

## THE INCREDIBLES YOUTH CAMP

22nd—24th November 2013  
Baden-Powell Scout Centre, Pennant Hills



*"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has not been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."  
1 John 4:7-8*



## YEAR 9 HISTORY EXCURSION TO COCKATOO ISLAND

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 9 went on an excursion to Cockatoo Island. We caught a train to Circular Quay and then a ferry to the island. This island was very historic because it has been settled since 1839 and was used as a convict penal settlement, a school, and a prison.



This trip revealed different layers of history with many different sources to increase our knowledge of Australian History. We had a booklet that had to be completed, which had a lot of information for us to understand. It also allowed us to imagine how people had lived, what they wore, and the difficult experiences they had to face; especially during the Great Depression where all the workers lost their jobs.



The Cockatoo Island excursion was a great experience. It opened our knowledge to parts of Australian History that have been lost or gone unnoticed.

*Emily Habib and Zeynep Korkmaz, 9.1*



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# Delany News



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### Upcoming Events:

Tuesday 17th December  
*Last Day of Term 4*

Wednesday 29th January 2014  
*Year 7 & Peer Support to attend school summer uniform*

Thursday 30th January 2014  
*All students to attend sports uniform*



### UNIFORM SHOP 2014 OPENING HOURS

During the holidays:

Wednesday 22nd January  
9.00am-11.00am

Tuesday 28th January  
9.00am-11.00am

Wednesday 29th January to  
Friday 31st January  
8.30am-9.30am

Dear Parents, students and friends of Delany.

## Seriously Hampered at Delany

Riding the favourite at Royal Randwick, the jockey is well ahead of the field. Suddenly he's hit on the head by a turkey and a string of sausages. He manages to keep control of his mount and pulls back into the lead, only to be struck by a box of Christmas crackers and a dozen mince pies, as he turns into the home straight. With great skill he manages to steer the horse to the front of the field once more when, on the run in, he's struck on the head by a bottle of sherry and a Christmas pudding. Thus distracted, he runs dead last. He immediately goes to the stewards to complain. When asked on what basis he was making his complaint he said, "I have been **seriously hampered** in the running of the race."



I apologise for the lame joke!

Seriously hampered is the way I would describe Delany College as we prepared our Christmas Hampers for St Vincent de Paul to distribute to families in the greater Granville area. Each year our staff and students bring in mountains of goods that are made up in baskets and presented in the Offertory Procession at our end of year mass. For a small school it never ceases to amaze that the generosity of spirit is so evident and alive in our community, especially at Christmas time.

These hampers are our way of doing God's work. Today more than ever, Jesus needs to be born in our life and in our world. Our world is darkened by human selfishness, pride and sin. We need Jesus to reconcile us with God and one another. Our being seriously hampered is our way of saying to ourselves and to others that Jesus is born in our hearts and our lives at Christmas.

God bless you and your families this Christmas. Thank you for your wonderful support, that has been so freely given in 2013.

*Peter Wade*  
Principal



Delany College in the tradition and spirit of the Patrician Brothers  
*'Open your hearts to the gift of faith' Pope Benedict XVI*

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

All students will receive their Semester 2 reports on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Staff will be available on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December for any Parent/Teacher/Students interviews. Please contact the College office to arrange a meeting time.

### TEXT BOOKS 2014

The orders for textbooks 2014 can now be made via Campion books online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) Please click on order now, select Delany College and use the access code "4NVS". Students are required to have the appropriate textbooks as early as possible in the school year.

### BEGINNING 2014

I would encourage students and parents to ensure they are organised in preparation for the beginning of the academic year. This includes the correct uniform, books and resources. Year 7 begin on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January and Years 8-11 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

### THANK YOU

I would like to this opportunity thank both students and parents for a successful 2013. I wish all in the community a safe and restful holiday break.

God bless

Rick Grech  
Assistant Principal

## WELLBEING

What a fantastic year 2013 has been and how fast has it gone. A student asked the time in class the other day, when I told him he was surprised that the period was almost over. When we are doing things that we enjoy, the time goes fast and this is what has happened this year. The school community has been involved in many activities from carnivals, World Youth Day, excursions, camps, retreats and lots of learning in class. Yes, the year has flown but it has done so because you have been living and learning in the Delany community.

As we finish the year, it's important to remember to use this holiday time to recharge our batteries. The rest we get in the Christmas holidays is essential and will prepare us for more challenges and learning next year. While the students in 7-10 don't have any work during the break (except for reading) the HSC students must use this time effectively. These holidays are a time to prepare for the half year exams and get organised for a very busy year.

On behalf of all the homeroom teachers, assistant Leaders of Wellbeing (Mr Johnson and Ms Farrell) and the Leaders of Wellbeing (Mrs Pittman and Mr Clark) I would like to wish you a very Holy and Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

Mr Nicholas Thrum  
Director of Student Wellbeing



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Advent



Advent begins **Sunday, 1st December 2013**,  
and ends **Tuesday, 24 December 2013**.

*Hope, Peace, Love, Joy.*

*The Birth of Christ*

"For the great human family, it is necessary to renew always the common horizon toward which we are journeying. **The horizon of hope!** This is the horizon that makes a good journey. The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints!  
He is faithful!"

Pope Francis said Dec. 1 to the crowds in St. Peter's Square.

We are reminded by the Church that the season of Advent is a time of expectancy – we are to prepare with joy in our hearts for the coming of Christ (Catechism of the Catholic Compendium, no 102).

The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the *Parousia*, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. The traditional colour of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit.

*Loving God,  
we thank you for your gift of love shown to us  
perfectly in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Help us prepare our hearts to receive him.  
Help us to hear and to do your word.  
We say it in the name of the One born in Bethlehem.  
Amen.*

*May the blessings of the Lord, shine upon you this  
Christmas and forever.*

Religious Education Coordinator  
Mrs. Ivanka Rancic

## SCULPTURE BY THE SEA



There's only one problem with "Sculpture by the Sea" at Bondi – it doesn't run for long enough.

At the beginning of November we made our annual pilgrimage to this amazing outdoor exhibition with our Year 9, 10 and 11 Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photography students and as usual we were not disappointed.

The outdoor venue of the Tamarama to Bondi coastal walk is the perfect backdrop and students snapped many photographic images of contemporary sculptures by artists from both Australia and overseas.

Two of the standout favourites from this years exhibition were Chinese artist Qian Sihua's "Bubble No.5" made from painted stainless steel and Lucy Humphrey's "Horizon", a large acrylic sphere filled with water which reflected the Bondi landscape upside down. The Sydney based architect won the Allen's People's Choice Award as well as the Kid's Choice Award.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This is to express my profound thanks to staff, students and parents for all your support and hard work for making the Christmas hampers a great success. Many of you have gone out of your way, even spending a good sum of money to include substantial quality items to make the Christmas hampers look truly festive. You have done this for a good cause and I am sure the Lord who sees in silence will reward you in different ways. Look out for his rewards.



Christmas hampers will be presented by each class at the final mass today December and they will then be delivered to the needy families in our local area.

Wish you all a Merry Christmas.  
Thomas

## NOVEMBER

This was the fifth year that the male staff and Year 12 students donated their faces to raise awareness about men's health through participation in Movember. Our commitment was the growth of a moustache for the entire month of Movember, which we hoped would generate conversation, controversy and laughter.

Movember aims to change the face of men's health by putting a fun twist on a serious issue. Using the moustache as a catalyst, we wanted to bring about change and give men the opportunity and confidence to learn and talk about their health more openly and take action.

As has become our tradition, we held a Movember morning tea on the final Friday of November where we celebrated our successes with the staff and participating students. During the morning tea we presented two special awards: Mr and Miss Movember. The 2013 recipients for these awards were Andre Mich and Miss Baldacchino, respectively.



Miss Movember  
Miss Baldacchino



Man of Movember  
Andre Mich

We thank Mr Chidiac for generously sponsoring our Moscar award and giving up his time to attend the Movember morning tea, where he personally presented the award. Mr Chidiac bestowed the honour upon the individual he felt had grown the most impressive, masculine and character defining moustache – Mr Grech.



The Moscar for the most impressive, masculine and character defining moustache, presented to Mr Grech by Mr Chidiac with Mr Clark.

Thank you for enabling us to stand tall and proud under the Movember flag. Your encouragement and donations allowed us to fight the good fight and truly change the face of men's health. For this we salute and thank you."

**FOR 2014 - NEWS FROM THE SATURDAY SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGES**

**Information about the Saturday School of Community Languages:**

The Saturday School of Community Languages (SSCL) is a Department of Education and Training secondary school that offers language courses to students wishing to study their background language. Students are eligible to enrol if the language requested is **their background community language and the language is not available at our school.**

The SSCL offers 25 languages at 14 centres in Sydney, for the Record of School Achievement (ROSA) and Higher School Certificate level, and the school operates only on Saturdays, thus enabling all interested high school students to attend.

The languages available for study through the SSCL are:

Arabic	Armenian	Bengali
Chinese	Croatian	Dutch
Filipino	Hindi	Hungarian
Italian	Japanese	Khmer
Korean	Macedonian	Maltese
Modern Greek	Persian (Dari/Farsi)	
Polish	Portuguese	Punjabi
Serbian	Spanish	Turkish
Ukrainian	Vietnamese	

**Delany students at SSCL:**

For over a number of years, Delany College has had many students studying their community language at Saturday School. While all these students work on improving their skills in their own background languages, the students in Years 10, 11 and 12 also have the advantage of including their language as part of their Record of School Achievement and Higher School Certificate courses.

**Undertaking to study a language at the Saturday School while in Years 11 and 12, offers further benefits:** It will free the students from an elective line and allow them extra time in a study-group, which in turn will enable the students to access support in order to meet their learning needs. Studying this extra language also places the students in a better position to take advantage of employment opportunities.



**It is noteworthy to state that in previous years, a number of HSC students from Delany who studied their community language at Saturday School achieved either a Band 6 or a Band 5 for these 2 Unit courses.**

We would encourage other students to apply in order to study their community language at Saturday School.

**New enrolments for 2014:**

Applications should reach the SSCL before the 18th of December 2014.

In 2014, classes at the Saturday School will commence on Saturday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2014. The formal enrolment period ends on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2014, so please submit applications as soon as possible, otherwise documentary evidence as proof of prior learning would be required for those enrolling students who are in Years 10, 11 and 12.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Since 2010 HSC Heritage Courses have been offered for study in Chinese, Japanese and Korean. These courses are aimed at students who do have a background in the language but are not of a proficient enough level to do the HSC Background Speakers course. There are strict eligibility criteria for these courses. **Classes fill quickly for these courses so it advisable to apply as soon as possible if you wish to enrol.**

If your child is interested in enrolling in their background language at Saturday School for 2014 please contact Mrs. Prasad (go to the front office) in order to obtain an enrolment form.

This needs to be filled out and returned to Mrs. Prasad as soon as possible.

**GOLD AWARD**



**Lamia Germanos**

Lamia has completed her Gold Award. In completing her hours of service she has refereed at a Primary Touch Football Day, assisted at the St Oliver's Sports Carnival, participated in the Door Knock Appeal and helped with the Multicultural Food Fair.

The Gold award requires students to fulfil two criteria:

**Academic achievement.** This incorporates all elements of in-class activity and includes academic progress, homework, co-operation, behaviour and participation in KLA activities.

**Internal and wider community service.** This refers to activities inside and outside the college. Each student sets goals that demonstrate the student's leadership skills and commitment over time to an activity which exhibits a positive community attitude.

By receiving a Gold Award 500 points is added to the corresponding house.

The Silver award requires students to fulfil two criteria:

**Academic achievement.** This incorporates all elements of in-class activity and includes academic progress, homework, co-operation, behaviour and participation in KLA activities.

**Internal community service.** This refers to activities inside and outside the college. Each student sets goals that demonstrate the student's leadership skills and commitment overtime to an activity which exhibits a positive community attitude.

By receiving a Silver Award 200 points is added to the corresponding House.

**SILVER AWARD**



**Chloe Zaiter**



**Zeynep Korkmaz**



**Wesley Swalah McDahrou**



**Nihal Singh**



**Rachel Tuala**



**Santa Mander**



# PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

This award is presented to a student from each year group who is judged to have contributed greatly to the school community. This contribution is seen through their quiet & significant willingness to be of service to others, their reliability to complete tasks & their initiative in offering assistance in many ways.



**YEAR 7**  
Lillian Irima



**YEAR 8**  
Wesley Swalah McDahrou



**YEAR 9**  
Tawanda Baye



**YEAR 10**  
Raphaella Chidiac



**YEAR 11**  
Adiing Juach

# THE OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

## YEAR 7

- 1ST PLACE Lillian Irima
- 2ND PLACE Madeline Zaher
- 3RD PLACE Pauline Gerges

## YEAR 8

- 1ST PLACE Elisar Salameh
- 2ND PLACE Divashna Kumar
- 3RD PLACE Hilary Lim

## YEAR 9

- 1ST PLACE Zeynep Korkmaz
- 2ND PLACE Rachel Tuala
- 3RD PLACE Cristian Carniel

## YEAR 10

- 1ST PLACE Taylor Dib
- 2ND PLACE Michelle Devadason
- 3RD PLACE Raphaella Chidiac

## YEAR 11

- 1ST PLACE Victor Matos
- 2ND PLACE Melissa Aguirre Acuna
- 3RD PLACE Oliver Boufarhat

# REUBEN F SCARF FOR COMMITMENT AWARD

## Rachel Tuala

This award is presented to a student who shows consistent effort and desire to improve. The recipient is chosen from Year 7 to 9.



# THE JOSEPH TIERNEY AWARD

## Nathan Golfis

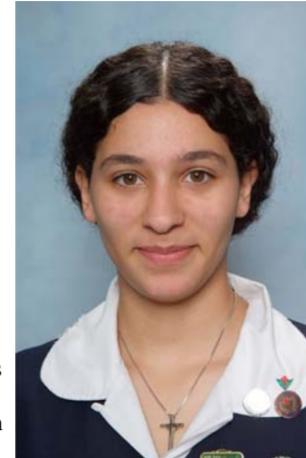
This award is presented to a student in Year 11 who is seen as trustworthy, honest, disciplined, someone who shows good College spirit and involves himself in College activities and contributes to all aspects of College life.



# THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARD

## Lamia Germanos

This award is presented to a student in Year 10 who displays the application of a high standard of values in facets of life, a student willing to listen to other points of view and incorporate them. This student appreciates the value of everyone in a team & their own presences in a team enhances the outcome.



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY AWARD

## Victor Matos

This award is presented to a student in Year 11 who has been judged to be the most outstanding student in the year group. This student has demonstrated leadership, academic, cultural and all -round excellence in College life. The student who receives this award is recognised for their hard work and achievement.



# THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY AWARD

## Taylor Dib

This award is presented to a student in Year 10 who has consistently demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.



# BR CHARLES PERSISTANCE & DETERMINATION IN LEARNING AWARD

## Agar Mawan

This award recognises a student who has faced challenges to his learning and has overcome them through determined effort over a significant period of time.



# CSSA TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION DIVISION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

- Year 7 Lillian Irima
- Year 8 Elisar Salameh
- Year 9 Zeynep Korkmaz
- Year 10 Taylor Dib
- Year 11 Victor Matos

This Scholarship is presented to a student who has academically achieved to the highest level in each year.

# CALTEX ALL-ROUNDER AWARD

## David Sassine

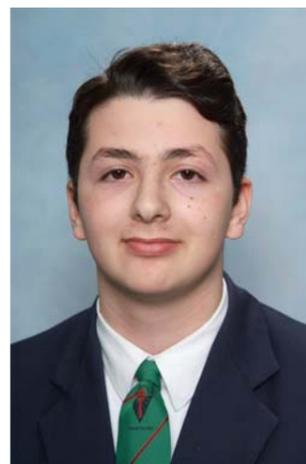
This award is presented to a student in Year 10 who has excelled in a range of areas of College life. This student is highly respected by his peers and staff. He has achieved highly in academic studies and has represented the College in sport and/or cultural activities.



# 2013 AUSTRALIAN ART AWARD

## Mario Sukkar

For his work entitled 'The Three Sisters' This is presented to this student whose impressive art work was chosen to receive the Gold Medal Award as a finalist in the 2013 Young Australian Art Awards.



# LIGHTHOUSE PROGRAM AWARD

## Hahano Namoa

The Lighthouse Program is a successful community partnership between Catholic Schools, TAFE and local industry in Western Sydney. Students are placed with their mentors in their place of work for one day a week over 18 weeks. Students receive support from their mentors whilst learning key industry skills as well as employability skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving and developing initiative. Students receive a portfolio written evidence of their new skills, along with a Certificate 1 in Work Preparation.