

Delany News



Term 3 Issue 2

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Events in September

Monday 3rd

Yr 8 Geography excursion

Wednesday 12th

- Elevate workshops Yr9 & Yr10
- Delany debating Shield FINAL

Dear Delany Community,

Wednesday, 15 August the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Although defined as an article of faith by Pope Pius XII just over half a century ago, the Assumption of Our Lady into heaven has been accepted from back to the earliest of Christian times. The Assumption signals the end of Mary's earthly life and marks her return to heaven to be reunited with Jesus. While the bodies of both Jesus and Mary are now in heaven, there is a difference between the Assumption and the Resurrection. Where Jesus arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven by his own power, Mary's body was taken up to heaven by the power of her Son.

The Assumption of Mary is important for many reasons—for the glorification of God, the completion of His redemptive work, the theology of the Incarnation, to name a few. A post could be dedicated to each of these. But what does it mean for our personal faith journeys? Other than inspiring further devotion to the Mother of God, there's an additional reason that the Assumption is important, a reason that I think is sometimes overlooked. Pope Pius XII speaks to this in the apostolic constitution in which he defined this teaching as an infallible dogma:

It is to be hoped that all the faithful will be stirred up to a stronger piety toward their heavenly Mother, and that the souls of all those who glory in the Christian name may be moved by the desire of sharing in the unity of Jesus Christ's Mystical Body and of increasing their love for her who shows her motherly heart to all the members of this august body. And so we may hope that those who meditate upon the glorious example Mary offers us may be more and more convinced of the value of a human life entirely devoted to carrying out the heavenly Father's will and to bringing good to others. Thus, while the illusory teachings of materialism and the corruption of morals that follows from these teachings threaten to extinguish the light of virtue and to ruin the lives of men by exciting discord among them, in this magnificent way all may see clearly to what a lofty goal our bodies and souls are destined. Finally it is our hope that belief in Mary's bodily Assumption into heaven will make our belief in our own resurrection stronger and render it more effective.

In other words, the Assumption offers us additional assurance that we too, who have been baptized into Christ's death and shared in His Body through the Eucharist, also will experience a resurrection of our bodies. Christ wasn't the exception for the human race in this sense. Rather, he points the way forward to a greater, more glorious future in which we are all invited to share. This is reinforced by the truth that already another one from the human race has already followed Him into Heaven—Mary.

God bless,

Robert Muscat
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the vast majority of students who have started Semester 2 with enthusiasm.

The Delany community

During the week I, and a number of my colleague teachers, had the pleasure and privilege to listen to speeches from Year 11 students. We have 15 students who have nominated for the College Student Leadership team for 2019, and as part of the discernment process they are required to speak to their Year 11 peers and the Principal and Leadership team. During their speech they outline how they would support Delany's core values of Love, Serve and Hope.

Every student spoke with clarity and passion. Not once, in all the speeches, did I once hear "um" or "err" or "you know". Each person had obviously thoroughly prepared and practiced. Each spoke about the key areas of leadership within the community. Every speaker would be a wonderful representative of their College.

I also acknowledge the Year 11 cohort as a whole. As each speaker was invited to begin, and as each concluded, the year group warmly applauded and supported each other. We know that capital-L Leadership and lowercase-l leadership are almost identical - that is, everyone is a leader in some capacity whether there is a badge or a title. Every Year 11 student displayed the qualities of leadership during the speeches. Delany College will be in good hands - beginning from Term 4 this year. We anticipate the announcement of the 2019 Student Leadership team within the next three weeks.

The academic community

Our Year 12 students are in the second week of their Trial HSC examinations. Year 12 students - you are in our prayers!

This time - and the entire Term 3 - is always one of mixed emotions for Year 12 students: excitement (and perhaps relief) of completing school; nervous energy as exams approach and results are delivered; overwhelming anxiety and fear of sitting in exams and what that means for the future.

The mental health and wellbeing of all our students, and Year 12 in particular, is a major concern during this time. Please be aware that Mrs Kate Roberts, our school counsellor, is available on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Also encourage your children, in every year group, to speak to their mentor teachers. I have listed below just a few organisations that can assist with mental health and wellbeing:

- ◆ Kids Helpline - <https://kidshelpline.com.au/> - 1800 55 1800
- ◆ Headspace - www.headspace.org.au
- ◆ Blackdog - www.blackdoginstitute.org.au
- ◆ Beyond Blue - www.beyondblue.org.au/



trician community

Two weeks ago, on Wednesday 1 August, we had three visitors to the College to launch the Delany Foundation fundraising for Term 3. Mr Michael Krawec and Mr Zacariah Duke are board members of the Foundation, as is Br Paul O'Keefe. All three spoke of the incredible difference our efforts make in countries such as New Guinea and Ghana amongst others.

Now our serious work begins. Any support that you are able to offer to your children, or to the College, towards our fundraising activities will be greatly appreciated.

School Uniform

It is concerning that students continue to attend school without a complete winter uniform. Would you please check on your children as they leave home in the morning and ensure that the uniform is neat and complete.

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

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Dear parents, carers and students of Delany College,

I hope that this article finds you well.

Last Wednesday 8 August, our Year 9 students visited St Joseph Centre for Reflective Living, Baulkham Hills for our school's 2018 Year 9 Reflection Day. There, they contemplated the day's chief question, 'What would Jesus do?', by learning about what it means to serve and ways in which Jesus served throughout his ministry. Furthermore, there, our Year 9 students pondered the questions, "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 exceptional, and I thank, very sincerely, Ms Naomi Booth, Ms Lauren Kwon, Ms Sharon McManus, Mr Alex Peronace and Ms Natalie Roberts for their magnificent energy and enthusiasm, as well as for their amazing sharing of faith, throughout this day. And, during the afternoon of this same day, Mr Warren Johnson, Miss Rannia Katrib and Mr Robert Muscat accompanied our Year 7 students to Holy Trinity Catholic Church to join the parents, carers, students and staff members of Holy Trinity Primary School in their celebration of Mass to mark the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Then, this Wednesday 15 August, some students and staff members gathered with members of the Holy Trinity community and our dedicated parish priest, Fr Andrew Bass, to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. The Feast of the Assumption is a commemoration of our church's belief that, when Jesus' mother died, her body wasn't subjected to the usual process of physical decay. Instead, it was 'assumed' into Heaven, and reunited, there, with her soul.

Wishing you and your families the very best for the fortnight ahead, with God's blessings,



Mr. Derek Wales
Religious Education Coordinator

Head of School Learning

As a staff, at Delany College, we have continued to develop strategies on how to motivate and encourage your sons and daughters to be engaged in their learning.

Research suggests that when students are motivated and engaged in their learning, they retain more of the information taught and develop a deeper understanding of the concepts.

The two main ways to encourage motivation and engagement is to make the content relevant to the students' life experience and provide a wide variety of ways to present the concepts. Also using technology in the learning process allows students to use strategies that they are comfortable with, which helps them engage with the learning activity.

Parents also have a huge role to play in student motivation and engagement. Studies have shown that parents that are involved in their child's education perform much better than those who don't. Being interested in what your child is doing at school and what they are achieving in assessment tasks is one easy way to show your child that you are interested in their education.



Mr. Mark Robinson
Head of school Learning

School Fees

Thank you to all those parents who have paid their Term 2 school fees. You will start to receive your Term 3 Invoice / Statements over the next few days. Please contact our finance office if you do not have an arrangement in place. Sheryl Temu Ph 8633 8107 .

Just a reminder of the Diocesan policy regarding a student leaving the College during the year that a Terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full Term's Fees will be payable

Our front office team now have the capability to print a statement for you so if you are waiting to see a teacher or dropping your child to school speak to our helpful team at the front for an updated statement.

For our new 2019 enrolments I would like to encourage any families who are experiencing any form of financial hardship to read the attached article about our Bishop Manning Foundation Scholarship Fund. We would like to assist families who would like to apply and meet the criteria so please contact our Finance Office for more information - Ph 8633 8107.

BISHOP MANNING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Our Catholic education scholarships are intended to assist families in genuine need who desire a Catholic school education for their children, but for whom the cost is out of reach.

We would strongly encourage families who meet the criteria to apply. Please follow the link to submit an application.

<http://www.scholarshipparra.catholic.edu.au/apply-for-a-scholarship>.



If you require assistance completing the application our Finance team can assist you. Normal school enrolment criteria apply and all scholarships are subject to periodic review. Application closing date is 18 October.

Hope you have a fun and relaxing school holiday

Mrs Sheryl Temu
Senior Finance Officer

FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADER

Delany College Parent Forum

When: 28th August 2018

Time : 6-7pm

Where: HSIE Space

Topic : Literacy@Delany



Delany College takes great pride in recognising the individual abilities of its students and addressing these skills at each critical point of need. As a result, there are a number of different programs that exist to improve or extend student literacy.

You are invited to attend a parent forum that will explain the high yield strategies that your child's teachers are using in the classroom to enable improved reading comprehension and writing.

You will be able to meet and listen to specialist literacy teachers involved in intervention and extension programs (that your child may be involved in) such as:

- **ELU - Mrs Collimore**
- **R3 - Miss Nizam**
- **Literacy coaches and Reading Enrichment teachers**
- Miss Ieroianni, Miss Waihape and Mr De la Hoz

We look forward to seeing you at our parent seminar.
If you have any questions, please contact me.

Ms. Sharon McManus
Pedagogical Leader

Write a book in a day

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Delany College and compete in the "Write A Book In A Day Competition" on Friday 24th August.

- Ethan Dogra
- Lyriah Filo
- Simran Kaur
- Joseph Koroma
- Scarlett Lawler
- Rhys Ramos
- Thomas Rose
- Khan Salicioglu-Achi
- Sia Comfort Swaray



The competition requires the team to write, illustrate and bind a book in 12 hours. The competition is to raise funds for The Kids Cancer Project.

Wish our team the best of luck for the day!

Ms Misty Waihape
HSIE Teacher & Literacy Intervention

Dance Group

Joining Forces, students across years 7-12 demonstrates their artistic movements to formulate a dance that is sure to captivate the audience.

Establishing the first ever dance club at Delany, Miss Ieroianni, has brought lovers of dance together to choreograph a series of routines. One month since commencing rehearsals, students are in the process of composing a hip-hop/ funk dance to 'Cutting Shapes' by Don Diablo. Dance group member, Mariah Sleiman from Year 7, stated "it's another fun thing to think about- something I can go to and have fun". Similarly, Eftalia Temel in Year 7 stated "everytime I dance I feel free... It's good being a part of something and I like being around the teachers and friends. It makes me feel confident and happy".



The dance group has provided students with an avenue for self expression, developing their confidence.

If you would like to join the dance group or have an enquiry, please approach Miss Ieroianni or contact her by email :

aieroianni@parra.catholic.edu.au

*By Mary Ghribin
Year 11 student*

Year 9 Excursion to UTS.

At the end of Term 2, selected students from Year 9 attended the Mathematics Matters workshop at UTS. Students created parabola BBQ under the guidance of Stuart Palmer. As challenging as the activity was, the students were determined to complete the task at hand.

It was a very enjoyable experience!

We are looking forward to our next visit on August 30th.



*Miss Kelsey Ortiz
School Learning Leader - Mathematics*

Monsignor McGovern 2018 Prize Winners

Johnny Romeo, our resident artist, was thrilled by the number of exceptional artworks submitted this year by students from our feeder primary schools; Holy Family- Granville, St Margaret Mary's - Merrylands, Holy Trinity - Granville and St Oliver's - Harris Park.

Year 5 Highly Commended

Tamara Elias - St Margaret Mary's
Stella Fitzpatrick - Holy Trinity

Year 5 Winner

Annette Ajay - St Oliver's

Year 6 Highly Commended

Rosie Faddoul - Holy Family
Rhianna Brown - Holy Family
Angelina Dewan - St Oliver's
Joseph El Rassi - St Margaret Mary's
Mario Beos - St Margaret Mary's
Ricky Dang - Holy Trinity

Year 6 Winner

Kyna Garcia - St Margaret Mary's

Johnny was most impressed by this year's interesting subjects :

"Kim Jon Un" by Joseph El Rassi from St Margaret Mary's Primary School and Ricky Dang's "Drake - In my feeling" from Holy Trinity



*Ms Louise Broué
Creative Emergence and Design*

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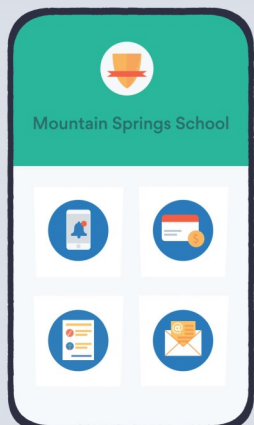
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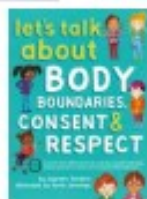
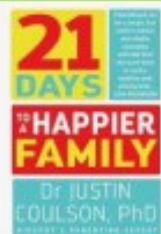


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Our guest speaker for the evening is:

Dr Justin Coulson

Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 27 August 2018

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)

Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session

at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW

Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

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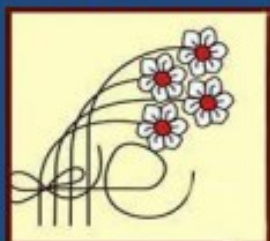


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