

Highlights

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK 3, TERM 2 WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY 2016

Jesus, you call us to have courage:

the courage to change the things we can
the courage to say and do the right thing even if it leads to confrontation and controversy
the courage to let go of the past
the courage to forgive others and to forgive ourselves
the courage to speak up in defence of truth and honesty
the courage to believe, even when bad things happen to good people
the courage to take responsibility for our actions and face the consequences
the courage to try, to fail and learn from our mistakes
the courage to battle with the crises and traumas in our lives
the courage to admit, we can't do it on our own.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

YEAR 5-10 PARENT TEACHER DAY

Thank you to parents and teachers who gave up their time for this very important process in the school. CBHS is all about partnership between families and the school. This is essential if our young men are to continue to grow and to be challenged to reach their potential. I do understand that some parents were unable to see some teachers on the day and that some teachers had a very full load. If you would like to be contacted by any of these teachers, please do not hesitate to contact the school via your son's diary and we will ensure that you are contacted as early as possible.

EDMUND RICE CELEBRATIONS AND MOTHER'S DAY Last week was a very busy but rewarding week at the school. Founder's Mass was a wonderful school occasion highlighted by the outstanding co-operation of the students. Thank you to the many mothers and grandmothers who attended our Mother's Day Mass – your attendance makes the day special. Thanks to our Chaplain, Fr Kevin and Ms Farrugia for two memorable occasions.

On Friday we celebrated our Founder's Day Picnic. Thank you to Mr Greg Yates and our Pastoral Coordinators who did an outstanding job with the organisation and our families who provided a first class lunch for the boys. I would like to thank and congratulate Year 12 for their excellent leadership for the day. Congratulations to Gallagher House who won the Tug of War and all of Year 12 for their leadership.

125TH ANNIVERSARY BALL

The school community will celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition on Saturday, 28th May at Doltone House, Pyrmont at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start. Along with the School Board and the P&F Executive I would like to invite all parents to join with us as we celebrate this occasion. Tickets are \$125 per adult (3 course meal and entertainment – this is an adults only event). RSVP: Friday, 13th May – RSVP and payment are to be made using the Qkr! Ap. Download Qkr! on your android phone or iPhone/iPad. Once you have downloaded and registered, log in, select Christian Brothers' High School, select the P&F Trolley and select the abovementioned event. Then simply follow the prompts to process your RSVP and payment.

NAPLAN TESTING The school is fully involved in the NAPLAN Test which will be conducted this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (10-12th) for Years 5, 7 and 9. This week I would like to make the following points about NAPLAN.

- CBHS considers that the outcomes of NAPLAN testing are most valuable, particularly the detailed reports available to parents and the comprehensive diagnostic information available to schools in the SMART reporting package.
- A fundamental purpose of NAPLAN for teachers and schools is to provide a measure of learning growth along with rich diagnostic data to complement school-level assessment data and the 2016 NAPLAN data will make this possible for the first time.
- CBHS recognises the expectations of NAPLAN results by governments and the community as a form of accountability and as a source of data for school improvement.
- However, it is misleading to make comparative evaluations of individual schools on the basis of their NAPLAN results without taking account of the full local context of the school and its community.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION The school needs to advise parents when supervision commences each day at CBHS. A bell will sound at 8.15 each morning indicating that the playground is now supervised by teachers. Whilst students are permitted to enter the school prior to this bell, parents need to understand that teachers will not be on duty.

AFTER SCHOOL

The school does not provide supervision after the 3.15 pm bell (2.45 pm on Thursdays). Students who catch the School Specials are supervised until the buses have departed. The Waterford Learning Centre is generally open until 4 pm Monday to Wednesday and until 3.30 pm on Thursday and Friday. There may, however, be instances where the WLC is closed after the bell at the end of the school day, in cases of meetings, staff absences etc.

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 12 SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Year 12 Semester 1 reports will be posted home to residential addresses at the end of Week 3, Term 2. Parents are asked to please discuss this report with your son as it contains important information pertaining to his academic achievement, application to studies and contribution to Homeroom. Students have been encouraged to reflect on their recent achievements in their Half-Yearly Examinations, and use the written and oral feedback provided by teachers to improve their understanding of courses studied. Students have been encouraged to continue their dedication and efforts to their studies. The last formal school based assessment tasks are the Trial HSC examinations.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

The Parent Teacher Meetings this week compliment academic and pastoral reporting at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham. Again this year parents were asked to make online bookings for the Term 2 Parent/Teacher Meetings via the Sentral Parent Portal. At the Parent/Teacher Meetings parents receive 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.

Thanks to the parents that engaged me in conversation about their sons' learning at Lewisham and how we can continue to work together. I am pleased to announce that the Parent & Son Study Skills Evening, scheduled for Wednesday, 27th July 2016, will be open to families in Year 7-9. More communication to come this term, via Highlights.

Mrs Monica O'Brien
Assistant Principal – Curriculum

P&F NEWS There are still tickets available for the **125th Anniversary Ball** being held on Saturday, 28th May at Doltone House. It's going to be an enjoyable night, so be sure to purchase your tickets. For those of you who would like to organise a table, please be mindful that a table seats only 10 guests. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by email at parentsandfriends@cbhsleewisham.nsw.edu.au. Our first **Parent Forum** will be held on Tuesday, 24th May with Guest Speaker Mrs Monica O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum presenting 'Turn it In' and 'Sentral'. Invitation will be sent out shortly, so save the date in your diary! **Contacting the P&F** is simple. We always welcome feedback, so we encourage you to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. You can contact us by emailing us at parentsandfriends@cbhsleewisham.nsw.edu.au. We always welcome help as well; so if you would like to help out or assist in the preparation of an event, please contact us also on the above-mentioned email and remember to leave your contact number so that we may be able to call you if we need to.

P&F Executive Committee

CAREERS

In Careers Education we are approaching the month of June which is warmly referred to as 'Expo Month' by Careers Advisors. I cannot express the importance of attending one of these events with your son. Our students will be able to gain excellent advice for their futures at these upcoming Expo Events. Careers Expo month will be followed by all Tertiary Institutions and TAFE holding Open Days. Again it is important to attend Open Days to get firsthand information. I am communicating with senior students directly to their school email accounts with weekly Careers Newsletters and updates on University News. I am available by appointment to discuss careers matters on 8585 1724.

The HSC and Careers Expo 2016 will be held on Thursday 2nd June, Friday 3rd June (9am-3pm) and Saturday 4th June and Sunday 5th June (10am-3pm) at Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park. The Expo features over 145 exhibitors, seminars on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice. General admission is \$10.00.

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2016 will be held on Thursday 16th June, Friday 17th June (9am-3pm), Saturday 18th June and Sunday 19th June (10am-3pm) at Halls 5 & 6, Sydney Showground, Corner Showground Road and Grand Parade, Sydney Olympic Park. General admission is \$10.00.

CBHS Lewisham Mini Careers Expo 2016 will be held on Tuesday 28th June in the Br Julian McDonald Centre from 9.30-11.30 am for our Year 11 and 12 students. Exhibitors are generously giving up their time to speak with our young men. Parents are most welcome to attend this event.

Mrs Stoddart, Career Path and Mentoring Coordinator

WATERFORD READERS' CLUB

The Waterford Readers' Club met last week to discuss the book, '*Ready, Player, One*' by Ernest Cline. This was our first title for the year and generated much lively discussion. The boys mostly liked the Sci-Fi theme, contrasted with events from the 80's and particularly enjoyed predicting who will play Wade, one of the more interesting characters in the upcoming Steven Spielberg movie, based on the book. The story is based on a virtual reality game called OASIS in which the reader is often left confused as to what is real and what's not. Gamers are vying to crack the code of the computer game so as to become the heir of the game and inherit millions of dollars. The boys felt that the virtual world (including a virtual school) depicted in the book, will one day become the norm. We discussed the pros and cons of this and it was interesting to hear very differing viewpoints. Andrew likened the book to James Dashner's *The Eye of Minds* and most rated it above a 7/10. It's definitely a must read. Our next book is *Jasper Jones* by Craig Silvey – stay tuned.



WATERFORD LEARNING CENTRE

We subscribe to the magazine 'Exploring Teens' which can be accessed via the WLC page under Parent Resources: <https://sites.google.com/a/cbhsleewisham.nsw.edu.au/waterford-learning-centre/> (use your son's CBHS Google account to access)

At present the publishers are offering a ONE YEAR free digital access to the magazine for individual subscribers. If you are interested you can sign up (before 30 June) via their webpage: <http://www.exploringteens.com.au/>

Topics covered include:

Want to UNDERSTAND your teenager?

Looking for ACTIVITIES for teens that entertain and engage?

After better ways to COMMUNICATE with your adolescent?

Interested in RESOURCES to help either your teen or yourself?

Seeking comfort and reassurance from parents and experts with SPECIALISED KNOWLEDGE?

Ms Toohey & Ms Stoddart, Waterford Readers' Club

EARLWOOD LIBRARY UPGRADE

The library will be closed from Friday, 13 May and will reopen on Monday, 30 May – an afterhours shute will be available at Campsie Library to return items.

MCC SPORT REPORT

The MCC season for our Winter Sports of Rugby League and Football continues this week with Round 3 matches v Kogarah. Last week saw matches v Pagewood with some excellent results.

Rugby League:

1 st XIII 6-26	2 nd XIII 6-18	U15 50-20	U14 12-38
U13A 28-16	U13B 18-20		

Football:

1 st XI 2-0	2 nd XI 2-0	U15 12-0	U14 2-1
U13A 6-1	U13B 5-0		

Venues for this week v Kogarah are:

Rugby League:

1 st XIII and 2 nd XIII at Marrickville	U14 at Scarborough
U13A and B at Beaman	U15 Training at Beaman

Football:

1 st XI and 2 nd XI at Scarborough	U14 & U15 at Lambert
U13A & B at Arlington	

Training continues today (Wednesday) at Beaman for all ages except Opens Football who will train at Arlington. For the benefit of our new parents, 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.

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.

Congratulations to Luke Hodge on his selection in the MCC Opens Rugby League Team and Sam Bray on his selection in the MCC U16 Rugby team. Congratulations also to those students who have been selected in the Opens MCC Rep Football team including Aidan Taouil, Andre Taouil, Kristian Francis and Giuseppe Tilio (shadow). As NSWCCC Football Coach, I look forward to seeing them in action at the trials next week and hopefully they will play well enough to warrant selection in the NSW team.

MCC Winter Season:

12 th May	Round 3 v Kogarah	26 th May	Round 4 v Bankstown
19 th May	Spare Round	9 th June	No Round
2 nd June	Round 5 v Ashfield	23 rd June	Round 7 v Ryde
16 th June	Round 6 v North Shore	21 st July	Semi Finals
30 th June	Spare Round		
28 th July	Finals		

CBHS Athletics Carnival Monday, 27th June at Homebush

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Kogarah (St Patrick's School Hall) Tuesday and
Thursday 7 pm to 8.15 pm
Marrickville (St Brigid's Primary School Hall)
Saturdays – 10.30 am to 11.30 am

David Mamo
Sports Coordinator