

Delany News



Term 1 Issue 3

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Upcoming Events

Friday 15 March

St Patrick's Mass

Tuesday 19 March

Year 11 & 12 Art Express excursion

Wednesday 20 March

- IST Excursion Yr9/10
- IDT Excursion Yr11
- Yr12 Parent/Teacher interviews (3pm-6pm)

Friday 22 March

Science & Engineering Challenge (excursion)

Monday 25 March

Patrician Rugby League cup

Friday 29 March

St Margaret Mary's Primary Yr6 Learning Day

Pastoral letter to the people and clergy of the Diocese of Parramatta

Dear friends,

The news concerning Cardinal George Pell and his conviction and incarceration on historic child sexual abuse crimes has dominated local and international media this week. Such news has caused a wide range of emotions in the community.

Even among Catholics, there is a sense of shame and anger at the betrayal that the clerical sex abuse crimes represent, and the hypocrisy they reveal. It is wider than simply the case of Cardinal Pell. We must respect the processes of the law and await the outcome of the appeal.

In the meantime, our primary concern must continue to be the care of the victims of sexual abuse.

The revisiting of such grievous wounds has been difficult for many. As we approach Lent, may we, too, grieve with all those suffering intensely. Genuine hope begins whenever we listen to the story of another with an open heart.

Some, too, feel that in the marketplace the "brand Catholic" has suffered a grievous blow. Perhaps so. But we are not a market nor are we a popular cult.

We are first and always a community of disciples following our one master, Jesus Christ. We are not the Church of one leader, be it Pope Francis or Cardinal Pell or any other bishop.

We are the living Body of Christ made up of saints and sinners.

We are challenged by Our Lord to reach out to all who are hurting, and to all victims of every abuse and sinfulness. We are to be the "field hospital" for all the marginalised as Pope Francis has asked us to become. We are to be in the messiness of life, not to run away into some "idealised future or romantic past."

To be such, demands that we let go of our sense of superiority, privilege and power and embrace again our need for healing and forgiveness and to look again at the Suffering Servant leader who is our Lord Jesus.



Many people may say these are only words and they would be correct. However, for us they are the words of Jesus and we are called to put our faith in Him and demonstrate it in our actions by our care for all in need.

This would mean changing the way we think and act so that all may feel safe and welcome in our communities regardless of what they believe, look like, or have, and regardless of their sexuality, gender or marital status.

The season of Lent summons us to a discipleship of humility, weakness and vulnerability, of dying and rising in Christ. We are challenged to remove our heart of stone and to have a heart of flesh instead.

During this period of crisis and darkness, as the Church, let us pray that we have the courage to die to that which is contrary to the Gospel, and rise to be what Christ has called us to be.

Yours in Christ the Chief Shepherd,



Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This week we are celebrating St Patrick's day on Friday (in preparation for Sunday 17 March). We will share Mass at 12.30pm in Holy Trinity Church and you are, as always, welcome to join us in this celebration.

The Delany community

If we need any evidence of a vibrant community, you need look no further than our Delany Open Day of last Friday. During the morning we led a tour of our learning spaces with interested parents. This tour moves through our period 1 classes, so parents see our students in action. The afternoon is then the 'open' part of the day, where parents and their children participated in a range of activities and learning experiences prepared by our staff. What is particularly impressive is the number of our current students who offer to stay back and act as hosts for tours or assist (and in some cases run by themselves) learning activities in classrooms.

On a similar theme, on Friday 1 March we hosted approximately 80 Year 6 students from Holy Trinity Primary, Holy Family Primary and St Oliver's Primary schools. They visit the College to get an insight into 'senior school' - the larger school site, larger students, moving between classrooms, and participating in learning activities (such as woodwork, science experiments and hospitality) that are unavailable in their primary schools. Every time we run one of these days I am overwhelmed with the offers of assistance from our students. In fact, without their leadership on these days, the event would not be nearly as valuable for the visiting Year 6 students. I want to make special mention of two year 7 students - Annie Hara and Kristina Gierke. They volunteered to speak about their first few weeks at Delany to the entire year 6 group. Many people find the task of speaking to an audience quite intimidating - but Annie and Kristina were up to the challenge and spoke confidently and are great representatives of our school. Well done!

The academic community

This term we are holding Parent/Teacher interviews for all year groups on the dates listed below. Each of these afternoons run from 3.30pm - 6pm. **It is an expectation that all students and their families attend.**

The first evening is for Year 12 on Wednesday 20 March. The HSC courses are now halfway complete, and students will have attempted a variety of assessment tasks, and these will continue through to late Term 3. Irrespective of a student's progress to date, there remains plenty of time to make a significant change in study practice, and therefore a shift in final results. We hold the interviews at this time to provide students and their parents with a 'progress update', as well as advice for the coming months.

Interviews for students in Years 7 to 11 will be held on Tuesday 2 April and Wednesday 10 April. The College has deliberately moved this important event from the end of Term 2 to Term 1. We believe that the sooner you receive feedback about your child's progress the more valuable that information is and provides plenty of time to prepare for Term 2 and the examinations and assessments that all students will attempt.

The Patrician community

Students have attended two Patrician events during the past two weeks. The first was a "Reconnect" event for the Year 12 student leaders from each of the Patrician schools and hosted here at Delany College. These talented students met together for the first time at the beginning of Term 4 2018 with the objective of getting to know each other, and to share their hopes and plans for their leadership year. They reconnected last week as a check-in how are you plans going; what has changed; here's what we're doing, perhaps you could try this too... It is a pleasure to watch the future leaders of Australia meet together and plan the future of their schools and communities.

On Wednesday 13 March 19 Year 7 representatives travelled to All Saints College at Liverpool as an induction to our Patrician heritage. It was reported as an excellent day. Some of these students will, in five (or so) years, be attending the Leadership events I've described above. Time flies!

Student behaviour

The College Leadership team received this week a report from a visiting teacher. This person has been a regular visitor to our classrooms throughout the past 12 months. After her first visit for the year, she told us that she was highly impressed with the learning and behaviour in the classrooms.

I echo this statement. Students have been very cooperative and engaged this year, and I observe a sense of community in the yard and classrooms. Society can be quick to judge the bad actions around us, but it is important to acknowledge great work when we see it.

School uniform

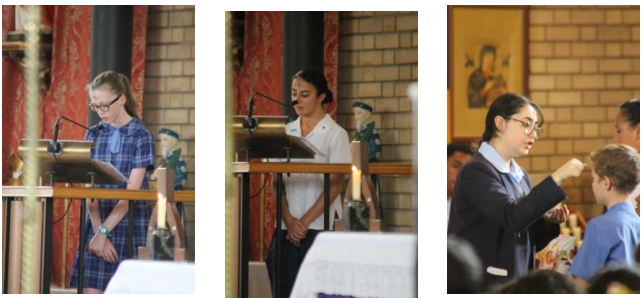
Students from Year 7 to 12 have made a very positive start to the year. It is very pleasing to see students wearing their uniforms with pride and care. I acknowledge there is, occasionally, a uniform mishap - perhaps trousers were ripped or shirt/blouse damaged. Please send your child with a note of explanation.

Every so often a student will say that their uniform is still damp from being washed the previous evening. This is not an explanation that is reasonable, particularly since we are still in summer. In these cases, the student will be asked and expected to wear a uniform that we provide from our pool of second hand (and cleaned) clothes.

St Patrick, pray for us.

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

ASH WEDNESDAY AT DELANY



YEAR 7 PATRICIAN INDUCTION DAY



Induction
Day

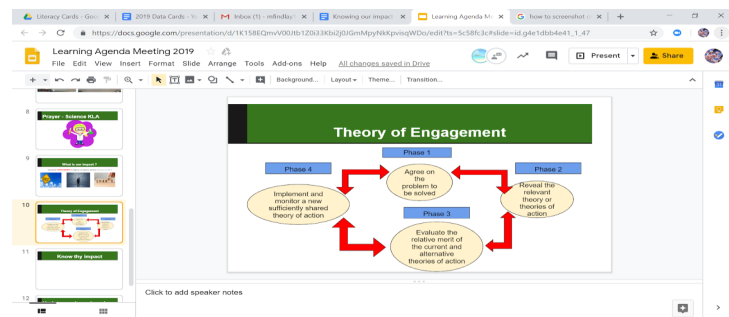
FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADER

The significance of ongoing professional learning is highlighted in the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership [AITSL]). These national standards articulate a shared understanding of what it means to be a quality teacher at different levels of experience and describe what teachers should know and do at different career stages.

Each Tuesday afternoon, the Delany College staff gather for weekly professional learning. Recently, teachers have been involved in data driven inquiry based around the theme of 'Knowing Our Impact' an adaptation of one of John Hattie's eight mind frames found in his text, *Visible Learning for Teachers: Maximising Impact on Learning (2008)*.

Throughout the term, teachers tracked a class or set of students, identifying theorists and strategies to improve learning. Using data, teachers composed a hypothesis which they then tested through the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the merit of their various actions within the classroom to improve student outcomes.

Throughout this learning journey, teachers had the opportunity to act as critical friends so as to provide constructive feedback to their colleagues. The quality of the presentations during yesterday's staff meeting were outstanding as each teacher presented to a team whose progress was facilitated by a mentor.



The above diagram taken from Dr. Viviane Robinson's text, *Reduce Change to Increase Improvement (2017)* is a visual representation of the process that teachers applied to their inquiry and will continue to apply throughout the year.

Ms. Sharon McManus
Pedagogical Leader

SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to parents who have received their fee notices and called to make an arrangement or completed the Flexi payment plans. Please contact our friendly team to assist you with payment arrangements or assistance with any fee queries.

Leavers and Starters

If your child has started or left Delany College, the account will be adjusted over this week and next please contact us after this time if you are querying why you have received an invoice.

Jacaranda Bundle

Our front office team is equipped to receipt your payments over the phone or over the counter please finalise these payments as soon as possible.

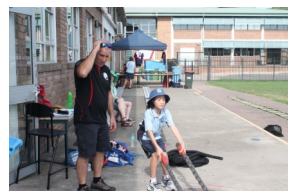
The College is happy to assist those parents/caregivers who require more time to pay off their child's school fees. If any family is experiencing financial difficulty or would like to organise an alternate payment plan please contact me on – Ph 8633 8100 or email stemu1@parra.catholic.edu.au

STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR

A reminder of the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta's policy regarding a student leaving the College during the year. A Term's notice in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full Term's Fees **will be payable**.

Mrs Sheryl Temu
Senior Finance Officer

DELANY COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2019



Vinnies Van

On the 26th of February, Delany College commenced its first Vinnies Van shift for 2019. With the help of Mrs Findlay, Miss Ortiz, Miss Katrib, Marie, Leo and Zac, all volunteers spent the night providing sandwiches and hot drinks for the less fortunate in our community. It was an extremely fulfilling experience and a great way to begin the new year.



Mary Ghribian
College Leader

MUSIC

On Thursday 28th March, ex-Delany student Tawanda Baye visited Delany College to jam with our current students. At lunch, more than 20 students came along to the music room to jam, sing and watch Tawanda and two of his friends perform on the drums and electric guitar. Students sang and danced along to songs by Bruno Mars, Daniel Caesar and many more. Tawanda and his band then joined Ms Kwon's Year 11 class where they performed songs that they will be assessed on this term. It was a fantastic day and we all had so much fun!

Please also be aware that Tawanda is happy to provide drum lessons to students as of Term 2. We also have private music tutors coming in to teach the piano, vocals and the guitar. Music is a great outlet for students to express themselves and teaches students to be resilient and be critical thinkers. If receiving formal private music lessons interests you, please email Ms Kwon.



Miss Lauren Kwon
Music teacher

WRITE 4 FUN COMPETITION

The Write 4 Fun Competition is now on. This competition gives students the opportunity to be creative writers and strengthen their writing skills.

Students will also be given the opportunity to win \$500 cash for themselves and \$500 cash for Delany College as well as an iPad, Xbox or PlayStation 4.

Entries can be either a poem OR a 500 word short story based on a topic of your own choosing.

Entries close on March 31st. For more information and to enter please log on to:

<https://www.write4fun.net/> OR see Mrs Findlay.

Mrs Misty Findlay
English Teacher



Women in Sport Roadshow

Delany College was lucky enough to be the first high school to participate in the Women in Sport Roadshow which was being managed by the Cumberland Council's Recreation Team. The roadshow seeks to inspire young people to try new things including different sports.

We were privileged to welcome **Abbey McCulloch** as our guest presenter and coach who was the Captain of the NSW Netball Swifts team, holds a masters degree in Teaching, and is also a qualified Personal Trainer.

The girls in Year 7 and 8 were invited along to participate in the Presentation, Question and Answer session and then played multiple fun games and activities, including Netball run by Abbey herself and a member of Netball NSW.

"I enjoyed the Women In Sport Roadshow because it got us moving and having fun. Seeing the enthusiasm between the girls of Year 7 & 8 made it even more fun and made us get very competitive. I advise every girl in the years to come to get involved and have fun while exercising and even learning a bit." Ayla Fahed - Year 8



Mrs Daniella Karim
Sustainable Health Leader

'Chill Out Tuesday'

Tired of doing the same old things at lunchtime? Want to have some fun?

Delany College now offers games group during lunchtime THREE days a week!! Put away those devices and come and play table tennis, air hockey, Giant Jenga, Twister and join in a range of other activities.

Come join us on 'Chill Out Tuesday', 'No Worries Wednesday' or 'Thumbs Up Thursday' OR Come to all three!

We are located in the purple space (near Mrs Collimore's office). Bring your lunch and come along and have fun with students from all year groups.

Mrs Kata Collimore
Leader of Diverse Learning





HSC MATHEMATICS SEMINARS

Saturday 27 April
Parramatta Library

Year 11 Advance and Extension 1 - new
syllabus
10am - 12.15pm

Year 12 Extension 2
1pm - 3.15pm

Free | Book online

www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/library

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HSC CHEMISTRY SEMINARS

NEW SYLLABUS CONTENT!

PARRAMATTA LIBRARY

Saturday 27 April

Year 12 10am to 12.15pm | Year 11 1pm to 3.15pm

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Delany College/Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be having a one (1) day **SALE** for selected items. Discounted items include sports uniform and second-hand blazers/uniform. Strictly 1 day, cash sale event. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Save the Date **TUESDAY 26th March 8am-1pm.**



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Monsignor McGovern Art Prize

**A portrait competition for primary
school students**

Exhibition

19th – 21st June

Prize Giving

Wednesday 19th June
5pm – 7pm



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Who:

Students seeking help with Maths

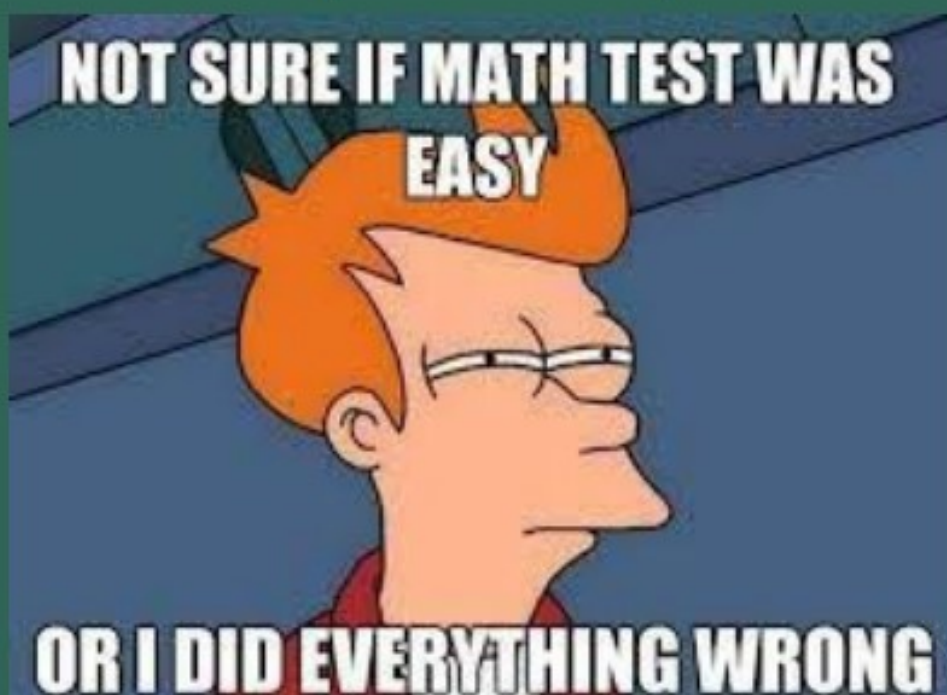
Where:

Maths Space

When:

Wednesday afternoons

3:15pm - 4:15pm





Children and Families Community Forum

Children and families are invited to attend Council's community forum and have their say on content for Cumberland's first Children and Families Strategy. Children will be asked to participate by also having their input. The strategy will focus on recognising community needs and identify ways to support and increase opportunities for families and children to fully participate in the community and Council services & programs.

Families and their children are welcome to attend one of our two forums:

- Wednesday 27 March 2019, 6.00 - 7.30pm
Auburn Town Hall Auditorium, 1 Susan Street, Auburn
Register at: bit.ly/2T6svRc or phone 8757 9540
- Saturday 30 March 2019, 10.00 - 11.30am
Alan Ezzy Community Centre - Warwick and Lyn Tester Room,
1 Newport Street, Penrith
Register at: bit.ly/2Vvhwhs or phone 8757 9540


Light refreshments will be provided.

For further information please contact the Children and Families team on 87 57 9000 or email childrens.services@cumberland.nsw.gov.au

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Delany College has chosen the Jacaranda Bundle *plus* as the learning solution for students in Years 7 – 10. The Jacaranda Bundle *plus* is a high-value package that provides access to 15 premium digital resources across nine core curriculum subjects (including Maths, Science, English, History and Geography). The cost is **\$114.95** per child, per year and is compulsory for students in Years 7 – 10 to purchase.

Step 1: Paying for the Jacaranda Bundle plus

Payment for the Jacaranda Bundle *plus* is **due by end of March**. To complete payment visit the Jacaranda Payment Portal:

<https://parentportal.jaconline.com.au/page/delany-college>

1. Click on your child's year level and enter in the following details:
Student details: first and last name.
Student ID details: school provided email address.
2. The Jacaranda Bundle *plus* is pre-populated and pre-selected.
3. Click on Purchase.

Upon clicking Purchase, you will be redirected to the Jacaranda shopping cart to finalise payment. Once payment has been processed you will receive a confirmation email. Please keep this email as proof of purchase.

Need help using the Jacaranda Payment Portal?

Click on **Help Tools** at the top of the Jacaranda Payment Portal home page for an instructional parent help video and parent help guide (PDF). If you are still having issues, click on **Contact** at the top of the page to speak with a Jacaranda Customer Service representative. Alternatively, please contact the College Office to p

Step 2: Accessing the Jacaranda Bundle plus

Your child will receive their JacPLUS account resources within 24 hours if correct credentials are entered when purchasing. If credentials do not match, they will receive access and login details (username & password) from the College. To access the JacPLUS account please visit: <https://www.jacplus.com.au/>