

Delany News



Term 4 Issue 1

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Dear Delany Community,

It is customary that during Term 4 the College leadership, in collaboration with the teaching staff, commences the process of creating next years learning agenda. This involves collating school-based student data as well as analysing NAPLAN and Progressive Assessment, tests in reading and numeracy to target specific strategies that will bring precision and purpose in teaching and learning. Incidentally, our Year 9 NAPLAN results showed significant growth in all domains with most students achieving a "beyond expected growth" level. Year 7 also did well as a cohort across the domains.

Discussions so far have revolved around continuing the reading for meaning initiative which has had a significant impact on student learning. In fact, our Year 9 NAPLAN in reading had the most growth. The initiative will continue to enhance student skills in comprehension and inference as well as strengthen their writing skills. Furthermore, students will increase their capacity to develop the elements of purpose, audience, language acquisition and structure.

The College Mathematics team is also examining the contribution of Polya's problem solving technique to provide a tool for students when confronted with new and challenging tasks. The learning process allows students to use logic, language and mathematical principles to solve problems.

The College has decided to incorporate sport into the PDHPE programme which will mean varied sporting opportunities facilitated by staff with expertise in sport science. The College will continue to participate in the PDSSSC (Parramatta representative sports) to accommodate our elite sports people.

We are very happy to announce the Delany College community has raised \$6000 for the Delany Foundation. The proceeds will be used to support our Patrician Brothers and Sisters in communities located in Australia, Ghana, PNG and India.

God Bless

Mr Robert Muscat
School Principal



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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As usual time has flown by and we are on the run towards the end of the year. I hope the holiday break provided a rest for your children and families and that students are ready to perform to the best of their abilities for the final term of 2018.

The Delany community

This week's National Apology to victims and survivors of institutional sexual abuse is a reminder to us all that we can never be complacent in the protection of children. The Diocese of Parramatta has an Office of Safeguarding and Professional Standards to ensure that agencies and services in the Diocese of Parramatta are child-safe environments, which can be found at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>.

Here at the College we have a range of policies and procedures that are designed to protect the health and wellbeing of our Delany students. Having a framework for respectful behaviour is an important part of learning and being prepared to be an effective member of our society. I encourage you to visit the Delany College website (<http://www.delanygranville.catholic.edu.au/>) and view the policies and procedures that are listed on the site. In particular I recommend you look at the Dignity and Wellbeing policy.

On Tuesday of this week the Year 12 student leaders for 2019 attended a leadership planning day at the Strathfield campus of the Australian Catholic University. The 12 newly appointed leaders spent time reflecting on the role and characteristics of a leader, and then forming a vision for their own leadership of the College over the next 12 months. The second half of the day was dedicated to planning events. In short, the students have high expectations of themselves and I am confident our community will see great things from these students during their time.

The academic community

HSC 2018 is well under way at time of writing. The first two exams last week - both English papers - were received well by our students. The remainder of the examination period will flash by in a blur and before they know it, the Delany Graduates of 2018 will be finished their formal schooling. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

Within the next four weeks the majority of students from years 7 to 10 will be either submitting assessment tasks or sitting for examinations. I encourage you to have a conversation with your children and find out what they will be required to do, and how they are progressing in preparation for these tasks.

The Patrician community

At our College assembly this week our attention once again returned to the Delany Foundation. Through this charity the Patrician Brothers provide funds and practical assistance to the many communities they serve - particularly in India and Africa. Our Delany students have been running and contributing to fundraising efforts throughout Term 3. At the assembly we presented Br Charles with a \$6000 cheque that, we know, will go a long way in some of these countries. Congratulations to all those students and staff who contributed their time, energy and effort.

The focus of Term 4 charitable works is St Vincent de Paul's Christmas hamper appeal. More information will be provided.

College Uniform

Students are permitted to wear the sport uniform only on the day of their period 4 sport. This does not include after-school sport. No student in Years 11 or 12 should be wearing their sport uniform to school.

St Patrick, pray for us

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Dear parents, carers and students of Delany College,

I hope that Term 4 has started well for you.

On Monday 17 September, our Year 10 students visited St Joseph Centre for Reflective Living, Baulkham Hills for our school's 2018 Year 10 Reflection Day. There, they contemplated the day's chief question, 'How am I called to be a saint?', by learning about what it means to serve in the way of the saints. There, our Year 10 students contemplated the questions, 'What does it mean to be a saint?', 'How are we called to be saints?', "Love. Serve. Hope." (Romans 12:9-13): Why would St Paul have written this letter to the Romans? How can we incorporate St Paul's message into our relationships with others?' and 'How can we serve, like Jesus, in our relationships with others? Why?', before gathering after lunch for a liturgy. Student involvement was outstanding, and I thank, very sincerely, Ms Margaret Bartley, Miss Emily Bidle, Miss Sarah Guillaume, Mrs Kathleen Moujalli, Mr Robert Muscat and Ms Natalie Roberts for their amazing energy and enthusiasm, as well as for their remarkable sharing of faith, throughout this day.

Next, on Tuesday 25 September, our community farewelled our school's Year 12 students. The Year 12 Graduation Mass proved to be a truly memorable gathering, and I thank all of those who contributed so well, especially Fr Andrew Bass who celebrated this occasion so solemnly, as well as Ms Lauren Kwon and Mr Rod De La Hoz who guided our choir and musicians so capably and so vibrantly.

Then, on Friday 28 September, the staff of Delany met at St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park for the College's 2018 Staff Formation Day. This day of prayer, contemplation, conversation and community provided each staff member with opportunities, time and again, to reflect deeply upon their own faith journey in the context of their vocation as educators in a Catholic school.

Finally, last Monday, some of our staff and students gathered in the College Chapel to recite a decade of the Rosary. This gathering took place as a part of our October devotions to commemorate this month of the Holy Rosary, and will continue this Monday during Lunch.

Wishing you and your families the very best for the fortnight ahead, amid this month of the Holy Rosary,



Mr Derek Wales
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADER

Welcome to Term Four. As usual the end of the academic year is filled with many engaging opportunities for students to be involved in that will challenge them to meet the demands of the curriculum. Additionally, teachers are attending a variety of professional learning in preparation for the 2019 school year. Planning for effective instruction is an integral component of teaching. The collection and interpretation of data is an important feature of the work at Delany College as it provides not only a profile of a cohort but that of individual students and their needs.

In week 3, all Year 7-10 Delany students will be completing the PAT-R, Progressive Achievement Test in Reading. This test, provides parents, students and teachers with valuable information regarding individual student's reading comprehension, vocabulary knowledge and spelling.

In particular assessing the ability to:

- retrieve directly stated information,
- interpret explicit information
- interpret implied information and,
- reflect on texts in multiple-choice format.

These skills reflect comprehension skills described in the Australian National Curriculum for English and all student in Years 7-10 will be spoken to regarding the specifics of the PAT-R tests and the implications of the useful data that it provides.

If either parents or students have any questions regarding the PAT-R testing, any teacher professional learning or extra learning opportunities for students, please feel free to contact me.

Ms. Sharon McManus
Pedagogical Leader

SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parents

All school fees for 2018 were due 29 August 2018. If you need BPAY or Post BillPay information our friendly team in the front office can print a statement or you can speak to our finance team if you would like a statement emailed to you.

Thank you to those families who continue to keep their ongoing payment arrangements.

Please contact our Finance Office if you have any questions or queries relating to your fees Ph 8633 8111

**Paying
school fees
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with BPAY**



Mrs Sheryl Temu
Senior Finance Officer

School Counselling Service

Delany College has a school counsellor available to students three days every week. Mrs Kate Roberts is a very experienced counsellor who is currently working with many students to assist them with small and big challenges.

The role of a school counsellor can be as simple as having a conversation, providing an ear for listening to a student and a shoulder for support. Staff often recommend that a student makes an appointment with Kate for exactly this type of reason.

Kate is also available to support and manage students through some of the bigger issues of their lives, including stress, family issues, friendship issues, mental health, and many more.

Kate works on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at the College.



Year 8 Mentors

On Wednesday 19th September, Chanel Kalouche, Georgia McIntyre and Lyriah Filo from year 8, travelled to St Patrick's Primary School, Guildford, to talk to a group of year 6 girls about managing friendship issues.

The girls presented a speech and gave some examples of issues they had experienced in relation to friendships. They also provided the year 6 students with advice on how to deal with conflict. The Year 6 girls warmed up to them quickly, and related well to the content of the discussion. There was enthusiastic participation and all agreed that it was an extremely worthwhile experience.

The Year 6 girls were disappointed when Chanel, Georgia and Lyriah had to leave and wished they had more time together. Staff and students at St Patrick's were also impressed with Chanel, Georgia and Lyriah in terms of their maturity and leadership.

Congratulations to Chanel, Georgia and Lyriah for presenting in a respectful manner and for being excellent role models.



Mrs. Kate Roberts
Counsellor

International Literacy Day Writing Competition

On Monday, 3 September, students from Year 7 to 9 skilfully composed and submitted a creative piece in Delany College's first ever **International Literacy Day Writing Competition** which was initiated and organised by our 2018/19 School Captain, Mary Ghribian. All participants illustrated their excellence in writing through composing a variety of thrilling genres which captured the attention of many readers.

The following participants are to be commended on their efforts:

- Rita Ghribian (9.3),
- Joseph Diab (8.4),
- Hope Croombes (8.2)
- Lyriah Filo (8.4)
- Ethan Dogra (7.2)
- Galia Germanos (7.4)
- Scarlett Lawler (7.4)

Below is Scarlett Lawler's winning composition.

"I hate Monday. To be fair, I hate Mondays. I spit the word out when I'm forced to speak it. The ring it has in my ears once I realise that today, is in fact, that day, is unbearable. I have to shake off my Sunday vibe and so I fall into a ditch of a sudden depression.

"I don't want to go to school tomorrow," I would whine, shoving my head back into my pillow.

Even if school wasn't a thing, I think despising Mondays would be inevitable, no matter how hard I tried to like it.

Mum would try and point out the good things that could happen. I'm saying 'could' because, let's be honest here, a unicorn with wings and a leprechaun sitting on its back isn't going to come riding in to take me away from math... Well, not anytime soon, that is.

Besides, even if school started on Tuesday, I'd still hate Mondays. There's something about it. Maybe it's the name. Maybe it's the fact every school in Australia starts on a freaking Monday and it will never just be on a Friday. I imagine I would be happier if school wasn't for six hours, five consecutive days a week, for four consecutive terms and at least eleven consecutive years. That's not even counting preschool or after school activities that you might participate in. Don't get me wrong, I love to learn, but I hate knowing that at 8:45 am every Monday, I have to rush to homeroom only for my day to get worse by random bits of homework and people who talk my ears off. Or those kids who infuriate me, but I have to keep smiling because murder is illegal. I'm sure all of us could relate to that, no matter who you are. But then again, I'm just a girl with an absolute hatred of Mondays.

To be perfectly honest, Saturday isn't my favourite day, nor is Sunday. Sunday is actually my second least-favourite day of the seven given. My most cherished day is Friday. I do six hours work (where I'm not bored), and I can spend the rest of my night not worrying about what's coming up tomorrow.

I, you have a laugh. I hope that you can stand up and slap Mondays in the face without letting it knock you back down. I hope you can start to enjoy Mondays just as much as everyone else is trying to. And I'm sure, with time, Mondays won't be such a bad thing after all. "can just 'flox 'n' chill in my room until dawn breaks and nobody would tell me not to. I think that's why Mondays are on my hate-list. It's because it tells me that school's just started again for the week, and I can't say 'no' to it. I don't rule the world. I can't change anything that major at all. And the simple reality of it annoys me. It really does. "There's no point in worrying about something no one can change," I mutter to myself as I walk to each of my classes. Chances are, my friends think I'm totally insane, which on their behalf, is true. But the only reason I talk to myself about such things is because I feel like no one else gets it. My parents try and empathize with me, but they don't get it. They just don't understand how much anxiety I get when Monday arrives. I feel like my airway tightens and my lungs grow weak, because all I want to do was have one more day of nothing. No worry, no stress, no patience.

But no. Unfortunately, for many, that's just how things work. And for you, reading this, Mondays are more than likely the definition of hell to you. I can't remember the last time I was smiling on a Monday morning. You

know, skipping into school with two pigtails and a braced grin, but then again, with a whole day of torture to come, who's gonna be smiling?

However, in all fairness, I manage to have an okay time on these dreaded days. I manage to laugh, and finish off work in my classes. I manage to push through until I can have a break at home again. But even that's too long sometimes. Considering I woke up with a frown on my face, and leave with a slight smile is the best thing at times. Maybe you feel the same way. I hope you do. I hope that for every frown you have on a Monday

Scarlett Lawler (7.4)

Mary Ghribian
School Captain

Australia's Biggest Ribbon

Delany students have begun the term by knitting in support of Manning Great Lakes Police District's attempt to knit Australia's biggest white ribbon to raise awareness of domestic and family violence.

If you would like to support the Delany community, you can help by knitting or crocheting a ball of wool up to one metre (the measurements are cast on 40 stitches with 8 ply of white wool on 5mm needles) and submitting it to the front office at Delany College Granville.

Thanks for your support!"

Ms. Megan Cook
Student Learning Leader



Certificate of Excellence in HSIE

The following recipients of this award are to be congratulated for their consistent effort and diligence in all their HSIE subjects.:

Fatim Fayiah	Chanel Kalouche
Sia-Comfort Swaray	Rayan Hammad
MJ Olca	Soheil Nikandish
Vincent Tuala	Izabel Anae
Tavishi Peiris	Mary Ghribian
Maggie Fahed	Chanel Wehbe
Daniel Halawi	Jonathan Abounader
Charbel El Khoueiry	Joshua Carniel
Julieanne Habib	Jacinta Nakhoul

HSIE teachers have nominated the students based on the following criteria:

- The student works with diligence and sustained effort consistently.
- The student is an active participant in class activities and discussions.
- The student works hard to showcase their learning and encourages the learning of their peers.

Certificate of Excellence in HSIE at Delany College will be awarded to students at every College Assembly and is a commendation that every student at Delany College should strive for.

I look forward to hearing about all the amazing things you do in your HSIE classes and hope to see you in front of the assembly being recognised for all your efforts.



Mrs Roubica Akkouche
Human Society Leader of Learning

Chatterbox Live

In week 4 of this term, on 5 November, our 2019 leaders of Delany College will participate in a YouTube Live event with Greg Whitby, the Executive Director of CEDP, called **Chatterbox Live**. This initiative will provide our students the opportunity have their voices heard and ask questions on all things school!

Miss Sarah Guillaume
Community Leader



With Greg Whitby

MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER
Term 4, Week 4
10.00AM - 11.00AM
Livestream commences at 10.20am
* ONLINE live.parra.catholic.edu.au



Jersey Boys

On Wednesday, 17 October, students from Year 10 Music attended the musical *Jersey Boys* at Capitol Theatre. *Jersey Boys* is a 2005 jukebox musical which is presented in a documentary-style format that dramatizes the formation, success and eventual break-up of the 1960s rock 'n' roll group, The Four Seasons. Both the singing and dancing were fantastic and the students enjoyed the musical very much. They were particularly amazed by the staging and production of the show, and of course, Ryan Gonzales' voice, who played Frankie Valli.



Ms Lauren Kwon
Mentor Teacher

NSW Secondary Schools Leadership Day

To explore the responsibilities of a leader and immerse ourselves in the culture of leadership, Paul and I, with the company of Miss Guillaume, attended the 'NSW Secondary Schools Leadership Day' conducted at NSW Parliament House on Thursday, 18 October. The day consisted of a tour by Ms Julia Finn, Member of Granville, around Government House as well as a lunch, where we were able to socialise amongst ourselves. To conclude the event, we observed the members of parliament conducting 'Question Time'. Although it was quite rowdy it was intriguing to watch and obtain divergent perspectives from representatives across NSW. It was quite endearing to be enlightened by Ms Finn and Maram about their team's ability to achieve a greater sense of justice, equality and fairness on a local level. "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way" - John. C Maxwell.



Mary Ghribian
School Captain

Tasmania 14 – 16 September 2018

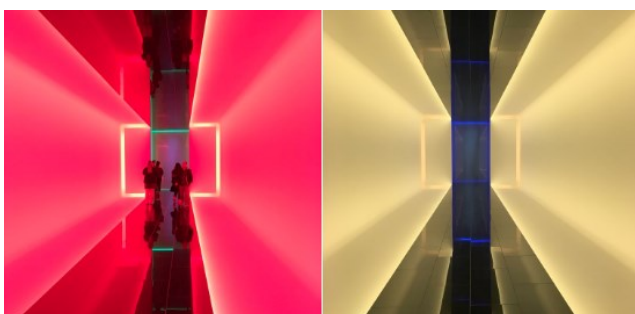
Year 11 Visual Arts students left Sydney on the 7.30am flight to Hobart where our first stop was the Museum of Old and New Art or MONA. This is the museum that everyone talks about owned by the infamous David Walsh of gambling fame. It has undergone some major work over the last year and a new wing “Pharos” has been created to accommodate important light works by American James Turrell including “Beside Myself” and “Event Horizon”. The latter requires everyone to remove their shoes and wear white socks to enter the space.

Our accommodation overlooking Hobart city was close to everything and on Saturday morning we had breakfast at Salamanca Markets where all sorts of fabulous Tasmanian fare is available.

That afternoon we travelled to “The Wall”. This is a carved history of Tasmania, 3 x 100 metres in length made from the rare Huon Pine. “The Wall” has taken the artisan, Greg Duncan, 12 years to produce. This is true wilderness country except for these mind-blowing base relief carvings housed in the artists purpose built studio/ exhibition space. This was truly the highlight of our trip not only because of the craftsmanship on show, but because we spoke to Greg himself who explained his process - and it SNOWED.

We made our return trip to Richmond on Sunday visiting the Woodcraft Shop, Richmond Bridge and St John’s The Evangelist’s Catholic Church (1837), the oldest still functioning Catholic Church in Australia.

Next time, maybe, “The Dismal Swamp” in the Tarkine Forrest? This all depends on our trusty bus driver Mr Muscat of course.



Ms. Louise Broué
Creative Emergence and Design Leader of Learning

R U OK ? day

On Thursday, 13 September 2018, Year 10 students hosted a BBQ for Year 12 students for R U OK day. As Year 12 students approach their HSC they are reminded of the importance of having supportive conversations. Year 10 students handed out information on the 5 Steps to Study Success and an Exam Slaying Checklist.

A huge thank you to the following staff and students who assisted on the day; Mrs Daniella Karim, Mrs Cheryl Sahyoun, Salvador Castillo Gomez, Moses Khouri, Kevin Wen, Cuneyd Kocagoz, Tony Chaiban, Dominic Doumit, Kevis Joshi, Carmelo Janea, Lorenzo Fernando and Kuach Mathiang.



*Ms. Natalie Roberts
Student Learning Leader*

PATRICIAN CUP- GOLF DAY

On Friday, 5 October the annual Patrician Cup Golf Day was held at Cabramatta Golf Club. A number of teams from the Patrician network of schools plus a series of local companies and business were represented on the day. Delany College fielded a team which included Brother Charles, Mr. Paul Donovan, Mr. Alex Peronace and Mr. Warren Johnson. We played within the limits of our ability and hit the ball often, nearly getting a hole in one. Although we just missed out taking home the Patrician Cup, the Delany team of Golf pros did themselves proud. The aim of the day was to raise money for the work of the Delany Foundation, and I am happy to say that the combined teams raised over \$10,000.



*Mr. Warren Johnson
Mentor Teacher*

The School Dentist

Brought to you by Future Care Mobile Dental Services

The School Dentist will be visiting
Delany College during the week of
Monday 19th - Friday - 23rd November 2018

Our innovative mobile dental service was created to meet the needs of the fast paced/time poor lifestyles of many parents. We are changing the game by bringing our dental team and equipment to **Delany College** to provide our onsite dental services to students.



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with the consent form which will be
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