist who works with Delany College throughout the year. The quality of work on display is outstanding for students of Year 5 and 6, and we very much look forward to having many of these budding artists join our year 7 classes in the next few years.

The list of prize recipients is listed later in this newsletter.

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Delany College in the tradition and spirit of the Patrician Brothers
"Pride, Persistence, Passion!"

On the next day, Wednesday 9 August, we also commenced the annual Delany Debating Cup, again for these local primary school students. The future of our country is good hands, judging from the high quality of first round debaters. We look forward to the following three rounds and will conclude this series by the end of the term.

THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have now completed their Trial HSC examinations.

This is a stressful period for many students, and we hope the "Trials" enable students to learn how to prepare more effectively for the real thing, the HSC, in October. Students are encouraged to reflect on their performance - good or not so good - and identify how their study planning could be improved, and how the level of stress and anxiety could be better managed.

THE PATRICIAN COMMUNITY

We are a rare blessed school to have a Patrician Brother on our staff, Br Charles. There are so few religious order members in schools these days, and Br Charles' presence reminds us always of our connection. In my year-and-a-half's experience of working at a Patrician school I have witnessed the single focus they have on schools and students. It is a humbling experience.

This dedication is true all the way to "the top" of the Patrician Brothers team. At our Monsignor McGovern prize on Tuesday we had Br Peter Ryan who is the international leader of the order. There is always evidence at Delany College of our rich Patrician heritage.

DATES

A reminder that Wednesday 23 August will be a pupil-free day to enable our staff to continue planning for 2018.

SKOOLBAG

Are you using SkoolBag on your iphone or android? If not you should try it!

The best person to assist you with the setup of this app is your resident IT expert - your son or daughter.

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal



ROUND 1 DELANY CUP

Round one of the Delany Cup was held yesterday. The Delany Cup is an annual Year 5 debating competition with our local Catholic primary schools.

The topic for round 1 was "That children should be allowed to have a mobile phone at school"

Yesterday we hosted:

St Oliver's	(aff)	Our Lady Queen of Peace	(neg)
St Patricks	(aff)	St Margaret Mary's	(neg)

Adjudicators were Rhys Ramos, Rasha Abouhalka, Reegan Roebeck and Jasmine Diab.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Tuesday 8th August, Delany College launched our Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) formation program. With over 60 students in attendance, the afternoon looked at the exciting program for ACYF and the upcoming formation opportunities. Students were able to interact with their peers across Years 9 -11 and share experiences of faith and mission. The festival promises to be an high energy event with many international figures as speakers and musicians.



Permission slips and the \$70 registration is due by MONDAY 14th August at the latest. Registrations after this point will not make the deadline set by the festival organisers. All year 9 -11 students are welcome at the event. Please see Mrs Stow if you would like more information.

Each year the Parramatta Diocesan schools participate in the Religious Literacy Assessment (RLA), Year 8 and Year 10 undertake the multiple choice question examination. The RLA assesses the religious literacy of students in fields such as 'Sacrament', 'Church life', 'Scripture', 'Jesus' and 'God'. Their study of religious education over Stage 4 & 5 assists in their knowledge for the exam.

The RLA will take place for Year 8 & 10 students during P.1-2 on Monday 21st August.

God Bless
Mrs Karina Stow
Religious Education Co Ordinator

CURRICULUM

Over the last few weeks Year 10 have started to make some choices about the subjects they will study next year. The most important thing to consider when making these choices is to pick the subjects that you like. Too many students pick subject that their friends pick or who is teaching the subject. I can understand the reasoning behind this but things change, friends change. You will always do better at something you enjoy then something you don't.

The information that was presented at the Information Night has been uploaded to the Stage 5 Information site. There is also copy of the UAC book that provides some information regarding University courses and alternative suggestions that you may not have even thought about. There are also copies of the NSW Job Guide in the Library if you need some more help choosing a pattern of study.

If you need some more information during this time please contact me.

Mr Mark Robinson
Head of School Learning & Diversity

FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADERS

STEM – is a word that has been around a lot lately. But what does it mean? STEM is an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (and sometimes you might see STEAM with A for Art) but it is much more than an acronym – it is potentially our students passport for the future.

Research has shown that students who study STEM are more creative, flexible and able to take advantage of the changes that are predicted in the workforce and workplaces of the future. Jobs from accounting, construction, nursing, to hairdressing all use STEM skills – let alone what the jobs of the future might be.

As digital technology disrupts more and more industries, there's a real concern that there won't be enough STEM-qualified people to work in the jobs of the future. But how do we get more people interested in and taking up STEM subjects at school?

At Delany our focus on STEM is about providing a curriculum based on the idea of educating our students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics — in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. We understand that STEM is important because it pervades every part of our lives. Science is everywhere in the world around us. Technology is continuously expanding into every aspect of our lives.



STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) are the foundations of the industrial and corporate world. While these are some of the most important subjects, students often overlook them, it is a skill-set that is in high demand by employers.

Sharon McManus and Jo McKeown

CHANGING CONSENT

At certain times throughout the year, our students may have the opportunity to be photographed or filmed for our school publications, such as the school's newsletter or a website and social media, or to promote the school in newspapers and other media (including third party websites).

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) may also wish to use student images, audio or material created by students' (Works) in print and online promotional, marketing, media and educational materials.

If you wish to change consent for the use of students' image and/or works or for raffle tickets to be sent home please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form from the College.



MONSIGNOR MCGOVERN PORTRAIT PRIZE 2017

The Monsignor McGovern Art Prize, for students in Years 5 and 6 attending our local primary catholic schools, was established by Delany College in 2002. The award is named after the Holy Trinity Parish Priest Monsignor Joseph McGovern who first invited the Patrician Brothers to come to Granville and open primary and secondary schools.

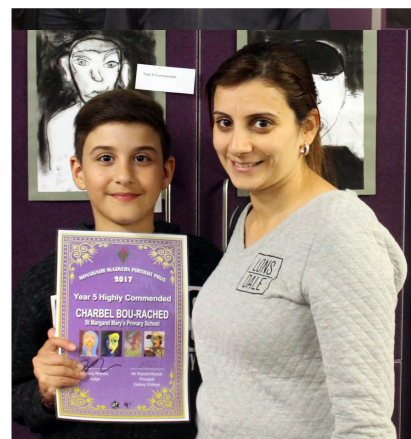
The entries were judged by noted Australian Pop artist Mr Johnny Romeo, our Delany College artist in residence. Entries were from St Margaret Mary's, Holy Trinity, Holy Family & St Oliver's.

Winning Entries:

Jessie Gao Year 6 St Margaret Mary's
Isabella Nassour Year 5 St Margaret Mary's

Highly Commended: Rahima Sankoh, Thuraya Dandash, Arvin Joshua Manalong, Katerina Bui, Jonathan Irima, Charbel Bou-Rached, Francine Covi, Joshua Thapa & Ruiz Bernardo.

Commended: Jasynta Nakfour, Cassandra Nguyen, Kaiser Anae Roberts, Angelina Georges, Elias Othman, Brent Jara, Salessi Niulala, Bartosz Faber, Aidan Rigby, Payin Akol, Precious Osuamadi, Dominic Horley, Rachael Mansour & Isaiah Cartilla.





MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY

27TH AUGUST 2017, 2PM - 4PM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH HALL
7 GRANTHAM ST SEVEN HILLS



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JOURNEYING WITH REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING PROTECTION

Members and supporters are invited to attend the launch of a year-long Journey being initiated by the Parramatta Catholic Diocese ...

"Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection"

The aim of our Journey will be to galvanise a Diocese-wide, faith-filled urge to bring about a community and political culture that values fair and compassionate treatment of people seeking refuge and protection in Australia.

The Journey will be launched by Bishop Vincent Long, Bishop of Parramatta on Sunday 27 August 2017, Time: from 2pm to 4pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 7 Grantham Street Seven Hills. Special Guest Speaker at the Launch will be Father Tom Smolich SJ, International Director of Jesuit Refugee Services.

To assist with catering, those wishing to attend are asked to please register at [register here](#) or by telephoning the Diocesan Social Justice Office on 02-8838 3461.

FREE FAMILY EVENT

A program of Spiritual Enrichment for families on the theme of the World Meeting of Families 2018.

Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World

Sunday, 27 August 2017

1pm-3.15pm

Mass available 11am

BYO Picnic lunch

Mt Schoenstatt Family Hall - 230 Fairlight Road,

Mulgoa NSW 2745

Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

2017 FAITH IN MARRIAGE SEMINAR

Men, Women & the Mystery of Love

Dr Edward Sri

St Patrick's Cathedral Hall Parramatta

Friday, 8th September 2017

7.30pm sharp

Sponsored by Parousia Media and Life Marriage & Family Office
Diocese of Parramatta

Register: 8838 3460 or lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

WANTED: PLANTS & TREES!

...and any gardening/landscaping stuff.

The Gardening & Landscaping Club at Delany College is on the lookout for any parents and/or members of the community willing to donate any plants or trees they may have (we will accept cuttings too! (to propagate)). Also, if you have any spare gardening equipment, tools or landscaping materials no longer in use, we would love those too!

If you have any, drop them by to the back of the school (along Ilalong Street).

Thank You!

Miss Nizam

anizam@parra.catholic.edu.au

HIGH SUPPORT NEEDS CLASSES - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

- KIRINARI, Xavier College, Llandilo

WIYANGA, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas

ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is committed to providing an inclusive education for students and recognises that some students with a moderate intellectual disability may need additional support. The high support needs classes within our colleges provide students with an alternate platform for learning that specifically addresses their needs. They are: Kirinari, Xavier College, Llandilo and Wyanga, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas. Should you wish to have a conversation with a Diverse Learning Specialist to determine whether your son or daughter would benefit from the services provided at either of these two facilities, please contact Alma George, Manager Diverse Learning Needs, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on 0407 233 622 or email Alma.George@parra.catholic.edu.au. Of course these conversations will be kept confidential.

PLEASE MAKE ENQUIRIES BY WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST 2017

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Book your Ultimate Flip Out Experience

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LIBRARY NEWS

We are looking for help in the Library

We are looking for one or two parents who would be willing to help cover new books for an hour or two each week in the Library.

If interested please contact the school and ask to speak to our Library Assistant, Mrs Perrett, for more details.



FITNESS CLASS

The Year 11 SLR class went to Breakthrough Fitness at Merrylands for a combination Circuit plus a Strength and Conditioning session with Coach George Kafrouni.

The excursion is an important part of the SLR program which seeks to increase fitness levels and enhance sport's skill acquisition. The teacher accompanying the students was Mr Johnson



YEAR 9 AND 10

Well done to the Food Technology classes, they made the most delicious Chicken and Ricotta Sausage Rolls.



YEAR 7 PDHPE

Year 7 PDHPE students enjoying a sunny afternoon playing a game of basketball. Students had a chance to practise strategy and displayed great sportsmanship. All were competitive with plenty of points scored for their team.



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