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NEWSLETTER OF LOYOLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EASTER BLESSINGS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

May this Easter Season be a sacred and peace-filled time for you, your families, friends and communities.

May you experience *life* in all the ways death casts its shadow, and may you always know that life, faith, hope and love prevail. As St Paul reassures us,

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8: 38-39)

Car park concerns

Over these first weeks of the year, staff, students and parents have all raised concerns about various issues relating to the school car park.

Students:

If you are entering the grounds from North Parade, please ensure you use the **pathway** not the driveway.

If you need to cross North Parade, use the **pedestrian crossing!**

Parents and family members, with the significant number of students being picked up each afternoon, it is an ever growing challenge to do so safely. It is illegal to use the bus bay for those purposes and we acknowledge that North Parade is quite busy. If you choose to drop and/or collect your child within the school grounds **could you please be:**

CAREFUL.... it is a relatively narrow road to the top of the drive and essential that you follow the speed limits.

PATIENT.... it takes some time to drive to the top, stop and drop, then make you way back down the drive. Unfortunately, a small minority of drivers do not exercise adequate patience and are putting others in danger.

CONSIDERATE.... It is most unfair and inconsiderate to park others in. None of us appreciate this being done to us so please do not do it to others.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Term Two: Every Monday and Wednesday

Uniform Shop Open 8AM - 1PM

Final day Term 1 **8 April (Fri)**

Term 2 commences **26 April (Tue)**

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If you are able to arrange with your son or daughter to drop off and collect from another place within the vicinity of the school, that would certainly ease congestion and promote safety. Thank you for your attention to these issues.

Mrs Cathy Larkin
Principal



A MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE COORDINATORS

Procedures for absenteeism:

Term 2 at Loyola is the beginning of the winter season and it can sometimes catch students unaware in being cautious of their health. Staff often find that the absentee rate rises during the winter months and so the House Coordinators would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the **process with regard to absenteeism.**

Firstly, we request that a phone call be made to the school alerting us to your child's absence. The school's phone number is 9832 4455.

Secondly, when your child returns to school, please provide a letter explaining their absence. **This is a legal requirement.** This letter can be handed in to the front office or to your child's Tutor Teacher. A medical certificate is also acceptable.

Please note that a phone call is not sufficient and written confirmation of your child's absence is essential.

Winter Uniform:



Winter uniform is also an important issue to address. For Terms 2 and 3, winter uniform is expected for our Loyola students. For Senior High School students (Arrupe, Faber and Ward), they must wear their school blazer, which must have the Loyola pocket. Students must also have our red Loyola jumper, along with a school white shirt with the

Loyola crest on the pocket.

Our male students must wear a Loyola school tie and our female students are expected to wear black stockings or white ankle socks.

No beanies are permitted and scarves may only be black in colour. No other colours will be accepted. Students must also ensure that they have black, leather school shoes.

In addition, some of our Year 12 students have purchased the Year 12 2015 jacket. Mrs Larkin, our school principal, has made it very clear that this jacket is only to be worn on Wednesday. There are also sporting jackets that students have received, based on their representative sports. These jackets are also only to be worn on Wednesday.

We would also like to remind students that facial piercings are not acceptable. This includes lip, tongue, nose and eyebrow piercings. Our young men must also ensure that they are cleanly shaven for each school day.

The school uniform shop is open on Wednesday from 8.00am – 1.00pm for uniform purchases. Uniform price lists and order forms are available in the front office and orders can be made with our administration staff. Please phone on (02) 9675 5793 or email: COS@bobstewart.com.au

If any student has difficulty purchasing school uniform items, they must see their Tutor Teacher or relevant House Coordinator. The school is happy to assist any family in financial need to ensure their child is in full school uniform during their time at Loyola Senior High School.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Samantha Fresco (Arrupe House Coordinator)
Mrs Lyn Wright (Ward House Coordinator)
Mr Anthony Pope (Faber House Coordinator)
Mrs Dianne McKinnon (McCormack House Coordinator)

STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK NEWSLETTER ITEM FOR APRIL

MAKING GREAT STUDY NOTES. With the end of term approaching it is time to think about study notes. But why now? Well many students wait until just before examination time to even consider their study notes then there is no time to learn them and no time to practise the skills of the subject. If you know you will have tests later in the year, then a smart thing to do is to get all of your Term1 study notes up to date during the holidays.

7.30AM HSC REVISION CLASSES ENGLISH AND STUDIES OF RELIGION

Can you imagine coming back Term 2, you haven't done your study notes for Term 1 and you get slammed with new work – it becomes impossible to catch up! So make a smart decision and ensure you have all of your Term 1 study notes complete by the end of the term.

You can learn more about making great study notes in the SUMMARISING unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

Username: loyolashs

Password: 94success

Top 5 tips to improve your notes:

1. **POINTS:** Avoid long sentences and focus on key points.
2. **TABLES:** Use tables wherever you can to create structure.
3. **KEY WORDS:** Pull out key words (as shown in this list).
4. **HIGHLIGHT:** Make sure the key content stands out (but don't go crazy with colour).

FEEDBACK: Show your notes to teachers, parents and friends so they can suggest ways to improve them.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Yvonne Matar, class of 2012, always dreamed of being a pediatric nurse. She began full time work at The Children's Hospital Westmead this year, after graduating from ACU last year with a Bachelor of Nursing. Yvonne has always been happy to come back to Loyola and talk to perspective nursing students, sharing her experiences, both good and bad. She has also been mentoring another Loyola graduate who is now in her second year of nursing at ACU. We are very proud of Yvonne.

Ms Tracie Huet
Careers Advisor

The 7:30 revision classes are guided by teachers who stand for one motto.

'Learning to possibilities, not expectations.'

It encourages students to devote more time to their studies by arriving at school early, and further expanding their possibilities with a little something called 'work ethic.' In all honesty, it has helped us in accomplishing results we may otherwise not have achieved, especially with the focused help, on tricky multiple choice questions in Studies of Religion and guidance on techniques for poems, narratives and more within Section 1 of the English Exam.

Data shows that students attending the 2015, 7:30am class for either Studies of Religion or English, raised at least a band when compared with non-attendees of a similar preliminary result. If you're at the 7:30am class, you know you're getting that little bit extra. It's open to everyone and I recommend it wholeheartedly, especially if you're struggling or just want to boost and push yourself that little bit further. It's also about becoming independent as a learner, not waiting to be told you need it, but owning your goals and acknowledging what it takes to get them.

'It's not about talent, it's about work ethic'.

William Pietracci

Year 12 Student

LIBRARY REPORT

After viewing how our students select novels to read, the library has decided to add genre stickers onto novels to help students find their favourite type of reading. This can be difficult at times when the novel consists of different possible genres. For example, 'Hey Joe' by Michael Hyde, is considered both 'realism fiction' and 'historical fiction'. So occasionally, a book may have two genre stickers. To help with understanding this new coding, we will be creating a poster with genre types listed. The library staff are very happy to help select novels to suit an individual's preference and reading level. A great database to also use is Novelist. This database enables a reader to select the type of genre, the mood, the age level and similar titles to favourite books. It also has articles and more information about each novel. The Novelist database is available in e-resources, accessible via

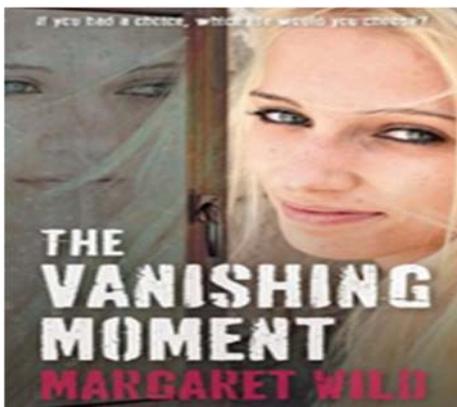
the Library Gateway in Loyola Senior High School portal.

To encourage reading and discussions about reading, the library hosts The First Friday Book Club. This club meets on the first Friday of every month. So far, the club has read - Vanishing Moment by Margaret Wild; Obernewtyn by Isobella Carmody; War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells and now The Hitch-hikers Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams. Books are normally selected by the book club members, read over the month and then we all gather in the Library's Glassroom at lunchtime to discuss what everyone thought of the novel. It is always interesting to find out other people's perspectives on novels and how varied their opinions are. If you would like to join, please ask the library staff.

Next term, the library will be hosting workshops on improving research skills. Numbers will be limited and will need to be booked in. The workshops will be advertised in the Daily Bulletin and by posters.

For the holidays, don't forget that the library can provide both academic and recreational reading materials. We also have electronic books available via the Library Gateway's library catalogue screen. The library staff wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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Ms Lynette Hodgson
Library Manager

LOYOLA TRADE TRAINING CENTRE NEWS

YEAR 11'S FIRST INDUSTRY PLACEMENT BLOCK

21 MARCH TO 1 APRIL

The Loyola Trade Training Centre sent off 99 Year 11 students to experience their first Industry Placement Block for 2016. From various locations such as Winmalee to Canley Vale, and east to



Chippendale, our students took on the exciting challenge to apply their trade skills in the workplace.

As a mentor to Tutor Group 26, one of my roles is to visit my tutees at their work placements and to see them in action. I have witnessed students like **Mua Tuiletufuga** install pipes on a 9 storey apartment, wearing a "first year" yellow hat to indicate he was an

apprentice plumber, to **Bellinda Walsh** preparing a number of different salads and demonstrating her knife skills at The Brewhouse in Marayong. Her supervisor said, "Bellinda has demonstrated her ability to work positively in a team environment, as



well as her knife skills in preparing the salads. She follows instructions well and can keep up with the fast pace in the kitchen". With a large smile on her face, Bellinda summed up her love for cooking as "Cooking is enjoying the atmosphere and love for food around you. It is seeing the way something could be and change so quickly then placed on a plate.

Finding that confidence is the key to learning". Her passion as a Commercial Cookery student is inspired by this quote "Cooking doesn't have to be a mist, it could always be a want, a want for passion put on a plate".

"Not all days are easy", said **Daniel Jolley**. "Some days were good and some days we're challenging, as I have never had to work so hard in my life. Overall, it was a good experience for me to get a taste of the working life in the field of Carpentry".



He worked tirelessly on a townhouse project located in Canley Vale and his Supervisor was extremely impressed with his work ethic and right attitude at this early stage in his career. **Sheldyn Taylor**, a hairdresser affirms the importance of learning the basics and the value in observing the professionals in the trade. *"All careers start from the bottom, but with hard work and commitment, you can end up at the top. It may take a couple of years but in the end it will be all worth it"*.



The value of work experience is cultivated by student **Travis Perkins**, who has spent the past few months volunteering every Tuesday evening after school to work

with Rapisarda Autosport International in Eastern Creek. His passion for the automotive industry, particularly in drag racing has found him in the environment he enjoys. *"My experience in the workplace was good because I knew most of the people there and I had a rough idea on what I was going to be doing. I gained a lot of experience from working in the workshop and I obtained different kinds of information about a Top Fuel (drag car) that I never knew about. The challenges that I had to face were finding different tools and objects that I had never seen before. Another challenge was trying to complete a task that I had never done in my life and at first it was a bit hard, but when you do it more than three times, you start to know what has to be done and how to complete it. I gained a lot of new information about the engine, pistons, block, blower and much more. I identified different aspects of the motor and how it works, how it runs, how long does the motor have to last (4-5 seconds). During the two weeks, I completed a big goal in my life, that I was hoping to complete and I got the chance to do it. I built my first engine with the help of the Rapisarda team. In the future I hope to become a great mechanic and hopefully start up my own company and hire young men to work with me and so that I will be able to teach them what I was taught when I was their age. I would also love to work on Top Fuel dragsters and hopefully be able to build my own car"*



and motor from the things that I have learnt over the years. In the next industry placement I hope to complete more goals and find out more about cars and start to gain information on the different parts of cars". Learning does not end in the classroom or the workshop as Travis will be going to Adelaide over the school holidays to watch his drag car race.

The Year 11 Trade Training Centre students are continuously developing their employability skills in the Industry Based Learning course and are now in the process of evaluating their skills. **The next Year 11 Industry Placement Block is from the 6-7 June.** Congratulations to all those students who have secured a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) this year!



A special thank you to all the Year 11 mentor teachers, Mrs Smith, Mr Reyes, Mrs Mayer and Mr Singh for the ongoing support and guidance you have given our students in their transition to senior school and to the trade industry.

Mrs Mary Reyes

ROYAL EASTER SHOW 2016 TOURISM WORK PLACEMENT

Students at Loyola Senior High School undertaking a Vocational Course are required to undertake 70 hours of work placement in the industry they are studying over the two years of their study. This is a requirement of the Board of Studies and a condition of their enrolment into a Vocational Course. **Atiu Mawien** is a Year 12, 2 unit Tourism and Events student, who has recently undertaken 70 hours of work placement at the Royal Easter Show. She was assigned to a number of locations as a volunteer over the 70 hour period working in the main entry, farmyard nursery, poultry, sheep, flower and garden, food farm pigs and goats. Atiu gained valuable work experience from this opportunity as she had to develop a resume, apply online for a position and attend an interview before she was



assigned to a number of locations as a volunteer. Atiu said her work placement experience at the Royal Easter show was amazing. "The people were great and very friendly and I have learnt how to work with people of all ages. The main role I was given was customer service. I felt it was great to work with older volunteers because I feel they taught me a lot of things". Atiu said the work environment was very mature and she would recommend this opportunity to other students if they have the chance in the future.

Mrs Bridget Ward
Tourism Teacher

GOOD FRIDAY NIGHT WALK **25-26 MARCH 2016**

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20) On Good Friday night over 1000 young people from our western Sydney area gathered together and walked throughout the night from Blacktown to Parramatta as part of the Parramatta Diocese's annual The Good Friday Night Walk. There were many Loyola students, past and present, who took part in the massive event. We stopped at 6 Parishes along the way, including our much-welcomed finish at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. This year's event was made more touching and real by the theme of Mercy, to coincide the Jubilee Year's theme. Listening to people's testimonies at how God had shown mercy in their lives was what I found to be the highlight of the night, and hopefully as well for the young people who took part. It was truly amazing to listen how these people were using their 'second chance' to "be merciful as God is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

Thanks to Mrs Arundell for organising the students to take part, and to Mrs Reyes and Mr Reyes for taking part on the night and being a companion on this journey of faith.

Below is a brief account of the night from student, Nia Pohahau (Year 11, Arrupe) who took part.

On the 25 March 2016, the Loyola students had the opportunity to participate in the Good Friday Night Walk. It was a 23km pilgrimage that started in Blacktown's St Patrick's Parish at 10.00pm and ended in Parramatta's St Patrick's Cathedral at 6.00am.

It was amazing to see many young Catholics gather together and partake in such a significant event. The night was enjoyable, however quite tiring, especially the walk to Merrylands as it was the longest of all of them. At each church we stopped at, there was one speaker that gave a powerful story about their life experience of mercy. This enabled us to deeply reflect on our faith, ourselves, and others around us. The night was truly amazing and highly recommended. Even when you couldn't walk for that long a bus was available so you could still participate in this important pilgrimage. Also, a pancake breakfast was provided at St Patricks Cathedral in the morning.

Final gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Saturday morning



Miss M. Dizon
Loyola Vinnies Co-Coordinator

PALM SUNDAY YOUTH CELEBRATION 2016

The traditional Palm Sunday Youth Celebration was held on March 20, 2016. Palm Sunday is the day initially established by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985 as International World Youth Day. Pope Francis has made this year's WYD theme "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy".

Representatives from all Parramatta Diocesan schools were in attendance as were Loyola Senior High School.

WYD Pilgrims, **Isaac Besarra, Erika Yaneza, Sara Ali** and Team Leaders Mr and Mrs Reyes and Mr Bettiol gathered in front of Parramatta Town Hall for the Blessing of the Palms and then processed along Church St to St Patrick's Cathedral.

Staff and students processed through Parramatta and attended mass celebrated by Fr Peter Williams. The Catholic Youth, Parramatta led this World Youth Day event. Following mass we all enjoyed a BBQ, performances of Polish dances and a variety of presentations and finally the World Youth Day Krakow 2016 raffle was drawn.

The Palm Sunday procession commemorates the entry of Jesus Christ into the city of Jerusalem in the week preceding His Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Mrs Arundell
Religious Education Coordinator

HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY 24 MARCH 2016

This year a significant number of students participated in our Holy Thursday liturgy. They read from scripture, they sang, presented the gifts that represent our Lenten promises and the SRC made pledges of leadership for the coming year.

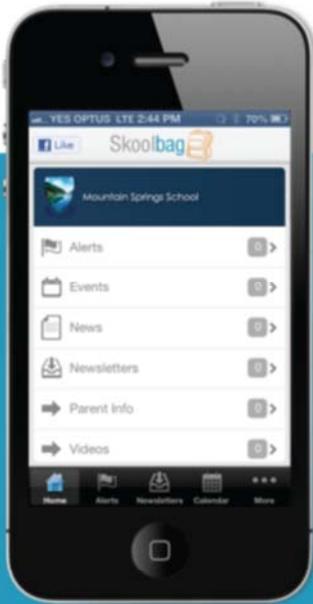
Thank you to all staff and students who participated in the Holy Thursday liturgy last week. Your generous contributions produce such meaningful and holy experiences for the entire Loyola Senior High School community.

In particular we thank our principal Mrs Catherine Larkin, Fr Stan Lim SJ, Miss Pam Picart, Band, Choir, Mr Anthony Pope, Year 11 and Year 12 SRC, readers, students in the procession, Entertainment Crew and the people who assisted in the set-up. Thank you for your participation.

Mrs Larkin gave a clear representation of Christian leadership in washing the feet of Year 12 and the newly appointed Year 11 SRC members. These students were commissioned to the service of the school community within this liturgy. Also during this Holy Thursday liturgy we reflected on the events leading up to Easter. We were reminded of the link to our Ash Wednesday and Commencement Mass. While we are still in the season of Easter we continue to make the adjustments that were necessary throughout Lent. This is the most sacred time in our Church year, the time when we remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection. We remember what Jesus has done for us so that we might live in God's friendship forever.



Mrs Arundell
Religious Education Coordinator



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