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Term 2 No.8



Year 12 Retreat

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Bethlehem,

Last weekend our Catholic community celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. The Feast of Pentecost was originally a Jewish harvest festivity celebrating the first fruits of the season. It was sometimes called "The Feast of Weeks". It fell on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Passover. It was on this Jewish feast, according to the Acts of the Apostles, that the gift of the Holy Spirit came to those men and women who truly believed in the "Way of Jesus". It was a gift symbolised by visions of fire and an amazing gift of "speaking in tongues". We have this same gift and on the Feast of Pentecost we celebrate it. It is the fire and strength in our hearts that enables us to believe the "Good News" and it provides the language to proclaim it to our world. In our College community these gifts are embraced and celebrated in so many ways. Our hope for a better world is the gift of fire that burns in our hearts. The gift of language is one of inclusion, love, justice and compassion which we witness within our College each day.

*God of new life.*

*We thank you for the gift of your Spirit  
which filled the hearts of the apostles,  
You called them to take the good news to all peoples.*

*Give us a share in their courage.  
Call on us, one day, to be apostles too.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord  
Amen*

#### **Congratulations:**

- To our excellent Debaters, Adjudicators and Debating coaches. The preliminary rounds have come to an end with all teams achieving wins during the season. Special congratulations to the Year 11 team who have had an extremely successful season and will now proceed through to an elimination round against St. Patrick's, Strathfield. Many thanks to Mrs Mavrakis, our Debating Coordinator for her excellent organisational skills ensuring a smoothly run debating season. I also wish to thank the many parents who attended the debates each week. I have enjoyed spending Friday nights with the parents as we waited for the girls to prepare for the debate and then functioned as the girls avid supporters as we watched the debates.
- To our students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who attended the Catechesis evening last Friday night in the Bethlehem/De la Salle Hall. This special event attracted over 800 young people. I was very proud of our girls as they graciously welcomed the many guests to our College and clearly demonstrated their depth of faith throughout the evening.

- To all students who competed in the finals of our annual talent quest X-factor. All participants were winners. The talent was quite extraordinary creating audible gasps from the audience. Our next newsletter will have a special feature with photos capturing some highlights of the night. Please find below the names of students who were awarded runners up and first prize trophies. The four categories were:

Solo Vocal Winner:	<b>Nicola Danes</b>
Solo Vocal Runner Up:	<b>Anthea Pelino</b>
Solo Instrumental Winner:	<b>Rosa Kim</b>
Solo Instrumental Runner Up:	<b>Letitia Sng</b>
Group Performance Winners:	<b>Maraya Vavasis, Jacinta Kim, Anita Petrovic</b>
Group Performance Runners Up:	<b>Luisa Vainga, Joelle Kanaan, Stephanie Philalack, Jasmine Shenouda</b>
Original Composition Winners:	<b>Nancy Sun, Jerusha Thompson, Kaylene Chan, Christine Galasinao..... "I Could"</b>
Original Composition Runners Up:	<b>Maraya Vavasis, Jacinta Kim, Anita Petrovic.... "Flying"</b>
Encouragement Award:	<b>Annelise Theodoridis</b>

The Music Department congratulates all our winners. Special thanks to all the staff who attended as judges, photographers, ushers, supervisors, or part of the audience. Thank you also to the many parents, family members and friends who attended in support of the girls. A very special thank you to Ms Yeom and Mrs Bowyer for the organisation of this wonderful talent quest. Without a doubt we have gifted students and staff at Bethlehem.

#### REMINDER:

We have three very important parent and student meetings coming up in the College calendar:

- Years 11 and 12 Parent / Student /Teacher interviews** on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> commencing at 1.30pm – 9pm (interviews are to be arranged by your daughter with her teachers).
- Years 7-10 Parent / Student / Teacher interviews** on Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> commencing at 12.00 – 9pm (interviews to be arranged by your daughter with her teachers). When parents arrive with their daughters for the interviews they will be issued with their daughter's report. Parents are expected to attend these meetings to discuss their daughter's progress at this mid-way stage in the school year.
- Year 11 2010 Parent/ Student Enrolment evening** on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June commencing at 6.30pm. This information evening is compulsory for all Year 10 students wishing to enter Year 11 at Bethlehem College. We have received a number of applications for Year 11 2010 from students in other schools wishing to join the Bethlehem community for Years 11 and 12. We will finalise acceptance into Year 11 at the conclusion of Year 10.

#### BEST WISHES:

- To our Year 12 students who have commenced their retreat today. We ask all the College community to pray for Year 12 at this very important time so that they return from their retreat refreshed, filled with the Holy Spirit and ready to face the challenge of the next stage of their HSC journey.
- To our Mock Trial team who compete on Friday against St. Maroun's, Dulwich Hill. We congratulate them on their excellent preparation

Anna Dickinson  
Principal

#### English News...

##### STAGE 6 SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the Young Actors' Workshop presented their show *Shakespeare on Trial* to Year 11 Standard English and ESL in the Multi- purpose Hall. Students enjoyed the performance as it focused on the themes, issues and character interpretations of *Romeo and Juliet*. Students had an opportunity to experiment with the interpretation of scenes through active participation.

##### 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 also be 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.

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

**The Preliminary Rounds have come to an end and there are so many people involved who I need to thank:**

**The adjudicators and coaches:** Mrs Kelly, Mr Eirth, Mr Doyle, Ms Ffrench, Miss Boland, Mrs Reddy, Ms Shields, Mr Cinque, Brandy Tsang (Class of 2006), Noeleene Yap (Class of 2007) and finally Kimberly Dickinson.

**The parents: for their ongoing support and their presence at every round to support and encourage their daughters.**

**To Mrs Dickinson and Ms Richmond who ensured that at least one member of the leadership team was present at each round to encourage our girls.**

Without their enormous support, Debating would not have run as smoothly as it did in 2009.

**On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 11 team (Emma Chau, Gertrude Lacanilao and Sarah Silvestro) will compete in a play-off against St Pat's College, Strathfield. If the girls win this they go into the quarter finals! Good luck ladies!**

##### GO BETHLEHEM!

Mosh Mavrakis  
English Coordinator

## Assistant Principal News...

This week I had the honour of judging the X Factor competition. X Factor is a great opportunity for students in Years 7 -10 to showcase their musical talents. All the performers on the night were outstanding. Congratulations to all competitors and winners.

We wish Year 12 students well who are undertaking their retreat at Stanwell Tops this Thursday and Friday (June 4th and 5th). This is a great chance for the students to share and reflect on their experiences over the last six years at Bethlehem as well as contemplate what the future may bring. The Year 12 retreat provides a much needed opportunity for senior students to refocus their energy as they enter the final stages of their HSC year.

Teachers are currently preparing Semester 1 reports for all students in Years 7 -12. These reports will be available on our Parent/Student/Teacher (P/S/T) days to be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> (Years 11 and 12) July 6<sup>th</sup> (Years 7-10). Parent/Student/Teacher day will be held in the College Hall from 1.30pm until 9pm (Years 11 and 12) and midday until 9pm for Years 7-10. It is expected that students will make appointments with each of their teachers for this day. Years 11 and 12 students have already received a booking sheet. Students in Years 7-10 will receive further information regarding P/S/T in the coming weeks.

Year 11 VET students will be on work placement during Week 8 (June 15 -19). This is a valuable experience for students of Retail, Hospitality and Business Services to gain industry experience. We wish those students well during this week.

As mentioned in the last newsletter staff will be undertaking a 'Staff Spirituality Day' on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>. This will be a student free day and staff will not be available that day. Please make arrangements for supervision of your daughter on this day.

Below is valuable advice from Pru Salter who ran study skills seminars in Term 1 for Bethlehem students:

*There are some simple steps students can take to improve the way they manage their workload and avoid the stresses of last minute work. At the start of every term all students should ensure they have a term planner on the wall at home (these can be printed from*

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)) with due dates for tests and assignments clearly marked. Due dates should be written into a diary as well and highlighted. But writing due dates into the diary is only the first step. After receiving details about a task, students should ensure they understand the requirements of the task (and ask if unsure) then brainstorm the steps to complete this task. These steps then need to be scheduled into the diary, written in as homework so there is a plan to complete the work over the available time. This plan is just a guide of course, students can complete the work earlier! But by scheduling the steps to be done as homework, students are much less likely to leave the task to the last minute and can reschedule steps if they have too much other homework that night. Watch the diary video in the Managing Workload unit on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) to see an example of how to use a school diary for planning and keeping track of work.

*This month in the handbook: another 2 new modules where students apply their skills from the unit (Goal Setting and Lifestyle and Balance), more slideshare submissions from students, a podcast on managing workload, 3 new 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](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) site to improve their own personal independent learning skills.*

Teash Richmond  
Assistant Principal

## Religious Education News...

### Pentecost Catechesis with Bishop Anthony Fisher

Last Friday, Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges with the Catholic Youth Services (CYS) Team hosted Catechesis in a World Youth Day style, led by Bishop Anthony Fisher. Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration were available to all attendees. The Hall was beautifully decorated with WYD08 Banners hanging from the ceiling.

Around 800 young people and those young at heart gathered into our college hall for an incredible evening of prayer, discussion, song and worship. The evening commenced around 6.30pm with a dinner prepared by CYS and served by our students. The highlight of the evening was Bishop Anthony's address on the issue of 'Truth'. "The truth will set you free" (John 8:32) was the theme of his talk. All present were challenged to discern the truth in their lives and the world around them. Being Pentecost, all present were challenged to discern the workings of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Reconciliation was made available to all present by the many priests who came for the evening. We wish to thank the priests for their generosity and Mrs Hunt, Ms Farhart, Ms Rossetti and Mr Gwyer for getting the rooms ready for reconciliation and directing the young people to the priests and to Eucharistic Adoration.

The evening concluded by 9.45pm, but rain kept many people waiting, so we put the BBQ on again. All attendees would have been well fed and were certainly feeling invigorated by the catechesis experience.

Thank you also to the Year 12 SRC and students in Years 10 and 11, for helping throughout the evening.

Our next post-WYD event is the Matt Maher Experience on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th of July also in our Hall. As WYD pilgrims, we saw Matt perform at Bondi Beach at the Franciscan Festival with Fr Stan last July. Bethlehem College students are encouraged to attend Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. There is no cost for Bethlehem and De La Salle College students as we are hosting the event. All guests will have to pay \$10. Permission notes and ticket ordering forms will be available shortly.

### Year 12 Retreat

Year 12 is on Retreat at Stanwell Tops this week. The Retreat will be conducted by CYS and the theme is "Unlocking Our Future with the Keys of the Past", this Year 12's theme for 2009. The retreat will commence with Mass at 9am at St Vincent's Church. We pray for a successful retreat and that our Year 12s return energised and ready to face the HSC and life after school, with Jesus playing a central part in their lives.

Wayne Wheatley  
Religious Education Coordinator

### Second hand School Uniforms for Sale...

2 x Junior Summer Dresses	(Size 14)	\$45.00 each
1 x Senior Skirt	(Size 16)	\$55.00 each
1 x Senior Short Sleeve blouse	(Size 16)	\$20.00 each
2 x Senior Long Sleeve blouse	(Size 16)	\$20.00 each
2 x Jumpers	(Size 14&16)	\$35.00 each
2 x Winter Tunic	(Size 14&16)	\$55.00 each
2 x Sports Skirts	(Size 16)	\$20.00 each

Please Contact Sulayma  
(02) 9703-2988 or 0433 193 744

## Science News...

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 9A Science invited Year 6 from St Vincent's for an interactive lesson on electricity. The girls in Year 9 worked hard all week preparing MAC presentations and hands-on practical lessons to teach the Year 6 students about electrical safety as well as electric circuits. The afternoon was not only enjoyable but also a valuable learning experience for both the Years 9 and 6 students.



On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, Year 11 Physics students were accompanied after school by Ms Pantua and Ms Rossetti to a free lecture by the CSIRO at the Australian Museum. The students, as well as the teachers, were inspired by Dr Glenn Platt as he spoke about the development of new technology to conserve energy. We are all looking forward to seeing what the future will bring!



Silvana Rossetti  
Science Coordinator

## Important Dates Term Two 2009

4-5 June	Year 12 Retreat at Stanwell Tops
8 June	Public Holiday
9 June	Bethlehem College Athletics Carnival at Homebush
11 June	Year 12 Physics Excursion—Sydney Uni Kickstart
11 June	Years 11 & 12 P/S/T interviews 1.30pm-9pm
11 June	Years 7 & 8 English incursion
12 June	Year 12 Modern History Excursion to Sydney Uni.
22 June	Year 11, 2010 Parent/ Student Enrolment evening commencing 6.30pm
6 July	Years 7-10 P/S/T interviews 12noon-9pm

## Curriculum News...

Last week 's Brain Teaser will remain for entries until Monday 15th June.

### Brain Teaser No. 17

#### KenKen

This new puzzle requires you to fill in the numbers 1 to 4 in each row and column, so that no row or column contains the same number more than once.

6x		3-	
1-		2÷	
4	6+		1-
2÷			

The clues in each 'cage' gives you additional information for the numbers in that 'cage'. For example, 3- means the difference between these two numbers is 3, 2÷ means the quotient for these two numbers is 2.

Janet Mann  
Curriculum Coordinator

## Mathematics Homework Expectations...

Homework is important and necessary for success in mathematics. Homework will be set on a regular basis by your daughter's mathematics teacher and should be completed on the day given to allow feedback and questions the following day. If this is not possible, a written note from parents is required in the College Planner. Any missed work needs to be completed by the following lesson.

The usual duration for mathematics homework each night is outlined below, in keeping with the College's Homework Policy:

Year 7:	15 - 20 minutes
Year 8:	15 - 20 minutes
Year 9/10 Stage 5.1:	25 - 30 minutes
Year 9/10 Stage 5.2:	25 - 30 minutes
Year 9/10 Stage 5.3:	25 - 30 minutes

I would ask that you please check your daughter's homework each night to ensure that any problems are addressed and that the homework is completed. If your daughter has difficulty completing the homework in the times nominated above, a written note from parents is required in the College Planner.

Students who do not complete set homework (without a written note) will be asked to join us at the Maths Homework Club, "*Maths Matters*". The Club has been set up to support students who require assistance with their homework. *Maths Matters* is run on a voluntary basis by the mathematics teachers of Bethlehem College to assist students with homework. Students are also more than welcome to join us to work on HOTmaths, or simply to receive guidance on how to prepare for examinations. *Maths Matters* is held every Wednesday at lunch time in E1.

Anne-Marie Allen  
Mathematics Coordinator

## 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



## Bethlehem College Year 12 Class of 1987 Reunion...

A reunion has been arranged for the Year 12 class of 1987 to meet for a casual get together:

**When:** Friday 26th June, 2009 at 7.30pm

**Where:** Club Ashfield (Ashfield Catholic & Community Club, Charlotte Street, Ashfield)

Please contact Jo Price for more information on mobile 0402 270 997 or email [itsjoprice@hotmail.com](mailto:itsjoprice@hotmail.com)

## 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 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](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au) for further information and registration details on any of the above.

## *A Night to Remember*

**St Patrick's School Summer Hill  
60th Birthday Celebration Dinner**

**Date: Saturday 29 August 2009**

**Time: 7.30pm to midnight**

**Cost: \$75 per person, \$60 per senior**

**Cost includes live band, 3 course dinner, beer, wine and soft drinks until 11.30pm**

**Enquiries: Jo on 9568 2962 any day after 7pm**

**Email: [itsjoprice@hotmail.com](mailto:itsjoprice@hotmail.com)**

**Phone: Janelle 9798 6016 Tuesdays ONLY 9.30am-3pm)**

**(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER WITH THIS NEWSLETTER FOR FULL DETAILS)**

## **Art & Craft Workshops for Adults and Older Teenagers**

**The Summer Hill Community Centre**

**Contact Jann French 0410 632 903 [www.jannfrench.com](http://www.jannfrench.com)**

## **Safe Sexting....No such thing...**

### **Tips for parents:**

Warn your children about the consequences of sexting.

- Remind children to think before they act.
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal.
- Warn them about sexual predators.
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones.
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace Accounts.
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone.

For further information visit [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)  
[www.community.nsw.gov.au](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au) or ring Parent Line 1300 1300 52

## Bethlehem College—Community News



### WALK WITH CHRIST 2009

WALK WITH CHRIST! Last year, Sydney witnessed the tremendous power of faith through World Youth Day. This year on Sunday 14 June, join thousands of Catholics as we Walk With Christ in a Procession from St Patrick's Church Hill Wynyard through the Sydney CBD, to St Mary's Cathedral. The Bishops will lead the Procession carrying the Blessed Sacrament. We need your voices and your passion! Come sing, pray and share our faith. Cardinal Pell will conclude the ceremony with solemn Benediction. For more information, phone 02 9390-5996 or visit [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au) OR

WALK WITH CHRIST! On Sunday 14 June, Bishops of Sydney will lead the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St Patrick's Church Hill Wynyard, through the Sydney CBD, to St Mary's Cathedral. It's a chance for Catholics from all walks of life to celebrate our immense treasure - the miracle that is the Eucharist. Write your wishes and hopes in the "Book of Life" (located in the Church), which will be carried in the Procession and blessed by Cardinal Pell at final prayers. For more information, see the Parish notice board, phone 02 9390-5996 or visit [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au) OR

WALK WITH CHRIST! Last year over 8,000 Catholics from across the State joined together to sing, pray and walk with Christ, in a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Sydney. This year on Sunday 14 June, the Bishops of Sydney will lead the Procession from St Patrick's Church Hill Wynyard to St Mary's Cathedral. It's a wonderful opportunity for us all to publicly profess our faith and share the miracle of the Eucharist with others. For more information, see the parish notice board for posters and flyers, phone 02 9390-5996 or visit

[www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au) OR

WALK WITH CHRIST! Were you there in 1954? Or 2008? View an incredible compilation of footage from past Processions of the Blessed Sacrament in Sydney, on youtube.com. Or check out our Facebook page, become a Friend and add a post to the wall. Be sure to join us this year on Sunday 14 June, when the Bishops of Sydney will lead the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St Patrick's Church Hill Wynyard, through the CBD, to St Mary's Cathedral. For more information, see the Parish notice board, visit [www.sydney.catholic.org.au](http://www.sydney.catholic.org.au), youtube or facebook (search: Walk with Christ Sydney).

### **ST. MARTHA'S SOLDIERS YOUTH INVITES YOU & YOUR FRIENDS TO OUR MOVIE & PIZZA SOCIAL NIGHT!**

It is my pleasure to invite you, your friends, and their friends, to our annual pizza & movie social night on Saturday 13th June. There will be games, music, good food & movies. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to bring friends, please make sure their parents have given permission to let them attend the night.

**WHEN :** SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
**WHERE :** ST MARTHA'S PARISH HALL  
**TIME:** 7PM – 9.30 PM  
**DONATION :** \$3 TO COVER THE PIZZA'S ( if any money is left over, we will be donating it to charity)

Please email JAYMI –to let her know if you are interested. You MUST email before the 11<sup>th</sup> of June, so I have a rough idea of the numbers. Email : [stmarthas@atu.com.au](mailto:stmarthas@atu.com.au) GOD BLESS Jaymi Winters, Youth Minister St Martha's.

**The Australian Broadcasting Corporation in association with Kids Promotions present Play School Concerts..** For full tour details go to [www.kidspromotions.com.au](http://www.kidspromotions.com.au) Tel: 1300 788 028 or [www.abc.net.au/children.play](http://www.abc.net.au/children.play)

### **Sancta Sophia College....University Student Accommodation—2010 Applications Open**

Sancta Sophia College is a friendly and vibrant residential college for undergraduate women and postgraduate men and women, set in beautiful grounds on campus at the University of Sydney. You are invited to tour the College on our Open Days (also Sydney Uni Info Days) on Saturday 29 August 2009 and Tuesday 5 January 2010.

For further information phone the College on 02 9577 2100 or visit [www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au](http://www.sanctasophiacollege.edu.au)

### **2009 Parent Education Workshops...**

11 June 2009: Triple P Parenting 8-12 The Power of Positive Parenting: [contact carol.carey@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:contact.carol.carey@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au)  
11 August 2009: Building Successful Learning Behaviours—Habits of Mind: [contact carol.carey@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:contact.carol.carey@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au)  
26 August 2009: Gifted Education (Primary) Parent Seminar: [contact sherrol.gane@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:contact.sherrol.gane@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au)