

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, TERM 2

WEDNESDAY, 1ST MAY 2019

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

ANZAC DAY This week we commemorated ANZAC Day.

As our normal reflection I thought I would like to share this extract given by the Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, at the Hellfire Pass, Thailand, 25th April 1998.

"As we gather here to face the dawn, we honour those who faced the night. Not a night of rest nor dreams, not a night of shared laughter or the warmth of homefire, but a monstrous corruption of nature, an eclipse of humanity itself. And yet, when we look at the night sky, the wonder we feel is surely for the stars, not the black veil behind them. So too, our wonder is for these men, whose sparks of courage shine bright through the distance of time. Their story of sacrifice and suffering, of constancy and compassion, illuminates the very essence of the Anzac spirit. For, of all our heroes, they were armed with human virtue alone and their victory was over the darkest recesses of the human heart.

To a superb tradition of self discipline under fire was added selflessness and ingenuity. To a heritage of wild reckless bravery was added cold calculated valour sustained for years. To the world, proof was given that tyranny, in the end, has no power over the courage and decency of ordinary men and women. It is an example to which we all aspire – as relevant in peace as to war, to our future as to our past. And on this sacred day, at this most sacred place, we honour all Australian service men and women who gave or offered their lives in war.

We pay tribute to our veterans, unique Australians who have known the blessings and hardship of both conflict and peace. On this day we give grateful thanks to friends and allies who shared our danger, and we add our pledge that their loyalty will neither be forgotten nor unreturned. On this day, we enrich ourselves for, it has been said, a national reveals itself not only by the men it produces but by the men it honours, the men it remembers. On this day most of all, we mourn the fallen – long years of love and talent lost, of potential unrealised, of generations unborn. We would have them know of our firm and steadfast belief that they rest not in shades of darkness but bask in the brightness of an Australian sun.

We would have them know that we will remember them."

NEW TRACK SUIT FOR CBHS

After much consultation it has been decided to go to a new tracksuit (see photos below and thank you to "model" Nicholas Parrottino). Details of when they are available will follow. Thank you to the 2019 Student Leadership Team who have been instrumental in this change.



PERU – 2019 Congratulations to all involved in the recent immersion to Peru. The staff and students were outstanding ambassadors for CBHS. A house was built for a poor family, relationships strengthened with out fellow Edmund Rice school Fe y Alegria 26, work was done on ventilating houses of local indigenous people and the amazing Machu Pichu was visited and the story shared. Thank you to Tour Coordinator, Mrs Bronwyn Price, staff members Mr Bill Price, Mr John Hunt and Mr Jonathon Bishop and to Year 11 students, Christian Mateo Blazquez, Jack Busuttil, Joshua Dambiec, Anthony Fortini, Xavier Loaiza, Michael Moreira, Daniel Nader, Costa Nicolaou, Joshua Pugli and Adrian Trousdale. Thank you also to Justice and Peace Coordinator, Mr Kurt Bartelme for his work. Special thanks to the Christian Brothers in Peru, Br Paul, Br Stan and Br Hugo and the staff and community of Fe y Alegria for a truly life changing experience. I strongly recommend this experience to the current Year 10s for 2020.



Tour group with the house they built along with the family that will move into the house and the Christian Brothers based in Peru

GOOD NEWS STORY

Below is a message from a member of the public:

I would like to comment about the lovely manner and behaviour I saw this morning of one of your students at my bus stop. I catch a bus at the corner of Wellbank Street and Majors Bay Road, Concord and some of your students wait for their bus here.

This morning at 7.30 am there were about 10 boys waiting for the bus and an elderly gentleman with a walking frame came by. He stopped and started talking to the boys (one in particular who was an older boy). The elderly gentleman would have been close to 80 years old, a little bit fragile, dressed a little strange and not making much sense. Although some of the younger boys thought it was funny and were giggling, the older boy gave this man his time and spoke back to him. I watched on with much interest to ensure this elderly man was not mocked or spoken to in a bad manner.

The conversation would have lasted at least 5 minutes and although there was not much sense coming from the elderly man, the young student did not walk away or ignore this man. The longer the conversation went on, the less the giggling of the younger boys happen. These young men need to be reminded this could have been their grandfather or uncle (however it was stranger in the street). The young man showed respect and consideration for this elderly man. When the elderly man decided to walk away, the young man said 'thank you and have a lovely day'.

I wanted to pass on my observation and praise for the way this young man behaved and acted. The boys are dressed in your school uniform and are on display representing the school and its values. Well done for teaching these young men respect and especially to the older generations of the community.

Thank you and congratulations to the young men concerned.

With the guidance of Blessed Edmund Rice, may we continue to strive with strength to be of service to others. Live Jesus in our Hearts Forever.

Yours truly,

Br Paul Conn
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that the holiday break was a time for some relaxation and reflection.

The month of May is an important time in the calendar of the Catholic Church. It is known as the month dedicated to the mother of Jesus Christ, Mary. As a mother, Mary demonstrated unstoppable love and care for her son. Indeed, these are characteristics commonly held by mothers in society no matter where they reside across the world. As we pray for all mothers in May, we also pray to Mary.

*Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.*

*Blessed Edmund Rice – Pray for us
Live in our hearts – Forever*

TERM 2

Every school term is busy. However, this term is a time where students really need to consolidate their work ethic towards learning and ensure that they achieve their personal best. All students will be undertaking a myriad of assessment tasks which will require careful planning and preparation. It is most useful for parents to engage their sons in discussions about their learning progress and relevant assessment schedules, as this will provide further support to boys.

UNIFORM AND GROOMING

It is important that families are reminded of the uniform and grooming policy of the school. In Terms 2 and 3, students are required to wear the full winter uniform including blazers. Grooming should be according to the expectations of the School. Specific information can be found in the Student Diary. I thank parents for their ongoing support with this matter.

CBHS LEWISHAM SOCIAL MEDIA

CBHS understands that social media is an effective method to communicate the main events of the school and to also quickly and efficiently send messages to the community. As such, families are strongly encouraged to connect with various CBHS, Lewisham social media pages including:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CBHSHighSchoolLewisham/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/cbhslewisham>



God bless,

Frank Chiment
Deputy Principal

CURRICULUM UPDATE**INTERIM REPORTS & ACADEMIC CARE**

Year 7-11 Homeroom Teachers will be reading and reviewing all Interim Reports for students in their Homeroom by way of providing academic care. These academic care conversations will occur discreetly in Homeroom over Weeks 1-3, Term 2. The academic care conversations will be conducted by Homeroom Teachers for all students and in most cases will be a positive affirmation of student efforts in Term 1. For some students who achieved a Level 3 (in any of the four categories) the conversation will be framed around how the student can make immediate improvements in their learning.

Monica O'Brien
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

CHANGE TO WATERFORD LEARNING CENTRE HOURS OF OPERATION

In Term 2 the Waterford Learning Centre will be changing its hours of operation. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Term 2 the WLC will be open after school until 5:15 pm from 14th May onwards. This is to allow students who wish to work on classwork, assessments or their own study to have a safe and quiet environment at school in which to do so. In addition to quiet study, all boys will have the opportunity to work with a Lewo Old Boy who will help them further their studies. The Teacher Librarians and other staff will also be running workshops to help develop student ability across a variety of domains.

As this is an after hours activity, if you wish your son to participate you must sign the permission note that he brings home and have your son return it to Ms Toohey, the WLC Coordinator. In addition, parents must sign up to each individual session online as numbers are limited to 25 students each session. This is done using the URL: <http://signup.com/go/fSwWAou>. This link is also available via the 'Quicklinks' section on the school's webpage, at the bottom right hand corner. The site requires that you sign in with your email address and your phone number – these details will be used to contact you in case of emergency.

I strongly encourage all students to take part in this worthwhile activity in order to further their studies.

Keith Page
Assistant Principal – Pedagogy and Innovation

MCC SPORT REPORT

A warm welcome back to all families for the beginning of our Winter MCC Season in Rugby League and Football. We begin with our only trial match v Randwick. With two games at each venue, the first game is at 1.15 pm and the second at 2.15 pm. All players must be in attendance for BOTH games. Any request for an emergency early dismissal must be made in writing to me for consideration and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Venues for this week v Randwick are:

Rugby League:

1st XIII and U15 no game. MCC Rep trialists will play at Heffron. 2nd XIII and U14 at Marrickville Oval
U13A and B at Camperdown.

Football:

1st XI at Heffron.

U14 and U15 at Heffron. U13A & B at Heffron.

Training continues today (Wednesday) at Beaman for all ages except Opens Football who will train at Arlington. A reminder that boys will be provided with return transport to Beaman and depart after school at 3.20 pm and will arrive back at school at approximately 5.15 pm on Wednesday.


UPCOMING DATES:

Trial v Randwick 2nd May
Round 2 v Bankstown 16th May
Round 3 v Randwick 30th May
Round 5 v Ashfield 13th June
Round 7 v Pagewood 27th June
Semi 25th July

Round 1 Ryde v 9th May
No Round – Training 23rd May
Round 4 v Kogarah 6th June
Round 6 v North Shore 20th June
Spare Round 4th July
Final 1st August


CBHS Athletics Carnival Tuesday, 2nd July at Homebush

David Mamo, Sports Coordinator



MOTHER'S DAY Mass

INVITATION



The staff and students of CBHS Lewisham invite mothers, grandmothers and carers to celebrate Eucharist in the company of your sons and grandsons to acknowledge all mothers

Date: Wednesday, 8th May 2019
Time: 9:00 am, followed by light refreshments
Place: Br Julian McDonald Centre
RSVP: Friday, 3rd May 2019

In order to assess the number attending and the catering required, please reply by the due date using one of the following options:

Email: office@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 8585 1744 **Text:** 0418 316 366
Online: <https://forms.gle/pLVVGi7ZdA54VUsV8>



Eucharistic Celebration

All are welcome

Founder's Day 2019

Monday, 6th May
at the amended time, 11:00 am
Br Julian McDonald Centre



All different...All equal...All Lewo

