

Delany News



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Upcoming Events in April

Monday 4th - Friday 8th
Year 12 Assessment Week

Tuesday 5th
Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion
Supreme Court
Downing Centre Courts

Wednesday 6th
End of Term Assembly &
Mrs Rancic's farewell
All parents welcome
Introduction to The Superior
General of the Patrician
Brothers - Br Jerome Ellens
Morning Tea will follow

Friday 8th
Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 26th
First Day of Term 2
All students to attend
Winter uniform to be worn

Wednesday 27th
Anzac Day Ceremony
Delany College

Dear Delany Community,

Raising children was never meant to be easy but many parents would agree that societal pressures have compounded the stress and difficulties that families face in nurturing children. The cause of most issues is the level of distraction that young people have to deal with.

Technology has allowed enormous opportunities to be available from knowledge gathering to creative design. However, "being connected" as a level of consciousness for some people, ironically, eventuates in them being disconnected from real relationships and possibly reality itself.

As parents and educators, we need to teach young people that there are times when technology can enhance our lives but there are also times when it can distort our perception.

Students and staff are familiar with the learning wheel as a framework to develop the teaching and learning that supports how learners learn to learn. We are working towards reshaping how students utilize technology as a positive tool for learning that promotes good influences and purposeful communication.

God Bless
Mr Robert Muscat
Principal




Updated advice for HSC students about examinations

[Advice for HSC students about examinations](#) has been updated on the Students Online website to include important information about the 2016 HSC examinations.

See following link:

http://studentsonline.bostes.nsw.edu.au/go/examspreparing_for_your_written_exams/advice-hsc-exams/

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Back in the twentieth century I attended St Patrick's College, a Christian Brothers school. Today at Delany College I continue to have the opportunity to celebrate the greatest of Irish Catholic traditions - St Patrick's Day. On Thursday 17 March I had the privilege and enjoyment of attending two functions.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE

HCC is celebrating 125 years since its foundation in 1891 - which makes it the third oldest Patrician school in the world (after St Patrick's in Chennai (1875) and St Joseph's in Coonoor (1888). There were, in fact, many Patrician schools (mostly in rural NSW) which pre-date HCC but none are still in operation. Not only is the school celebrating its quasiquicentennial but 17 March was used to officially open a magnificent new learning space. The ceremony was attended by representatives from the Patrician community of Brothers, the HCC staff and students, all Patrician schools in Sydney, and the wider community of the Ryde district. It was a fitting celebration and recognition of our Patrician heritage. My thanks goes to our two Delany College leaders - Thorie Tembo and Jayden Da Silva - for attending with me and representing our students.

The celebrations at Delany College, although on a smaller scale, were nonetheless exciting. The day began with Mass celebrated by Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE. During the Mass our Year 7 students were inducted into the Delany community with a presentation of our College pin by the Year 12 students. It was very pleasing to see so many of the Year 7 students arrive at school on the following day with the pin in their lapel. Throughout the middle of the day our students were engaged in a variety of sporting activities - not as good as normal classes perhaps, but still good fun!



These activity days don't organise themselves. I want to acknowledge the leadership of many Year 11 students who planned and facilitated the activities throughout the day. The future of leadership at Delany College is in good hands! There were also a host of staff who worked above and beyond the call of duty to provide the opportunity for our students to have a successful and enjoyable day.

TERM 2

This is the final newsletter for term 1 - where has the time gone!?! I would like to remind all students that they are to return on Tuesday 26 April in full winter uniform.

I wish everyone a safe and restful term break.

St Patrick pray for us.

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Last Thursday, to celebrate the importance of the Last Supper and the upcoming Easter Triduum, the students of Delany College participated in a liturgy. The liturgy focused on the Passion Journey of Christ and encouraged students and staff alike to reflect on the great love Jesus showed through his sacrifice on the cross. Students from Year 7 through to Year 12 participated in the reenactment of the Easter Journey. Thank you to those students who were involved, it was a meaningful and reflective experience for all.

Ms Karina Anthony

CURRICULUM

At the end of this term yr12 will complete their half yearly exams and at the start of term 2 yr11, 10 and 9 will have their half yearly exam block. It's about now that students start to summarise their notes for each subject. Is this the best way to study? Everyone learns and remembers in a different way, so different ideas are worth a try. There are a few websites that have some great suggestions, the best one is HSC on line, <http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/learn-skills/study-skills> Below are two other sites that are worth a look as well.

<http://learnline.cdu.edu.au/studyskills/studyskills/revision.html>
<http://learnonline.canberra.edu.au/course/view.php?id=2101>

As always, your child's teacher is a great place to start if you have any concerns.

Mr Mark Robinson
Director of Teaching and Learning

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK



The Good Friday Walk from Blacktown to Parramatta was spiritual and enlightening because we were surrounded by family and friends. Grace

The Walk that we attended on Friday was religiously strengthening. Though we walked a long distance, all participants were driven and never gave up. Overall it was a good night and I would recommend all students to participate in the future. Mariam

During the Good Friday Walk the students and teachers participated in the 23km walk from Blacktown to Parramatta to endure the pain of Jesus Christ. Nora

The Good Friday Walk was amazing! We were all there for the same purpose, experiencing God's love and mercy. Celine

The Good Friday Walk was an event of spiritual awakening. The walk is an example of Christian unity in the reflection of the suffering of Christ. The walk was a time of reflection on our values as Catholics, of the crosses we bear and of the sufferings of those around us. #mercyhasaface #hediedforus Chloe

READING CHALLENGE

Students stop the Summer slide!

The 'Summer Slide' is the name given by education researchers for students' loss of knowledge and skills that commonly occurs during holiday breaks. Educational challenges are one way of keeping up student learning gains. That is why the Executive Director's **Summer Reading Challenge** takes place during the long summer holidays. Students who read regularly keep their brains in better working order!



Similarly, the **Premier's Reading Challenge**, which runs from March to August, encourages students to expand their vocabulary, knowledge and organisational skills by completing a reading program of twenty books from a set list of challenging fiction and non-fiction. We congratulate Brandon Zaiter of Year 7 and Sylvia Ram of Year 8 for their successful completion of the Summer Reading Challenge.



MOCK TRIAL AT DELANY COLLEGE

Our school has been competing in Mock Trial for a few years now. The Mock Trial competition is based on a pretend court case and is held by the Law and Society of NSW. The Mock Trial is a mock court where there are solicitors, barristers, court officers, witnesses and a Magistrates Clerk/Court Officer. In each round students are given the opportunity to play the role of the plaintiff/prosecution or defence, depending on the scenario. The Mock Trial is a great opportunity to witness what occurs in a court as well as having fun for all those that want to become members of the legal system in the future as well as all other people interested in the law and its impact in society.



Rasha addressing students.

Our first round was last Wednesday, which was a pleasure to compete in. We competed against Meriden College in Strathfield; we had a very good time and did well. Our school hosted the event.



Jasmine addressing Delany students.

The students who are undertaking roles in the Mock Trial include Mary Ghribian, Ramy Raya, Chloe Zaiter, Wesley Swalah Mcdahrou, Elizabeth Kondok, Rasha Abouhalka and Jasmine Diab. All participants are doing a fabulous job. We encourage all students in years 9,10 and 11 to participate in this competition as it is really fun, challenging and helps with confidence skills. We look forward to seeing you all. Thank you.

Jasmine Diab & Rasha Abouhalka Yr 10



Mock Trial students using costumes at Open Day.

SCHOOL FEES

School Fees are now due. If you have paid, thank you. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss payment arrangements.

Mrs Ana Smith

PARENTS REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Parramatta Diocese (PRC)

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME

TERM 2: Monday 30 May 2016 at 7pm

Venue: Diocesan Assembly Centre, Blacktown

Topic: Special Needs Classes in our schools including ASPECT

Western Sydney School Satellite classes

Presenter: ASPECT Western Sydney School.

TERM 3: Monday 22 Aug 2016 at 7pm

Venue: Nagle Girls' Catholic College, Blacktown

Topic: Helping your child manage Anxiety

Presenter: Anoushka Houseman, Clinical Psychologist/ Lead counsellor, CEDP

HOLY TRINITY EASTER BONNET PARADE

Well done to the Senior Creative Arts Portfolio students of Delany College who ran the Easter Bonnet Parade competition for Kindergarten, First and Second classes at Holy Trinity.

The Infants students were really excited about the competition and had made their special hats during class with their teachers. Their Principal Mrs Helen Boyer acted as compere introducing each class and encouraging them to pose and act as Easter Bunnies.



A first place was awarded for each year group along with a "People's Choice" award. Mr Robert Muscat, our Principal, was employed as official judge and was assisted by members of the Senior Creative Arts Portfolio team.



Special thanks must go to Carissa Bland and Cristian Carniel who were the spokesmen for the awards and Alyssa Turner of Year 11 who produced the promotional poster and acted as press photographer on the day.

Ms Louise Broué
Creative and Performing
Arts Leader of Learning



DELANY SWIMMING CARNIVAL THE WINNING HOUSE IS **CHISHOLM!**

AGE CHAMPIONS



U12	Asli Yerlikaya	Sione Liutai
U13	Laura Awad	Jack Keys
U14	Tavishi Peiris	Jonathan Abounader
U15	Taleb Salameh	
Open Girls	Elisar Salameh	

PDSSSC SWIMMING

Congratulations to Paris & Abraham Yousseff and Laura Awad who represented the college at the PDSSSC swimming carnival last Friday at Sydney Olympic park .



'It was an absolute pleasure to supervise our Delany swimmers at today's carnival. They are a credit to themselves and the school. Their behaviour was outstanding and the sportsmanship even better. They all swam their personal best times and really enjoyed themselves.'

Kind regards, Joe Awad

LASER-TAG
Thursday
sport, girls
laser-tag, Ace
marks-women,
all of them.



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