

Delany News



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Upcoming Events in May

Friday 6th
Mothers Day Mass
9.15-10.15am

Tues 10th - Thurs 12th
Years 7 & 9
NAPLAN Assessment

Monday 16th
Year 12
English Excursion
Sydney Theatre Company

Wednesday 18th
Year 11
Photography Excursion

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Dear Delany Community,

The College commemorated ANZAC day in a moving assembly that involved RSL members and current serving ADF personnel. Lt. Col Francis of the Parramatta Lancers and Mr Barry Bullivant, President of the RSL Sub-Branch Granville addressed the community about the meaning of the ANZAC heritage and its relevance today. In particular Mr Bullivant made reference to the ANZAC spirit, forged by the heroic actions of the soldiers at Gallipoli, in relation to what we can learn and adopt in our lives. He described events when these soldiers shared mateship, adaptability and resourcefulness which became capabilities that would shape and define the nature of the Australian digger during and after the war.

Students and Staff were reminded that although Gallipoli is over 100 years old, we can still reflect on the significance of the campaign and its legacy in nurturing a nation that values respect, friendship and humour.

I thank Mrs Venhuizen, Mrs McCarren and student leaders for organising the ceremony.

The College was privileged to have Br Jerome, Superior-General of the Patrician Community visit our staff and students before the holidays. He was extremely impressed with our social justice initiatives and how we continue the Patrician heritage.

I am happy to announce that Ms Karina Anthony is our new Religious Education Coordinator and we welcome her to the role.

God Bless
Mr Robert Muscat,
Principal



Brother Jerome
addressing our assembly.

COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY

The College ANZAC Day Service also officially launched the ANZAC Memorial and Photo Essay, funded under the Australian Government's ANZAC Centenary Local Grants Program.

Invited guests in attendance were Mr Barry Bullivant OAM, President of Granville RSL Sub Branch, Mrs June Bullivant OAM, Mr Harry Stephens, Historian, Mrs Susan Russell, Descendant of WWI Veteran (with husband Mr Barry Russell), Mr John Fairweather, Descendant of WWI Veteran, Mr Roger Apte, Sculptor/ Designer of ANZAC Memorial and Lieutenant Colonel Scott Francis, Commanding Officer, Parramatta Lancers.

Mr Barry Bullivant delivered an inspiring address exhorting students to imitate the values of the ANZACs, such as courage, mateship and loyalty.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Francis also addressed the assembly. He told the students: *"The reputation for reliability and doing what is right, regardless of the personal cost, has been the hallmark of Australians in all conflicts we have been involved in. And as society in general seems to be losing the values so dearly won over the last 101 years, it is more important than ever that we as a community, and you as the leaders of tomorrow, strive to maintain the standards set by the original ANZACs."*

On ANZAC Day, we remember the sacrifices of the men and women who have served our nation in conflict; remember those who gave their lives; those who returned home physically broken; and those who still bear the mental scars of their service.

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

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But additionally, I urge you to also live up to the ideals of the original ANZACs, and uphold the values of a society they so unselfishly left, in order to allow others to enjoy the same freedom we take for granted.

Lest We Forget.

Delany College is fortunate to have such strong support in the community and we welcome the continuation of these relationships. Lieutenant Colonel Scott Francis said, *"It fills me with pride to see how committed the school is to keeping alive the ANZAC tradition."*

Mrs Jennifer Venhuizen,
HSIE Learning Co-Ordinator



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all our Delany community. I trust everyone is rested and refreshed and ready for a fast-paced Term 2.

LEARNING

Term 2 is a busy time of year for both students and teaching staff. Year 12 students have received feedback from their exams at the conclusion of last term. This feedback is the most important part of assessment: it is at this point that you clarify what you know, what your thought you knew (but got wrong); and what you don't know. All these aspects help students plan better revision because they realise their strengths and weaknesses.

Year 11 students are now in the middle of exams and I trust that they have prepared in a thorough manner. I encourage students in years 9 and 10, who have exams approaching in week 4 of this term, to begin preparing immediately.

ANZAC ASSEMBLY

On Wed 27May the College paused to remember ANZAC day. I would like to acknowledge the reverent and respectful way in which our students participated in the ceremony. The special guests were all very impressed with our Delany students. Well done! The following quotes struck me as relevant:

Do what is right, not what is easy.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Francis

Courage is being afraid but choosing to do the right thing anyway.
Mr Barry Bullinant (Granville RSL)

MOTHERS' DAY

On behalf of our Delany community I wish every mother, grandmother, aunty and relative a very happy and peaceful Mothers' Day. I hope you have received the College's invitation to join us for Mass on Friday at 9.15am and then, with your son(s) and/or daughter(s), at morning tea afterwards.

St Patrick pray for us.

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

CURRICULUM

At the end of Term 1 Yr12 completed their Half Yearly Exams, Yr11 are currently completing their half yearly exams, Yr 7 and 9 will complete the National NAPLAN tests and in week 5 this term, Yr9 and 10 will complete their half yearly exams.

As a parent it sometimes seems overwhelming watching your children complete all requirements for school assessments. It can be even harder to understand why they need to complete them.

Assessments are designed to allow a student to demonstrate their understanding of the skills and knowledge that has been studied in class. Most of the time an assessment task allows each child to demonstrate that understanding in various ways and formats. At Delany we use the data from HSC exams, NAPLAN and other internal data to help us work out how to help each student improve their results. One way we have noted is we need to help our students write with more flair and sophistication. We have also noticed that we need to help our students deal with the time constraints and stresses involved in completing an exam block in plenty of time before the HSC exams. The website Edutopia has a great article on helping parents understand school assessments and as usual, please contact the College if you need any further information about your children's assessments.



Mr Mark Robinson

Director of Teaching and Learning

BROTHER JEROME ELLENS VISITS GYM

We received a visit from Brother Jerome Ellens last Thursday. He is Superior General of the Patrician Brothers worldwide. One of the reasons why he came was to thank the gym for supporting the work of the Delany Foundation.

The Delany Foundation which is an initiative of the Patrician Brothers coordinates pastoral and educational activities amongst disadvantaged youth mainly in Asia and Africa. Brother Jerome said to us never forget that even the smallest of donations can make a difference in people's lives. We would like to thank Brother Jerome for his visit and wish him all the best in his pastoral and teaching ministry.



Brother Jerome, Superior General,
Brother Charles & Mr Warren Johnson

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LEADERSHIP DAY

On the 15th of March Jayden and I attended the 2016 Leadership Program where we were able to understand what Leadership and the position of College Captain really mean. We did this by talking to students from various schools and we also had a chance to speak with His Excellency General Honourable David Hurley Governor of New South Wales. We toured Parliament and



Government house and learnt about the previous Governors of New South Wales. By doing this we saw the importance of leadership in society and the values of participating in it on a small scale, such as school. It made us appreciate the positions we have obtained and the value of a team. Throughout the day we learnt about the importance of leadership in settings other than school and how it can benefit one in their future endeavors. At one part of the day we were able to meet the local

representatives and learn about the various initiatives being undertaken in the areas our schools are situated. Over the course of the day we met different captains from catholic and public schools alike and discussed different angles of leadership and how a leader is not only defined by their intellectual abilities but more so their actions that benefit the community. These newfound leadership skills allowed us to reflect on our experience as leaders and made us all the more proud of being the College Captains of such an extraordinary community. Having the privilege to attend such a day only strengthened and displayed our core qualities of love, service and hope - the trademark of our magnificent school.

By Thorie Tembo

SHORT AND SWEET!

The photographs are from a monologue called "My Skinny Girlfriend", performed by Krystal Docker on the 20th and 21st of February.

Krystal will also be performing the monologue at the CAPTIVATE showcase on the Friday 17th and Monday 20th of June at Nagle College, 58a Orwell Street, Blacktown South.



LEGAL STUDIES STUDENTS VISIT THE COURTS

On 5th April, Year 11 Legal Studies students visited the Supreme and Local Courts in Sydney. At the Supreme Court, students completed their first task of passing through the security scanners, to be met by the Registrar who hosted the visit.

Students were informed that they were very fortunate – they would be allowed to watch Her Honour Natalie Adams being sworn in as NSW's newest Supreme Court Judge. Her Honour's passage from school student to Judge was an inspirational account to hear, surrounded by Her Honour's family, friends and members of the legal profession (as well as 10 Delany College students seated at the back). 40 Judges in one room wearing their red robes was quite a sight!

The Registrar then invited students to sit in the Supreme Court and hear some bail hearings. Students watched a 19 year old Indigenous male who was being held in custody apply for bail. Following debate, the Judge finally granted the accused youth bail, but with strict conditions. The Judge said he was mindful of the high rates of incarceration of Indigenous youth, but warned him not to breach his bail conditions.

Later students went to the District Court but quickly realised that numerous police were closely monitoring a gang trial being held there - so the decision was made to visit the Local Court up the road instead.

At the Local Court students watched a range a matters, including one where Queensland Detectives wanted an order to take a male, who they had in custody, to Queensland for investigation. It was clearly a serious matter, and the Court ordered that the handcuffed man be extradited with them.

There was a further matter, where a man sitting in his green prison overalls in a cell in Goulburn Supermax Prison had asked the Magistrate for bail via video-link. He was being held because of a serious charge of drug trafficking. The man's lawyer took the unusual tactic of trying to argue that the police scientist had erroneously included the weight of the glass measuring jar when recording the drugs; therefore she argued that the weight of the drugs her client possessed was less serious than stated on the charge sheet. The Magistrate had no sympathy for this idea, dismissed the argument, and refused the man bail.

Students were also taken into an empty court room and given an informative talk by a helpful Court Officer, eager to ensure that students gained the most from their visit. Instead of the usual formal bowing when entering and leaving the Court room, nervously trying to not displease the Judge, students could sit where they liked and see close up the functions of the room.

Delany students were at all times respectful and showed appreciation for the opportunity to see the legal system in operation.

Mrs Venhuizen
HSIE Learning
Co-Ordinator



MEDIEVAL HISTORY DAY

On Friday April 29th, year 8 participated in a Medieval History Incursion that consisted of humour, mind-blowing tricks and interesting facts.

We learned about medieval battles, royal courts, the art of heraldry and training to be a knight.

The costumes and props involved made the experience more enjoyable and life-like which intrigued us as students, making us sit at the edge of our seats. Throughout this incursion, we were given the chance to handle the props: actual swords (blunt, not sharpened, of course!), spears, axes and shields.

The highlight for us would definitely be when Ben performed as a court jester entertaining the (medieval) King. The fact that he included us in his tricks made the whole atmosphere lively and enjoyable. Some of his tricks were unbelievably clever. For example, juggling, 'magic' and 'mind reading'. Overall, we would rate this incursion a 10/10 due to the involvement of students in the learning, the humour and the memorable experiences.

By Reegan Roebeck and Jennifer Georges Year 8



VINNIES VAN



Thank you to Br Charles, Zeynep, Tawanda, Alexander, Rachel & Malinie for your help with the Vinnies Van.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM

ENJOY FIRST ROUND SUCCESS

On 27th April, the Delany Mock Trial Team, participated in the second round of Mock Trial which took place at Delany College. For weeks before the court was in session, a dedicated and diligent team of Jasmine Diab, Rasha Abou-Halka, Elizabeth Kondok, Wesley Swalah Mcdahrou, Mariatu Turay, Mrs Venhuizen and I practised, revised and worked through our case. On the evening of 27th, the Mock Trial began and, as our nerves grew stronger and stronger by the minute, we had doubts about winning. However, having Delany spirit, confidence and manners we persisted elegantly towards winning, with our well thought out ideas executed against our rivals, St Patricks Strathfield. Performing extremely well on the night, the Mock Trial Team of Delany College took out first place, leaving our rivals with astonished looks on their faces and the Magistrate commenting on how well we performed. Overall, the night turned out to be excellent for all students involved in Mock Trial, certainly giving us confidence to excel in our next round to come.

By Mary Ghribian



TRANSPORT FOR NSW

RE: SCHOOL OPAL CARDS/BUS PASSES

Almost 340,000 school students are now travelling to and from school using their new School Opal cards.

If a student gets a "Card not valid - 65" message, they are not approved for that service and should go online at transportnsw.info/school-students to request an update of operator(s).

Customers who currently have a School Term Bus Pass, that is due to expire after term one, will also receive an email notification from Transport for NSW reminding them to renew their pass. These customers simply need to go online at transportnsw.info/school-students and apply for a new School Term Bus Pass, and their existing School Opal card will be updated if the application is submitted and approved prior to the start of Term 2.

COLLABORATION FORUM

"Why Schools Need to be Collaborative Places"

Thursday, 12th May 2016 at Masonic Centre 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney 9:00 to 1:30 (morning tea and lunch included)
FOR Principals, Teachers, Parents, Educators, P&Cs, P&Fs, Councils & Boards

Opening Address by: EDUCATION MINISTER: ADRIAN PICCOLI

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DONATIONS FOR ART MAJOR WORK

If anyone has toys they don't want and don't mind being destroyed eg. dolls, stuffed animals, dollhouse furniture, etc. and picture frames (big and small), please leave them at the art room or give them to Ms Cook or Malinie Mansat in Year 12. Thank you!