



# The Gonzagan

Weekly Newsletter of St Aloysius' College

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This kind of meditation, which finds God our Lord in all things, is easier than raising oneself to divine truths which are more abstract and which demand something of an effort if we are to keep our attention on them  
- St Ignatius Loyola SJ, Letter to Fr Anthony Brandao SJ, 1551

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## THE RECTOR

So much about St Aloysius' is about being a community of friends. On Saturday night Fr Provincial, Steve Curtin blessed the new Dalton Hall. Some 650 people attended the Parents' and Friends' Commencement Cocktail Party. Thanks to all who helped make this night so enjoyable. Many commented positively on the experience of being part of the Aloysian family.



The next day, the Heads' and Rectors' of the Jesuit-owned and Jesuit-partnered schools met in Sydney. It reminded me that we are also blessed to be part of a wider Jesuit family. In Australia this includes ministries in (a) education (4 Jesuit-owned and 5 partnered schools), (b) social (Jesuit Mission, Jesuit Refugee Service, Jesuit Social Services, and indigenous activities), (c) pastoral (11 parishes and migrant chaplaincies), (d) mission formation (4 retreat centres and formation in spirituality), and (e) communications and development (fundraising, electronic and print-publishing).

The Heads' and Rectors' meeting included people from Xavier College Melbourne, Xavier Catholic College Hervey Bay, Saint Ignatius' College Adelaide, Saint Ignatius' College Geelong, Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Loyola Senior High School Mount Druitt, Loyola College Watsonia and John XXIII College Perth. Fr Chris Gleeson, the Provincial Delegate for Education was also present. Chris is the Chair of the Jesuit Schools' Commission which assists the Provincial in guiding the schools ministry. Students from the Jesuit-owned and Jesuit-partnered schools bond with each other through sporting carnivals, leadership formation, shared immersion experiences and debating festivals. Our Staff also connect through Ignatian formation experiences, pilgrimages, and curriculum development.

At St Aloysius' we join a huge network of people in the Jesuit family. The Jesuits are a worldwide religious order of about 19,000 people in some 120 countries today. They are the largest religious order in the church today. The Jesuit network is not just the Jesuits and it never was! Today we speak in terms of Jesuits and our companions in mission. In Australia, we are not just a Province of 150 Jesuits but rather of 2,000 companions and more if we include all our students.

The quality of education has improved as Jesuit lay collaboration has developed. Lay people assuming positions of leadership has resulted in more talented people contributing their gifts. The mission for us all is to be welcoming, discerning and courageous.

When the Jesuits were founded in 1540, they grew quickly and were renowned for their missionary endeavour and educational work. Jesuits were highly mobile and innovative in an era of European expansionism. They went to India, Ethiopia, Malaysia, Japan, Mexico, Argentina, Colombia, Brazil, Paraguay, Peru, China, Canada, Mozambique and other places within the first generation. They set up schools beginning in Gandia in Spain in 1546 and Messina in Sicily. Within sixty years there were 500 colleges in Europe and beyond. The early Jesuits established a school system that spread through Europe, the Americas and parts of Asia. It was an organization of individual schools in close contact with one another, deliberately reviewing and evaluating their experience, both classroom and administrative, on a large scale, and sharing teachers who moved around according to their own capabilities, and as the needs of the institution demanded and permitted. This was a multinational group responding vigorously to a global market.

When the Jesuits were suppressed in 1773, over 700 educational institutes were disbanded and 250,000 students had to make other arrangements. Jesuits survived their suppression and in 1814 were again involved with schools and colleges. Most were well regarded and prestigious in their contexts. During the 1960s in Latin America and throughout the world, many in Jesuit schools questioned whether they were educating the elite and perpetuating cycles of social inequity. Students at Jesuit Colleges were encouraged to recognize that privileges bring responsibilities; to assist those on the edge rather than become prospective victimizers.

Today Jesuits have a range of educational pursuits. Popular education in parts of Latin America is not structured around formal colleges as in other parts of the world. Nativity schools in the United States educate and motivate inner-city middle-school students in a supportive environment. In increasing numbers our educational institutions are accessible to students from economically disadvantaged groups. The Jesuits willingly share their educational heritage with others when asked. The partnered schools of our province are a special gift.

In the coming months, Jarjum College will commence in Redfern. It is trying to respond to an educational need among urban Aboriginal children who are not participating or coping in mainstream schools as a result of difficult domestic circumstances. Jarjum (the name for 'children' in the Bundjalung language) will try to support children who are not attending school and have fallen behind in education for various reasons of disadvantage, by engaging with families and motivating these children. Auntie Beryl Van-Oploo, an Elder in the Redfern area, believes Jarjum will "fill the gap". As well as offering learning programmes with a curriculum appropriate to their needs, Jarjum will provide breakfast and lunch, washing facilities and health

## College Mission Statement

St Aloysius' College is a Jesuit school for boys providing, in co-operation with families, a Catholic education which:

- Proposes Christ as the model of human life
- Pursues excellence in teaching and learning
- Promotes lifelong learning and spiritual growth

care, after-school activities and family community gatherings. One aim is to help support children to a level of education that would enable them to transfer effectively to a local school.

Working closely with local Aboriginal people, St Aloysius' staff, friends and council members have helped shape this vision carefully. The Board of Studies has given initial registration. The Archdiocese has given the St Vincent Catholic Church Presbytery for the school. This church is at the heart of Aboriginal history in Redfern. Some years ago this was burnt down, so we have undertaken to refurbish

this to build the school on this site. Architects have developed a plan which will go to tender for the building in the coming weeks. We have appointed Beatrice Sheen as Founding Principal of Jarjum. Beatrice is an Aboriginal woman from the Gamilaroi Nation and has a background of fine educational experience. This school will rely on the support of the St Aloysius' family and can I encourage your participation. It is an important initiative.

Peter Hosking SJ

Xavier College, Melbourne Vic. (Est. 1878) Rector: Fr Thomas Renshaw, SJ Principal: Dr Chris Hayes	Co-ed P-4 (300); boys 5-8 (800); 9-12 (1000) Total: 2100	Jesuit independent school
St Aloysius' College, Sydney NSW (Est. 1879) Rector: Fr Peter Hosking, SJ Principal: Fr Chris Middleton, SJ	Boys 3-6 (330); 7-12 (870) Total: 1200	Jesuit independent school
St Ignatius' College, Riverview NSW (Est. 1880) Rector: Fr Andy Bullen, SJ (Term 1 2011) & Fr Ross Jones, SJ Headmaster: Mr Shane Hogan	Boys 5-8 (640); 9-12 (900) Total: 1540	Jesuit independent school
St Ignatius' College, Adelaide SA (Est. 1951) Rector: Fr John McLain, SJ Headmaster: Fr Robert Davoren, SJ	Co-ed R-6 (550); 7-12 (870) Total: 1420	Jesuit independent school
John XXIII College, Perth WA (Est. 1977) Principal: Mrs Anne Fry	Co-ed K-6 (470); 7-12 (1080) Total: 1550	Jesuit-partnered school as a Catholic Independent school in the Ignatian tradition
Loyola College, Watsonia Vic. (Est. 1980) Principal: Mr Joseph Favrin	Co-ed 7-12 (1160) Total: 1160	Jesuit-partnered school with Catholic Education Office, Melbourne
Loyola Senior High School, Mt Druitt NSW (Est. 1993) Principal: Mr Rob Laidler	Co-ed 11-12 (500) Total: 500	Jesuit-partnered school with Catholic Education Office, Parramatta
St Ignatius' College, Geelong Vic. (Est. 1991); partnered with Jesuits 2007) Principal: Mr Michael Exton	Co-ed 7-12 (880) Total: 880	Jesuit-partnered school with Catholic Education Office, Melbourne
Xavier Catholic College, Hervey Bay QLD (Est. 2002; partnered with Jesuits 2009) Principal: Mr Kerry Swann	Co-ed P-7 (550); 8-12 (700) Total: 1250	Jesuit-partnered school with Catholic Education Office, Queensland
Jarjum College, Redfern NSW (Est. 2011) Principal: Mrs Beatrice Sheen	Co-ed K-6 (20)	Jesuit primary school for Aboriginal children

## THE PRINCIPAL

Last Saturday night saw the Blessing of Dalton Hall by the Jesuit Provincial, Fr Steve Curtin SJ. A large number of guests witnessed the historic occasion. It was an opportunity to thank our donors, the building team from Prime led by former parent, Mr Phil de Gail, the architects from Gardner, Wetherill and Associates (including the Lead Architect, Mr Greg McGuirk, from the Class of 1988) and our Project Manager, Mr Uhar Havukainen. We were also able to acknowledge Mr Eric Goodwin, our former Chair of Council, whose generous commitment in time and expertise in the building industry played such a big part in getting this project up and running. The contribution of the Federal Government through the Building the Education Revolution programme was also acknowledged. Dalton Hall marks a new step in our journey as a school, in this our 132nd year. It is fittingly named after the founder of the school. It reflects our commitment to the future and the nature of the holistic education at Aloys. It will be a wonderful resource for the boys and the school.

Most of the guests at the Blessing of Dalton Hall then crossed Upper Pitt Street to join the Parents and Friends Commencement Party. The large turnout of parents was witness to the strength of parental involvement and to the energy of the Parents and Friends Association under Mr Michael Morgan. With over 650 people in attendance, the night was very well catered for. It was pleasing also to note the presence of so many members of staff.

It was pleasing to see many of the Senior boys assist with both the Blessing, and the Parents and Friends Commencement Party. The College Captain, **Declan Johnston**, read the gospel at the Blessing (and even shed his blood on the commemorative plaques!). **Luke Spano**, the Chair of the SRC, read the prayer of blessing. The Senior

Jazz Ensemble and the Chamber Choir provided the music for the ceremony. Many of our Senior student leaders also assisted with the serving at the Commencement Party. **Tom Morrison** and **Leo Hennessy** even helped with the cooking on the night. The College is grateful for the boys' support and assistance.

This week sees the launch of the My School 2.0 websites by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). The website profiles of schools and information about

schools such as numbers of students and staff, attendance rates and results from the national literacy and numeracy tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in 2010. The website shows comparisons between Aloysius' NAPLAN results and those from schools having students from statistically similar backgrounds across Australia. For the first time, the site includes information relating to schools' finances (2009 recurrent income and capital expenditure displayed broken down by the source of funding).

Comparisons will be made and League tables will undoubtedly be drawn up later in the week. Broadly speaking, we are very happy with our results, though it should be said that they are to be

expected as we are a partially selective school. We are not selective in the sense of a James Ruse High or Sydney Grammar, because, while we do have an entry examination as a factor in the selection process due to our more limited curriculum in the Senior years, academic performance is only one of the criteria used in the selection process. Regularly, some of our best performing students in the entry examinations are not offered places at the school due to the mix of criteria used in selections. Moreover, we do not offer any academic scholarships (one way that schools have of maintaining a certain level



L-R: Eric Goodwin (Former Chair of College Council), Luke Spano (Chair of SRC),  
Fr Chris Middleton SJ (Principal), Declan Johnston (College Captain),  
Fr Steve Curtin SJ (Provincial), Fr Peter Hosking SJ (Rector), The Hon. Tim Studdert, QC  
(SAC 1952) (Chair of College Council)  
Photo by: Peter Brennan (Current Parent)

of HSC results). It could also be argued that many other schools are *de facto* partially selective through their interview process and the fees they charge. Additionally, one could note that Aloys has relatively large class sizes and more modest resources than some of the bigger, more expensive schools, though of course we compare well in resources to the majority of schools.

The material relating to NAPLAN on the site is useful to the school, especially as information accumulates over a number of years. It might enable us to recognize relative weaknesses in our programme in a particular area, or a relative weakness in a particular cohort that needs more attention. The ability to compare ourselves to other schools that we judge as relevant to our style and population is of more use than simply having our statistics compared to a generic State average.

As the site's intention is to better inform parents, it is important that parents should be fully aware of its limitations and of the problems that may be associated with a publicly accessible site and the attendant league tables.

Firstly, in terms of accountability, I would argue that schools such as ours provide consistent, hard evidence of what is, or is not, working. The national NAPLAN testing of literacy and numeracy in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, the Year 6 Religious Education test in Sydney, the numerous University-sponsored competitions we enter, the fifteen formal school examination periods from Years 3-12, the School Certificate and the HSC, all give specific feedback to parents on their sons' academic progress.

Secondly, the comparative feature within My School – that is comparing each school with numbers of like schools – appears to fail the common sense test. The ICSEA (Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage) measure exposes the difficulties in any broad socio-economic model as a basis of comparison (or of funding for that matter). The press will highlight various incongruities in comparisons between very unlike schools. I doubt whether this aspect of the site has any real educational value. Another agenda is at play.

Thirdly, what will be largely ignored is perhaps the biggest issue in public education, especially in NSW, namely the relation between Government selective and comprehensive schools. The data clearly identifies this as being the biggest range in results between schools.

It must be admitted that My School may serve a purpose where it appears that local schools (two or three public, or in some, two or three Catholic) in the same town or suburb, which on appearances would seem to have real similarities, yet their scores are substantially different. Here would seem to be a real sharp point of pressure, and maybe questions must be asked of schools.

The downside to this competitive, public outing is that schools may focus strongly on teaching to the NAPLAN tests. Anecdotal accounts already point to some schools heavily focusing on this testing, even though unlike say the HSC, such tests were not intended for such use. They are meant to be diagnostic tools for identifying issues with students and teaching, and not as mechanisms of assessment. Tutoring and coaching and undue focus in the classroom will distort such results. At Aloysius' we seek to ensure that students are familiar with the style of questions, but the tests are fitted into our normal programme. Who could blame schools in the fairly predatory climate created by league tables even at Year 3 level for making such tests a core object of teaching (especially where it may influence enrolments and fundraising)? It is ironic also that the one measure of academic achievement that might adequately reflect school performance – the ATAR measure derived from Year 12 examinations and assessments – is the one measure not included in My School.

In relation to schools teaching to the NAPLAN tests, it might be noted that such a narrow focus in teaching may impact adversely on the teaching of the creative arts, science, social sciences and the like. Another factor that has received little mention in the analysis is that of gender. The fact that NAPLAN examines four language rich components and only one numeracy component might seem to favour girls, and therefore girls' schools or those with a large number of girls, given that there appears to be some difference in attainment

between boys and girls, especially during the primary and early secondary years of schooling.

The publicity surrounding My School carries too much ideological colour. Much coverage will be framed around government versus non-government schools, often with inaccurate or superficial detail. Such reports are often linked to comments on Federal Government funding of non-government schools, ignoring the fact that only 20% of all government funding goes to non-government schools that educate one in three Australian students. The new financial reporting carries real limitations. Comments will be made on staff/student ratios, and in particular disparities between schools over Support Staff, as a factor in academic performance. There is little realisation that non-government schools, and in particular independent schools, need development offices, and large finance and maintenance staff because they charge fees and do not have large government bureaucracies that are responsible for capital works, procurements etc. Education Department work forces are not included in Support Staff for government schools. Differences between schools in relation to co-curricular programmes (sport, music, drama, debating and cadets) are not accounted for. The figures shown relate to income but do not give a breakdown of expenditure. Comparisons will be drawn between spending by schools on each student, ignoring the fact that apples aren't being compared to apples in comparing independent schools with those in systems, whether State or Catholic Systemic.

The issue of funding remains a hot issue. My recent article on State aid in *The Gonzagan* was published this week in Melbourne's *Age* newspaper. In contrast to the statistics and fairly locked in arguments, an SBS documentary, *Two of Us*, was televised on Sunday. Parts were filmed here at Aloys and it relates the amazing stories of Anh Do (SAC 1994) and Khoa Do (SAC 1996), two refugee boys who graduated from the College. They follow in the footsteps of Sir Gus Nossal (SAC 1947), and a reminder of the historic role played by Catholic schools in the history of Australian immigration.

On Sunday, the College's chapter of the St Vincent De Paul Society conducted the Vinnie's Buddies Day. Eleven of our Year 11 and 12 students (**James Crouch, Andrew France, Christopher Anderson, Patrick Furlong, James Evans, Nick Surman, Timothy Humphreys, John Booth, Blake Cohen, Jacob Dolores and James Paton**), assisted by Ms Emily Moran and Mr Michael Cronin, hosted 25 children from a number of refugees at Balmoral beach with swimming and other games and activities. The boys also regularly help with Night Patrol on Friday nights.

In sport, highlights included wins by our Firsts in Cricket, Tennis and Water polo. The spin twins formed the backbone of our batting in the Firsts against Barker, with **Grant Jansson** (Year 11) making 67 and **Dom Thomson** (Year 11) making 50. **Alec Cornelius** (Year 12) took 3/47. An unbeaten 65 by **Cassian Hand** (Year 10) in the 10As, the 9As' bowlers and **Alex Favotto** (Year 7) with 65 were standouts. In Basketball, wins were scarce, with the 10As keeping the flag flying. Our Tennis continues to dominate, though Captain and raconteur, **Harry Kelleher** (Year 12), conceded his firsts singles' loss of the season. The Firsts' win over Scots (7-2) means that they play Riverview in the final match of the season, with the winner premiers in the combined CAS/GPS competition.

Congratulations to **Harry Kelleher** (Year 12) and **Robin Pfister** (Year 10) on their selection in the NSW Combined Independent Schools' team of eight.

On the cultural front, the College Theatresports competition entertained on Friday evening. Our Drama production *"To Be or Not to Be"* is gearing up for its season in three weeks' time. Debating has begun and the first round of the Fr Christopher Willcock Music competition was held on Monday night.

Chris Middleton SJ



## WHAT'S COMING UP

5 March	Basketball End-of-Season Dinner
6 March	Year 9 Family Mass & Morning Tea Water Polo End-of-Season Dinner
8 March	Year 12 Music Recital
9 March	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Senior School Summer Sport photos
10 March	CAS Swimming Championships
11 March	Senior School Teaching Staff Meeting (Senior School classes commence at 9.20am)
12 March	Cricket End-of-Season Dinner
13 March	Swimming End-of-Season Dinner

## THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

An SRC initiative has led to the Canteen being open each day after school from 3.10-3.30pm for those last minute purchases before training. Students who attend training after school have traditionally been asked to change back into their school uniform for their return journey home. Previously, with no specific training uniform, we asked boys to change back to be well presented and easily identifiable on public transport. Now in the era of almost every sporting activity having a training uniform, I have decided to reconsider this expectation and rule and am happy for boys to go home in training uniform from their various venues. The expectation to be well dressed is ever present and does not change. For the winter months, when sports gear can end up wet or muddy, we ask and encourage boys to bring their tracksuit along too, so they can change into that for the journey home.

CAS Swimming at SOPAC next Thursday commences and ends earlier. As a result, Years 10, 11, 12 will be bussed to SOPAC at 2.30pm. Boys should return to school by bus by about 8.00pm. A reminder, too, that the following day (next Friday), all Senior School boys may take advantage of a late start. A staff meeting from 8.20-9.20am will lead to classes commencing with Period 2 at 9.25am.

Boys using USB drives to store files are encouraged to save a file on the drive with their name – eg *johnsmithyear9.docx*. This is a simple suggestion which may save much anxiety and assist in the return of lost drives.

Dalton Hall usage has been tremendous in the early weeks of term. Each morning, over 50 boys arrive at 6.30am for early morning strength and conditioning, supervised by Mr Greg Austin and Mr Paul Luchi. At lunch, the pool is open to all boys for lap swimming, supervised by both Mr Austin and a Year 11 Bronze Medallion holder. Specialised basketball training is offered at lunch, too, and Years 11 and 12 are welcome to play three-on-three games if space is available. Years 7-10 continue to have access to the old gym at lunch for the same. Strength and conditioning boys must train in a change of clothes, use a towel and are encouraged to shower after their session. Swimmers also have access to showers. Basketballers need not change but must have a change of shoes. Any visitors to the Dalton facility are asked to respect the rule that no food or drink be brought into the centre. Similarly, all visitors are requested to stay on the edges of the basketball court and not walk on the playing surface in anything but runners. We have a wonderful new facility available for our boys and wish to preserve and respect it appropriately.

Sam Di Sano ([sam.disano@stalloysius.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sam.disano@stalloysius.nsw.edu.au))

## THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The official opening and blessing of Dalton Hall last Saturday was a proud moment for everyone associated with this College community. This much-needed and even more looked-forward-to, state-of-the-art facility is a testament to the generosity of all its donors, the planners and the builders. Everyone associated with this project should justifiably be proud of what's been achieved thanks to friends of the College who, as Mr Murray Happ, the Director of the Development said on the night, dug deep to give what they could – anything from

\$5 to \$500,000. Our boys today are the beneficiaries of a facility that they truly deserve, a facility simply taken for granted many times over at some of our brother/sister schools. I am delighted to see that the Junior School has more than its fair share in the use of the new pool and the gymnasium at every available opportunity. The cocktail party that followed the Dalton Hall opening was a fitting and enjoyable way to celebrate this occasion, as well as the commencement of another year. Thank you to Mr Michael Morgan and his P&F committee on organising a wonderful party to kick start the year.

Wednesday next week marks the commencement of a special period in the Church's calendar and the life of this school. It's Ash Wednesday, the first Day of Lent. This 40 days season of Lent leading up to Easter will be marked by a number of activities with a focus on "giving" and "giving up". The emphasis will be on generosity through words and deeds, in giving of ourselves and giving up something that restricts us from being the best people that we can be. We will be asking the boys and their families to give what they can to the Project Compassion Appeal for Caritas Australia. Following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake morning tea (freshly cooked) for the day before Ash Wednesday, boys will be taking Project Compassion boxes home. We will encourage boys to place their loose change or what they can spare by giving something up for Lent (like chocolates, lollies, soft drinks, etc) and ask them to bring the boxes back to school at the end of Lent. One day during the Holy Week, we will invite boys and teachers to participate in a 'mini fast' (such as foregoing recess or part of their lunch) to experience in a small way what it is like to go hungry for a day, something that nearly half the children around the world experience almost on a daily basis. What they do not spend for morning tea or lunch that one day in Lent, we will urge them to give, so their hungry brothers and sisters in another part of the world might be fed. I would like to stress that participation in these activities is totally optional and voluntary.

Last week's Cross Country Carnival was a successful afternoon, with Owen House, led by Captain **James Lawrence** and Vice-Captain **Anthony Sleiman**, taking the overall honours. Well done to the boys, all of whom participated in one of the two categories. The winners of the Bridge Run were **Gus Whelan**, runner up **Hugo Whelan** (U12), **Liam Gorman**, runner up **Thomas Gillis** (U11), **Felix Scott**, runner up **Rory O'Shea** (U10), **Kieran Gorman**, runner up **Lachlan Roughley** (U9 & U8). In the Bradfield Run first and second places were won by **Rhys Smith** and **Patrick Fernie** in the U9s, with **Periyamayagam RajaRush** and **Will McManus** in the U10s, **Thomas Roche** and **Callum Tonuri** in the U11s and **Nelson de Mestre** and **Nathan Agosta** in the 12s, respectively.

At the Brothers Swimming Carnival at Riverview, in which we were placed in the top four in every event, a special mention must be made of Lucas Anderson's effort in winning all his races and setting three new Brothers Carnival records (Open 50m Backstroke (34.41), Open 50m Breaststroke (37.84), and Open 100m IM (1.16.03) in the process.

On Tuesday this week, our Swimming Team competed at SOPAC against the best in the IPSHA group of schools. While places for progression to the CIS competition will only be finalised following another carnival later this week involving a second group of schools, our boys performed quite well, with **Lucas Anderson** (Year 6) and **Leon Rebecchi** (Year 3) expected to make it to the next round. Our weekend sport results this week were most impressive, with wins experienced by most teams in Cricket, Basketball and Tennis. Finally, to all our musicians who are participating in the Fr Willcock SJ Instrumental and Vocal Competition Round 1, well done and good luck.

Happy birthday to the following boys who have their anniversaries this week:

28 February	Noah Correa & Ricky Zhang
29 February	Ben Sullivan
2 March	Fergus Abbott
3 March	Matthew Fogarty, Joshua Taylor & Tallon Zahra
4 March	Matthew Abram
5 March	Mason French

Martin Lobo



## CURRICULUM NEWS

### THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM YEARS 3-8

**Year 7 Study Skills & Organisation Evening:** Last Thursday, Prue Salter gave a presentation to Year 7 students and their parents. The main focus of the evening was organisation, use of the diary and managing assignments and homework. It was a very valuable session. If you or your son was not able to attend, they may obtain a copy of the notes from either Mr Hughes, Mrs Loomes or myself.

**Study Skills Tip for March – Term Planners:** Just a reminder that our school is a subscriber this year to the study skills website [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au). This is a website with units of work on different study skills topics, as well as facilities to ask study skills questions, download podcasts about how students can improve their results as well as other resources and planning templates. A great idea at the start of every term is to print off the term planner. This can be found by clicking on the 'For Students' tab, then on the 'Things to Print' button. You will find term planners as well as weekly planners at the bottom of this page in both WORD and PDF format. Simply fill in the dates for the term, and place the term planner somewhere visible at home – for example above your desk on a noticeboard.

As you are told about a test or assignment, write these onto the appropriate date on the term planner. Highlight tests in one colour and assignments in another colour so they stand out clearly. Cross off each day as you go, so you have a clear picture of how the work is spread out over the term and how long until things are due. Writing these due dates in your diary as well is essential of course, but it does not give you the overall picture like a term planner does. This is a good thing to do at the start of every term right from the start of secondary school through to the end (and beyond to university as well!). Our school's subscription details to [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) are:

**User name:** forstaloysiusonly; **Password:** 52results

We also have a direct link from our school site that will take you straight through to the handbook without the need to enter the user name or password.

Suzanne Leahy

## PASTORAL NEWS

### THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL SERVICES

#### *Prayer for Lent*

*Jesus, you spent forty days in the hot, dusty desert  
to get ready to do your Father's work.*

*Help us to get ready for Easter  
during the forty days of Lent.*

*Help us to forgive others, to say 'sorry'  
and to make peace with everybody.*

*Help us to say 'yes' to others  
so that we can follow you more closely.*

*In this time of Lent give us generous hearts  
to become better people.*

*More helpful people.*

*More loving people.*

*Amen*

Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ – his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial and resurrection.

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance. It is a season for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the very earliest days of the Church as a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the forty days of Lent, the individual Christian imitates Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for forty days.

At St Aloysius' College we will begin Lent with Ash Wednesday Services. The day before, Shrove Tuesday, pancakes will be sold to raise money for Caritas. Please look for the flier later in this issue for more details. Caritas is the Catholic Agency for International Aid and development. A guest speaker from Caritas will speak at the Year 7 Assembly next week. Year 7 is traditionally the year responsible for the collection of donations for Caritas, through the Project Compassion Boxes, during the Season of Lent. If you would like to know more about Caritas and where these donations are used then please go to the following website: <http://www.caritas.org.au>.

**Year 10 Philippines Immersion:** Year 10 students, by now, should have received their application form for the Philippines Immersion trips in Nov/Dec 2011, Dec 2011/Jan 2012 and June/July 2012. This was given out at the last Year assembly for Year 10. The boys must read the application instructions carefully and submit the application before the end of this term.

**Years 7 & Year 9 Family Masses:** All family members are welcome to these Family Masses. The Year 9 Family Mass takes place on 6 March and the Year 7 Family Mass on 27 March. Both Masses begin at 10.00am and are followed by a sumptuous morning tea, where parents generously bring in their culinary delights. Both Masses occur during the Season of Lent. Fr Middleton will be the main celebrant for the Year 9 Family Mass and Fr Peter Hosking for the Year 7 Mass.

Chris Gould

### CANISIUS CENTRE OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

#### MARCH PROGRAM

**Matthew's Gospels: 5, 12, 19 & 26 March & 2 April – 10.00-11.30am: \$10.00 (Fr Guy Carlson SJ)**

**Living the Beatitudes 1: 11 March – 9.30am-2.30pm: \$45 (BYO lunch) (Sr Mary Flynn RSJ)**

**Praying with Scriptures – *Pondering the World of God:* 12 March – 9.30am-3.30pm: \$65 (lunch provided) (Sr Lynette Toohey RSCJ)**

**Progress in Divine Love – *Love at Work:* 20 March – 3.30pm: \$60 (To receive material & instruction; this is a week retreat in daily life with Spiritual Direction) (Fr Des Purcell SJ)**

**Spirituality of Motherhood: 23 March – 9.30am-2.30pm: \$55 (lunch provided) (Sally Longley)**

**30 Day Retreat: 23 March-1 May – \$2,970 (live in)**

If you would like more information please visit our website: [www.canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au](mailto:www.canisius@cis.jesuit.org.au) or phone CIS Secretary, Christine Gladman (9488 4522).

## THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY

### LIFE FOR KOORI KIDS

After ten years of being an outreach of St Canice's Church at Kings Cross, for ease with administration, Life for Kids will now become an incorporated association, Life for Koori Kids.

For those new to the College, Life for Koori Kids is a voluntary organisation providing educational, social, sporting and cultural programmes for over one hundred children in the Redfern/Waterloo/Marrickville areas, eighty percent of the children being of Aboriginal heritage. We focus on a big BBQ breakfast and activities every Saturday morning from which we are able to respond to the many needs experienced by our families – visiting prisons to



see family members, providing shoes and books for school, seeking pro bono legal support etc. Volunteers come from all walks of life, many being students from Aloysius' and Riverview doing their Faith in Service and a number from other schools fulfilling community service requirements.

We extend immense thanks to parents, staff and students at Aloysius' who donated goods to make up fifty hampers, one for each family, at Christmas. Our Christmas Party was the highlight of the year with one hundred and fifty children overjoyed with the Christmas spirit, a special dinner, Santa with presents and a sense of goodwill by all. We are very grateful for the generosity of everyone at Aloysius' who made this possible. We welcome everyone to Life for Koori Kids. May 2011 hold many blessings for you.

Ailsa Gillett OAM (9936 5563)

## THE PARENTS' & FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

What a wonderful night we had last Saturday evening for our Commencement Cocktail Party. So many people to thank for their help because without it, it does not happen! To the wonderful helpers on the bar serving and cleaning up after, many thanks. To the Year 12 prefects who gave up their Saturday night to help serve the food, and to the Year 10 and Year 11 boys who sold raffle tickets, many thanks. To Mary Ververs and her band of helpers for their delicious food, many thanks. To the Year co-ordinators for organising those wonderful hampers, and to all who donated to them, many thanks. To those who helped wherever it was needed, many thanks. To everyone else who came and made it a fun and welcoming night for our new parents and not so new! Thank you to you all. We have a left hamper and also one unclaimed prize hamper, Blue ticket No B67. Please call Christine Moulton to claim.

The P&F will be holding its first General Meeting and Parent Forum on 28 March. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our speaker for this forum will be Mr Michael Hughes (Year 7 Co-ordinator), speaking to us about his year working at Turkey Creek in The Kimberleys.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Friday Mass – 4 March, 8.45am:** All parents and friends are invited to join the First Friday Mass in the Juana Mateo Room (Level 4), followed by coffee and colloquium (a conversation, some sharing).

**Year 9 Family Mass & Morning Tea – 6 March, 10.00am:** To be held in the Boys' Chapel and followed with morning tea in the Canisius Room. Please bring a plate to share. Note, it is not necessary for the boys to wear school uniform. Dress code is casual.

**Years 3&4 Parent Function – 19 March, 7.00pm:** To be held at the College Oval.

**Year 7 Family Mass & Morning Tea – 27 March, 10.00am:** To be held in the Boys' Chapel, followed by morning tea in The Canisius Room.

**P&F Forum – 28 March, 7.30pm:** To be held in The Juana Mateo Room.

## NOTICES

**Class Lists:** These are now available on the College Intranet. Please use your son's password to log onto the intranet and access your Year list. The school will not be handing out hard copies this year, so print one out and have it on hand!

## DIARY DATES

6 March	Year 9 Family Mass & Morning Tea: 10.00am [The Boys' Chapel]
19 March	Years 3&4 Parent Function
27 March	Year 7 Family Mass & Morning Tea [The Boys' Chapel]
28 March	P&F Forum

Michael Morgan  
President

## CONTACT DETAILS

Chairman	Phillip Cornwell	0414 223 765
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Assistant Secretaries	Ann & Alex Paton	0412 250 551
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Assistant Treasurers	Cate & Greg Russell	0405 100 463
Prayer Group Co-ordinator	Edwin Lapitan	0410 463 517

## THE SENIOR SCHOOL CANTEN

The following parents have kindly offered their services in the Senior School Canteen for the week commencing 7 March:

Monday	Leigh Carroll, Doreen David, Louise Kelly, Sue Neely
Tuesday	Marisa Anderson, Trish Long, Randa Sleiman
Wednesday	Marie D'Cruz, Kay Jamieson-Kell, Anna Joannides
Thursday	Stephanie Bodie, Gina Parker, Barbara Robinson
Friday	Erin Buckley, Kylie Craig, Catherine Arena, Barbara France, Eleanor Noonan

Nadia Lorenzutta  
Canteen Manager

## CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

### THE DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULA

The highlights of CAS Round 9 against Barker College were the performances of our 1sts teams in cricket, tennis and water polo. All three teams had wins, and now the 1sts cricket and 1sts water polo, along with 1sts volleyball, are all playing for possible premiership honours this Saturday, which is a marvellous achievement in itself. 1sts tennis has already secured the CAS title for a fourth consecutive CAS season with their victory over Knox two weeks ago. Overall, tennis was our best performing sport again last Saturday throughout the age groups. Last week, our swim team competed at the annual Oakhill carnival which is a three way meet involving Saint Ignatius' College Riverview, Oakhill College and ourselves. The team competed very successfully at the carnival, winning three of the four trophies on offer, including the Junior and Senior Division and overall points score trophy. For the first time ever, the College swim team has won all four lead up carnivals to the CAS Championships. Congratulations to all coaches, staff and team members on such a fantastic achievement.

As in the previous week, our 1sts cricketers had to play at their best to withstand a strong challenge from the Barker 1sts. Batting first, we scored 193 runs with Grant Jansson contributing 67 runs and Dom Thomson 50 runs. In response, Barker got very close to our score, being finally dismissed for 179 runs. Alec Cornelius was again amongst the wickets, collecting 3/47, along with Tom Goh (3/31). This was the 1sts seventh win of the season but still leaves the team in second placing on the competition table to the undefeated Knox team. The team will be watching with great interest the outcome of the Knox/Cranbrook fixture next Saturday at Hordern. If we were to beat Waverley and Knox lose to Cranbrook, then we would win the CAS title for the first time in many years. The 2nds had another heart-breaking loss to Barker in the last over of the day. Both teams were playing for second position on the unofficial competition table. The 2nds scored 135 runs with Tom Morrison hitting 34 in the total. Barker achieved the total with only four balls left. Chris Skinner was the pick of the bowlers. The 3rds had their chance to win this week but once again their batting let them down. Ellis Freed however managed to score an unbeaten 28 runs. In the bowling, Mitchell Arnold took 3-12 and Campbell Duffy 3/19. Barker was a little too strong in the 4ths fixture.

Cassian Hand scored an unbeaten 65 runs in the 10A loss to Barker. James Begbie maintained his consistent form of late with bat (23 runs) and ball (2/24) in the 10B match. The 9As had another excellent win. The team dismissed Barker for 81 runs following a superb bowling and



fielding display. The 9Bs had a terrific win with James Goodman standing out in the bowling amongst many others. Ben Wilkinson scored 38 runs in the 9Cs' loss. Barker dominated the 8s' age group. Many of their boys play representative cricket right through the grades. Matthew Kell was again amongst the runs, hitting 31 runs in the 8Cs. Our 7As fell just ten short of passing the Barker total of 103 runs. Alex Favotto was the main contributor with 65 runs.

Our 1sts basketball team has been running hot and cold this term. The team performed superbly against Cranbrook the previous week but could not repeat the effort against Barker last Saturday. Both teams were playing for third position on the competition table but Barker outplayed us and fully deserved the win. Alex Perkins was the pick of our players. The 1sts hopefully can finish on a high this week against Waverley College. In the previous encounter with Waverley, the team posted 123 points!! The 2nds went down 35-68 in disappointing circumstances. Unfortunately we were not able to win any other Opens games this week.

The 10As however did record an excellent 29-27 win at the Brick Pit. In the 10s' age group, the other best performing team was the 10Es who lost narrowly 23-26. The 9s' age group was very competitive despite not winning any games. Barker was too strong in the 8s' age group. The 7As played one of their better matches, though going down 29-39.

Overall, tennis has been our most successful sport this term. Last Saturday against Barker, we won nine of the twenty matches played. The 1sts played their toughest opponents in Barker in what is always an excellent fixture. Despite winning 7-1 on sets, the 1sts were tested by a very competent Barker team. Harry Kelleher lost his first singles game of the season while Robin Pfister won only narrowly in a tie breaker. Three of the team, Harry Kelleher, Robin Pfister and Matt Rowland will be trying out this Wednesday for possible selection in the CIS team. The 2nds are on track to remain undefeated too this season after a 6-2 win. Not to be outdone, the 3rds too have had a wonderful season, losing only one match.

In the 10s' age group, both the Bs and Cs drew on sets but lost narrowly on games. In the 9s' age group, the As were our best performing team, drawing on sets but losing on games. Our 8s and 7s' age groups were impressive, winning three matches in each age. The 8Bs, 8Ds and 7Bs all had big wins.

In water polo, the 1sts had a sound 7-2 win over Scots College. The team is still undefeated this season and, like last year, play the unbeaten Saint Ignatius' College at the Gartlan Centre at 9.20am this Saturday to determine which school wins the competition. It should be a wonderful game, with both schools boasting Australian reps and some outstanding talent. The 2nds, despite losing 2-6 to a strong opponent, displayed some of their best form of the season. Scots was too strong in 16s' fixtures. The 14As lost only 2-5 in their encounter. Congratulations to both 13s' teams who had narrow but impressive wins.

The 1sts volleyball unfortunately suffered a very untimely loss to Barker. The team lost in five sets which could cost them the CAS premiership. The team will now be keen to beat Waverley College this Saturday and hope that Barker beats Trinity this week for a slice of the premiership. Trinity is outright competition leader after our loss on Saturday. The 1sts play in Dalton Hall at 1.30pm this Saturday, following the 1sts basketball fixture. The 2nds won their game against Barker 2-1 whilst the 3rds went down 1-2 in their last match of the season.

On 10 March at 11.00am in the College Hall, our CAS swim team will be presented to the school. The CAS Championships are on that afternoon at SOPAC Homebush. The first event has been brought forward to 3.45pm with the last event scheduled for 7.05pm. All students in Years 12, 11 and 10 must attend. Boys will be bussed to the venue and back. Buses should return to Bradfield Park by 8.15/8.30pm approximately. Boys can however be picked up by 7.20pm at the venue. Students do not need to be at school until 9.20am on the following day because of a staff meeting.

In chess news, congratulations to Henry Clarke, Sean O'Shea and Conor O'Shea on their wins last Friday against Barker College.

Last Friday evening, forty-two Senior School students were involved in the College Theatresports competition in The Miguel Pro Playhouse. It was a fantastic night of impromptu acting in front of an appreciative crowd. Of the eight teams performing, two stood out on the night. First place went to the 'Men of Gondor', comprising of Patrick Lundy, Spencer Elderton, Elliot Miller, Ben McCann, David Quaglia and Federico Anca. Second placing went to 'The Real Dream Team', consisting of James Paton, Tim Tabuteau, Mark Shepard, Sebastian Duggan, Josh Begbie and Declan Byrne. My thanks extend to staff member Heidi Quinn for her excellent promotion and organisation of the event, and to Old Boys Leigh Tuckwell and Bennett Sheldon who introduced acts and points scored during the evening.

On 9 March, sports photos for all summer sports teams will take place after school. A photo schedule appears elsewhere in this newsletter. Boys are asked to be ahead of time for photos and in correct playing attire. Swimmers and water polo players are asked to wear school uniform for photos.

A reminder that the College Athletics carnival will be held on 17 March at Homebush. Details for all students will be given to them next week. Boys this week completed their entry forms for the carnival.

Pre-season training for rugby and football players (except potential 1sts and 2nds players) will commence on 14 March. Training for 1sts and 2nds in both sports will officially commence on 7 March.

This Saturday sees the final round of CAS summer sport, with basketball, cricket, tennis and volleyball teams playing Waverley College whilst water polo teams take on Saint Ignatius' College. Support at any of the 1sts fixtures would be greatly appreciated in this important round of CAS games. Best of luck to all coaches and players.

Paul Rowland

## THE JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTSMASTER



**Cross Country Photos:** For those parents who wish to order the photos from the cross country, carnival please log on to the following website and

follow these steps. There are some great shots of boys in action, etc:

Got to [www.akphotos.com.au](http://www.akphotos.com.au); select "Viewing & ordering"; select "St. Aloysius Junior School"

Username: aloysius; password: junior

**Winter Basketball Applications:** To date I have only received five applications for this program. If I do not receive any more applications next week, I will have no choice but to withdraw our teams from this competition. I have reminded all boys during the week that this program is offered to all boys, but mainly those boys who missed out on basketball as a summer sport.

**Re-advertised information:** This competition does not interfere with SAC Winter Sport commitments, with games commencing 12.30pm. Pending on team nominations our timeslot would be 3.00pm onwards. It will run in school Term 2 and the first few weeks of Term 3 – nominations will open later in March and would need to be submitted within about two to three weeks.

***These teams are primarily aimed for those boys who missed out on Summer sport representation for Aloysius.***

The registration fees would need to be paid by those involved and boys will be given a uniform to wear. The team would be registered as SAC but is run purely independently of the school. Parents will be the co-ordinators and coaches of the teams and are the first point of contact. Training would take place on mutually convenient mornings at the Junior School for the teams depending on parents' availability. Basketballs and all other equipment will be supplied. If your son is interested, please fill in the expression of interest form available from reception and return to me at school so we can gauge numbers. This program, as in past years, will only go ahead if there is enough interest from the boys and if parents are willing to share the light workload.



**Rugby Holiday Clinic:** For boys in Years 3, 4, 5, 6 & U13s.

This camp is open to all Junior School boys, be they prospective Rugby players or experienced ones. The camp also caters for U13 Senior School players. Boys will be graded into ability and age based groups.

This will be an intensive clinic that will focus on skill development and overall game play and is an ideal pre-season training session for all boys prior to kick off in Term 2. Tackling, passing, positions, game principles along with speed and general fitness will be the focus over the two days.

The clinic will be held at the College Oval on the following days:

20 April: 12.30-5.30pm & 21 April: 9.00am-3.00pm

Your contact staff member is Mr Lister, at the Junior School Campus.

So we can run this clinic effectively, places are limited as we aim to have 10-12 boys per coach for the duration of the two days. The closing date for places in this clinic is 4 April. Mr Dunne in the Junior School and Mr Austin in the Senior School will be collecting all registration and medical forms, which must be returned to their offices by this date. Due to the nature of this clinic, boys who do not register will not be allowed to take part even if they turn up on the day. The aim is to run a successful clinic that is both useful to new boys taking up the sport but also challenging to boys who have been playing for years. Boys will be provided with lunch (Thursday) and afternoon tea (Wednesday) which is included in the payment. There will be a small canteen in operation if boys require additional food and drinks.

Cheques (made payable to "St Aloysius' College Co-Curricula") or cash (in envelope along with medical and registration forms) need to be returned to the Junior School marked to Mr Dunne's attention. Funds raised from the camp will be put directly towards the Rugby Co-curricula and the improvement of Rugby in the College for both campuses. The cost for the two-day clinic is \$110 for one son attending, \$100 for two sons attending, \$90 for three sons attending. See Mr Dunne or Mr Austin for registration forms.

Trevor Dunne

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

## vir eloquens

All boys interested in representing the College in competitions this year should attend coaching sessions, currently to be held on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30-4.30pm in The Bellarmino**, until further notice.

All Year finalists for the *Art of Speech Competition – Richard Hockey Trophy* should consider involvement. Training will focus on preparation for the competitions already advertised: *CSDA*, *Rostrum* and *Lawrence Campbell Oratory*.

**Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition:** The following boys will represent the College in this year's competition:

<b>Junior Section</b>	William Halliday, John Lewis, Tristan Kennedy & James Dainton
<b>Senior Section</b>	Thomas Morgan, Benjamin Jackson, Ellis Cooper-Frater & Timothy Jackson

We wish them every success.

**CSDA Public Speaking Competition:** We wish the following students every success in this year's competition:

<b>Seniors</b>	James McLennan, Jonathon Parker & Ned Latham.
<b>Year X</b>	Christopher Walker & Ben Fong
<b>Year IX</b>	John Lewis & James Dainton
<b>Year VIII</b>	William Halliday & Matthew Fadhill
<b>Year VII</b>	James Elhindi

Round I will be held on 4 March at St Mary's Cathedral College. All contestants need to be at the venue by 6.15pm.

Magar Etmekdjian

## SWIMMING NEWS



The Oakhill Invitation Carnival was held on 22 February at Oakhill College. Congratulations to all swimmers who represented the College on Tuesday night, as the College had another successful meet, winning three out of the four trophies of the evening. St Aloysius' was placed first in the Junior and Senior sections and first overall.

The performance of swimmers at the carnival was excellent. Hamish Moore, the Thomson Brothers (Liam and Sean), along with swim captain Elliot Long, all swam inspiring races in the Skins event. All boys managed to come away with some prize money for their top three placings. The Oakhill Carnival was the last opportunity for points this season. All swimmers are to be commended on their excellent efforts throughout this season. It has been a positive lead up to the CAS Championships which are to be held on 10 March.

The CAS Team will be announced on 4 March at 8.00am after the swim breakfast. All swimmers must attend the breakfast to hear the team announcement. Any parents able to offer assistance at this breakfast would be welcomed. The End-of-Season dinner is on 13 March at the College Oval from 5.30pm. Invitations will be mailed to all swimmers and attendance slips need to be returned by 7 March.

Danae Craig  
MIC

## WATER POLO NEWS



Last Saturday saw matches against Scots for all teams. All teams except the 13s played in the very large Ashfield pool. Our Firsts were successful (7-2), but looked flat for the first three quarters, only coming alive in the final quarter of the game. Three tough training sessions this week should see them ready for "the match of the season" against Riverview on Saturday. The match is at 9.15am at the Gartlan Centre at Riverview and a huge crowd of Aloysian supporters will hopefully witness a dream come true – three consecutive combined CAS/GPS titles to Aloys – a feat not yet achieved by any school in the long history of Water Polo. This is the sixth year we have been playing for the title in the last match of the season. In true Aloysian spirit the boys will play beyond expectations against a tough opposition.

The Seconds went down 2-6 in what was a good display against Scots. The boys have certainly improved throughout the season and it's been great to see all boys giving a huge effort each week. Our 16s' teams both went down to superior Scots' teams – the 16As 1-12 and 16Bs 1-14. The boys found the large pool too much to handle on the day. The 14As went down in a close tussle 2-5 and the 14Bs were soundly beaten 0-10. The boys in both teams again found it very difficult playing in such a large pool as Ashfield's 13s' coach Ross Dembecki reports:

"The 13s SAC Gold played the Scots College Blue team. SAC started well but failed to convert early opportunities, down 0-2 at quarter time. In the second quarter the attack got sharper and we converted our chances to lead 4-2 at the half. The boys pushed their advantage and led 6-2 at the end of the third quarter. Turnovers that were not quickly defended cost us in the final quarter and they were outscored 1-3. The boys ended with a well-earned 7-5 victory. Matthew Dembecki led the way with three goals and was well supported, with goals to Jack Hall, Sean O'Shea, Tristan Kennedy and one to Dylan Ienco, who was doubling up from the Blue team.

The 13s SAC Blue played the Scots College Gold team and had an exciting, come-from-behind 7-6 victory. SAC Blue played well but missed some early chances with the game 1-1 at quarter time and 3-3 at half time. Scots ended the third quarter leading 4-5 and scored early in the fourth. Down 4-6, SAC Blue rallied and scored the last three goals of the game. Sean O'Shea backed up from SAC Gold and gave great effort in attack and defence. His two goals were matched



by two from Max Gillis and a goal each to Spencer Eaton, George Barry and Dylan Ienco.

It was great to see the boys applying what we covered in training this week. There were fewer turnovers, as they are learning how to handle one-on-one pressure in the game, as well as how to apply pressure to the opposition."

Margaret Loomes  
MIC

## VOLLEYBALL NEWS



It was a day of mixed results in the penultimate round of the CAS Volleyball competition. The firsts came out slowly against a well-trained Barker side. The boys had several good moments, including some good blocking and long rallies. Unfortunately, our lack of attack and many missed serves allowed Barker to take the first match quite easily. Barker kept the momentum in the second set and won 26-24 as well. The firsts captured the third and fourth sets and forced a fifth set. Unfortunately, the firsts let the match get away from them and lost a heartbreaking final set. We wish the players well as they take on Waverley in Dalton Hall on Saturday, for their last match of the season.

The Seconds recorded a hard-fought 2 sets to 1 victory over Barker. Poor concentration in the second set proved costly. The match was decided in a tight and tense final set. Deft touches at the net and precise serving by Andrew Edwards proved the difference. Best players were Charlie Pitt-Rawlinson, Andrew Edwards and James Kingston.

Despite losing in three tight sets the Thirds improved in all areas of play in what was their final match of the season. It was a difficult season in terms of match practice for the Thirds, as only two other schools field a third team in this competition. Best players were Tim Wheatley and Matthew Thomson. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Coach Ms Judy Williams for her support and direction of the team.

Mark Gair  
MIC

Jen Zongor  
1sts Coach

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH NEWS

This year, the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme has gone online in all areas. Enrolment, registration of skill, fitness, service and expedition activity are now done online, as are the registration of assessors. Assessors (who can now no longer be parents or close relatives) must complete a "Volunteer Code of Conduct Form" and a statement regarding suitability, called the "Volunteer/Student Declaration". Students must also submit a Plan for their award to Mr Catchpoole, via Reception.

All of these forms are available via the College intranet (Classes: Yr 9: Duke of Edinburgh) or via the College website at <http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Resources-NSW.html>.

Congratulations to the following boys (**insert names from attachment**) who have completed the online enrolment procedure, and are now moving towards the submission of assessor forms as described above:

Samuel Adams, William Boyd, Lachlan Brimson, Isaac Chia, Maxwell Crawford, Matthew D'Cruz, James Dainton, Edward Dennett, Louis Dettre, Joseph Dirckze, Liam Ebbs, Thomas Evans, Matthew Fisher, James Fraser, Lachlan Frohlich, Stephen Hayes, Joshua Heddle, Joshua Hertz, Timothy Hughes, Matthew Janssen, Robert Kelleher, Daniel Kelly, Thomas Lewis, Conor MacIntyre, Steven Mastrangelo, Peter Nguyen, Martin Pacak, Lachlan Painter, Adrian Peronace, Sebastian Perry, Thomas Raeside, William Ridley, Hugh Rüsfeldt, Declan Scott, George Stylianakis, Matthew Tarlinton, Sean Thomson, Damien Vickovich, William Wade, Dominic Walker, James Waters, Thomas Wells, Angus Wright, Henry Wright.

**Please note that no activities undertaken before receipt of Volunteer Code of Conduct Form" and Volunteer/Student Declaration" can be counted towards the award.**

The following boys have submitted parental permission forms but have not completed the enrolment procedure in a variety of ways (non-verification of emails, non-submission of parental permission notes or not enrolling on line):

Lorenzo Benitez, Christian Breslin, Benjamin Chambers, Michael Connaghan, Edward Courtenay, Alexander De Pietra, Giorgio Doueiri, Harrison Duncan, Jason Emery, Edward Farley, Alexander Feltham, John Henry Hesketh, Joseph Hickey, Joe Kendrick-Smith, Elliot Knox, Ian Larbalestier, John Lewis, Liam MacWhite, Alexander Mann, Jack Matthews, Jack McClatchey, Benjamin McLellan, Dominic Nicotra, Benjamin Nissen, Nicholas North, Hugh O'Donnell, Theodore Ott, Daniel Pigott, Connor Scicluna, Liam Sweeney, Hugo Vlachos, Jamieson Weiss, Benjamin Wilkinson.

There is a Gold/Silver walk on the Great North Walk forthcoming in the holidays. Please contact me to express interest.

Only two boys have expressed interest for the Bronze Expeditions for early March. Parents and boys in Year 10 are reminded that it was a condition of enrolment that the Bronze award be completed in one year or the school would require repayment of \$150 in lieu of admin costs, expenses etc. This means, unless there are pressing reasons for extensions, that the award should be completed by the end of this term. Letters will be sent out to parents after the end of term, requesting repayment unless the enrollee has concluded the Award.

Please contact me by email if you have any queries.

George Catchpoole ([George.Catchpoole@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au](mailto:George.Catchpoole@staloyusius.nsw.edu.au))  
MIC

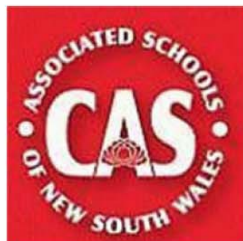
# kirribilli kids sports morning

A morning of  
action-packed  
sporting fun  
for children  
in years K-4



When: Saturday, 12 March from 9am - 12noon  
Bring: a hat and water bottle - morning tea provided  
Where: Church by the Bridge in Kirribilli  
\$10 per family - bookings essential  
[www.cbtb.org.au](http://www.cbtb.org.au) or 8920 9817





## CAS Swimming Championships - Years 10, 11 & 12

Boys in Years 10, 11 & 12 will be attending the Championships as per the College diary.

This year's Championships will be held next week on **Thursday 10 March** at **Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush**. Races start at 3.30pm and finish at 7.30pm. Boys will be transported by buses for the forward and return journeys.

The CAS Swim Squad will depart Bradfield Park at 2.00pm. Years 10, 11 & 12 will depart after a shortened Period 6 at 2.30pm. Buses will return to Bradfield Park at approximately 8.15pm. \*However boys can be picked up at SOPAC at 7.30pm instead of catching the return bus.\* A note must be provided to your son's Year Co-ordinator.

Boys will need to bring their own food and drink. The SOPAC canteen will be operating at the Championships but queues may be long.

On the following day, Senior School boys are not due at the College until 9.20am due to a staff meeting.

**Staying informed**  
Strategies for powerful parenting

In response to concerns raised by parents of teenagers, a group of independent School Counsellors from our local area has pooled their resources to offer parents a series of valuable information sessions providing strategies for:

**"7 Steps to Positive Parenting"**

**What parents really want and need to know**

- Discover tips and strategies to re-establish effective communication
- Learn how to create more peace and joy in your home
- Find out how to develop lasting bonds of mutual love and respect
- How to hear what's really going on in your teenager's life

**Specialist speaker for this session:**

**Tracy Tresidder** our head coach is a certified parent/teen coach practitioner. As well as being a mother of two adolescent boys, she has a Masters degree in Education and has spent many years teaching at both the secondary and tertiary level - right in the thick of adolescence! Tracy brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise and a great degree of compassion and understanding to her coaching which results in excellent outcomes for her clients. She is the founder of Coaching 4 Teenagers and the Director of Professional Standards for the International Coach Federation Australasia.


**Staying informed**  
7.00pm - 9.00pm  
**Monday 21 March 2011**  
Paterson Auditorium, Knox Grammar, Pacific Highway, Wahroonga

Donations on the night will go to Queensland Flood Relief

RSVP - please reply by sending the names of those attending and associated school to [stayinginformed@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au](mailto:stayinginformed@ravenswood.nsw.edu.au)

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## **SENIOR SCHOOL PANCAKES FOR CARITAS (Project Compassion)**



**"Golden" Pancakes**  
with  
**Strawberry Jam & Cream/Maple Syrup**  
**1 for \$2 or 2 for \$3**  
**Tuesday, 8 March 2011**



# SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS FIXTURES & RESULTS



Round 10 v's Waverley College  
SATURDAY, 5th March 2011



In case of wet weather visit [www.staloyius.nsw.edu.au](http://www.staloyius.nsw.edu.au) and click on

Wet Weather Notifications

BASKETBALL				
Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Last weeks result
1sts	Waverley	Dalton Hall Court	11.15	49-70
2nds	Waverley	Dalton Hall Court	10.00	35-68
3rds	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 1	9.00	23-37
4ths	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 1	10.00	18-61
5ths	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 1	11.00	7-27.
6ths	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 1	12.00	14-42
7ths	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 2	11.00	14-23
8ths	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 2	12.00	4-46.
10A	Waverley	Waverley Gym	1:00	29-27
10B	Waverley	Waverley Gym	12:00	14-48
10C	Waverley	Waverley Gym 1	11:00	14-51
10D	Waverley	Waverley Gym 1	10:00	23-52
10E	Waverley	Waverley Gym 1	9:00	23-26
10F	Waverley	Waverley Gym 1	8:00	5-38.
9A	Waverley	Waverley Gym 2	11:00	46-57
9B	Waverley	Waverley Gym 2	10:00	51-33
9C	Waverley	Waverley Gym 2	9:00	20-41
9D	Waverley	Waverley Gym 2	8:00	20-28
9E	Waverley	Birrell St Courts	12.00	48-29
9F	Waverley	Birrell St Courts	11:00	48-27
8A	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 2	9.00	13-30
8B	Waverley	WilloughbyLeisure Centre indoor 2	10.00	8-55.
8C	Waverley	Willoughby outdoor 1	9.00	14-29
8D	Waverley	Willoughby outdoor 1	10.00	10-44.
8E	Waverley	Willoughby outdoor 2	9.00	10-41.
8F	Waverley	Willoughby outdoor 2	10.00	14-70.
7A	Waverley	St Aloysius' Great Hall	10.00am	29-39
7B	Waverley	St Aloysius' Great Hall	9.00am	18-31
7C	Waverley	St Aloysius' Great Hall	11.00am	17-29
7D	Waverley	St Aloysius' Great Hall	12:00	8-27.
7E	Waverley	St Aloysius' Great Hall	8.00am	14-28.
WATER POLO				
1STS	Riverview	Riverview	9:20	7-2.
2NDS	Riverview	Riverview	10:05	2-6.
16A	Riverview	Riverview	11:35	1-12.
16B	Riverview	Riverview	10:50	1-14.
14A	Riverview	Riverview	8:00	2-5.
14B	Riverview	Riverview	8:40	0-10.
13Gold	SCOTS BLUE	Scots	11:50	7-5.
13Blue	SCOTS GOLD	Scots	12:30	7-6.

CRICKET				
Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Last weeks result
1sts	Waverley	College Oval	10.00am	SAC 193 B 179
2nds	Waverley	Queens Park	1.30pm	SAC 135 B 137
3rds	Waverley	Tunks Park 1	8.30am	SAC 72 B 112
4ths	Waverley	Queens Park 3	1.30pm	SAC 95 B 6/110
10A	Waverley	Queens Park	9.00am	SAC 9/110 B 1/111
10B	Waverley	Queens Park 3	9.00am	SAC 104 B 7/214
9A	Waverley	Castle Cove	8.30am	SAC 107 B 81
9B	Waverley	Queens Park 2	1.30pm	SAC 91 B87
9C	Waverley	Queens Park 23	9.00am	SAC 59 B 8/133
8A	Waverley	Tunks Park 2	8.30am	SAC 25 B 2/229
8B	Waverley	Tunks Park 3	8.30am	SAC 41 B 2/42
8C	Waverley	Anderson Park 1	1.30pm	SAC 88 B/ 215
7A	Waverley	Queens Park 2	9.00am	SAC 8/93 B 103
7B	Waverley	Queens Park 27	1.30pm	SAC 103 B6/104
7C	Waverley	Anderson Park 2	1.30pm	SAC 55 B 5/55
TENNIS				
Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Last weeks result
1st	Waverley	Tennis Cove	8.00am	7-1(46-26)
2nd	Waverley	Tennis Cove	8.00am	6-2(44-27)
3rd	Waverley	Tennis Cove	10.30am	6-0(37-18)
4th	Waverley	Tennis Cove	10.30am	1-5(23-25)
10A	Waverley	Kingsford Courts	8:30	1-5(22-33)
10B	Waverley	Kingsford Courts	8:30	3-3(25-30)
10C	Waverley	Kingsford Courts	10:30	3-3(25-28)
10D	Waverley	Kingsford Courts	10:30	0-6(11-37)
9A	Waverley	Tyneside Courts	8:30	3-3(22-32)
9B	Waverley	Tyneside Courts	8:30	1-5(29-36)
9C	Waverley	Tyneside Courts	10:30	1-5(24-36)
9D	Waverley	Tyneside Courts	10:30	0-6(12-36)
8A	Waverley	Mutch Park	8:30	2-4(21-29)
8B	Waverley	Mutch Park	8:30	6-0(36-15)
8C	Waverley	Mutch Park	10:30	3-3(32-27)
8D	Waverley	Mutch Park	10:30	6-0(37-18)
7A	Waverley	Mutch Park	12:30	3-2(22-27)
7B	Waverley	Mutch Park	12:30	5-1(31-20)
7C	Waverley	Waverley Courts	2:30	1-5(14-36)
7D	Waverley	Waverley Courts	2:30	4-1(35-23)
VOLLEYBALL				
Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Last weeks result
1sts	Waverley	Dalton Hall Court	1.30pm	2-3.
2nds	Waverley	Dalton Hall Court	2.30pm	2-1.
3rds	Waverley	BYE		1-2.

## AWAY VENUES

Kingsford Tennis Courts: Court Ave, Kingsford

Mutch Park: Heffron Rd, Pagewood

Queens park: Darley Rd, Waverley

Scots College: Victoria Rd, Bellevue Hill

# JUNIOR SCHOOL RESULTS

SAC TENNIS		
	Opponent	Result
SAC 1	St Pius'	Win 20-14
SAC 2	St Pius'	Win 44-20
SAC 3	SAC 4	Win 24-30
SAC 4	SAC 3	Loss 24-30

JUNIOR SCHOOL BASKETBALL		
	Opponent	Result
Prep A	Knox	Loss 48-25
Prep B		Loss 23-37
Prep C		Win 38-18
Prep D		Win 24-17
Prep E		Win 20-6
Prep F		Win 18-11
Years 3&4A	Mosman	Win 42-16
Years 3&4 B		Win 28-9

JUNIOR SCHOOL TENNIS		
	Opponent	Result
Prep A	Barker	Loss 11-23
Prep B		Win 24-10
Prep C	Newington Wyvern	Win 25-9
Prep D		Win 25-0

JUNIOR SCHOOL CRICKET		
	Opponent	Result
6A Traditional	Grammar Ives	Loss by 1 wicket
6B Super 8		Loss by 1 run
6C Super 8		Loss
5A Traditional	Waverley	Win 120-90
5B Super 8	New Lindfield	Win by 49 runs
5C Super 8	Trinity	Win 48-32
5D Super 8	St Patrick's	Win 59-47
4A Traditional	Shore	Win by 10 wickets
4B Super 8	SAC 4C	Friendly
4C Super 8	SAC 4B	Friendly
3A Super 8	New Lindfield	Win 74-58



# Careers Corner - by Deirdre Agnew

**Thought for the week:** "Racism is man's gravest threat to man – the maximum hatred for a minimum reason."

Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907-1972)  
Warsaw-born American rabbi and theologian

**Reminder to Year 12 students:** Applications now due for many 2012 Gap Year programs.

## INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS WEEK

**13-15 April, 9.30am-4.00pm: Intensive Journalism Course** for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. There is a limit of 20 students – to be held at SCEGGS Darlinghurst. Cost: \$220. For more information contact Carrol Evans (9332 1133 or [carrolevans@sceggs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:carrolevans@sceggs.nsw.edu.au)). This course, which has run for ten years, is designed to give a student a behind-the-scenes look at how journalists deal with everyday events to create news for TV, radio and print media.

**2 June, 6.00pm:** UTS will hold **IT Scholarships** Information Evening

**16 June & 22 November: UTS Engineering & Information Technology** Discovery Days. Australia has a critical shortage of engineers and IT professionals – students interested in learning more must come and put their names on list to attend one of these visits.

**22 June, 6.00pm:** UTS Engineering Courses Information Evening

**29 June, 6.00pm:** UTS Engineering Scholarships Information Evening

**Feedback from my visit to the University of New South Wales 18 February:** As mentioned in Fr Middleton's column in the last edition of *The Gongazian*, he and I attended a special breakfast with Vice-Chancellor Prof Fred Hilmer. He gave us his vision for the future of UNSW, which began in 1949 and is the only Australian university established with a specific scientific and technological focus. It is widely acknowledged for its large and highly regarded Engineering and Business faculties and it defined internationally by its recognised research and strength, focusing on contemporary and social issues in professional and scientific fields. We were reminded that they offer campus tours every Friday afternoon and I strongly urge students to go and have a look see well ahead of making decisions about UAC choices – book at [www.campustours.nsw.edu.au](http://www.campustours.nsw.edu.au). Prof Richard Henry drew attention to the fact that often HSC students don't arrange their UAC preferences as they should and how important it is that they become aware and understand the way things work.

**Internal Transfer:** Demand for places at unis are at an all-time high and it gets more competitive each year. If a student misses out on their choice of course at UNSW it is better not to go to another university but to have another course/s listed at UNSW – begin this course and do an internal transfer – this is the easiest way for a student to get into what he wanted and he doesn't go back through UAC to make this transfer. For example, in 2010, students who missed out on combined Law started either Commerce or Arts at UNSW – if they achieved a certain level of result they were able to transfer at the end of their first year into Combined Law – so this year, 130 of these UNSW students have successfully done this thus leaving no places for students from other universities to transfer into UNSW through UAC system.

**Overseas Study Experience:** There is an increasing number of students who do this through three different channels.

**Summer School Option:** UNSW runs a third semester in December and January. Demand for this is increasing with the changing demographics. Some students take less than a full load due to their employment commitment and make up the subjects they miss during third semester. Others want to fast-track their degrees, eg BCommerce may be completed in two and a half years.

**UAC Admissions in 2011 to UNSW:** In January 2011, UNSW made 7146 Main Round offers. Students are eligible for HSC Plus even if they take a Gap Year. They can also receive HSC Plus for mid-year admission. It must be noted that Faculties annually review HSC Plus bonus points.

**Elite Athletes:** They received 463 applications of which 93 were unsuccessful. Bonus Points are given for a broad range of activities – application must be made online by the end of November.

**Deferring students:** They now re-apply directly to UNSW if they are picking up the course they deferred – they can defer for six months, one year or two years max. If they wish to change university and course they must do so through UAC.

**Scholarships:** There were 4500 applications online of which 1800 were submitted for consideration. There are 100 different types offered to high school students – 560 were awarded. 99% made on-line applications.

There is the problem that HSC students start application very late.

**Apply early** – never mind that HSC Trial results are not available at the time. There is a perception that scholarships are only for very smart or students with financial difficulty – not true – there is a wide range of scholarships especially if you excel in sport, community service, etc. There is a new **UNSW All Rounder Scholarship** – good academics, extra curricula, leadership and community service. 20 will be awarded this year, worth \$5000 each.

**Triple A** (Academic Achievement Award = Dux) Nomination of the top performing student is made by the Principal. Applications for UNSW scholarships open 1 July and close 30 September – start looking at them NOW!

**UNSW Co-op scholarships** offer industry training experience, leadership, professional development, networking, mentoring and financial support for high achievers. Currently worth \$15,000 per year for up to 5 years = \$75,000. From 2012 it will go up to \$16,750 per year. For 2011 Co-op Scholarships, UNSW received 709 applications and 411 interviews were held (45% of applicants received interview from 143 different high schools). Finally, 90 scholarships were offered to students from 59 schools. 58% of successful students volunteered on a regular basis; 52% had part-time jobs; 42% were involved in Debating/Public Speaking; 36% had been Prefects; 22% had served on SRC in Years 11 or 12; 9% had done Surf Life Saving; 7% had Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards; 7% had been sports captains/coaches; 3% were school captains; and 3% took a Gap Year.

From 2011 HSC Plus bonus points will no longer be considered for Co-op selection. Minimum ATAR for Co-op in 2011 was 96.00+.

**Psychology:** Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and mental processes and is extremely interdisciplinary – perception, learning and memory, behavioural neuroscience, developmental psycho, psychopathology, organizational psycho, clinical, etc. They want students to get training in scientific discovery and professional practice must be based on established psychological principles and findings must be generated by basic and applied psychological research. To become a psychologist one must be registered nationally. The four-year undergraduate degree includes Honours year plus two years' experience (usually done through Master's program).

**New degree in 2011:** BPsychological Science – ATAR 87.50 – it combines a major in a complementary subject based on professional or academic aspirations, eg from the Australian School of Business, ie marketing or Human Resource Management; from Art and Social Sciences, ie criminology, or from Science, ie neuroscience or anatomy. These graduates will have a unique combination of skills.

**Actuarial Studies:** Offers a dynamic and challenging career without boundaries – applies mathematical statistical methods to assess risk in insurance and financial industries with jobs in life insurance, health, pension and social welfare. There is strong job security through all economic cycles. This highly recognised profession provides skills transferable across multiple industries with secure and highly competitive salary and excellent benefits. Students suited to actuarial studies should be self-motivated, goal-orientated and have superior mathematical aptitude and communication skills. The UNSW Actuarial program is accredited internationally and they have 800 students in this course at any one time. Actuaries with five years' experience earn about \$150,000 per year.

**Arts & Social Sciences – Studying Public Relations & Advertising:** UNSW offers four different BMedia programs with an emphasis on social innovation, ethics, interactivity, sustainability, engagement and corporate communication.

**Advantage Program ([advantage.nsw.edu.au](http://advantage.nsw.edu.au)):** This program has been developed to enhance and increase student engagement at UNSW – over 500 activities. Gives graduates advantage in workplace and employability.

**UNSW Supplementary Transcript:** They are the first university to issue it to give recognition for co-curricular activities/involvement.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**12 March, 10.00am-2.00pm:** Venue: Uni of Sydney Free lecture “Mastering the exams” – free lecture by theschoolforexcellence to help students excel in HSC and maximise exam scores. Students will be required to make \$10 donation to the Fred Hollows Foundation. Register online at [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au) or phone 1300 364 173.

**13 March, 10.00am-2.00pm:** Venue: UNSW “Mastering the exams” see details above.

**14 March:** Applications open for **2011 Business Cadetships Program**. Cadets receive paid employment while they undertake university studies. Bank of America Merrill Lynch and UBS Investment Bank will offer cadetships to highly motivated, talented young men and women in finance and in operations. See [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au). Applications close 11 May.

**1 April:** Applications open for the **January 2012 National Youth Science Forum**. For more information see [www.nysf.edu.au](http://www.nysf.edu.au) and also report on NYSC from a current HSC student who attended in January this year.

**5 April:** Lower North Shore Careers Expo – at Shore

**18-20 April:** Opportunities to learn more about a career in hospitality or tourism: Australian International Hotel School and Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Career Focus Days. For more information call 1800 257 360 or email [enquiry@hotelschool.com.au](mailto:enquiry@hotelschool.com.au).

**2 May, 9.30am-1.00pm: Child Health Careers Day** at Sydney Children’s Hospital, Randwick – excellent and valuable opportunity for students intending to study medicine – registration required – closing date **1 April**. The visit will include a case study, Q & A panel, mini tours etc. There is a limit of number of students per school so interested boys must see me ASAP and ensure they are enrolled.

**9 May:** “Your Career Focus – **Performing Arts**” at Monte The **University of New South Wales** is running a series of **Year 10 Subject Selection Information Nights** (advice about which subjects to study in Years 11 & 12) open to all schools: **9 May** (UNSW campus); **11 May** (UNSW campus) and **12 May** (Parramatta Riverside Theatre)

However, St Aloysius’ College is a member of UNSW Network Schools and there are the following additional talks on offer exclusively to Network schools: **19 May** (Wenona); **23 May** (UNSW campus) and **25 May** (Abbotsleigh)

More details about time and exact venue later. I do recommend however that you choose a suitable date and put it in your diary as it is really important to have as much knowledge about subjects required for particular degrees, bonus points, etc.

**17 May:** “Your Career Focus – **Business & Cadetships**” at Shore

**18 May, 4.30pm:** At Sydney Convention Centre – Institute of Chartered Accountants talk for Year 12 students about **Accounting Cadetships**. Learn about application process, tips on recruitment, build contacts. Students wishing to attend must register online at [www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students](http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students).

**26 June:** National Institute of Education – UMAT preparation workshop at Sydney Hospital ([www.nie.edu.au](http://www.nie.edu.au) or phone 03 8300 0277)

**HSC Study Conferences in 2011:** Ideal opportunities to maximise your performance potential – designed by experienced tutors who understand what Year 12 students need to make the most of this time. In addition to 30 hours of supervised study, students relax, meet new friends and have fun. They are helped to develop a useful study routine, gain motivation from other students and can consult expert tutors on core subjects. Phone 8268 3346 (Conference Co-

ordinator) or visit [hscstudyconferences@youthworks.net](mailto:hscstudyconferences@youthworks.net). These book up very fast so don’t delay if you are interested in attending.

**2-8 July** (Shoalhaven); **4-10 July** (Port Hacking); **11-17 July** (Blue Mountains) and **11-17 July** (Port Hacking).

**21 July: UNSW Scholarships Information Evening**

**24 August, 4.30pm:** At 33 Erskine Street, Sydney – Free event for **Years 10 & 11 students** to meet and network with Chartered Accountants – great opportunity for them to hear about “a day in the life of an accountant” from young cadets. Students wishing to attend must register online at [www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students](http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students).

The Centre for Continuing Education at the **University of Sydney** is running intensive **HSC Preparation courses** in a variety of subjects for Year 12 students who wish to extend their studies and enhance performance in the HSC. The courses will be in Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Economics, English, Exam Preparation, Mathematics, Physics and Study Skills. See <http://www.cce.usyd.edu.au/hsc>. U Syd is offering a free copy of **Getting through Your HSC: A Practical Guide** for students and parents (<http://www.cce.usyd.edu.au/publications>).

**The University of Sydney has an interesting article of the benefits of a GAP Year** – It can prepare students for uni life and help them clarify what they really want to do – read about the latest research (<http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/84.html?newsstoryid=5559>).

**Australian Defence Force Academy Education Award:** This is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of outstanding achievement exhibited during the recruiting process for entry to ADFA. The award comprises of a laptop computer and certificate for the successful student along with a plaque in recognition of his school and is presented on behalf of the Navy, Army and Air Force to the 120 most suitable applicants who have applied for entry to ADFA. **Year 11 students** who are interested should go to [http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/applications/education\\_award.html](http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/applications/education_award.html) and see “eligibility requirements”. Also see the Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork awards.

Some out-of-Sydney universities do not hold traditional **Open Day** – rather they are open to visitors every day! Please always phone ahead to book a campus tour and let them know for which courses/degrees you want information and they can arrange for someone to talk to you and show you around: **Charles Sturt** (1800 334 733); **Southern Cross** (1800 626 481); **New England** (1800 818 865) and **Wollongong** (1300 367 869)

#### TIMETABLE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YEAR 12S

**Term 1:** Applications required for most overseas exchange/Gap programs for 2012

28 March: Half-yearly Year 12 exams begin

**Term 2:** Applications due for most **Accounting** cadetships and UTS Bachelor of Accounting scholarship

UMAT (Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test) applications open early April and closes 17 June

Students who wish to apply for most scholarships later in 2011 should start preparing their documentation now

**Term 3:** 27 July: UMAT

8 August: HSC Trials begin

2012 UAC Guide will be distributed after HSC Trials

University Open Days – mostly held on Saturdays from mid-August to mid-September

UAC application for choice of nine courses submitted by end of September for a university offer in 2012

Application for College/accommodation for 2012 for any of preferences where it would be required

\* Last day of September usual closing date for most scholarships

**Term 4:** 12 October: HSC examinations commence

ATARs released \*around 15 December – students have about a fortnight to change or re-arrange their UAC preferences

University Main Round offer released \*around 18 January

\* UAC has not as yet confirmed these dates

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My usual days at the College are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday



The Catholic Parishes of  
**Sydney Harbour North**

Sacred Heart, Mosman  
St Joseph's, Neutral Bay  
Blessed Sacrament, Clifton Gardens  
St Therese of the Child Jesus, Beauty Point

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Enrolments are now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parishes of Sydney Harbour North (Sacred Heart, Mosman; Blessed Sacrament, Clifton Gardens; St Joseph's, Neutral Bay; St Therese, Beauty Point).

The sacrament will be celebrated on 16 & 17 June. The program is offered to all young people who are in Year 6 or older, and who have received First Communion. The program commences with a Parent Evening on 29 or 30 March (parents may attend either one).

Enquiries can be directed to the Sacramental Co-ordinator, Pina Bernard (8969-3202).

## Communicating with Teens

### Child & Adolescent Parenting

Northern Sydney Local Health Network  
Enquiries: Phone 9887 5830

#### Communicating with Teens Course

- influence your teenager's behaviour
- understand the stages of development of teenagers
- feel more comfortable with your teenager's highs and lows
- keep lines of communication open between you and your teenager
- cope with your own and your teenager's anger in a constructive way
- learn how to get your point across and also listen to your teenager's point of view
- learn how to resolve "issues" between your teenager and yourself and still keep the relationship intact
- ..... plus more ideas on how to build relationships - what works and what doesn't work!

**COURSE VENUE:** CHATSWOOD 5wks/2.5hrs  
**When:** Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2011 (7.00pm - 9.30pm)  
**COST:** \$150 per person Concession: \$125 per person

#### Dealing With Teen's Back Chat Workshop

**VENUE:** CHATSWOOD  
**When:** Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2011 - 7.00pm - 9.30pm - \$40 per person

#### Triple P (PPP) Teens Seminar Series

available on request - to organise these or for details of Workshops/Seminars scheduled for this term, phone 9887-5830

**Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting - 9887 5830**

### *Cricket Fever! Calling All Cricketers!*

The Cricket World Cup has begun and cricket continues to be on our minds. The Parishes of Sydney Harbour North are hosting a Twenty20 Game and all are invited to participate. Interested cricketers of any age from Mosman, Clifton Gardens, Neutral Bay and Beauty Point, are welcome to nominate themselves to play.

Please contact Theresa (8969 3200 or [Theresa@shnparish.org.au](mailto:Theresa@shnparish.org.au)) by 8 March to express your interest. Please provide relevant cricketing experience (teams previously played for), your age and your cricketing talents (opening batsman/leg-spin bowler, etc). The Parish Priests' Eleven (selected by the Parish Priests) will play the Chairman's Eleven (selected by the Chairman of the Parishes Pastoral Council).

#### **Details of the game**

**When:** 13 March, beginning at 12.15pm

**Where:** Allan Border Oval, Mosman

All are welcome to attend and to bring picnic lunches. Please contact Theresa if you would like to assist with the catering, drinks, etc.





## St Aloysius' Rooftop Fundraiser

*James Woodward, SAC 2003, founder of Kickstart Kids International, invites you to join him on the College rooftop to raise funds for his newest project in Kenya – the construction of Kickstart's second orphanage.*

7pm Saturday 19 March 2011

St Aloysius' College rooftop, Level 4, 47 Upper Pitt Street, Milson's Point 2061. **Entry via Jeffrey St.**

Dress: Cocktail

Cost \$50 per person (includes food & beverages)

RSVP and make payment by 12 March 2011 [dominique.tardo@kickstartkidsinternational.com](mailto:dominique.tardo@kickstartkidsinternational.com)

Payment options:

\$50 per person

Online with your credit card at [www.givenow.com.au/kickstartkidsinternational](http://www.givenow.com.au/kickstartkidsinternational) Click 'Give a One Off Donation' and type the names of the attendees in the 'Special Message' field.

or

Direct debit. Account name: Kickstart Kids International. BSB: 032016. A/C number: 357027. Please include your name in the description.

Contact Roberta Pavey 0412 148 459 or Dominique Tardo 0403 781 556 with any queries or if you would like to donate a prize for the raffle or auction.

[dominique.tardo@kickstartkidsinternational.com](mailto:dominique.tardo@kickstartkidsinternational.com)

St Aloysius' College has been one of the biggest supporters of Kickstart Kids International since its inception and are continuing the support in 2011. Read more: <http://kickstartkidsinternational.com>





**2011 Jesuit Mission Golf Day**  
**Monday 4 April 2011 Pymble Golf Club, Pymble**

**BOOKING FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following players in my group: (Please complete all details )

1. \_\_\_\_\_ H'Cap: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ H'Cap: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ H'Cap: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Format:**

From 10.30am Player arrival and registration  
11.30am\*\*\* Shotgun Start – Ambrose Competition  
5.30pm (approx) Pre dinner Drinks  
6.00pm (approx) Dinner and Presentation

	Inclusions	Number	Cost
Entry Fee	Includes Green Fees, morning tea on arrival, lunch on course, prizes, dinner and wines		\$195.00*pp
Dinner Only**	Three course dinner and wines		\$95.00*pp

\* Prices are inclusive of GST

\*\* Partners and guests are more than welcome for dinner  
Players are advised that the entry fee includes dinner.

**\*\*\* NOTE EARLIER TIME FOR SHOT GUN START**

**How to Book:**

- 1 Fax the completed entry form to Anne-Marie Flynn on 02 9401 6717 to reserve your booking or alternatively email your booking details to [aflynn@icms.edu.au](mailto:aflynn@icms.edu.au)
- 2 Complete payment details on the booking form or post a cheque made payable to: Jesuit Mission, Attention: Edwina MacArthur, PO Box 193, North Sydney NSW 2059
- 3 If you have any questions please contact Anne-Marie Flynn on 02 9466 1081 or mobile 0414 333 707

**Payment Details**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Cheque ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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