



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, TERM 4

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2019

The eagle gently coaxed her offspring toward the edge of the nest. Her heart quivered with conflicting emotions as she felt their resistance to her persistent nudging. “Why does the thrill of soaring have to begin with the feat of falling?” she thought. This ageless question was still unanswered for her.

As in the tradition of the species, her nest was located high on the shelf of a sheer rock face. Below there was nothing but air to support the wings of each child. “Is it possible that this time it will not work?” she thought. Despite her fears, the eagle knew it was time. Her parental mission was all but complete. There remained one final task – the push.

The eagle drew courage from an innate wisdom. Until her children discovered their wings, there was no purpose for their lives. Until they learned how to soar, they would fail to understand the privilege it was to have been born an eagle. The push was the greatest gift we had to offer. It was her **SUPREME** act of love. And so one by one she pushed them, and they flew!!

Only with confidence do we advance boldly in the direction of our dreams. Only with courage do we tackle life's challenges with the faith that we can handle them.



Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

GRADUATION – SENIORS 2019

The above story is an excellent reflection for the new group of old boys “The Seniors of 2019” into past school life. Thursday was a memorable day for all concerned. All day the seniors were excellent as displayed by the calm and respectful way they approached all the activities. The assembly was very moving and thought-provoking and the student speeches from Lucas Colla, Nick Andrews and Nicholas Parrottino.

The Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove was a beautiful occasion that was prayerful, liturgically excellent and a great celebration of Lewo spirit and pride. The way the senior students finished the Mass with the school song was inspirational as was their war cry at the end of the assembly

Thank you to everyone involved. Special thanks to Ms Farrugia whose organisation and creativity was nothing short of brilliant. The senior boys and their families were very grateful for the countless hours that Ms Farrugia, Mrs Price, Mr Kidd and others spent to ensure that the Graduation experience was a memorable one indeed. The Blue & Gold Senior Lunch was a great success. Year 12 students, Pastoral Coordinators and SLT gathered in the McDonald Centre for a beautiful and very special lunch prepared by Evette's Lunchbox. Congratulations to Antonio Di Bella who received this year's Seniors Blue and Gold Award.

Special thanks to Mrs Bronwyn Price who did an outstanding job, not just with this lunch but also in every aspect of his role as Year 12 Administrative Coordinator. I would also like to thank Ms Evette Saad and all in Evette's Lunchbox. Evette said she wanted to make this a very special time for our Year 12 young men – she most definitely achieved this. Evette and her family and helpers do an amazing job building community at CBHS through their hospitality and service.

Special thanks must also go to Mr John Dinale and the Maintenance Team who spent countless hours setting up and preparing the hall for both Wednesday lunch and Thursday's ceremony and Mass and to Mr Munoz and the Music Department. A very appreciated addition this year was School Chaplain, Fr Trevor Hird – his contribution was excellent.

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

YEAR 12 PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following young men who were awarded prizes:

The Judge Coleman Wall Award for School Captain
Lucas Colla

The Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence
Lucas Colla

The Brother Ambrose Treacy Award to the Vice Captains
Nicholas Andrews
Nicholas Parrottino

The Archbishop James Carroll Award for Studies of Religion
Jeremy Carboni

The Michael Damien Forrester Award for Academic Excellence
Jeremy Carboni

The Greg McGrane Award for Academic and Sporting Excellence
Jeremy Carboni

The Brother J Beckhaus Award for Mathematics
Stephen Lerantges

Dr Victor Chang Award for Chemistry
Ezekiel Otaegui-Campos

The H C Mallam Award for English
Massimo Lopane

The Greg McGrane Award for Academic and Sporting Excellence
Massimo Lopane

The Bill Howison Award for Sporting Excellence
Paul Apostolopoulos

Pierre de Coubertin Award for Sporting Achievements
Paul Apostolopoulos

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award
Antonio Di Bella

The Albert Novati Award for Bandsman of the Year
Lachlan King

The Brother R B Healy Award for Modern History
Simon Nunes

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment
Simon Nunes

Linda Burney MP Award for HSC Indigenous Students
Mathew Gifford

Caltex Best All Rounder Award
Hugh Sherriff

Blue and Gold Award
An award voted by the Year 12 student body to reflect their choice of a student who embodies the spirit of CBHS Lewisham and the senior group.
Antonio Di Bella

Father Ted Kennedy Scholarship
This award is presented as a scholarship in honour of the memory of Father Ted Kennedy after whom the CBHS Lewisham Justice & Peace Centre is named.
Jordan Silva

The Edmund Rice Award
For those students who have particularly captured the spirit of and commitment to CBHS Lewisham.

Declan Dimitropoulos
Lachlan Farah
Frankie Lameri
Jonathan Whitehead

Peter Mahon
Simon Nunes
Daniel Tomarchio

The Conanti Corona Award
For outstanding commitment and achievement in the areas of study, leadership and co-curricular activities of the school.
Nicholas Parrottino

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Year 10: Semester Two 2019 examination details

Year 10 Assessment Free Week is scheduled for Wednesday 13th November–Tuesday 19th November 2019.

Year 10 Semester Two examinations are scheduled for Wednesday 20th November–Thursday 28th November 2019.

Students will receive a Year 10 Semester Two Examination Timetable from Mr Behayi, Administration Coordinator, early in Term 4. Students have been advised to share this with their parents in addition to commencing early revision and study for the upcoming examinations.

For your convenience and further reference, the above dates pertaining to Year 10 Semester Two examinations are listed on the online school calendar.

Year 7-9: Semester Two 2019 examination details

The Assessment Free Week is scheduled for Wednesday, 20th November – Tuesday 26th November 2019.

Year 7-9 Semester Two examinations is scheduled for Wednesday, 27th November – Wednesday 4th December 2019.

Students will receive a Year 7-9 Semester Two Examination Timetable from Mr Behayi, Administration Coordinator, early in Term 4. Students have been advised to share this with their parents in addition to commencing early revision and study for the upcoming examinations.

For your convenience and further reference, the above dates pertaining to Year 7-9 Semester Two examinations are listed on the online school calendar.

YEAR 11 2019

Year 11 Academic and Pastoral Care Reports will be uploaded to the Sentral Parent Portal (only) at the end of Week 2, Term 4.

I spoke to Year 11 students at the end of Term 3 about their final year of schooling at Lewisham and our expectations of them as a senior student and maximising dally efforts in their learning. In the final week of Term 3, students were provided the opportunity to participate in an engaging presentation from Elevate in which strategies for HSC preparation, study and success were shared.

In Week 2, Term 4 of 2019, Year 11 students will commence HSC work and assessment tasks. In Week 2, Year 11 students will receive a personalised barcoded paper copy of the CBHS Lewisham **Higher School Certificate Assessment Information & School Assessment Policy for Year 12 (2020)**. A copy of this document will also be available on our school based Learning Circles Weebly. This handbook includes the school assessment HSC policy, some important assessment forms (Illness/Misadventure Form) as well as an outline of the assessment requirements for the HSC course for each subject (number and nature of assessment tasks, outcomes, assessment weightings).

Parents and carers are asked to go through this handbook with their sons to ensure familiarity with procedures and policies and that they are followed. These procedures and policies are in place to ensure equity and justice and we appreciate your support of the CBHS Lewisham **Higher School Certificate Assessment Information & School Assessment Policy for Year 12 (2020)**.

As of Week 4, Term 4 all HSC assessment dates for Term 4 will be conveniently recorded in a very user-friendly manner on the online school calendar. Assessment tasks for 2020 will be entered onto the school calendar at the commencement of the 2020 academic school year.

When you go to the school website and click on “calendar” on the bottom blue bar, you will access our Google calendar. You will see all CBHS dates and events at first, but you can easily narrow the dates down to a specific year group by the drop down menu on the right-hand side of the calendar. By doing this you will only see the assessment dates for the year group you have selected. The information here will be updated regularly and will provide you with the most current assessment information. If you wish to print the dates, click on “Agenda” in the top right corner of the calendar and you will be given a printer-friendly list of the dates.

Again, we trust that this online calendar will further enhance our work in partnership in your son's education.

Mrs Monica O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum

WLC AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

The After School Group runs in the Waterford Learning Centre from 3:15 to 5:15 pm after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and is open to all students in Years 5 to 12. The Group provides a safe and supervised space for students to work on classwork, assessments or self directed study after school, and will be running once again in Term 4. Students who attend are supervised by staff, and have the opportunity to work with a Lewisham 2018 Old Boy who will help develop their study skills.

As this is an after-hours activity, parents and carers must complete and sign a permission slip. This needs to be completed only once per calendar year. Parents and carers must also sign up to individual sessions online. Please follow the ‘Study Group’ links in the ‘Quicklinks’ section of the school's homepage. Both a copy of the permission slip and the online sign up are available through this link. Please note that there are different links for Primary and Secondary students. 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

APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 HSC DISABILITY PROVISIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

DISABILITY PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS GOING INTO YEAR 12 IN 2020

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) grants Disability Provisions to some students for the Higher School Certificate. Please read the following information carefully, it may relate to your son.

Disability provisions in the HSC are practical arrangements designed to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt to show what they know in an exam room. The provisions granted are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected.

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR PROVISIONS?

Students with:

- learning difficulties or disabilities such as dyslexia, dysgraphia and dyscalculia
- intellectual disabilities
- mental illness
- emotional and behavioural disturbances
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- sensory impairment
- physical disabilities such as cerebral palsy
- speech and language disorders
- chronic illness

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROVISIONS?

- A reader and/or writer.
- Extra time.
- Rest breaks.
- Separate supervision.
- Special seating within the hall.
- Diabetic provisions.
- Individual provisions for students with a hearing or vision impairment (including colour blindness).

HOW DOES MY SON APPLY?

- He should go to the Diverse Learning Centre and speak with Ms Nichol, Ms Parker or Ms Cleaver.
- There will be specialist reports you need to obtain.

Applications are due into NESA by the end of Term 1 2020 but may be submitted from Term 4 2019. The earlier the application is completed, the sooner we know the outcome. Students who are granted HSC Disability Provisions have them for the whole of Year 12 – assessment tasks and all examinations.

There is no notation for marking of papers or on the Higher School Certificate itself that indicates provisions have been used.

If you have any questions, or are unsure whether your son may be eligible to apply, please contact the Diverse Learning Centre on 8585 1785.

Ms Christina Cleaver
Diverse Learning Centre Coordinator

GIFTED AND TALENTED HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The Gifted Education Research, Resources and Information Centre (GERRIC) at UNSW School of Education offers a range of holiday programs for gifted and talented students.

All workshops are developed and presented by experienced teachers who are qualified in gifted education, university academics, or leading industry practitioners. With the level of study aimed two years higher than the students' grade level, these dynamic workshops offer gifted students a rigorous and challenging program. The experience also supports further development of social skills and provides an opportunity for gifted students to meet like-minded peers.

GERRIC's Student Programs return to UNSW Kensington campus for January 2020. Please see below for more information about these popular programs.

January 2020 Student Programs – Tuesday, 21st–Thursday, 23rd January

Key Dates:

28th October:	Workshop submission deadline
November:	Equity Advanced Placement and Scholarship registrations
Tuesday 26th November:	Main round registration opens. Register here https://tinyurl.com/2020JanGERRIC
21st–23rd January:	Student Programs run

For more information please contact GERRIC on Phone: 9385 1972 or email: gerric@unsw.edu.au

Mrs Szilvia Soter
Diverse Learning Centre

MCC SPORT REPORT

This Wednesday we begin training again with a trial match on Thursday against Randwick for Touch Football, Basketball, Cricket and Tennis. Most teams have been finalised this week. We are happy to see Mr Mamo back in his role as MCC Sport Coordinator after surgery. We also welcome back Mrs Saltos with the Swimming Squad training also commencing at Sydney Uni Pool.

Congratulations to Keanu Lintmeijer-Roberts, who placed 2nd (100th of a second) in the 200m U14's event at CCC Carnival.

Remember any students wanting to leave a venue after training without a parent/carer must furnish the manager with a note signed by a parent/carer.

All parents requiring information about NSW Combined Catholic College teams and events should visit the new website at www.csss.nsw.edu.au to download all information and entry forms. Please note that ALL individual entries and nominations must be done by parents of interested students via this process. Families should check the website for clarification so your sons don't miss out.

Upcoming Dates & Events:

MCC Summer Competitions will begin in Week 2

Assembly Week 3 where the Volleyball Squads and Athletics Squads will be presented as MCC Champions to the school.

Mr Vince Colagiuri
Acting MCC Sports Coordinator

