



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4, TERM 2

WEDNESDAY, 21ST MAY 2019

Mary Help of Christians – Patroness of Australia

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts
Our love of Mary Help of Christians
Through her prayers and under her protection,
May the light of Christ shine over our land.
May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.
Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.
Bless especially the men and woman
Of the Australian Defence Force and their families.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.



I see no value in a centre of learning, which churns out numberless school leavers. Each year and is passively part of a society torn apart by divisions of race and partisan politics. Whenever our students learn to relate with one another, are able to work side by side and recognize their common humanity irrespective of cultural differences, then (our) schools are true to its founding vision. It is futile for earthbound humanity to still cling to the dark and poisoning superstition that its world is bounded by the nearest hill, its universe ended at the river shore, its common humanity enclosed in the tight circle of those who share its town and views and the colour of its skin. It is the task of our educators and of young people to strip the last remnants of that ancient, cruel belief from the civilisation of humankind.

Our schools exist to challenge popular beliefs and dominant cultural values, to ask the difficult question, to look at life from the standpoint of the minority, the victim, the outcast, and the stranger. In doing so we will be giving hope to those who presently have little hope. And so we seek to present a new way of living: We show wisdom by trusting people; we handle leadership by serving, we tackle offenders by forgiving, we deal with money by sharing, we relate to strangers and enemies by loving, we handle violence by suffering, we live life by choosing. And we repent for any sins of the past not by feeling bad, but by thinking differently! This is the challenge we face as we celebrate and thank God for our past.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

These words from the previous Congregational Leader of the Christian Brothers, Br Philip Pinto, provide us with a great challenge. A school like CBHS Lewisham is a faith and values based school that diligently pursues excellence in all areas of education. He is an inspirational leader who provides many challenges for leadership at CBHS.

SCHOOL WEBSITE CBHS has an excellent website. Many thanks to the school's IT Manager, Mr Scott Agius, who spends countless hours ensuring we have an outstanding website. It really is worth a look. The school website is media rich and contains a plethora of photos which showcase the endeavours of our boys as they participate in many activities and opportunities we offer here at CBHS Lewisham. Should you have reservations regarding the appearance of your son on the current published website, please contact the school at the following email address and the photo will be removed immediately: webadmin@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au. Thanks also to Deputy Principal, Mr Chiment, who provides our school community with many updates on Twitter and Facebook.

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

Thank you to the many parents who came to the school for Parent/Teacher Interviews. This is a key way in which families and the school can work in partnership for the benefit of your son. If you missed the opportunity but would like to speak to a teacher regarding your son's progress please do not hesitate to contact the school.

DEBATING

Debating continues to thrive at CBHS Lewisham. Thank you to many teachers and parents who support the students on a Friday night. Thank you especially to Mr Paul McCallum who has done an excellent job as Debating Coordinator. Thank you to the following coaches who are comprised of both teachers and old boys:

Year 7	Nathan Soares and Daniel Chaston	Year 10	Dion Vlachos
Year 8	Philip Benjabutr	Year 11	Patrick Carolan
Year 9	Erol Yusuf, Mrs Healy	Year 12	Julian Yi

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

The School Board continues to meet each month. The School Board provides excellent advice and wisdom in many areas such as Finance, Education and Planning. Relevant issues such as Risk Management, a Critical Incident Policy and Procedure and Enrolment Policy are discussed. Thank you to Board Chair, Mr Michael Price, who is doing an excellent job. The School Board Members and their roles are:

Mr Fred Carosi	Principal	Mr John Kennedy Gould	Deputy Chair
Br Paul Conn		Mr Michael Price	Chair
Mrs Tish Creenaune		Mr Lachlan Haar	
Ms Francesca Di Benedetti		Mrs Maria Issa	
Mr Terry Sheahan		Mr Frank Chiment	Deputy Principal

NAPLAN Thank you to Mrs Glenis Gartrell, our Acting Diverse Learning Coordinator and Ms Szilvia Soter who, with the help of the Diverse Learning Centre, did an outstanding job organising NAPLAN. NAPLAN results will be used as a diagnostic tool to assist teaching and learning at CBHS.

DOUBLE PARKING IN THE BOULEVARDE AND DROP OFF ZONE We have received several complaints from local residents re double parking in The Boulevarde in both morning and afternoon. The Police have advised the school that they will be patrolling the area. Please respect our neighbours and protect the students by following parking rules – [parking offences in school zones result in loss of points](#). Remember that, under no circumstances, should students be dropped off or picked up in Denison Road between Toothill Street and Eltham Street.

REMINDER – SCHOOL POLICY ON MOBILE PHONES

The school community is reminded that mobile phones are not to be used at school by students. Whilst it is important to have them before and after school to communicate with parents, if they are used during school times (with the exception of an emergency) they will be confiscated.

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

CURRICULUM UPDATE

YEAR 11-12 PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

The Parent Teacher Meetings recently held compliment academic and pastoral reporting at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham. At the Parent/Teacher Meetings parents received personal comments regarding their son/s learning achievements. It was an opportunity for teachers, parents and their son/s to discuss the areas of academic strength, areas of academic improvement, suggested strategies, behaviour in class and pastoral care. Thank you to the students and parents that attended and the teachers that were well prepared in their feedback on individual student learning and progress.

YEAR 11 2020/YEAR 12 2021

Year 10 students were distributed a note two weeks ago regarding the Year 11 2020 HSC Information Evening and the Subject Market Afternoon. Mr Hudap and I also meet with Year 10 and explained this process. Both events are compulsory for students. Students must attend both events in full school winter uniform.

The Year 11 2020/HSC 2021 Information Evening, held on Monday, 21st May at 7 pm in the Br Julian McDonald Centre, required compulsory student and parent attendance. Attendance at this evening was compulsory for current Year 10 students (and a parent) intending to enrol into Year 11 in 2020 and Year 12 in 2021. Attendance at this information evening showed a significant commitment to senior school therefore, Year 11 Enrolment Forms for Year 11 2020/HSC 2021 were distributed (only) at the Information Night.

Students who were not able to attend must bring in a written parent note to Mr Hudap explaining non-attendance. Only then will Mr Hudap distribute Enrolment Forms to students who were unable to attend.

Year 11 2020/Year 12 2021 Enrolment forms are to be returned to the Front Office, Enrolment Secretary with all required paperwork by Thursday, 6th June 2019. The Enrolment Fee is required via the QKr! App (only) prior to returning the Enrolment Form.

We look forward to journeying with our Year 10 families as their sons make their subject choices for senior schooling.

Mrs Monica O'Brien
Assistant Principal – Curriculum

CSDA DEBATING

Lewisham's junior and intermediate teams debated Domremy College's B teams on the eve of the federal election winning all four debates.

Years 9 and 10 argued "that influencers have too much influence" while the Year 7 and 8 teams questioned whether "students should be responsible for being heard".

The Year 11 and Senior teams had a bye with the option of debating an out-of-region school. Although Lewisham was keen to debate, their eastern suburbs opponents, it seems, were less enthusiastic about taking up the challenge.

So, after three rounds, the Senior, Year 11 and Year 10 teams remain undefeated while the junior teams have all won two debates each.

This week's Round 4 debate is at home against LaSalle College, Bankstown. The coin toss is at 5:30 pm with debates starting from 6:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Mr Paul McCallum
Debating Coordinator

MCC SPORT REPORT

The Winter MCC Season in Rugby League and Football takes a rest this week with the spare round. Therefore, teams will take the opportunity to do extra training and or play in-house matches on Thursday.

Results of last week's matches v La Salle College Bankstown were:

Football

U13B 9-0 W

U13A 10-0 W

U14 10-0 W

U15 10-0 W

Opens B 3-1 W

Opens A 6-1 W

Rugby League

U13B Bye

U13A 32-22 W

U14 Bye

U15 50-0 W

Opens B 18-6 W

Opens A Bye

Venues for this week (no MCC matches) are:

Rugby League

1st XIII and 2nd XIII at Marrickville

U14 and U15 at Marrickville

U13A and B at Beaman Park

Football

1st XI and 2nd XI at Arlington Oval

U14 and U15 Arlington Oval

U13 A & B at Beaman Park

All parents are reminded that players are required to wear the respective CBHS Lewisham Rugby League and Football shorts and socks, both of which are available from the school uniform shop.

Training continues today (Wednesday) with some location variations because we don't have competition matches this Thursday, students have been advised on their specific details.

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 made by parents of interested students via this process. Families should check the website for clarification so your sons don't miss out.

Upcoming Dates

MCC Winter Season:

No Round – Training 23 May

Round 3 v Randwick 30 May

Round 4 v Kogarah 6 June

Round 5 v Ashfield 13 June

Round 6 v North Shore 20 June

Round 7 v Pagewood 27 June

Spare Round 4 July

Semi 25 July

Final 1 August

CBHS Athletics Carnival Tuesday, 2 July at Homebush

Vince Colagiuri
Acting Sports Coordinator

