

Highlights

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WEEK 5 TERM 1 WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2016

Dear Parents Staff and Students,

The reflection for the week is on the second touchstone of the Charter for Catholic Education in the Edmund Rice Tradition.

Gospel Spirituality

We invite people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion justice and peace a living reality within our community.
Expression A Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition:

- Lives and grows as a faith-sharing community by fostering a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ;
- Celebrates as a Eucharistic community the life death and resurrection of Jesus Christ;
- Nurtures and encourages the spiritual growth of each person through reflection prayer symbols sacred stories rituals and sacraments;
- Models the Gospel values of forgiveness and reconciliation by the manner in which conflict is resolved;
- Provides religious education in line with Diocesan guidelines and faith formation experiences as fundamental components of a Catholic School curriculum;
- Continues the legacy of the Christian Brothers by calling its community to discipleship and playing an integral part in the evangelising mission of the Catholic Church;
- Provides formation opportunities for its members in the mystery of God in all creation the spirit of Jesus the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice the inspiration of the Christian Brothers their own sacred story and their call to mission;
- Recognises and acts upon the central place of the Gospel commitment to the marginalised through a preferential option for the poor;
- Is engaged in inter-faith dialogue and respects the spirituality authentically lived by those who come from other religious traditions.

ENROLMENTS 2017 – SIBLINGS OF CURRENT STUDENTS As has been the case over the last few years many more students will apply to CBHS than we can accept. The school is currently at its absolute capacity at 1350 students. It is the school's policy that siblings of current students have automatic entry. The only exception to this is in extraordinary cases whereby the school would not be able to meet the needs of that student.

We can only guarantee entry to siblings of current students if an enrolment form is handed to the school by Monday 29th March.

If you know of family or friends who would like to come to CBHS they need to get their enrolment form in before this date also. Interviews for places for next year are currently being held.

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

Reminder:
P&F CBHS Community Meet and Greet Evening
This Friday night - 26th February
Commencing at 6.30 pm
All Welcome

Parking at CBHS Lewisham for a school event

Christian Brothers' High School is situated in a densely populated location with limited parking availability. As members of the CBHS Lewisham school community, we are all also members of the neighbourhood in which CBHS is situated. Please help us to be good neighbours in abiding by the advice below and making the surrounding streets safe and comfortable for all to use.

- Consider either organising to share a car with another family or using public transport if it convenient for you to do so. This will serve to reduce the amount of traffic in the area for school events, causing less congestion and freeing up parking availability for others.
- Be careful not to block access to our neighbours' driveways (either partially or completely). If a driveway is blocked a resident may report the matter to the Police who may then issue a ticket with respect to the offending vehicle.
- Be observant of any areas where parking is restricted – these areas are clearly labelled. Some roads directly surrounding the school have a two hour parking restriction during certain times of the day.
- Be observant of bus zones. Signs clearly indicate the duration and area of a bus zone.
- Park safely and legally even if it means walking further to the school entrance.
- Be respectful of our neighbours when visiting the school and drive in and out of the area in a safe and quiet manner.
- Take any rubbish with you and not leave rubbish on a footpath or the kerb.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

MCC SWIMMING CARNIVAL
THURSDAY 17TH MARCH – 4 PM-7.30 PM
Attendance is compulsory for all students in Years 8 and 12
Year 12 will be allowed to wear sports shorts/track pants and senior jersey and
Year 8 will wear their sports uniform.

P&F NEWS

The P&F would like to remind you all of the upcoming events. We have the **P&F Meet and Greet** on this Friday, 26th February commencing at 6.30 pm in The Heritage Garden. It's a fantastic night with an opportunity to meet new and current parents as well and meet the executive and staff of CBHS in a relaxed environment whilst the talents of the school Jazz Bands play in the background.

On Tuesday, 1st March we have guest speaker **Professor Andrew Martin** of Education Psychology at the University of New South Wales at the first P&F Open Forum Parent Master Class commencing at 7 pm in the Treacy Centre. Prof. Martin specialises in motivation engagement achievement and quantitative research methods.

It doesn't stop there also in March we have the **Year 5 & 7 Mother/Father/Son Pizza and Bowling Events** scheduled. Invitations will be sent to you all and they are events not to miss! They are a great way for your son to socialise with his school friends outside of school and the bonus is that the mums and dads get to catch-up too...

125th Anniversary Ball – Save the date! Don't forget to mark the date in your Calendar! CBHS Lewisham will be celebrating their 125th Anniversary on Saturday, 28th May at Doltone House. Invitations will be sent out in due course.

CBHS Clothing Pool News

The canteen offers parents of the CBHS Community the opportunity to purchase good quality second hand uniform items at a fraction of the price of new uniform items. All proceeds are donated to various charities such as St Vincent de Paul CareFlight Canteen (Cancer Council Charity) and The Children's Hospital to name a few.

Price List	
Blazer	\$70 Large \$50 Small
Long Pant	\$20
Shorts	\$10
Shirt	\$5
Polo Shirt	\$5
Sport Set	\$20

The Canteen is happy to help you out throughout the day however we ask that you avoid recess and lunchtime. Should you have any items that you would like to donate you may do so any day of the week during the school day except for recess and lunchtime. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Evette Saad at Evette.Saad@CBHSLewisham.nsw.edu.au.

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**

CURRICULUM UPDATE

2015 HSC High Achievers at CBHS Lewisham

The whole Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham school community came together at a High Achievers' Assembly last Monday to welcome back those Year 12 students who were successful in gaining an ATAR above 90 and those students who received a **Band 6 in the 2015 HSC**. While the school's academic results continue to be of a high standard these students have set an extremely high benchmark for those students who follow them. Some 92% of last year's students were offered places into University. Those students who returned to CBHS Lewisham for this special presentation were those who achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) greater than ninety as well as those students who scored a Band 6 (greater than ninety per cent) in at least one Course. First place in the 2015 HSC (by ATAR) was Daniel Czapski with an ATAR of 99.65. He was joined by:

Benjamin Amato	Nickolas Colosimo	George Kehagias
Bartholomew Antonelli	Daniel Czapski	Simon Park
Stephen Bezzina	Andrew Doueihy	James Patterson
David Bilic	Samuel Economos	Gabriele Santoro
Anthony Bonaccorso	Christopher Fouras	Joshua Somma
Thomas Castagnone	Emile Gebrayel	Liam Storan
Robert Cipriani	Raymond Huang	Ray Sukkar
		Louie Touma

who were the known students to have scored an ATAR greater than ninety and of course secured a Band 6 results in most of their Courses. Students who were successful in securing Band 6 in Courses also included

Alessandro Alberga	Edward Lee	Andrea Pagani
Thomas Christidis	Thomas Maher	Luke Pugliese
Simon Daher	Anthony Mustica	Cameron Sarkis
Nathan Farrah	Conor O'Reilly	Dennis Yu
Phillipe Kairouz	Gabriel Otaegui-Campos	

Congratulations to not only these students but also to the 41 CBHS Lewisham students who were noted as Distinguished Achievers in the HSC.

The tradition of improvement in academic results continues as noted in our school being placed in the top 150 schools. We pride ourselves on nurturing the development of the young man in our professional care and it is observable in all aspects of students at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham

Year 10 Allwell Testing As a Catholic school in the Blessed Edmund Rice tradition we aspire to be faithful to the four touchstones including a liberating education. A liberating education means that we have open hearts and minds through quality teaching and learning experiences so that through critical reflection and engagement each student is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all. On Wednesday, 16th March Year 10 students will be involved in Allwell Testing for careers consideration and subject selections in Year 11/12. This testing will be conducted from Period 1-4 including a recess break. Students are required to bring a pen and a calculator. Based on this testing Mrs Stoddart, Career Path and Mentoring Coordinator will work with Year 10 students to give them direction on diverse educational pathways. Early in Term 3 Year 10 students and their parents will be required to attend Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews with Key Learning Area Coordinators for their sons who will be in Year 11 in 2017. More information will be communicated to students and parents in time regarding the subject selection process.

Monica O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum

LEARNING CIRCLES

Last week saw the launch of the 'Learning Circles' website. The website is designed so that it may house all information regarding assessment for students. In future, it will contain information on 'Metacognition' and 'Improving Memory' and tips on study skills. The aim is to create an online Learning 'Hub' that not only contains assessment information, but information on 'learning how to learn'. The website may be access here:

<http://learningcirclesatcbhslewisham.weebly.com/>

The link can be accessed through the school's main web page under the 'SECONDARY | YEARS 7-12' button on the left. The link has also been set up in both the student and parent Sentral Portal. All students have been informed via email about the website.

One of the handy features in the website is the **year level specific Assessment Calendar** , to help students and families organise themselves around assessment tasks.

On Monday, 22nd February, the community gathered to celebrate the academic highlights of 2015. While we celebrate the academic achievements of all our boys, Monday's assembly focused on the 'distinguished achievers' (or the students that achieved Band 6 results across various subjects). Based on the percentage of exams sat and the number of Band 6's achieved Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham ranked within the top 150 schools in the state. Bearing in mind that the school is an academically non-selective comprehensive boys' school, the 2015 HSC results are excellent. An ePublication is available from the Learning Circles website that outlines the Academic Highlights of 2015.

We are proud of each and every student that walks through the gates of our school and hope that their studies at Christian Brothers' High School Lewisham will provided them with the necessary foundation to follow the vocation they are called to.

FROM THE DIVERSE LEARNING CENTRE COORDINATOR NAPLAN 2016

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can and will be used to support teaching and learning programmes. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard. Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Programme. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The tests will be conducted across Australia for all students from 10th to 12th May 2016: In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 5, 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator tests, the student should use the calculator that is currently used at school. Friday, 13th May is a 'catch-up day for students who missed a test or were absent on the test day. The cost of the NAPLAN tests is covered our all-inclusive tuition fees. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual and or/functional disability. All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for

Tuesday 10 th May	Wednesday 11 th May	Thursday 12 th May
Year 5		
Language Conventions Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space 45 minutes
Year 7 and Year 9		
Language Conventions Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar 45 minutes	Reading 65 Minutes	Numeracy Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space Calculator: 40 minutes Non calculator: 40 minutes

students by the school. Large Print, Braille and Black and White versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment. Access to disability provisions and exemption from the tests MUST be discussed with the Diverse Learning Centre Coordinator. A parent/carer consent form must be signed. Consent forms are available from Diverse Learning Centre. Please make an appointment with the Diverse Learning Centre Coordinator (8585 1762) if you would like further information about your son's participation in NAPLAN. Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at: <http://naplanforparentnsw.com.au> and <http://nap.edu.au>.

Mrs Bernadette Yates, Diverse Learning Centre Coordinator

MCC SPORT REPORT

The Semi Finals of the Summer MCC competition were held last week with Lewisham competing in 8 of the twelve games. In the end, Lewisham were successful in three with very narrow losses in four other games. Results were:

Cricket: U16 1-74 v 9-70 Minor Premiers and Grand Final v Randwick at Rowland Park at 10m
U14 95 v 96 losing to a bye on the last ball of the game.
Touch: 1st VI 3-5 2nd VI 4-5
U15 7-6 and Grand Final v Ashfield at 10am at Holy Cross
U14 9-3 and Grand Final v Ryde at 11am at Holy Cross
Tennis: 32-81
Basketball: U14 41-44

CBHS Lewisham Swim Squad will participate in the Combined Christian Brothers' Carnival at North Sydney Pool this Saturday night at 7pm.

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:

MCC

25th February Grand Final

MCC Golf and Squash Day Thursday, 10th March

MCC Cross Country Thursday, 31st March

MCC Winter Trial Thursday, 7th April

Swimming 2016

Combined CB Carnival at North Sydney 7pm Saturday, 27th February

MCC Carnival Thursday, 17th March 4pm (Year 8 and 12 Spectators)

David Mamo
Sports Coordinator

+ High School and Primary Tutor

Subjects: **Maths, English and Engineering Studies**
Rate: **\$40/hr**

UNSW Civil/Environmental Engineering Student

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WESTS JUNIOR RUGBY UNION

Under 6 to Under 18

U6-U9 play locally at St Luke's, Concord

Try Rugby for 4-7 year olds - a fun non-tackle Friday afternoon - program starts Friday, 4th March 5-6.30 pm at St Luke's Park, Concord

Registration; Saturday, 13th and 20th February from 1-4 pm at Concord Oval, Loftus Street, Concord

www.wjru.com.au - 1300WESTS

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