

Delany News



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Upcoming Events in March

Sunday 20th

Palm Sunday Procession
Parramatta Town Hall 5pm

Monday 21st

Harmony Day
"Everyone Belongs"

Tuesday 22nd

Parent Forum Cyber Safety
6:30pm - 7:30pm
Admission Free - All Welcome



Thursday 24th

Holy Thursday Easter Mass

Friday 25th

Good Friday Night Walk
Starts at 10pm
St Patrick's Church, Blacktown

Monday 28th

Easter Monday



Dear Delany Community,

As I began my Principalship at Delany College, the words of St Paul to the Romans enshrined on our school crest – Love, Serve and Hope – have become more heightened in my dealings with teachers, students and parents. I have seen these values in action when teachers and support staff show a genuine care and interest in the welfare of all students. It is this care for the learning and growth of our young people that drives the interest to serve their wants and needs.

When I walk through the learning spaces I see students urgently seeking knowledge by collaborating with their peers and celebrating success when their work comes to fruition. In my day-to-day dealings with parents I hear their hopes about their children's future success and I assure them that we are working very hard to support and facilitate that success.

When St Paul wrote these words he was doing so to reiterate to some members of his community, the attributes of living as a true Christian. Today we read these same words which strengthen our resolve to live as Christian Catholics as Christ would have wanted.

I remind parents and friends that we are holding a forum on Tuesday 22 March from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Cyber Safety. This is being facilitated by Constable Dusan Dakic. We have opened the invitation to all Primary parents as well as members of the Holy Trinity and Holy Family Parishes.

God Bless
Mr Robert Muscat
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

If your children are like my children they inhabit the exciting and sometimes murky world of the internet. I have the advantage over some parents that, as a teacher in the twenty first century, I *have to be relatively up to date with the technology and all the "lingo" that surrounds it.*

There is a great challenge in schools (and at home) with respect to technology. It is a key link in learning but it can be a significant distraction if used inappropriately. The internet opens learning opportunities that simply didn't exist when I went to school.

It also opens up channels of communication and social connection through applications such as:

instant messaging, snapchat, facebook, twitter, flickr, instagram and many, many more.

Do you know what your children are using? Do you know what these app's are used for?

I strongly urge you to join Senior Constable Dusan Dakic and Delany College staff to learn about a range of issues that surround the internet and cyber safety for you and your children.

St Patrick pray for us.
Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

Parent Forum @ Delany College

Tuesday 22 March 2016 at 6:30pm - 7:30pm
To register go to <http://tinyurl.com/DelanyCyberSafety>
or call the College on 9637 7788

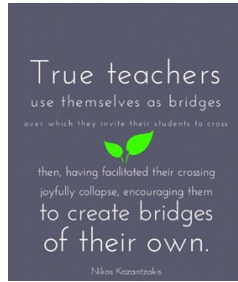
FREE ADMISSION ALL WELCOME

Delany College in the tradition and spirit of the Patrician Brothers
"Pride, Persistence, Passion!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

My time at Delany has come to an end after seven years. Teaching at Delany has only been a positive experience for me. I leave with some sadness and many fond and happy memories. My students have inspired me to be the best teacher and person that I can be. I have always taught from the heart and aimed to inspire, encourage, instruct, mentor and guide your children. My wish for all is that your children be the kindest, smartest and most beautiful people in the world. I hope that I have been a stable and strong bridge for your children so that they can create their own bridge to life. Until we meet again, may God Bless you and keep you in the palm of his hand.

Mrs Ivanka Rancic



HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY begins Holy Week.

HOLY/MAUNDY THURSDAY represents the institution of the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, the Mass, the Divine Liturgy.

GOOD FRIDAY, the cross is the radical expression of love that gives itself completely; it is the expression of a life that is completely being for others.

Holy week culminates with the **GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**. The service consists of four parts:

1) Lighting of the Paschal candle, 2) Liturgy of the Word, 3) Holy Baptism & 4) First Eucharist of Easter.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

24 HOURS WITH THE LORD

A number of our students attended an initiative at St Patrick's Cathedral that involved leading members of the public in prayer and music. Fr Paul, a Diocesan Priest, opened the Cathedral to allow for Catholics to 'sit with the Lord' over a 24hr period.



CURRICULUM

The NAPLAN tests for 2016 will be held on Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May.

This year, ACARA, the testing body, have told us that the writing task will be a persuasive text or narrative. ACARA have published on their website some resources to help prepare students for this task, <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/parent-carer-support.html>.

The NAPLAN website also has a FAQ page that has the answers to most questions that parents and students have about the test. Over the next few weeks the College will start to revise and prepare for NAPLAN. If you have any questions about the assessments or your child's progress, please contact the College.

Mr Mark Robinson
Director of Teaching and Learning

CATCHING THEM DOING IT RIGHT

A month ago, collectively as a group, Year 8 students set themselves a goal. That goal was that each student in Year 8 will work towards attaining a Bronze certificate per term.

To attain a Bronze certificate the student must receive 10 merits and/or KLAs. These merits and KLAs are awarded by the teachers to the student based on their efforts and academic progress. A student can also be awarded a merit based on their actions that show effective teamwork, empathy and ability to positively influence others.



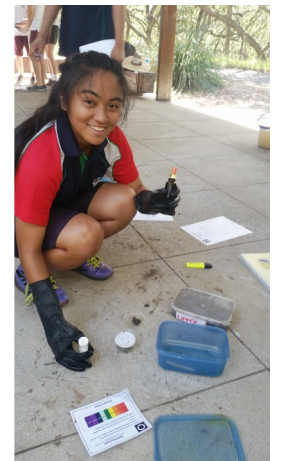
Attaining Bronze certificates is the first level of Delany's Leadership Pathway. This Leadership Pathway will be re-launched soon. Students who aspire to become Delany School leaders will need to attain other certificates in order to be considered for a School Leadership position.

I am pleased to report that almost all students in Year 8 have made a good start to attaining their first Bronze certificate.

Mrs Ison
Co Leader of Learning Stage 4

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY

Year 11 Biology students went to Sydney Olympic Park Mangrove Wetlands to study the adaptations of the plants and animals in this very salty ecosystem. They also measured environmental conditions such as salinity, pH and humidity.



YEAR 7 CAMP TO VISION VALLEY



Year 7 STEPPED UP to every challenge that was thrown at them during their 2 days at Vision Valley Camp. Students showed teamwork, initiative, leadership, empathy and encouragement as they rotated through the activities. Raft building proved a challenge as all groups rafts capsized. The flying fox was loads of fun and resulted in a number of students who were not going to have a go no matter what their group, teachers or vision valley leaders said... taking the leap of faith off the platform and then coming back for another go. Some students saw a red belly black snake on the bushwalk, as well as wallabies, birds and an angry ants nest.

The temperature rose to 38 degrees, and in the afternoon some activities had to be cancelled - students and teachers were happy to cool off in the pool and enjoy some water slide fun instead. A special mention to our Year 10 Patrician Leaders who assisted on camp. Rasha Abouhalka, Chelsie Valencia, Alex Germanos, Elizabeth Chahroura, Elizabeth Kondok, Jasmine Diab and Thuzar Oo.

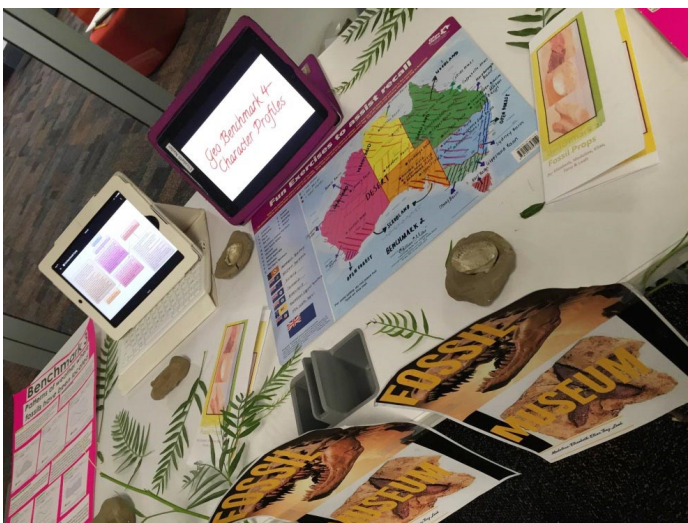
Thanks to the staff that took time away from their families to attend camp with Year 7. Mrs Bellamy, Mrs Lennon, Miss Whittiker, Mr Casey and Mr Robinson.

Mrs Carly Baldwin
Co Leader of Teaching Stage 4



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY AND SCIENCE

On Friday the 4th of March, my year group and I were given the opportunity to showcase our understanding on The Jurassic World through the use of "mini-museums" to our grade and supporting teachers.



During the past few weeks, my year group and I were split into groups of 4 and allocated a combined Geography and Science task based on the Jurassic Era, by our teachers Mrs Venhuizen and Miss Magistrado. In order to have completed the task, our groups were assigned a series of benchmarks based on fossils, fossil formation and the location of fossils in Australia. Through our findings, mini-museums were put to display featuring iMovies, slideshows, brochures, as well as fossils produced by clay.



It was an overall fantastic learning experience, not only to showcase our group's "mini-museum", but to also visit our fellow classmates', for it enhanced our understanding of the great era.

A big thank you to Mrs Venhuizen and Miss Magistrado for supporting and guiding my year group and I, throughout the whole learning experience of Jurassic World!

Madeline Zaher 10.2



SCHOOL FEES

School Fees Statements have now been issued and are due now. Flexible Payment Plans have been set up. If you have any enquiries regarding these payments do not hesitate to contact the college.

Mrs Ana Smith



CONGRATULATIONS TO MOHOMMED

Congratulations to Mohommed who has been participating in the FFA/ NSW Elite National Premier League program for Mt Druitt Town Rangers FC, he has been invited to participate in a Portuguese tournament (Vila Franca do Rosario

International Tournament) over the Easter period, one of 8 teams including the Youth Academies of Portuguese super clubs Sporting Lisbon, Benfica, Belenenses, Estroil, Spanish team Real Club Recreativo de Huelva, also attend Sporting Lisbon's Academy, Porto FC Academy, Benfica Museum. Mohommed will live in the historical coastal town of Ericeira and will be integrating with players of Europe.

BOOTCAMP FOR YEAR 9 BOYS

Year 9 boys did Boot Camp for Sport this week with Mrs Ison and Ramy Raya. We started off gathering in groups of 5, having to run as a team around four bins in our first activity. In our second activity we had to carry a tyre to all bins with our group back and forth. Both activities required us to use teamwork and stay with our teammates.



For the third activity we got into 5 groups of 2, one person doing 5 push-ups using a medicine ball, while the other person was doing squats. At the same time the other half of the group were doing push-ups, sit ups and burpees. The fourth activity was done by dividing the group into 2, each group on either side of the field. Groups had to run with a thick rope held above their heads and do push-ups. Overall, Boot Camp was a challenging, but fun experience.

By Hakim Al Hakim

CONGRATULATIONS TO DESTAN

Destan has been selected for the PDSSSC rugby league team. He plays next Wednesday in a trial game.



TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAMS



Delany College have 4 teams playing in the PDSSSC Touch Football Competition. Girls & boys, intermediate and junior teams play every Thursday at Whalan Reserve.

YEAR 9 GIRL'S ROCK AND WATER

The year 9 girls practised the ancient art of 'Rock and Water' during Thursday afternoon sport. They did **Boxing pad and glove combinations, Chinese boxing and Sleeping Lions** which is a meditation activity. In doing the activities they employed aspects of the learning wheel like **grit, determination and focus**.
Mr Johnson



BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Delany College entered two girls teams, one junior and one senior into the Basketball gala day held at Penrith Stadium. The girls played valiantly but could not come away with the win.



JUNIOR TEAM: Aewyn Mendez, Paris Youssef, Isabella Shamoun, Augustina Asabre, Ngaliyah Garcia Joseph, Toaila Liutai & Nicole Croombes.

COACH: Ms Ivy Magistrado **ASSISTANT COACH:** Angelo Manalo
SPECIAL MENTION: Augustina for her enthusiasm and Paris for her defensive expertise.



SENIOR TEAM: Bettina Francisco, Nora Monday, Elizabeth Kondok, Chelsie Valencia, Supiesi Mafoa, Ashley Malkoun, Hilary Lim, Taylor Savea & Cassandra Nader.

COACH: Ms Tanya Whiticker

SPECIAL MENTION: Nora, Elizabeth & Supiesi for their unwavering commitment.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Bettina

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