

8 May 2009

Term 2 No.6



**ANZAC Remembrance
Day Service**

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Bethlehem,

As we approach Sunday, I wish all the mothers in our community a very happy Mother's Day. I also thank all the mothers, grandmothers and motherly figures who attended the Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast with their daughters on Thursday.

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless all mothers
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their daughters and sons,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

We thank Mr Wheatley, for his role in making the Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast such a special occasion. A special thank you to our students for their participation in the Mass.

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope the Easter break and term holidays provide opportunities for rest and relaxation and also time for your family to spend precious time with one another. We welcome Mrs Shameel Reddy to our College community as our ESL teacher. We hope she enjoys her time as a member of our College community.

CONGRATULATIONS and THANKS:

- Special thanks to all our students who attended the ANZAC Day memorials before the end of term and during the holidays. In particular Yr 10A who attended the Schools RSL "Schools Remember Anzac Day" in Hyde Park accompanied by Ms Fisher and Ms Thorburn. Also, special thanks to Elizabeth Bell, Faustina Ashok Kumar, Iris Somera and Fiona Yuan (Yr 12 students) who attended the Sunday Ashfield Anzac Day Service accompanied by Mr Martin.
- To Ms Armstrong, Ms Bucciarelli and Ms Papadopoulos for the art works exhibited in the Ashfield Council Youth Art Week Exhibition last term. During the holidays we were informed that our girls had winning entries!! Jane Wilaicharoenphat (Year 11) was Peoples Choice and Vanessa Cabrira (Yr 12) was awarded the Curator's Prize. WELL DONE!!
- Congratulations to Ms Farhart and Mr Wheatley for organizing a wonderful Year 9 Reflection Day. Our extraordinary Year 11 girls demonstrated exceptional religious leadership. They functioned as the facilitators and ran the reflection day with support from their teachers. Special thanks to Emma Chau, Analiz Deganos, Chanell Galanto, Melba Gayla, Eileen Lam, Elizabeth Pasion, Mary Raposa and Marissa Valentinuzzi.

- Friday night debating was another celebration of the spirit of Bethlehem. I was very proud of our girls, staff and parents. It was amazing to see so many parents in attendance. There were also parents attending who do not have daughters debating. They came along just to give support. **This Friday we will be hosting the debating** and we welcome Brigidine College, Randwick to our College. We wish our debaters the very best of luck.
- Congratulations to our Yr 10 PASS class who attended the Inner West Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival at Queen Elizabeth Park on Friday and functioned as Marshalls to support the Primary teachers. The girls did a marvellous job demonstrating once again that Bethlehem girls can do anything and everything!
- Congratulations to our Volleyball teams who competed in the semi finals of MCCS Volleyball. The intermediates were narrowly defeated however the Juniors won their semi and progressed to the MCCS Grand Final. Unfortunately they were defeated by Trinity.
- Thanks to Mr Abbey and his team who spent many days in the holidays preparing the Year 9 Laptops for distribution. The laptops will be issued at a parent night on Tuesday 19th May following the Parents and Friends Group Meeting (letter enclosed with this newsletter for Yr 9 parents).
- Thanks also to Ms Condon, Ms Armstrong, Ms Bucciarelli and Ms Richmond for working with architects during the holidays 'Building the Education Revolution' Pride Project. Bethlehem has attracted funding of \$200,000. This will refurbish the ART and TAS learning spaces and storage areas. Thank you also to Ms Condon for managing the holiday works which included the alarm system servicing, servicing of air conditioning units, painting of the front foyer, installation of the student honour boards (gift from Year 12 2008 – Honour boards of the College Dux, President and Vice President) and minor works in the Music rooms.
- Thank you to the parents and students who attended the Selective Stream Information evening. I really appreciate the effort that parents take to support their daughters with their learning by attending functions organised by the College. Parent attendance at College functions demonstrates the partnership parents are willing to make with the College. This connection builds positive relationships and results in improved learning outcomes for students. If you were unable to attend on the night, please make an appointment to see me so that I can provide you with the detailed information given on the night. In attendance were also prospective parents as well as educators across the Sydney region.
At the conclusion of the evening I provided a list of [helpful hints for supporting the learning needs of your daughter at home:](#)
- *Demonstrate interest in her learning and encourage her without pressure, to achieve her very best.*
- *Take time at home to discuss her learning and broaden her understanding of current events by providing your daughter with access to newspapers such as the Sydney Morning Herald. Keep yourself abreast of current events and discuss them with your daughter.*
- *Ensure she has the required resources to become a successful learner, for example by providing an appropriate home study space, and access to technology and internet facilities.*
- *Ensure your daughter has access to the local library (join the local library with your daughter) and encourage her to join the University libraries (especially from Year 10 onwards).*

- *Encourage your daughter to take an interest in extra-curricular activities at school and outside of it and attempt to attend these activities wherever possible e.g. Friday night debating, attending performances and sporting activities.*
- *If possible accompany your daughter to cultural experiences such as the art gallery, museums, performances such as the ballet, opera and theatre.*

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2010:

The response to our Open Day has been wonderful. Next Saturday we commence the process of interviewing our Year 7 2010 applicants which will take two Saturday blocks as well as a number of week days. All places are filling very fast with very limited vacancies at this stage. If you know of any family who still intends to apply please inform them that their applications are due now. We would be very disappointed if we were not able to offer a place to a student because her application was too late. We have waiting lists in other year groups as class sizes are not permitted to go beyond a certain number. Thank you to all parents for sharing with the wider community the wonderful reputation of the College.

PARENT / TEACHER and STUDENT INTERVIEWS:

Please be aware that staff are busily preparing for Parent/Teacher and Student interviews which will be held at the following times:

- Years 11 and 12 Thursday 11 June commencing at 1.30pm and concluding at 9pm
- Years 7, 8, 9 and 10: Monday 6 July commencing at 12.00noon and concluding at 9pm.

Please be aware that reports will be issued at the commencement of these meetings. These meetings are compulsory for parents and students. We have set times that will enable all parents to schedule interviews as we understand how important this interview process is.

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS THIS TERM:

The other major events in the life of the College this term once again clearly demonstrate the professional learning community that exists at Bethlehem.

Just to name a few:

RELIGIOUS LIFE:

- Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast
- Year 8 Camp
- Masses for each Year group with the Parish
- National Sorry Day Commemoration with Years 7 & 8
- Year 12 Retreat
- Catechesis with the Cardinal
- Bethlehem Day
- Staff spirituality Day – Facilitator Dr. Dan White

ACADEMIC / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS:

- Preparing Student reports
- Year 7 2010 Enrolment Interviews
- Staff workshops in 'Differentiation' with Regional Advisers
- NAPLAN tests
- National and state competitions
- Year 9 Parent night 19th May issuing Year 9 Laptops
- Parents and Friends Group Meeting 7.00pm
- Staff training in using our laptops to support student learning
- Year 11 and 12 Parent/Student /Teacher Night
- Year 11 2010 information Night followed by Yr 10 subject talks and line construction
- HSC Music and Drama rehearsals followed by performance evenings
- Year 7-10 Parent/Student/ Teacher Night

EXTRA CURRICULAR EVENTS—Religious / Cultural:

- St. Vincent de Paul Friday Night patrol
- CSDA Debating Friday nights (Bethlehem hosting on 8th May)
- Mock Trial
- X-Factor
- G&T Yr 8 Musical
- Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
- Titration competition
- Homework Club and Maths Matters
- CaSPA rehearsals Monday nights

A range of other extracurricular activities that meet the needs of individual students in Science, Technology, Maths and the Humanities subjects.

SPORTING EVENTS:

- Athletics Carnival
- CGSSSA Competitions e.g. Soccer, Basketball, X-Country
- Morning and afternoon training for CGSSSA and Thursday Rep sport (MCCS)

All of this in just one term! These great opportunities are offered as a result of the wonderful commitment, professionalism and generosity of staff. We know our girls are very grateful for all that is offered; their day to day commitment to their own learning and their positive behaviour is clear evidence of this.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP:

Our Term 2 Parents and Friends Group Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 19th May commencing at 7.00pm. The meeting will include a guest speaker who will address the benefits of laptop computers as a learning tool and also the importance of appropriate internet use.

Anna Dickinson
Principal

Retail Excursion News...

On the 12th of March Year 11 Retail students visited the shopping strip on Liverpool Road and the shops in Ashfield Mall. The purpose of this activity was to learn the different styles retailers use to communicate, and to observe the key role of delivering quality and professional customer service by interacting with customers and the effect this interaction would have on the store's image and business profits. Through our experience we visualised the different methods of approach retailers use to attract customers: they try their very best to attract the five senses of their customers, they do this through lighting, merchandising, ambience, colour, store layout and products. We learnt to interpret and comprehend the written, oral and non verbal methods of communication in the workplace. Listening plays an important part in communicating. Whilst we were there we met two ex Bethlehem girls who work in retail, Eva Khoury who is now manager of Soul Pattinson Chemist and Rita Alam, merchandising manager at Coles who not only assisted us but strongly emphasised to us that we should listen to our teachers and make most of our educational environment here at Bethlehem. We thank our teacher Mrs Fernandes for organising and taking us on this excursion.

Melba Gayla and Chanell Galanto

Swimming Carnival Results...

On May 6, 2009 Lia Oliver (Yr9) represented Bethlehem College and CGSSSA at the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Swimming Carnival with amazing results! Lia has been training very hard in an attempt to improve on her Personal Bests and on Wednesday she did just that - **one and a half seconds off her 200m Individual Medley (50 backstroke, 50 breaststroke, 50 butterfly and 50 freestyle) - 8secs off her 200m freestyle.**

This is truly a wonderful achievement for Lia and proves that her determination and efforts are all paying off! Well done Lia, we are very proud of you.

PS. Lia has permission to have a rest from homework tonight!

Lenore Dew
PDHPE Coordinator

Assistant Principal News...

Welcome to Term 2! Students have returned to school wearing their full winter uniform well. A few points to note. Students are required to wear their blazer to and from the College during Terms 2 and 3.

- Students are required to wear stockings with their uniform. Knee high socks/stockings are not part of the College uniform and are not acceptable.
- Students are only allowed to wear their sports uniform to school on Thursdays for Activity Day. If in an exceptional circumstance your daughter needs to wear her sports uniform on a day other than Thursday, a note of explanation is required.

A reminder that mobile phones and iPods used during school time are confiscated and parents will be required to collect confiscated items from the College. Please talk with your daughter about this important college rule. Any contact with students during school time should be made through the school office.

Below is an update for May from Pru Salter who was the presenter for our study skills session in Term 1.

So what are the advantages of using class time efficiently? Well, you will complete more work in class and so have more free time at home, your teacher will be pleased with your application and so will your parents when they read your report, and of course, you will learn more! And if you don't use class time efficiently? Well you will have to do more work at home, you will find you don't always understand the work, your teachers will have to be continually disciplining you and you may even make it harder for other people in your class to learn. The benefits of working in class are clearly obvious!

So what does working effectively in class mean? It means listening, contributing, staying on task, and working to the best of your ability. It means learning to focus and concentrate and developing the discipline to do work even if it not your most favorite subject! Find out more in the Using Classtime unit.

This month in the handbook: another 2 new modules are online (Overcoming Procrastination and Developing Motivation), more submissions from students, a podcast on home study environment, chocolate maths, ergonomics, laughing club videos and more! Visit the What's New page for details.

We encourage all students to spend time now and then working through the units on the www.studyskillshandbook.com.au site to improve their own personal study skills.

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students in years 7 and 9 will be undertaking important tests in literacy and numeracy. Students should ensure that they are ready for these tests by revising work that has been set by teachers as well as ensuring that they have had breakfast and enough sleep.

It was wonderful to welcome so many of our students' mothers to school on Thursday for the Mothers' Day Mass. The day started with breakfast and a chance to meet with other parents and staff. Parents and students then moved to St. Vincent's Church for Mass. We look forward to welcoming Dads and Grandfathers later in the year for the Father's Day Mass.

Good luck to our College debating teams as they enter the second round of the competition this week against Brigidine College. We are hosting this round of debating in our school hall on Friday night, from 6pm onwards. Parents and friends are most welcome audience members.

Teash Richmond
Assistant Principal

Curriculum News...

NATIONAL TESTING FOR YEARS 7 AND 9

The National Tests in Literacy and Numeracy take place next week for students in Years 7 and 9. The tests will be conducted on the mornings of the 12th May (Language Conventions and Writing), 13th May (Reading) and 14th May (Numeracy – calculator and non-calculator)).

The girls may bring the following equipment with them:

- Pencil sharpener (preferably one that catches the shavings)
- Eraser
- Calculator (14th May only)

It is very important that all students sit for these tests. If your daughter is too ill to attend school on any of these days, please contact the College and leave a message for Ms Pantua and Ms Wilson (Year 7) or Ms Ffrench (Year 9). There will be a catch-up test on Friday 15th May.

REPORTS

Term 2 is always a busy one for staff as we gather data for our semester 1 reports. Students in Years 11 and 12 completed exams last term, and Years 7 to 10 will be finalising assessments throughout this term. Please assist your daughter in ensuring that tasks are completed on time. Any student who is absent when a task is due will need to lodge an Illness/Misadventure Form within one week of the task to avoid a penalty. We look forward to meeting with you for Parent/Teacher Interviews later in the term to discuss your daughter's progress.

ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

The timetable change at the end of Term 1, has resulted in some changes to the previously published dates for assessment tasks. The assessment calendars available on mydesktop, under Curriculum Information, are the most recent versions. Please refer to these when checking dates. Students will of course be notified of the correct due dates in writing when assessment notifications are issued.

Janet Mann
Curriculum Coordinator

Brain Teaser No. 16

I have 20 ribbons in a box. There are 2 red, 2 blue, 2 green, 2 black, 2 pink, 2 purple, 2 white, 2 yellow, 2 orange and 2 brown. If I am blindfolded, how many ribbons would I have to pick out of the box to be sure I will have two of the same colour?

Students are invited to solve this problem, and deposit the answer, marked clearly with name and homeroom, in the box in the General Office by 3pm on **Friday 15th May**. The first correct entry drawn will receive a canteen voucher!!!!

Last week's solution: N and Z. All the letters read the same upside down.

Congratulations to Christine Fauni of 8 Gold who found both letters. See Mrs Mann to collect your canteen voucher.

Important Dates Term Two 2009

8 May	CSDA Debating Round 2 Bethlehem College
12-14 May	NAPLAN Years 7 & 9
15 May	CSDA Debating Round 3 Christian Bros, Lewisham
16,18,20 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
19 May	P&F Meeting 7.00pm in College Hall
19 May	Year 9 Laptop Distribution Mtg. 7.30pm Hall
22 May	CSDA Debating Round 4 at St. Clare, Waverley
23&25 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
26 May	National Sorry Day
27 May	ICAS Computer Skills Competition
28 May	Year 11 Mass at 9am

Religious Education News...

Project Compassion

A warm thank you to each and every member of the Bethlehem College Community for your generosity. We exceeded our goal and raised over \$4,000. Rest assured that our donations will go to improve the health, education and quality of life for struggling families and communities around the world. Also note that our donation will go directly to those in need, as Caritas ensures the money is used responsibly for projects in poor communities.

If any families still have any outstanding monies/boxes, please send them to the front office. We'll send the money to Caritas shortly.

Year 9 Reflection Day, Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney

Jesus as Friend, was the theme for the Year 9 Reflection Day. Students toured the Museum and learnt more about Mary MacKillop and how she was a *Friend* to those in need, establishing schools and educating the poor. The tour complimented the drama performance they viewed last term about the life and times of Mary MacKillop.

Students also visited the Chapel and tomb of Mary MacKillop. During their reflective part of the day, students reflected, prayed and meditated on the account of the Samaritan Woman at the Well from St John's Gospel. This Gospel was acted out by some of our Year 11 students. In small groups, students discussed the meaning and significance of the passage, and how Jesus was a friend to the woman who was an outcast and how he integrated her back into her community with dignity and through forgiveness.

Footsteps in the Sand was the final meditation, with students trying to discern where or how Jesus may have carried them in their lives. Students wrote petitions and placed them at Mary MacKillop's Tomb at the end of the day.

A heartfelt thank you to Year 11 students: Emma Chau, Eileen Lam, Mary Raposa, Elizabeth Pasion, Analiz Deganos, Marissa Valentinuzzi, Chanell Galanto and Melba Gayla, who were the reflection day facilitators and animators. A special thank you to Ms Farhart, who wrote and facilitated the reflection programme for the day and prepared the Year 11 students to lead the groups. Thank you also to Mrs Grantham, Mrs Hunt, Ms Boland and Mr Whittaker for supervising our well behaved Year 9 students on the Museum Tour.

Up-Coming Events

- Wednesday 20th May, Year 7 Mass with St Vincent's Parish, Midday
- Thursday 28th May, Year 11 with St Vincent's Parish, St Vincent's Church, 9.00am
- Friday 29th May, Years 7 & 8 will commemorate National Sorry Day in the Hall
- Wednesday 3rd June, Year 8 Mass with St Vincent's Parish, Midday
- Thursday 4th June, Year 12 Mass with St Vincent's Parish, 9.00am
- Thursday & Friday, 4th & 5th June, Year 12 Retreat
- Wednesday 17th June, Year 10 Mass with St Vincent's Parish, Midday
- Wednesday 1st July, Year 9 Mass with St Vincent's Parish, Midday
- Thursday 9th July, Bethlehem Day Mass, 9.00am
- Friday 10th July, Staff Spirituality Day

Parents are warmly invited to attend any College mass with their daughters.

Wayne Wheatley
Religious Education Coordinator

Uniform Shop Hours...

Uniform Shop Hours as follows:
Tuesday & Friday 10.00am - 1.30pm
Phone Number 9799 6163
CASH/EFTPOS or CREDIT CARDS accepted
Cheques payable to TALEB AUSTRALIA
Lay-bys available

Bethlehem College Term 2 Calendar—Upcoming Events



8 May	Year 12 Careers Excursion
8 May	CSDA Debating Round 2 at Bethlehem College
8 May	Year 11 Geography Excursion
11 May	Year 12 Careers Excursion
11 May	Sudanese Parent Meeting 4.30pm in De La Salle Library
12 May	NAPLAN exams Years 7 & 9
13 May	NAPLAN exams Years 7 & 9
14 May	NAPLAN exams Years 7 & 9
15 May	CSDA Debating Round 3 at Christian Bros. Lewisham
16 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
18 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
18 May	Year 10 Allwell catch up test
19 May	Parent's & Friends Group Meeting at 7.00pm in the College Hall
19 May	Year 9 Laptop Distribution Program Meeting 7.30pm in the College Hall (refer to letter accompanying this newsletter)
19-20 May	Year 8 Camp at Stanwell Tops
20 May	Year 7 Midday Mass
20 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
22 May	CSDA Debating Round 4 at St. Clare, Waverley
23 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
23 May	Year 12 Advanced English Excursion to Bondi 1.00pm (SATURDAY)
25 May	Year 7, 2010 Enrolment interviews
26 May	National Sorry Day
27 May	ICAS Computer Skills competition
28 May	Year 11 Mass at 9am
29 May	CGSSSA X Country
29 May	CSDA Debating Round 5 at Holy Spirit, Lakemba
2 June	Year 9 Italian Excursion to Leichhardt
2 June	Year 7 Vaccination (HPV Dose 2) and Varicella (Chicken Pox) Vaccination
9 June	Bethlehem College Athletics Carnival at Homebush Athletics Centre
10 June	ICAS Science Skills competition
11 June	Years 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews 1.30pm-9.00pm
11 June	Year 12 Physics excursion
11 June	Year 7 & 8 Stage 4 English incursion
12 June	Year 12 Modern History excursion
12 June	CSDA Debating Elimination Round
15 June	Year 11 Work Placement Week
17 June	Year 10 Mass at Midday
18 June	Year 12 Chemistry excursion
19 June	CSDA Quarter Finals
20-21 June	Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
22 June	Year 11, 2010 Information Evening 6.30pm (refer to letter accompanying this Newsletter)
23 June	ICAS Spelling & Writing Competition
26 June	CSDA Debating semi finals
30 June	Year 10 Subject Selections due
1 July	Year 12 PDHPE excursion
1 July	Year 9 Mass at midday
3 July	CSDA Debating Finals
6 July	Years 7 to 10 Parent/Teacher/Student day 12.00noon-9.00pm
9 July	Bethlehem Day and Last Day for Term 2
10 July	Staff Development Day

Bethlehem College— Community & CGSSSA News

CatholicCare—Family Relationship (Education Skills Training) Calendar...

CatholicCare have a number of sessions available, details as follows:



Keeping Kids in Mind:	Tuesdays 21 April—19 May 2009 6.30pm-9.00pm Bankstown Family Relationship Centre, 8 Jacobs St, Bankstown (no childminding available)
Money: Choice or Chance?	Wednesday 6 May 2009 10.00am-12.00noon CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)
123 Magic:	Thursdays 7 May 2009-21 May 2009 7.00pm-9.00pm CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)
Being a Dad Today-Raising Emotionally Intelligent Children:	Thursday 28 May 2009 7.00pm-9.00pm CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)
PitStop Course for Men:	Wednesdays 20 May 2009—24 June 2009 6.00pm-9.00pm CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore (no childminding available)
Partners of Parents:	Thursdays 4 June 2009—25 June 2009 7.00pm-9.00pm CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)
Cyber Safety:	Tuesday 23 June 2009 10.00am-12.00noon CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)
Negotiating Boundaries with Teens:	Thursday 2 July 2009 7.00pm-9.00pm CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)
Play Power:	Wednesday 8 July 10.00am-12.00noon CatholicCare 209a Edgeware Rd (cnr Smidmore St) Enmore *(childminding available)

Fees: Whilst CatholicCare Family Relationship Education Skills Training services are funded by the Australian Government, we are required to charge fees for the services outlined. The cost of all programs offered is **\$10.00 per session**, unwaged/concession free. Some courses may incur an additional fee to cover the costs of course materials.

Qualifications: All CatholicCare services are provided by qualified, skilled and experienced professionals who meet the required standards of competency specified by the Family Law Act.

***Child Minding:** Child Minding is available where indicated in the above program calendar. If child minding is available, please confirm that you require it at the time of booking. The cost for child minding is a gold coin donation per child.

For further details on course contents or to book for one of the above courses, please contact the office nearest you:

Enmore: 9519 6788 or Fairfield 9725 7077.

Generation Next: A Public Seminar

A public seminar aimed at understanding the unique health and wellbeing challenges facing generations Y & Z—and how these challenges can be met.

Date: Saturday 23 May 2009, 6-10pm

Venue: Clancy Auditorium, University of New South Wales, Kensington

Cost: \$45.00 per person. Booking can be made at Ticketek on 132 849

Program includes—About Generation Next, Current Challenges in Youth Mental Health, Teenagers. Alcohol & Drugs, Internet and Cybersafety, Sexualisation of Children in the Media and Hey Mum, Meet My First Boyfriend!

The program includes a 1 hour Q&A panel. Email your questions to www.gennextseminars.com or contact Natasha on 9436 2088. There will be many guest speakers including Dr Michael Carr Greg, adolescent Psychologist.

St Joan of Arc Parish Haberfield—Sacrament of Confirmation

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** is to be celebrated by Bishop Julian Porteous in St Joan of Arc Church Haberfield on **Saturday 27 June 2009 at 5.00pm**. Any child wishing to be confirmed on this occasion will need to attend the preparation courses that will be running in the Parish in the weeks leading up to Confirmation day.

The **Confirmation Enrolment and Information Night** for parents/guardians and children will be held in St Joan of Arc Church at 97 Dalhousie Street, Haberfield on **13 May 2009 at 7.30pm**. Information about the preparation classes to be conducted on Tuesday afternoons at St Joan of Arc School, Dalhousie Street, Haberfield will be provided on the night.

For further information please contact Mr Harry Stephens, St Joan of Arc Sacramental Program Coordinator on 0418 230 322.

CGSSSA Soccer News...

On Wednesday the 29th of April, junior and senior soccer players took part in the annual CGSSSA soccer competition. The girls braved the cold weather and were all geared up for the 3 games against Domremy College, Loreto Kirribilli and Rosebank College. The games played were very formidable with players producing excellent passing and great ball skills. Some of the games were very tight resulting in last minute victories because of exceptional defense and goal keeping talent from the Bethlehem side. Bethlehem players found the back of the net on a few occasions and were unlucky to score more. Players are to be commended for their efforts on the day and representing the school with pride and passion for the game. Thank you to Ms Percy and Miss Papadopoulos who assisted and coached the players on the day.

Keep it up Bethlehem!

Catherine Conneely, Sports Captain

Bethlehem College — English & Visual Arts News



English News...

Welcome back to Term 2!

Welcome to Mrs Shameel Reddy to the English Department. Mrs Reddy is working with us as an ESL teacher until the end of the year.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

Once again, the **University of New South Wales 2009 Australasian Schools English Competition** is being run for all students in Years 7-11. The rationale behind assessing all students is for the English department to effectively use the data in order to plan for the National Curriculum in English. This assessment will be also used as a diagnostic tool in order to cater to the diverse needs of all students. The cost of this assessment is \$6.60 and will be billed on the Term 2 school fees. For over 20 years, Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales has been conducting this competition. This competition forms the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, India, South Africa, Hong Kong, China and the Pacific Region.

This is also an exceptional and cost effective opportunity to assess the knowledge and skills your daughter has achieved, as this exam provides comprehensive feedback to parents and carers.

DEBATING NEWS

Our debating teams have been busily preparing for the CSDA Debating competition with the various workshops and weekly coaching clinics. Thank you to **Miss Kimberley Dickinson** who gave Bethlehem her time during the holidays to conduct an intensive debating workshop, as well as supporting our senior students weekly as their coach.

Last Friday our students competed against Domremy College, Five Dock. Our Year 11 team were victorious – congratulations! Tonight Bethlehem is competing on home turf against Brigidine College, Randwick. Please come along to support your peers.

OTHER COMPETITIONS

There are also many other exciting competitions happening in English which are aimed at all students:

University of NSW Writing and Spelling Competitions

Short story and Poetry competitions (Write4fun competition)

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards

What matters? Writing competition

Premier's Reading Challenge (see Ms Barra or Mr Playford for details)

These competitions have fantastic prizes – cash, ipods, cds, etc – **YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

And many, many more.....

See Mrs Kelly for entry details of these competitions

GO BETHLEHEM!

Mosh Mavrakis
English Coordinator

Visual Arts News...



Well done to all our students who exhibited in the recent Ashfield Youth Art Exhibition and especially to Vanessa Cabrita (Yr12) and Jane Wilaicharoenphat (Yr12) on their success in this show.

The exhibition is sponsored by Ashfield Council and the NSW Government and is open to local artists aged between 12 and 24 years. The exhibition featured 49 artworks and our Bethlehem students picked up two of the three prizes on offer!

Jane's artwork was voted by visitors to the exhibition as equal winner of the Most Popular artwork category. Her mixed media piece, 'Clear Jungle, Clear Town', commented on the effects of the use of the chemical Agent Orange at the beginning of the Vietnam War. Vanessa won the Curator's Choice Award. Judged by Bronwyn Tuohy for its technical skill, originality and concept. Vanessa's work, 'Impressao', deals with issues of displacement and helplessness.

All students who exhibited received a certificate signed by the Ashfield Mayor, Ted Cassidy and our two prize winners received vouchers to spend on art equipment at Art on King in Newtown.

Congratulations girls!

Vicki Armstrong, V/TAS Coordinator

Bethlehem College — Excursions, Library, Science & Community News



History Excursion News — Anzac Day 2009

On the 8th of April, Year 10 History A class students attended the 2009 RSL & Schools Remember Anzac Commemoration Service in Hyde Park. We were accompanied by Ms Fisher and Mrs Thorburn on the day and as we arrived at Hyde Park, The James Ruse Agricultural High School Australian Army Cadet Unit and the choir from St Patrick's College, Strathfield and Santa Sabina College, Strathfield welcomed the large gathering crowd.

Bethlehem and De La Salle were amongst over 100 schools attending on the day. Premier Nathan Rees, Verity Firth, Minister for Education & Training and Don Rowe, State President, The Returned & Services League of Australia were special guests at the service.

Throughout the service many speakers spoke of the integrity and respect that is shown when remembering the Anzacs. The choir performed traditional songs of the Anzac and representatives of Scots College

and Waverley College played the Lament on bagpipes, the Last Post and Reveille on bugle.

Towards the end of the ceremony, there was an opportunity for representatives of each school present to lay a wreath and join in silent prayer for the fallen Anzacs. We would like to give special thanks to Ms Fisher and Mrs Thorburn who made sure we were together and safe and shared this special event with us.

Sarah Bell Yr10 Gold

Library News...

There are two new Library monitors from Year 7 who are now working in the Library. Congratulations to Dora Zhang and Anu Sadhara.

Louisa Barra and Vic Playford, Librarians

Science News...

A three day hands-on practical science program will be conducted across 37 Australian universities and tertiary institutions in 2009/2010 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2010. Each program includes information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers. This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia. The total cost of the three-day program is \$105. If your daughter is interested in participating in this program she can obtain an application form from either her Science teacher or Ms Rossetti. More information can be found at www.scienceexperience.com.au

Thank you

Silvana Rossetti, Science Coordinator

Marrickville Council News...

Sport-a-month Program

Try a different sport each month for free with Council's Sport-a-Month Program. Come and try Tennis with the Four Seasons Tennis School for free in the month of May 2009. Why not try Cycling with the Marrickville—South Sydney Bicycle Group for free in the month of June 2009...

Coming soon... Bowling in July 2009, Cricket in August 2009 and Croquet in September 2009.

Also All Nations Soccer is on again for Refugee Week 2009. Please visit www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au for further information and registration details on any of the above.

Bethlehem College



P&F Group Meeting

Tuesday 19 May 2009

commencing at 7.00pm

In College Hall

Items for discussion:

- Principal's Report
- P&F President's Report
- General Business
- Year 9 Laptop Program commencing at 7.30pm. All Year 9 parents are expected to attend.