



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 1, TERM 4

WEDNESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

The eagle gently coaxed her offspring toward the edge of the nest. Her heart quivered with conflicting emotions as she felt their resistance to her persistent nudging. "Why does the thrill of soaring have to begin with the feat of falling?" she thought. This ageless question was still unanswered for her.

As in the tradition of the species, her nest was located high on the shelf of a sheer rock face. Below there was nothing but air to support the wings of each child. "Is it possible that this time it will not work?" she thought. Despite her fears, the eagle knew it was time. Her parental mission was all but complete. There remained one final task – the push.

The eagle drew courage from an innate wisdom. Until her children discovered their wings, there was no purpose for their lives. Until they learned how to soar, they would fail to understand the privilege it was to have been born an eagle. The push was the greatest gift we had to offer. It was her supreme act of love. And so one by one she pushed them, and they flew!!

Only with confidence do we advance boldly in the direction of our dreams. Only with courage do we tackle life's challenges with the faith that we can handle them.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

#### **GRADUATION – SENIORS 2016**

The above story is an excellent reflection for the new group of old boys "The Seniors of 2016" into past school life. Thursday was a memorable day for all concerned. All day the seniors were excellent as displayed by the calm and respectful way they approached all the activities. The assembly was very moving and thought-provoking and the student speeches from Joseph Chakty, Luke Hodge and John-Paul Habib.

The Mass here at CBHS Lewisham was a beautiful occasion that was prayerful, liturgically excellent and a great celebration of Lewo spirit and pride. The way the senior students finished the Mass with the school song was inspirational as was their war cry at the end of the assembly.

Thank you to everyone involved. Special thanks to Ms Farrugia whose organisation and creativity was nothing short of brilliant. The senior boys and their families were very grateful for the countless hours that Ms Farrugia, Mr Zavone, Mr Behayi and others spent to ensure that the Graduation experience was a memorable one indeed.

The Blue & Gold Senior Lunch was a great success. Year 12 students, Pastoral Coordinators and SLT gathered in the McDonald Centre for a beautiful and very special lunch prepared by Evette's Lunchbox. Congratulations to Richard Ibrahim who received this year's Seniors Blue and Gold Award.

Special thanks to Mr Peter Roumie who did an outstanding job, not just with this lunch but in every aspect of his role as Year 12 Administrative Coordinator. I would like to also thank Evette and all in Evette's Lunchbox. Evette said she wanted to make this a very special time for our Year 12 young men – she most definitely achieved this. Evette and her family and helpers do an amazing job building community at CBHS through their hospitality and service.

Special thanks must also go to Mr John Dinale and the Maintenance Team who spent countless hours setting up and preparing the hall for both Wednesday lunch and Thursday's ceremony and Mass.

#### **P&F THANKYOU**

Special thanks must also go to the P&F Executive who did a splendid job with the supper and the Graduation Cake after the Mass.

*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

**PRIZE WINNERS** Congratulations to the following young men who were awarded prizes:

**The Judge Coleman Wall Award for School Captain**

Joseph Chakty

**The Brother Ambrose Treacy Award to the Vice Captains**

John-Paul Habib

Luke Hodge

**The Michael Damien Forrester Award for Academic Excellence**

Gregory Loukaitis

**The Archbishop of Sydney Award for Student Excellence**

Richard Ibrahim

**The Archbishop James Carroll Award for Studies of Religion**

Peter Hambessis

**The H.C. Mallam Award for English**

Jack Lewis

**The Brother J. Beckhaus Award for Mathematics**

Lachlan Abood

**The Brother R.B. Healy Award for Modern History**

Michael McCrea

**Dr Victor Chang Award for Chemistry**

Michael Colla

**The Albert Novati Award for Bandsman of the Year**

Matthew McCrea

**The Bill Howison Award for Sporting Excellence**

Luke Hodge

**Greg McGrane Award for Academic and Sporting Excellence**

Joseph Chakty

Michael McCrea

**Pierre de Coubertin Award for Sporting Achievements**

Luka Kalic

**Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment**

Sugethan Baladevan

**Caltex All Rounder Award**

Christopher Babaian

**The Blue and Gold Award**

An award voted by the Year 12 student body to reflect their choice of a student who embodies the spirit of CBHS Lewisham and the senior group.

**Richard Ibrahim**

**The Edmund Rice Award**

For those students who have particularly captured the spirit of and commitment to CBHS Lewisham.

**Michael Colla, Terry Doulaveras, Yianni Loizos, Christopher Loukaitis  
Gregory Loukaitis, Matthew McCrea, Rory O'Sullivan, Joel Sanders-Agius**

**The Conanti Corona Award**

For outstanding commitment and achievement in the areas of study, leadership and co-curricular activities of the school.

**Thomas Threlkeld**

**CURRICULUM UPDATE****CHANGE TO COURSE OF STUDY FOR YEAR 11**

As Year 12 students have left, the Year 11 students commence their journey towards the Higher School Certificate (HSC). Students who wish to make a change of their course of study are required to complete a Change to Course Form (available from the Assistant Principal - Curriculum, only). The form requires input from Key Learning Area Coordinators, subject teachers, parents and myself. The student will then meet with me to discuss this curriculum matter before a final change in subject is made.

The following principles apply:

1. HSC courses commence in Week 2 of Term 4, 2016.
2. All HSC students at CBHS Lewisham must undertake a minimum of 10 units of study.
3. CBHS Lewisham does not recommend being on the minimum of 10 units (although each case will be considered for its appropriateness).
3. The total number of units undertaken must include mandatory course units in Religion and in English. Most students will have 11 units of study for the HSC as most will undertake 1 unit of Studies of Religion or 1 unit Catholic Studies (non-ATAR).
4. The 1 unit course Fundamentals of English will discontinue in Year 12 (Term 1, students are timetabled into study classes).
5. Depending on their programme of study, students may: drop a 2 unit subject (except English); drop a course or level within a subject, i.e. drop Mathematics Extension, drop English Extension, change from English Advanced to English Standard, change from Mathematics to Mathematics General, change from 2 unit Studies of Religion to 1 unit Studies of Religion, change from 1 unit Studies of Religion to 1 unit Catholic Studies (non-ATAR).
6. There is no rush to drop subjects. A **Change of Subject Form** must be completed and submitted to the Assistant Principal - Curriculum (only). Approval will be given by the Assistant Principal - Curriculum (only) after a meeting to ascertain whether this is the best for the student's ATAR or alternative educational pathway.
7. Those students who picked up Extension courses in English, Mathematics (Extension 2), History and Italian were only considered with reference to Year 11 academic reports and supporting evidence of their capacity to cope with the academic and organisational demands of an extension course.

**Monica O'Brien**  
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

**P&F NEWS**

Welcome back for the final Term of the academic year, Term 4. We trust that your son's have had a great start to the term.

**Road Safety** is very important for the safety of our students and wider community. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that Denison Road is not a drop off or pick up zone. If you would like to drop or pick up your son, you are encouraged to use The Boulevard.

The P&F **Parent Forum** is being held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October with Guest Speakers Mrs Monica O'Brien and Mrs Bernadette Yates, who will be presenting on NAPLAN. Invitations will be received shortly.

**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 (national support organisation for young people aged 12–24 living with cancer) and The Children's Hospital to name a few.

The Canteen is happy to help you out throughout the day, however, we ask that you avoid recess and lunchtimes. 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 lunchtimes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Evette Saad at [Evette.Saad@CBHSLewisham.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE EVENING**

On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September students, parents and their supporters gathered in P11 for the annual Percussion Performance Evening. Congratulations to the following boys who performed: Alexander Birkinsham, Dean Lymberis, Conor Dunn, Jacob Bechara, Marcel Youssef, Ben Brown, Jonah Sowmi, Nathaniel Kelly, Oskar Stubbs, Patrick Mangraviti, Ethan McCardell, Sam Grifa, Dominic Saia and Dean Sozeridis. Congratulations to all the boys who performed to an extremely high standard on the night. A big thank you to our Percussion Tutor Mr Steve Machamer for his professionalism and organisation of the evening.

**Mr Jody Ohl**  
Music and Drama Coordinator





Christian Brothers' High School  
Lewisham  
P & F Open Forum  
Parent Master Class Session  
**NAPLAN**



The P&F Committee would like to invite Parents and Carers of  
CBHS Lewisham to participate in the  
P & F Open Forum

*"Parent Master Class Session"*

Monica O'Brien, Assistant Principal – Curriculum and Bernadette Yates,  
Diverse Learning Coordinator will be presenting...

NAPLAN – The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy.

The NAPLAN results will be discussed along with, how to read the Achievement Scale, how does NAPLAN help your son at School, what impact will the results have on your son's future and much more...

**Date:** Tuesday 25 October 2016

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Where:** Treacy Centre, CBHS Lewisham

**RSVP:** Monday, 24 October 2016 to  
[parentsandfriends@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au)  
Please note that RSVP is essential for this event.

