

Delany News



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Year 9 WSU
Fast Forward Excursion

2018 Year 7
Parent Information
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Wednesday 22nd
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Creative and Performing
Arts Night at Delany
5.30pm-7.00pm

Dear Delany Community

The word 'belief' is defined in the dictionary as 'confidence in the truth of something'. But if we examine the origin of the word, we find something far more interesting. This word can be broken down into two separate terms: 'be' and 'lief'. 'To be' simply means to exist or to live. The word 'lief' originates from an Indo-European word '*leubh*' meaning 'to be in love'. The combined word 'belief' now takes on a whole new meaning, which is simply 'to be in love'. Belief defines faith in God or 'to be in love' with God. And we cannot love without using the heart.

Our beliefs are based on perceptions of reality, which are shaped by our experiences and culture. The power of each belief or thought stems from within the individual believer and, in this sense, whatever you believe in your heart to be true is a reality in your life. It is not sufficient to just think the thought with the mind, however, as it must be felt in the heart for positive effect. This is the concept behind prayer: a simple thought that is felt by the heart. Which is why maintaining positive thoughts and being optimistic is so important. If we succumb to negativity and helplessness then our worldview will be defined by despondency.

We are fortunate to belong to a Catholic community that has love at its core. Jesus showed us the power of love in defeating and rising from death and being a witness to eternal hope. We are encouraged to follow Christ in building relationships with others that foster love, service and hope as Bishop Delany did so many years ago.

God Bless,

Robert Muscat
Principal



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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Action speeds up before it concludes at schools. This is true at Delany at the moment, with a wealth of activities running, and exams for Years 7 to 10 on top of this.

THE DELANY COMMUNITY

On Wednesday 25th October we held our second Delany Open Learning Day for 2017. There were two outstanding aspects of this day: that our staff and students collaborated to present excellent and engaging learning activities for visitors; and those who attended were highly impressed with their experience. Thank you to our teaching staff who went 'above and beyond' the call to prepare this extra work. As a sign of the great community here at the College we also had almost 50 students who remained to be part of the afternoon. Visitors to the College can only be impressed by the engaging and honest enthusiasm our students demonstrate.

On Friday 3 November our Year 7 students attended an "Aspirations Day" at the Australian Catholic University (Strathfield campus). During the day they were shown around the campus and attended a number of presentations. For most it was the first time they had visited a University.

At the conclusion of the day they were asked for some feedback and I would like to share a few responses with you. As you read these you can understand why ACU calls these days "Aspirations".

What job do you want when you are older?

- I am thinking to become a doctor.
- The profession I would like to be is either a psychologist, author, illustrator or an English teacher
- I want to be a mechanical engineer so I can design cars for famous car companies

What training do you need?

Eg. Do you need to go to university?

- I need to go University for 3-4 years
- I need to go to university and select one of these courses
- I will need to go to university for 6 years and finish my degree. I will also need to do designing to learn how to make different designs

What skills do you need to be successful in your profession? Do you have them now? How can you develop them if you don't have them?

- To become a successful doctor I must develop my skill to perfect measuring medicine, I need to make sure that I know what I am doing (to make sure I am correct in everything like if they have an illness I know the cure)
- I need to be good at reading people, being creative, becoming persistent and having a wide vocabulary, knowing grammar and English
- I need to have the skills of design and drawing and I need to also be creative.

Why do you think you would be good at this job?

- Because I think I am going to enjoy it, I am going to put a smile on my face once I see people happy and cured from their illness.
- I am passionate about all of these ideas and I love English and Art.
- I think I will be good because I am good at designing and I am really creative. I also know a lot about cars and their aerodynamics.

FOR YOUR DIARY

A date for your diary is Wednesday 22 November. On this evening we will be hosting our Year 12 Creative and Performing Arts exhibition of HSC works. I strongly encourage you to attend this evening and see the amazing work that our students have produced

THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

By the time this newsletter is published the Higher School Certificate examinations for 2017 will have concluded. What a relief! We extend our warmest congratulations to all the Year 12 students who prepared for and sat their exams over the past three weeks and who can now enjoy a hard-earned break. The final school-related countdown now begins for our Delany graduates as they await the publication of their results and, for some, offers to continue their studies next year.

The examination periods for Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10) begin this week, Monday 6 November, and for Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8) on Monday 13 November.

There are a number of important points to make with respect to exams:

- exams are not the only form of assessment that are used to determine a student's results for each semester
- exams in Years 7 to 10 are also used as practice for Year 11 and 12 exams - as such, we expect students to treat the exams and the protocols around exams in a sensible and mature manner
- the rules and procedures regarding examinations can be found in the students' assessment handbooks.

THE PATRICIAN COMMUNITY

Last issue I wrote that we had raised funds in excess of \$6,000 in support of the Delany Foundation. In the days following that report we were able to finalise the total and reached an outstanding \$6894.37. What a brilliant effort from many staff and students throughout the College. I am also proud to report that this figure was well in excess of some of our (much larger) brother Patrician schools! Delany College - take a bow.

Last week, from Wed 1 to Fri 3 November, our newly elected Student Leadership team met with our other Patrician school leaders to reflect on their roles. There were almost 70 students from the five Patrician schools in Sydney. They worked together, and separately in school groups, to learn about each other, about each school, and plan what their leadership might look like during their short time as leaders. By all reports it was a valuable and invigorating time together. Thanks to Mr Peronace and Ms Guillaume for attending.

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

CURRICULUM

With the holidays fast approaching, as a parent I start to wonder what I'm going to do with my kids after all the Christmas and New Year's celebrations are over.

There are lots of cheap places to go with the kids, all with an educational slant.

Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences - <https://maas.museum/>

Taronga Zoo - <http://www.taronga.org.au/taronga-zoo>

State Library - <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/>

One of my favourite websites 'Free things To Do In Sydney' has lots of other ideas as well. <http://www.sydney.com.au/free.htm>

Mr Mark Robinson

Head of School Learning & Diversity

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

With the Australian Catholic Youth Festival fast approaching, there have been many Diocese events which our Delany students have been involved in. These events offer students the opportunity to meet with likeminded students across our Parramatta schools, as well as young adults active in their Parishes, Priests, Seminarians, other religions, and even the Bishop. Maryanne and Monica have reflected on the most recent event below:

On the 28th October Delany students from Year 9-11 attended the Lifted Life festival. It was a memorable experience where we experienced a small taste of ACYF. There were numerous amounts of activities to participate in, as well as food stalls which sold a variety of items which intrigued many students along with our Delany students.



Live performances were probably our favourite as we stood as a community, a family, danced and sung as one, enjoying being around people who have and haven't experienced anything like this like myself. The night turned out to be such a joyful, memorable experience with our staff and fellow students and also with people we have never met which is what made it a fun, inspirational evening. Now the countdown to ACYF!

God Bless

Mrs Karina Stow

Religious Education Co Ordinator



FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADERS

It was with great pleasure that we welcomed **Elevate Education** to present a seminar regarding the importance of study skills to our Year 11 cohort. This organisation is a trusted advisor to over 88 schools and present to over 17500 students annually.

Elevate trains and employs young, recently finished top Higher School Certificate students who have 'faced and aced their final years of school.' Delany College is pleased to announce that Elevate Education will be providing more seminars throughout 2018 across a variety of cohorts.

The introductory seminar was titled "Path of the Study Sensei" and covered skills such as:

- working consistently
- note taking
- conceptual learning and
- standing out on assessment.

The staff at Delany are reimagining how study periods are utilised by senior students, as we address the question, "What is study and how to I maximise the study time I have?"

We aim to provide students with multiple tips and opportunities to:

- improve note making skills
- create and effectively use study planners
- interact with HSC documents
- compose Independent Learning Files
- complete past HSC papers and track their results so as to improve

At Delany College, students, parents and teachers work in partnership to ensure students are equipped for not simply external examinations but as life-long and life-wide learners.

Sharon McManus and Jo McKeown



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year we are assisting 33 families with Christmas hampers. The Christmas hampers are distributed to the needy families in Granville area. To make this Christmas a memorable one for them, we need all your support. Each homeroom is assigned with one/two families to assist, and I ask every student to bring something to make a deluxe hamper. Parents, your support in this matter is much appreciated.

Proverbs 19:17

One who is gracious to a poor man gives to the LORD, And He will repay him for his good deed.

God bless.

Mr. Thomas



HALLOWEEN CAKE STALL

Years 10 and 11 students travelling to the MONA museum in Tasmania at the end of November busy raising funds for their trip. Here we see their creepy cake offerings including rice bubble brains and pumpkins, eyeball Oreos, brownies decorated as mummies, graveyard jelly with worms and an orange potion filled with eyeballs and spiders.



We would like to thank Miss Cook, Miss Karim and Mrs Sayhoun for all their assistance on the day.

Visual Arts Students and Ms Broue



SCULPTURE BY THE SEA 2017

On Tuesday 31st October, Years 9, 10 and 11 Art, Visual Design and Photography & Digital Media students visited Sculpture By The Sea exhibition.

Autumn Moon in the Sky is a cast sculpture created by Chinese artist Chen Wenling.

Much like his other works, Wenling used automotive lacquer to create the red human and stainless steel to create the moon. This artwork is displayed at the starting point of the Sculpture walk at Tamarama Beach where it is placed before viewing the other sculptures on the sand. The location does not add meaning to the work.



Autumn Moon in the sky can be seen as an appropriation of Dreamworks' trademark logo "Boy on the moon" because the sculpture has a crescent moon and a human subject residing by the moon just like the logo of the film company. The message of 'Autumn Moon in the Sky' is unknown however audiences such as myself can perceive the sculpture as a symbol of serenity and freedom of imagination as the subject (red human) looks to be serene imagining his life on the moon.

Lastly, the reason why I liked this work the most was because it reminded me of my childhood as it looked like an appropriation of the Dreamworks' logo, a famous studio that created many children's movies. This made me nostalgic for that time. Also, I liked the peacefulness and simplicity of the work alongside the view of the sea where it was located in this years Sculpture by the Sea exhibition.

Marie Peralta
Yr10 Visual Arts

Abigail Ozora Simpson,
Motherlove 2017

"Motherlove" is an artwork that was produced by Abigail Ozora Simpson. The artist has used ceramic flowers as her chosen material, attaching them to some sort of structure creating an illusion of one big tower with little flowers. The artist has used flowers as they create a natural effect that also relate to the location of the artwork being in an green environment blending in.



The work is an assemblage of different pieces and its location is on a field on the walk from Tamarama Beach to Bondi. The artist is trying to showcase the beauty of nature.

What I like about the artwork is that it creates a textural effect within the environment as well as adding peacefulness to scenery.

Matt Tuala
Yr11 Visual Arts

CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

CAPTIVATE Immersion: Gifted & Talented Program

(Secondary schools only)

CAPTIVATE Immersion is a week-long program for talented students which takes place in week 8 & 9 of term 4. This program is targeted at exceptional music, dance and drama students, enabling them to experience a rigorous program extending and exposing them to challenging performance outcomes. Auditions for Immersion are week 3 of term 4.

For more information & to register for auditions please follow this link - <https://goo.gl/forms/xjhgHhe0UinUtmz42>

Bus Safety Week : 6-12 November 2017



News from the Office of the NSW Children's Guardian

The latest news from the Office of the NSW Children's Guardian is available for viewing [here](#).

Issues addressed include:

- Child Safe eLearning Updated
- Child Safe face-to-face training
- Child Safe training for the Disability Sector

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WHERE TO NEXT?**

Monday, 13 November 2017

The Parent Representative Council Diocese of Parramatta
welcomes

Mr Mark Holyoake
DIRECTOR OF ENTERPRISE – CATHOLIC EDUCATION DIOCESE PARRAMATTA

Term 4 PRC Meeting

Where: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown NSW

When: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start
(PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session)

Register FREE at PRCParra on Facebook or at
<https://goo.gl/forms/m7vK9Tv210A0oqLf2>

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