

# Highlights

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK 6, TERM 3  
WEDNESDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016

*First they came for the Communists,  
and I didn't speak up,  
because I wasn't a Communist.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak up,  
because I wasn't a Jew.  
Then they came for the Catholics,  
and I didn't speak up,  
because I was a Protestant.  
Then they came for me,  
and by that time there was no one  
left to speak up for me.*

*Rev Martin Niemöller, 1945*

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

## YEAR 12 RITE OF PASSAGE

This year our senior students will be participating in a Rite of Passage here at the school. It will be a time of reflection on the past and looking forward to the future. It will involve Eucharist and Reconciliation and be a good psychological process to assist our young men at this most significant time of transition. Unfortunately in Australian society, young males can too easily become a part of dangerous "Rites of Passage" where drugs, crimes and inappropriate expressions of sexuality are practised "to become a man".

Unfortunately western cultures lack distinct appropriate Rites of Passage for our youth. Things such as "schoolies" are pseudo Rites of Passage that can result in self-damaging behaviour. It is therefore essential, particularly at a Catholic school, for us to develop an appropriate Rite of Passage for our seniors. This enables the students to be guided through this important time in their life and approach the future with confidence. It is also a time to say goodbye and "let go" of the safety and structure that the school environment offers in favour of a less structured study or work environment. Ten staff will lead the seniors through this significant and spiritual event in their lives.

## VISUAL ARTS NIGHT

Congratulations to all involved in last Friday night's Creative Arts Night. A new initiative this year has been Creative Arts Awards. Congratulations to our inaugural recipients:

Year 7 Visual Arts Prize  
**John Nicolaou**

Year 8 Visual arts Prize  
**James Habib and Isaac Aunins**

Year 9 Visual Arts Prize  
**Lewy Burrows**

Year 10 Visual Arts Prize  
**Daniel Scacciotii**

Year 10 Photographic Digital Media Prize  
**Gregory Kwok**

Year 11 Visual Arts Prize  
**James Pifat**

Year 11 Photography, Video and Digital Imaging Prize  
**Nick Santarelli**

Year 12 Photography, video and Digital Imaging  
**Matthew Di Paola**

Year 12 Principal's Award  
**Zachary Link : "What's the Cost of Creativity"**

Year 12 Visual Arts Prize  
**Joel Sanders: "Human Development, Environmental Decay"**

Thanks to Mrs Patricia Papa who organised a great evening and to:

- The Visual Arts staff, Mr Papa, Mrs Stojoski, Mr McLean and Mr Porra.
- The Maintenance Team Mr Dinale, Mr Patruno and Mr Criado.
- Support staff: Mrs Parpaiola with the invitation mail outs, Mrs Cassaniti with assistance in printing of digital works, Mrs Ronchetti with AV equipment.
- Mr Munoz for the great musical performances by the Year 12 HSC students.
- Mr Ramos for his display of the Industrial Arts HSC student projects.
- Mrs Felicia Calautti, P&F President and the committee members, with their assistance in liaising with Ms Saad and the Canteen Staff with the catering.

*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

### HSC, ATAR, UAC AND HSC STUDY PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, Year 12 students were further informed about the HSC & ATAR, including the moderation process, in addition to how to apply to universities via UAC. I shared the HSC and ATAR PowerPoint presentation with students via their school email account and I spoke to parents briefly at the Year 12 Parent Meeting about the importance of their sons sharing this information with them at home. In addition, students were also involved in a Study Session for their final preparation for the HSC examinations. In partnership with parents, this information will enable all students to pursue appropriate career paths beyond CBHS Lewisham. Thank you to Mrs Robyn Stoddart who prepared the UAC information and Mr Roumie who assisted with organisation and supervision on the day.

And two reminders:

- The NSW Higher School Certificate results are released on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (by BOSTES and directly to students).
- ATAR's are released on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 (by UAC and directly to students – only)

The CBHS Lewisham community continues to keep all Year 12 students in our prayers at this time.

## YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS – TERM 3 2016

Last week, Year 11 students were emailed a copy of the **FINAL 2016 Preliminary HSC Year 11 Examination Schedule** in addition to receiving a paper copy in Homeroom. Year 11 students have also had a meeting with Mr Daher and myself to explain upcoming matters pertaining to curriculum.

### Parents are to be reminded:

- The examinations commence on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and conclude on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016.
- All students are to attend in full school uniform and must be cleanly shaven.
- All students are to reread and familiarise themselves with the procedures in the Year 11 CBHS Lewisham Assessment Policy Handbook including students responsibilities and students advantaging themselves.
- All students must remain at school on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 after the morning session examinations for the Co-Curricular Assembly.
- Attendance on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 for the HSC Preparation Workshop and Year 12 Graduation is compulsory for all Year 11 students (full school uniform is compulsory).



**Father's Day Mass  
2016  
Invitation**

**Date:** Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August  
**Time:** 9:00 am, followed by light refreshments  
**Place:** Br Julian McDonald Centre

In order to assess the number of people attending and the catering required, we ask you to please reply by the due date using one of the following options:  
**Phone:** 8585-1757  
**Email:** office @cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au  
**Online:** <https://goo.gl/forms/RoEPNP4CIK9Gn6x1>  
Or complete the slip below and return to the School Office.

I will be attending the Father's Day Mass on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Father's Name	Name of Son/s
Number attending (NOT including son/s)	Home Room

**Students were also reminded to:**

- check their school email account regularly for matters pertaining to curriculum, the Preliminary course, and the HSC course which commences in Term 4, 2016;
- remain focussed in their classes, revise their previous Year 11 assessment tasks and update their collaborative study notes in preparation for the upcoming Preliminary examinations in Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3; and
- keep a balanced approach to learning and study with regular prayer, exercise and time spent with family and friends.

The staff at CBHS Lewisham will keep all Year 11 students in their prayers during the lead up to, and during, the Preliminary HSC Year 11 Examinations.

**Mrs Monica O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum**

**GIFTED AND TALENTED SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (GATSTA) PHILOSOPHY CLUSTER DAY**

On Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Jeong Baldwin, Jacob Nobrega and Michael Peceski of Year 9 and Harry Lawler Burn, Harrison Salmon and Alexander Trousdale of Year 10 participated in the GATSTA Philosophy Cluster Day held at St Patrick's College, Strathfield. The day was divided into three sessions and commenced with Dr Kerry Sanders, Sydney University Philosophy Lecturer, presenting an engaging talk on 'Philosophy of Law - Jurisprudence'.

In the second session the students were divided into four groups and participated in a Philosophical Community of Inquiry. Each group explored a different topic: 'Fairness and Justice', 'Freewill and the Law?', 'Exploring Freewill' and 'What do you do with an idea?'. This session was the highlight for most of the students, where they were given the opportunity to express their opinions as well as listening to other students' viewpoints.

The final session involved students from the eight participating schools coming together to participate in a 'House of Commons' style philosophical debate. As they were presented with various philosophical questions, the students moved to either side of the room and were then given the opportunity to explain their position. Students engaged in a debate and were able to 'cross the floor' as their viewpoints changed.

Our boys were great ambassadors of our school and I received numerous commendations regarding their engagement, thinking and contributions to the many philosophical discussions that took place on the day.

**Mrs Edwards**

**Gifted and Talented Teacher, Diverse Learning Centre**



Jacob Nobrega, Jeong Baldwin, Dr K. Sanders, Michael Peceski, Harrison Salmon, Harry Lawler Burn, Alexander Trousdale, Mrs Edwards

## MCC SPORT REPORT

MCC Competition returns this week with the annual Athletics Carnival at Homebush on Thursday which means that the Volleyball Squad will return to House Sport this Thursday. The Athletics Team will be defending the Aggregate, Junior and Juvenile Trophies that they won last year.

**Volleyball** – training for U15 and Opens continue on Wednesday morning at 7.45 am, after school on Wednesday and on (Thursday morning 7.45 am and during Sport except for this week).

Parents are reminded that Wednesday after school is the nominated training day for all CBHS Lewisham sporting teams and that all students with sporting ability are expected to make themselves available to represent the school when requested by the Sports Coordinator. Refusal to do so will require an appointment to be made with the Principal.

All parents requiring information about NSW Combined Catholic College teams and events should visit the new website at [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://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.** Failure to do this will make your sons ineligible for MCC and CCC Selection. Families should check the website for clarification so your sons don't miss out.

### Upcoming Dates:

MCC Athletics 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Spare Day MCC Athletics 1<sup>st</sup> September  
MCC Volleyball Gala Day 8<sup>th</sup> September

David Mamo, Sports Coordinator

The Marrickville Souths Fitness and Breakfast Club is a partnership program between Marrickville Council, Souths Cares, Weave, Bamardos, Marrickville PCYC, Sydney Airport and Marrickville Youth Resource Centre (MYRC).

It is aimed at young people who may be vulnerable, not connected with local services, need assistance with access to school or who just love sport. They must be aged between 12-24 and they must be residents of, or attend school in, the Marrickville Local Government Area.

The program runs during the school term from 6.00am every Tuesday and Thursday.

Young people can be collected from home if they reside in the Marrickville LGA (Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, Lewisham, Petersham, Stanmore, Sydenham, Tempe and Newtown) and driven to the Marrickville PCYC where they engage in range of sports and training exercises with players from the Rabbitohs U20s for one hour. Participants who live out of the area but attend a school in the LGA are more than welcome to attend the program, however they would need to make their own way there. After the hour of training, the young people have the opportunity to shower and freshen up before a healthy breakfast and lunch is provided.

After breakfast, the young people are driven to their local school or transport to their workplace. Since the program has been running, absenteeism rates among school students has decreased, and the social aspect of the club means that students are happy to wake up early for breakfast and exercise.

The young people are educated about the importance of breakfast, as well as healthy eating choices.

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