



Newsletter

21 August 2009

Term 3 No.12



**Father's Day Mass & Breakfast
Reminder - Thursday 3 September
2009 (see flyer attached)**

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Bethlehem,

At our recent Parents and Friends meeting on August 18th Maurizio Vespa from Marist Youth Care spoke about working with adolescent children as parents and teachers. Maurizio's presentation covered recent research on adolescent development, parenting styles, good habits for parents and affective questioning. In particular, the skill of affective questioning resonated with the parents present and they were able to practise the technique on each other as part of the workshop. The Bethlehem Parents and Friends group meet on the fourth Tuesday of each term at 7.30pm. Our next meeting will be November 10. Maurizio concluded the meeting with the following reflection.

Food For Thought

David Bowen

*I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.*

*One was a teacher; the tools being used
Were books, music and art,
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle, loving heart.*

*Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent labored just as hard
And polished and smoothed o'er.*

*When at last their work was done
They were proud of what they had wrought,*

*For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.*

*And both agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone;
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.*

CONGRATULATIONS:

After recent nominations and elections the following students have been chosen as school leaders for 2009/2010:

- **SRC** - Phoebe Amos, Louise Bezzina, Melania Berehovy, Rika Borthwick, Lauren Whitby, Elizabeth Mora, Elizabeth Pasion, Katina Tiliakos, Julia Towells, Emma Chau, Lauren Cheung, Erikka David and Analiz Deganos.
- **College House Captains** - Maddie Fifita, Eileen Lam, Marissa Valentuzzi, Ana Teuhema.
- **College Prefects** - Suzannah Byers, Vivian Fang, Allyson Youseff, Alice Li, Clarissa Sukkar, Rachel Toomeh, Danielle Topigan, Villa Wesolowski, Melba Gayla, Tanya Gabrielle, Seraphina Kwak and Kary Lai.
- To **Kiara Svilicich** who represented the under 18s women's Sydney Comets team at the state championships in Bathurst on August 15 and 16. The team won two games at the tournament and Kiara was the overall highest point scorer for the whole tournament.



- To the senior Titration team of Maria Bui, Vivianne Tran and Vilia Wesolowski led by Dr Martin Crane (above), for making it through to the next level of competition at state level.

Congratulations to all these students on their outstanding achievements!

Medical information- Year 7 students will receive the second dose of the Hepatitis B and the third dose of HPV vaccination on Tuesday August 25th. Please ensure that your daughter has something to eat for breakfast before the vaccinations.

Student safety is of prime importance to us and it is school policy that students are required to travel directly home from school at the end of the day. Bethlehem staff are present at Ashfield Railway Station and in the shopping centre. If your daughter has an appointment or is meeting you after school that will delay her travelling directly home please provide a written note in her planner. It is also expected that students catch School Special buses from Alt St. behind the College. Only in exceptional circumstances should students be catching buses from Ashfield Railway Station. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your daughter's Stage Coordinator with any questions or concerns.

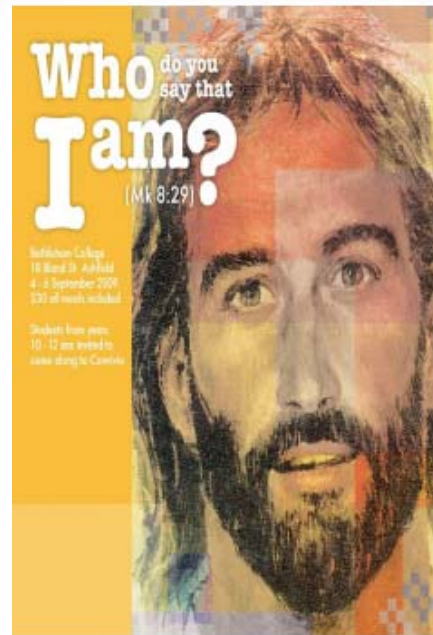
A **reminder** that there will be a staff development day on August 24th. This is an important opportunity for staff to be serviced on current educational thinking and skills. On the staff development day we will be exploring how best to continue implementing the Habits of Mind program into our teaching as well as updating skills in ICT and the use of the Macs. Please ensure that you make arrangements for your daughter's supervision on this day.

Our Year 12 students complete their HSC trial exams on Monday August 24. Students have worked hard throughout this exam block and will receive valuable feedback in the coming weeks from their teachers. Year 12 classes recommence on August 25.

The Bethlehem College Father's Day Mass and breakfast is on September 3rd. We will start with a Father Daughter breakfast at 8am in the College grounds and move to St. Vincent's Church for 9am Mass. We look forward to having fathers, grandfathers and uncles join us on that day.

Teash Richmond
Assistant Principal

Religious Education News...



Convivio Youth Congress at Bethlehem College
Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September

Great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to share their experiences, thoughts and interests with other young people. The weekend is run by young people for young people.

Bethlehem College students attend free-of-charge since we are hosting the event. All meals will be provided.

The weekend commences at 6pm on the Friday night. Students may come and go as family and other commitments may take priority.

Attend all three sessions or only one or two.

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| Friday | 6.00pm to 8.30pm |
| Saturday | 9.00am to 7.30pm |
| Sunday | 9.00am to 1.30pm |

The concluding Mass on Sunday commences at midday with Bishop Julian Porteous being the celebrant. This will make a great family Mass as families are invited to the Mass and it is also Father's Day. The Mass will conclude around 1.30pm in time for lunch.

Any student who is interested should collect a registration form from Mr Wheatley.

Wayne Wheatley
Religious Education Coordinator

Sports News Update....

On Sunday 9th August Darinka Popadic of Year 9 ran in the Annual Sun Herald City To Surf". This race starts in the city, through Rushcutters Bay and Rose Bay and concludes at Bondi Beach. Darinka completed the race in 2 hours 44 mins. and received a medal at the finish for her efforts!!!

What a fabulous experience...well done Darinka!

Lenore Dew
PDHPE Coordinator

Community News...

Celebrating 80 years of St Ambrose Parish, Concord West

The Parish Mass and Picnic this year will celebrate 80 years since the parish was established in 1929. We will also be commemorating the original parish church and school building in Queen Street which will soon be redeveloped to provide new and improved facilities for the school.

It is hoped to hold the Mass and picnic on Sunday 30 August in the school grounds (cnr Queen and Stuart Street). We would like to put together a display on the day that includes old photos or mementos of the original church or parishioners. There are many people who have been a part of the parish community over 80 years and we would like to celebrate this gift of giving, and the thriving parish community that we are today. For further information, particularly if you would like to offer photos on loan for display, or if you are able to attend this event, please contact St Ambrose Parish Tel: 9743 1023 or email admin@stambrose.org.au

Lifesaving at Enfield Swim Centre...

Looking for a new sport? Why not try Lifesaving at Enfield Swim Centre. It runs from October to March, with training on Saturday mornings 8.00-10.00am. No special equipment is required. This is a family club that encourages all to participate—from 6-80 years of age. Come along and try. Registration on Saturday mornings during October. For more information contact the club by email elsc@live.com.au or phone our secretary Scherie on 97996261.

Wesley Fundraising....

***Wesley Garden Fair
Saturday 29 August
8.30am—1.00pm***

The grounds of Wesley Private Hospital, 91 Milton Street, Ashfield (entry from Arthur St)

The Fair will be brimming with:

- Plants of all sizes and types: seeds and other gardening gear.
- Market stalls full of home bakes, bric-a-brac, some brand new merchandise including leisure wear, jewellery, gifts and more.
- Devonshire teas / sausage sizzle.

Please join us as we raise funds for Lifeline Sydney and Wesley's work with the homeless.

For further details contact Rosemary Cottrell, 9263 5569 or visit www.wesleymission.org.au/wesleyfair

TAS/VA News...

KNITTERS PLEASE!

Don't forget to send your knitted squares into school for our **Wrap With Love project.**



Congratulations to the following students whose work has been selected to be sent to Japan for the **Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation's 24th Children's Peace Drawing Competition.** The aim of this competition is to promote peace awareness among children living in Hiroshima and its sister and friendship cities:

Asunta Akot, Mariah Andonenas, Abegail Armateo, Joey Cai, Vanessa Chin, Samantha Clemente, Carla Corte, Isabella Di Fluri, Christine Fauni, Mary Fayad, Chantelle Ferrer, Jessica Fineisaloi, Gloria Harb, Nicole Inati, Amy Jang, Seo Jung Kwak, Nu Nu Lamung, Karen Lee, Adrianna Mahfoud, Ashleigh Mills, Vanessa Modyanto, Priscilla Mouyat, Lauren Nasr, Jessica Nguyen, Jocelyn Ng, Joey Ng, Catherine Phung, Kirstin Pinto, Caroline Pollock, Monica Reec, Helena Serret, Amanda Sinclair, Suzanne Skaff, Natalie Sng, Sandy Tang, Stephanie Tecli, Christine Thomas, Christina Tohme, Natasha Villanova and Leigha Zervakos.

Selected works will be exhibited at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum from 19th December 2009 to 25th January 2010 and the school will receive results from the competition in February next year.

Check out www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/top_ehtml for more information about the great work the Peace Culture Foundation does to promote peace and friendship in the world.

Vicki Armstrong
TAS/VA Coordinator

TAS/VA News (cont'd)...



Well done to our Year 12 Photography, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts students on the great work they presented at our annual exhibition evening. The exhibition is a great opportunity for family and friends to see the projects the girls have been working on over the past six months. For the students it is an opportunity to get feedback on their work so that they can 'fine tune' their pieces before submitting them for HSC marking. The evening was very well attended and the catering by our Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality students was, as usual, of a fantastic standard. Congratulations to all the students involved in this showcase evening!

Vicki Armstrong
TAS/VA Coordinator

Important Dates Term Three 2009

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| 21 August | Night Patrol |
| 24 August | STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (Pupil Free Day) |
| 25 August | Year 7 Vaccinations (Hepatitis B Dose 2/ HPV Dose 3) |
| 26 August | Year 7 mass at 12.00noon St. Vincent's Church |
| 1 September | Yr8 Subject Selection (Yr9,2010) evening in Hall at 6.30pm |
| 2 September | Yr12 Music Performance evening at 7pm |
| 3 September | Father's Day Mass & Breakfast |
| 3-4 September | SRC Leadership Camp |

School Fees Reminder...

Term 3 fees are due today, 21 August 2009. Prompt payments would be greatly appreciated. Should you have any problems making school fee payments on time, please contact Mrs Jo Condon at the College. Thank you.

Curriculum News...

Year 11 2010

Congratulations to all Year 10 students for the very successful subject selection day with their parents last Monday. We are confident the girls have chosen wisely and that their pattern of study is realistic and achievable. We look forward to working with them to further prepare for Stage 6 during Term 4, when they will engage in an intensive careers program, complete the All My Own Work program from the BOS and develop essential skills for the next stage of their education.

Year 9 2010

Students in Year 8 and their parents are reminded of the information evening on **Tuesday 1st September** at 6.30pm in the College Hall. All reply slips should now have been returned to homeroom teachers. The meeting will cover essential information regarding the School Certificate and the process for choosing elective courses. Subject talks will take place during classes and on Wednesday 2nd September, with selection forms due to the general office on Monday 7th September. We look forward to meeting with you. Please join us for a light supper before the meeting.

Year 8 2010 Language Selection

Students in Year 7 will be receiving a letter regarding an information evening and concert on Friday 11th September. Students will choose the language they wish to study in Year 8 at this meeting.

HSC Trials

The HSC Trials are almost over. Congratulation to Year 12 students on a job well done! Please keep the girls in your prayers as they move into this final stage of preparation for the HSC exams.

Staff Development Day 24th August

The staff will be continuing to work with the Habits of Mind, and how best to develop these habits in your daughters, as well as increasing our knowledge and skills in working with the Mac technology. We are continually looking at ways to assist the students in their learning, and hope to achieve a lot during the day.

Janet Mann
Curriculum Coordinator

BRAIN TEASERS

Problem : 21 Can you work out the common sayings represented by these clues?

- IECEXCEPT
- ECNALG
- STAND
I
- LE
VEL
- MAN
BOARD

Students are invited to solve these puzzles, and deposit the answer, marked clearly with name and homeroom, in the box at the General Office by 3pm on Monday 31st August (Wk 6). The first correct entry drawn will receive a canteen voucher!!

Last week's winner:

Congratulations to Jennifer Motha (Yr7Mauve) who correctly found 204 squares in the grid. See Mrs Mann to collect your canteen voucher.

Uniform Shop Hours...

Uniform Shop Hours as follows:
Tuesday & Friday 10.00am-1.30pm and
Wednesday 8.00am-11.00am

Phone Number 9799 6163

CASH/EFTPOS or CREDIT CARDS accepted

Cheques payable to TALEB AUSTRALIA

Lay-bys available