

Highlights

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK 8, TERM 2
WEDNESDAY, 15TH JUNE 2016

WINTER, HUMBLE SERVANT OF CREATION

... with brisk determination you encompass our land.

You clothe us into warm wraps,

Sending us out into the weather to gather the lessons you scatter.

You call us to sit by the fireplace and feed each other stories.

You invite us to listen to that which is invisible.

You are the contemplative season.

In unseen and unknown places you faithfully do your work.

In the winter storms of our lives, teach us patience.

May we learn to trust the goodness of what we cannot see.

As the ground becomes frozen may we have the courage to visit the

Frozen ground of our own lives, believing in the life that is hidden.

You clear the air. You protect the seed. You embrace reality.

You, O Winter, hold our fears until they can be transformed into trust.

You are the beautiful season that we sometimes overlook.

Share with us your virtues of solitude, contemplation, and faith.

Surround us with your fresh, crisp breath and protect the seed that is

Sleeping in the depths of our being.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

RECENT MCC REVIEW

Thank you to staff, parents and students who recently participated in the review of MCC. It was a very good process organised by Mr Zavone. Whilst many positive things came out, some very good ideas for future improvement did emerge. What was very obvious was the connection between MCC Sport and our Internal Sport Program. We will be reviewing this connection between Internal Sport and MCC. Again, thank you to parents and students who participated in the survey – it is a great way to have a say in what is happening in the school.

MUSICAL

The Musical is now upon us – it promised to be an outstanding event. Ms Ronchetti, Mr Munoz, Mr Ohl and Mr Tavernese have done an outstanding job with “Footloose”. The best way to appreciate hard work and excellence from a Musical is with a large crowd. Please support the Musical by attending.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The School Athletics Carnival will be held at Homebush on Monday, 27th June. This is a compulsory event for all Secondary students. I ask all parents to support the school in ensuring a full attendance. Attendance at school events now appears on each student's report.

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

P&F News – Due to the School Musical performance being held on Tuesday 21st June, the P&F Open Forum has been postponed. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may have caused and will advise on a new date once it has been confirmed. Thank you, P&F Committee.

CURRICULUM UPDATE

PARENT AND STUDENT STUDY SKILLS EVENING – YEAR 7, 8 (REPEATED SESSION) AND 9 ONLY

Successful study techniques contribute significantly to a student achieving their personal best in academic studies. In support of student academic success and the valued relationship between our school and the parent community, a parent and student study skills evening with Dr Prue Salter, from Enhanced Learning Educational Services, has been organised at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, 27th July, 6.30pm-8pm in the Br Julian McDonald Centre.

Dr Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning has specialised for the last 15 years in the area of study skills and is in high demand as a presenter of study skills sessions. Prue developed the study skills website our school subscribes to and has written many other study skills resources. Information was communicated to students and parents about how to access this service at the beginning of the year via a letter sent home with students.

At the Parent and Student Study Skills Evening, Prue will share with parents and students of Year 7, 8 and 9 (only) some effective and powerful strategies to implement at home to help students balance the academic demands of school and achieve their personal best. Attending parents and students will be encouraged to discuss together what might work best for your particular family. So get ready for an action packed entertaining evening, where I am sure at the end many parents will say 'I wish someone told me all this when I was at school'.

A Parent and Student Study Skills Evening flyer will be distributed to students closer to the date, in addition to via our Skoolbag app. Parents are asked to RSVP by Friday, 1st July, by way of the return slip at the bottom of the flyer. Students are asked to bring the RSVP return slip to SLT Support – Mrs Tracey Cunliffe, located in the Administration Building and next to Mrs O'Brien's office.

YEAR 11 SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Year 11 Semester 1 reports will be posted home to residential addresses in Week 10, Term 2. These reports will also be available on the Parent Portal at the beginning of Term 3. Please discuss this report with your son as it contains important information pertaining to his academic achievement, application to studies and contribution to Homeroom and Extra Curricular Activities. Students have been encouraged to reflect on their academic progress in learning opportunities, including both formative and summative assessment tasks, and use all oral and written feedback provided by their teachers to improve their understanding of courses studied.

It is important to note that the Overall Achievement grades and the Grade Distribution provide two kinds of information about the academic progress of students. The Overall Achievement gives an indication of academic performance relative to the achievement of course outcomes referenced to nationally defined standards and benchmarks. The Grade Distribution gives an indication of that performance compared with other students in the year undertaking the course. This year, all Year 11 students will be asked to complete a Reviewed Learning Goals Form for each subject, so as to develop specific goals for each Preliminary HSC subject and for the remainder of the course. This will complement the goals that students are asked to set in the School Diary.

YEAR 7-10 SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

Year 7-10 Semester 1 reports will be posted home to residential addresses in Week 10, Term 2. These reports will also be available on the Parent Portal at the beginning of Term 3. Please discuss this report with your son as it contains important information pertaining to his academic achievement, application to studies and contribution to Homeroom and Extra Curricular Activities. Students have been encouraged to reflect on their academic progress in learning opportunities, including both formative and summative assessment tasks, and use all oral and written feedback provided by their teachers to improve their understanding of courses studied.

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This year, all Year 7-10 students will be asked to complete a Reviewed Learning Goals Form for each subject, so as to develop specific goals for each subject and for the remainder of the course. This will complement the goals that students are asked to set in the School Diary.

Mrs M. O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum

WATERFORD LEARNING CENTRE

COMIC CON-VERSATION EVENTS

In conjunction with 12 other libraries, Leichhardt and Balmain Libraries are celebrating the best of local comic culture with comic labs, a zines workshop and exhibition

The Art of Silver Fox Comics Exhibition @ Balmain Library

2-29 July 2016

Balmain Library

During Library Hours

A Sydney based graphic novel publisher, their wish is to create comics for everyone! These self-confessed “Silver Foxes” aim to produce a graphic novel each year until they die! This exhibition will showcase some of the amazing art work produced by Silver Fox Comics.

Han Nguyen Comics Lab @ Leichhardt Library

4 July 2016

1:30-4 pm

All ages

Free Lucky Dip!

No bookings required

Zines Workshop with Anna Riart @ Leichhardt Library

4 July 2016

2:30-4:30pm

Age 12 and up

Bookings required, online or call 9367 9266

Come and learn how to make a fold up Zine from a template, then create your own original Zine from an A4 piece of paper.

Hayden Fryer Comics Lab @ Balmain Library

6 July 2016

1:30-4 pm

All ages

Free Lucky Dip!

No bookings required

Hayden is the creative genius behind Siberian Productions and comics such as *Cobber*, *Darkest Night* and *Billy: Demon Slayer*.

What is a Comics Lab?

Come and see how a creator works and develops their ideas, characters, stories and drawings at their mini studio in the library. You can even sit there and join them as they work. The comics labs are a great opportunity for people of all ages to sit and have a chat with these amazing graphic novelists about their stories and their art.

Mrs Toohey & Ms Martin, Waterford Learning Centre

MCC SPORT REPORT

The MCC season for our Winter Sports of Rugby League and Football had a break last week and will resume this Thursday with matches v North Shore.

Rugby League:

1st XIII Bye

2nd XIII at Marrickville

U15 and U14 at Tunks

U13A and U13B at Beaman.

Football:

1st XI & 2nd XI at Cammeray

U15 & U14 at Lambert

U13A & U13B 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 3.20pm 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 Bailey Hayward and Michael Tannous who were selected in the NSWCCC U15 Touch Team and join me as I was named NSWCCC Opens Football Coach.

Good luck also to our Cross Country Athletes who will be representing Lewisham and the MCC at the NSWCCC Championships on Friday and include:

James Habib, Kai Hammond, Paul Apostolopoulos, Daniel Mundine, Michael McCrea, Ryan Martin and Finbarr Warren

David Mamo, Sports Coordinator

CBHS Lewisham

Proudly presents

Footloose
THE MUSICAL

June 20th, 21st — 7.00 pm
June 23rd (Matinee)

BOOKINGS VIA

Qkr!
by MasterCard

\$10 each or \$40 for a group of 5