



# COMPANY

NEWSLETTER OF LOYOLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In recent weeks the crisp, cool feel of autumn has descended on Loyola and gone is the humidity and heat of late summer in Sydney. The leaves in the Ignatian courtyard have started to turn and here and there the familiar Loyola red jumper has started to appear on students. We are now deep into Lent and awaiting the start of Holy Week and the arrival of Easter – with that most important moment in the life of the Church – the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Often written and commented on is the increasing busyness of schools and at Loyola this term it has been the case in the extreme. We have had four major information nights, two reporting periods, a major examination block, completion and commencement of Stages one and two of the Trade Training Centre, Opening School Mass, Principal's Assembly, Careers Day, the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, the public speaking competition, sporting gala days, reflection days, the yearly audit, CEO compliance checks, Staff Retreat Day, three significant visits by parties interested in what we do here at Loyola and finally a visit by the Provincial and the Provincial Delegate for Education - all in the space of 9 weeks !

This edition of *Company* is again "jam packed" with the details of some of the above events many of which are written about by our students. The range of stories and noted achievements provides an insight into the energy and hard work of both students and staff of this very busy senior high school in Mount Druitt.

### Staff News - Retirement of Dr John Hey

It is with mixed emotions that the Loyola community bids farewell to Dr John Hey who will retire at the end of this term after a teaching career spanning 50 years. Dr Hey came to Loyola ten years ago after retiring as Principal from an inner city Sydney school. During his time at Loyola, Dr Hey has been an active member of staff and his notable achievements include: commencement of the unique Saturday morning tutorial program (known here as "Hey, Hey its Saturday!"), Panther Trophy winning Rugby League Coach, Coordinator of the Gifted and Talented Program, Coordinator of the Schools First Program, often school bus driver and last but not least teacher of Chemistry and Mathematics.

The Loyola community wishes John and his wife Valasi our best wishes and happiness for the future. John will move to Adelaide in June to be closer to family but until then he will continue to make himself available on Saturdays for students who require that little extra help with their work.

**Br Tinh SJ** (Assistant Chaplain) has also left Loyola and will take up a new position within the Society of Jesus. I would like to thank Br Tinh for his work at Loyola this term and wish him well in his new position.

### Recent Visitors

March was a popular month for visits to Loyola. Firstly, a group of nine Jesuits from Indonesia came to Loyola to look at our curriculum and pastoral programs. They spent the day visiting classes, talking with staff and sharing reflections on the various education programs within Jesuit schools in Indonesia. Our guests were also given a tour of the school by SRC members **Nicole Hanna** and **Nicholas Ward** and were impressed with their knowledge and understandings of the sites and symbols on Campus.



**Indonesian Visitors inspect the Chapel of All Martyrs**

A few days later a group of Catholic Education Office Sydney visitors came to Loyola to inspect the Trade Training Centre and investigate our approach to the provision of high quality Vocational Education Programs.

Also visiting Loyola was the newly appointed Head of Evangelization and Religious Education at CEO Parramatta, **Mr Ian Smith**, who took a particular interest in the decoration and ornaments in Loyola's Chapel of All Martyrs.

All the recent visitors to Loyola commented on the welcome they received from both staff and students and were very interested and appreciative of what they saw at Loyola.

#### **Provincial Visitors**

During the term Loyola also received visits from the Jesuit Provincial **Fr Steve Curtin SJ** and the Delegate for Jesuit Education in Australia, **Fr Chris Gleeson SJ**. Both spent time discussing the progress of the school with members of the Leadership Team as well as speaking with our Chaplain **Fr Iain Radvan SJ**. Following their visits the school received congratulations on the work being undertaken at Loyola and the quality of our students.

#### **Chifley Leadership Awards Nomination – Nicholas Ward**

As this *Company* goes to press news arrived that one of the Presidents of the Loyola SRC **Nicholas Ward** has been nominated for a Chifley Leadership award. Nicholas will know the outcome of his nomination in early April at a ceremony hosted by local member for Chifley the Hon Ed Husic MP and with Minister Garrett in attendance. We wish Nic good luck with the nomination and will report on the outcome of the ceremony in the next edition of *Company* published early in the new term.

#### **Enrolments into Year 11 for 2012**

All students currently in Year 10 at St Agnes and St Clare's Catholic High Schools have been sent an letter inviting them to make application for Year 11, 2012 at Loyola. Contained in the mail out is a letter setting out the benefits of enrolment at

Loyola, an "intention to enrol" form and a postage paid envelope in which to return the "intention to enrol form". Parents are asked to complete the form and return it in the postage paid envelope to the Enrolment Registrar no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. As the only stand alone Catholic Senior High School in the Parramatta Diocese Loyola is a very popular school. Last year alone 57 new Year 11 students came to Loyola from schools other than St Agnes or St Clare's. As Loyola feeder schools, St Agnes and St Clare's, students have preferred status when it comes to enrolment, **but they must reserve a place in order to avoid disappointment and missing out on a placement.**

**Enrolment packages for Year 11 2012 will be distributed at the Subject Expo and Information Night on 7<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 5.30pm**

**Further details regarding enrolment into Year 11 can be obtained from the Enrolment Registrar Ms Lina Saliba.**

#### **Use of Loyola Soccer Field – Carlingford Redbacks**

Recently Loyola was approached by a Sydney Premier League Soccer Club – the Carlingford Redbacks to inquire about the use of the Loyola soccer field for a number of pre-session matches. Subsequently the club played six matches across four Sundays at Loyola and commented on the high quality of the field. In appreciation the Redbacks made a sizable donation to the school and we wish them well for the coming 2011 session. Special thanks to **Mr Peter Boros** (Groundsman) who each week prepared the field so well for the games.

#### **Gala Day Champions,**

While speaking of soccer, congratulations to the senior soccer team who were the recent Parramatta Schools Gala Day champions. Congratulations also to their coach Mr Saad who so ably prepared the side for the event. The success of the team certainly augurs well for the up-coming Australian Jesuit Schools' competition in Melbourne in July.

#### **Australian Representatives**

Year 11 student Rhett Kelly has been named in the Australian Youth Ice Hockey team and will travel to Taipei to compete in the up-coming world championships. Rhett is our second Ice Hockey international and joins Year 12 student Jayden Ryan as an elite athlete in this sport. Congratulations and well done to both these students and good luck to Rhett in the Championships.

#### **Alumni News**

At Loyola recently was **Jaimee Bocasan (HSC 2009)** who is undertaking her second year practicum as part of her Teaching degree at ACU. Also currently undertaking casual teaching at Loyola is **Suraj Vijay Krishna (HSC 2006).**

**Lyndal Simmonds (HSC 2006)** is now teaching at St Andrews College at Marayong while **Michelle Kennedy (HSC 2005)** is teaching at Catherine McCauley at Westmead. Michelle, Vijay and Lyndal join a growing number of former Loyola students entering the teaching profession in the Parramatta Diocese. At last count 12 former students are now teaching at various schools across Western Sydney.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Lisa Missio (HSC 2010)** who married financial analyst Eleazar Arranz at Good Shepherd Church Plumpton on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### **Access to the Campus during construction at Loyola**

An important reminder to parents and students that while construction is underway on Stage 2 of the Trade Training Centre road access to the front of the school is very limited and parking non-existent. **I would ask that no parents attempt to come onto the grounds to pick up or drop students off during the day and before and after school. This will be the case for the remainder of 2011.**

The back gate is open for student access and parents can drop students at the back gate in safety.

Staff will be stationed at the front of the school during the morning and afternoon "rush" to remind those parents who attempt to enter the grounds in a car that access is not possible.

**Safe pedestrian access via the front of the school is still possible through the Bus Bay gates and along the Chapel Pathway.**

### **Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3**

With the new term the school will move into winter uniform. **Parents and students are reminded that the Blazer is a compulsory item of winter uniform and it is expected all students will have made arrangements to have a blazer for the commencement of the new term.** Loyola has a number of blazers available for loan and some pre-worn blazers are available for sale. Boys are also required to wear the Loyola community tie during the winter months of Terms 2 and 3. Students having difficulty obtaining uniform items are asked to discuss the matter with their House Coordinator.

Unacceptable items of footwear at Loyola are the open ballet style slippers that have started to be seen on some young women at school. These are unsafe and give little support to the wearer. The only acceptable student shoe at Loyola is the fully enclosed leather school shoe. House Coordinators and Tutor Teachers have been asked to inform students with inappropriate shoes to change them by the end of term.

Full details of the correct winter uniform are published in the school diary

### **Difficulty Paying Fees?**

A reminder to parents that the Term I fees accounts are now due. Should you be experiencing any difficulties with payment of fees please don't hesitate to contact either the Fees Secretary Mrs Rebecca Lawson Ph 98321471 or myself to discuss the matter. The Fees Office is open till 3.00pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, 4.30pm on Wednesdays and 4.00pm on Thursdays and Fridays. All matters relating to the payment of fees are discussed in the strictest of confidence.

Finally may I take this opportunity to wish all, students, parents and families and the staff a holy and relaxing Easter. May the peace and joy of the risen Christ fill us with hope and continue to strengthen our faith.



Mr Robert Laidler  
Principal

## **LOYOLA SICK BAY AND FIRST AID POLICY**

**The following procedures must be followed after the student is accepted into sickbay:**

1. Once the student is at the front office, the first aid officer at the front office needs to assess the situation and decide if the student needs to go home. If so, the first aid officer should telephone the parents/guardians of the student.
2. The purpose of the telephone call is to alert parents/guardians of the illness of the student and to seek direction as to what arrangements the parent/guardian wishes to make for the sick student. This telephone call is made after the first aid officer has judged that the ill student will not recover after a reasonable period of time in sickbay.
3. **During this conversation parents/guardians will be asked for direction as to what arrangements they wish to be made for his/her ill student. It is the expectation of the school that a student who is ill should be picked up from the school as soon as it is practicable.**
4. If the parent is unable to come to the school to pick up the ill student within a reasonable time, then he/she can arrange for a designated person to pick up the student or arrange for a taxi to come and pick up the student.

5. If the situation of the student deteriorates during his/her time in sickbay and the first aid officer believes that the situation has now become more serious then the parent will be contacted immediately and an ambulance called if it is required. Whenever an ambulance is called then the parents/guardians need to be made aware of the fact that the cost of the ambulance will be met by the parent/guardian.
6. **At 2pm the first aid officer must assess the state of the ill student.** If the student is able to make his/her own way home then permission of the parent/guardian must be gained. The student will then be released at 2.30pm.  
However, if the student is too ill to make his/her own way home then the first aid officer must telephone the parent/guardian and inform him/her that the student must be picked up by 2.30pm. If this is not possible, then, after consultation with the School Principal, an ambulance will be called to take the student to hospital. Parents/guardians need to be made aware of the fact that **the cost of the ambulance is to be paid for by the parents/ guardians.**

**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
COORDINATOR**

**Year 11 Reflection Day**



**Reflection Day** was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 at four different venues to accommodate the growing number of students who attend Loyola Senior High School.

The purpose of the day was for tutors and their tutees to initially get to know each other and then to learn about our patron saint, St. Ignatius of Loyola and the significance of this great model of faith for each member of the Loyola Senior High school community.

The small group setting for each of the four Houses, Ward at Mount Schoenstatt, Faber at Edmund Rice, Arrupe at St. Joseph's, Baulkham Hills and McCormack at Don Bosco Youth Centre

gave the students an opportunity to take some time out to develop their relationships with the members their tutor groups. These are the people with whom the students meet each morning and call upon for pastoral or academic support when necessary. It is intended that each student eventually has the opportunity to form a solid bond and build a sense of identity as members of their respective House within the Loyola Senior High School community.

Throughout the day the students were involved in a number of activities that enabled them to identify how they were feeling at this particular time in their lives, and to consider their hopes and aspirations and maybe some of the disappointments that they may have encountered that has held them back in the past. They were challenged to think about the future and where their goals and desires may lead them. Further to this, students used this time to learn about St. Ignatius of Loyola and considered aspects of his life that some may relate to in regards to God's calling for all to live a life of service and work towards becoming men and woman for others.

The Year 11 Reflection Day was certainly a day enjoyed by everyone and hopefully marked the beginning of a positive friendships and learning experience at Loyola Senior High School.



**Year 12 Retreat**

Students have now made their selections for the optional venues for the Year 12 Retreat. Notes for parents to read and sign will be sent in the mail in Week 10 with the necessary details that are relevant for each retreat venue. The cost of this retreat has been included in the school fees, however, parents will need to sign a consent form and return it to school in order for students to attend and participate in the retreat.

Each year the retreat has proven to be both a worthwhile and important opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and help them with the important life decisions that lay ahead of them.



### **Ash Wednesday**

As a Catholic school community each year we mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Our school chaplain, Fr. Iain Radvan opened the liturgy with following words:

“During each year our school passes through a number of phases or seasons such as examinations and report times through to holidays. The same can be said for the Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church. This week we are changing from Ordinary time to Lent.

This forty-day period is in imitation of the 40 days spent by [Jesus in the desert](#) resisting evil. Lent is the period of time in which Catholics are invited to reject what is sinful in their lives and to renew their relationship with God.

The colours of our sacred space are changed from green to violet, a colour that symbolizes royalty and penance.

Lent ends with the celebration of Holy Week: we accompany Jesus to the Cross and we rejoice at his Resurrection. The liturgical colours change again, from purple to gold and white.”

A number of Year 11 students were especially involved with the Liturgy as Year 12 were in the middle of their Half Yearly Examination. Nevertheless, our Year 12 SRC members made a special effort to be present to lead our Lenten Pledge.

The following symbols represented the essential elements for us throughout this Lenten period.

**The bread and water symbolise our eating and drinking with more simplicity (Paolo Angeles)**  
**The Bible is a symbol of extra prayer and reflection (Mark Gallego)**  
**The Ashes symbolize our poverty and neediness for God and our penitence (Jason Falcatan)**  
**The Project Compassion box is a symbol of almsgiving. Lent is a traditionally a time for helping the poor and doing acts of charity and mercy. (Ruth Gatachew)**

### **The Liturgy of the Word - John 15: 1-9 was then read by Stevana Laupola**

In response to the Gospel, Fr. Iain gave a thought provoking sermon of how we could best use this period of Lent. He demonstrated this by using a visual representation of cutting away the negative aspects of our behaviour which would in turn allow more space for the positive aspects of our behaviour to grow.

### **The following students and staff prayed for our intentions.**

**Mr O’Toole** – “Help us to purify our hearts this Lent with courage and determination so that we will speak and act more and more like your Son, Jesus.”

**Emma Read** prayed “that we become aware of problems facing many countries in our world – the earthquake in New Zealand, the floods in Queensland and Victoria, the violence in Egypt, Tunisia and parts of the Middle East. Through Project Compassion, help us to support Caritas Australia in bringing justice and peace to those who need it most.”

**Angel Tuapola** prayed “You have created each of us to be brothers and sisters of each other. We thank you for the blessing of this school community. Help us to appreciate the gifts each of us has to offer, and to care for each other at all times.”

**Carol Dabit** – “God is the source of all that is true and good. At the start of this school year we ask you to be our constant companion as we apply our minds to our studies. Give us strength at those times when we may feel discouraged.”

**Patrick Talaga** – “During this Lent we want to improve our relationship with you. Through Jesus you have already proved your love for us: through our efforts in prayer and care for others, may we reveal our love for you.”

Thank you to all of the students and staff who participated in this liturgy and made it a significant start to this important time in our Catholic tradition.

### **Easter Liturgy**

As the Easter Triduum occurs in the final weekend of Term One holidays we will be holding an Easter liturgy in Week 2 Term 2. We will reflect on the personal transformation that was initiated at the beginning of Lent and will also include the installation of the Year 11 SRC leaders.

**Mrs Arundell Religious Education Coordinator**

## LOYOLA TRADE TRAINING CENTRE

Applications will open soon for next year's cohort of students looking to complete their HSC whilst learning a Trade. In an innovative approach to secondary education, Loyola Trade Training Centre allows Year 11 and 12 students the opportunity to complete the first year of an apprenticeship (Certificate III qualification) and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) at the same time.

Trades include:

Automotive – light vehicle

Carpentry

Electrotechnology – Electrical

Engineering – Metals Fabrication

Hairdressing

Hospitality – Commercial Cookery

Shopfitting

Enrolment information will be available at the Information Night on June 7.



**Alvin Svoboda – Automotive apprentice**

**Tammy Prestage – Assistant Principal  
(Vocational Programs)**

## FROM THE INDUSTRY LIAISON OFFICER

Congratulations are in order again for the Loyola Trade Training Centre. Since the last edition of *Company* five more students have secured an Apprenticeship. Well done to “the Lukes” **Luke Diegan, Luke McWhirter and Luke Knight** from Electro-Technology, **Leala Gillman** from Hospitality and **Shannon Bray** from Hairdressing.

**Luke Diegan** has signed up with Wayelec Pty Ltd Electrical which is based at Castle Hill. Established since 1995 Wayelec Pty Ltd specialises in domestic and commercial electric works and air-conditioning. Luke is extremely excited about his apprenticeship.

Contact **Wayelec** [www.wayelec.com.au](http://www.wayelec.com.au)

Ph: 9899 6647

**Luke McWhirter** has started his apprenticeship with Power Up Sydney Electrical which is based in St Clair. Owned and operated by brothers, Chris and Michael, Luke is Power Up Sydney's first

apprentice. Specialists in general electrical construction and maintenance in domestic and light commercial, you know you will get first class service from Power Up Sydney.

Contact **Power Up Sydney**

[powerupsydney@hotmail.com](mailto:powerupsydney@hotmail.com) 8678 8028

**Luke Knight** has signed up with DDP Electrical Services based in Seven Hills. DDP has been successfully servicing all areas of the electrical industry for over 20 years. Luke couldn't be happier with his start at DDP and is looking forward to the beginning of his career as an electrician. We know he is going to do a great job.

Contact **DDP Electrical Services**

[darrenddpelec@ozemail.com.au](mailto:darrenddpelec@ozemail.com.au)

Ph: 9679 9011

**Leala Gillman** will shortly start her employment at The Clarion on The Park Hotel in Parramatta. The Clarion is a member of Global Choice Hotels and with 181 guest rooms and some amazing facilities. Leala is very excited about her opportunity to start her apprenticeship in an International Hotel.

Contact **The Clarion on the Park**

[www.clarionhotelparramatta.com.au](http://www.clarionhotelparramatta.com.au)

Ph: 9891 1277

**Shannon Bray** has started her career at Hair Extravaganza in Erskine Park. Liz and her team at Hair Extravaganza have been a strong part of the Erskine Park community for over 20 years and Liz's extensive experience in the industry will surely rub off on Shannon. Shannon brings great enthusiasm and passion to her chosen career and there is no doubt she is going to excel.

Contact **Hair Extravaganza** Ph: 9834 4044

Shop 6 Erskine Park Shopping Village

Seven apprenticeships have now been secured at Loyola Trade Training Centre with more in the process of being finalised. It has definitely been a successful start to the year. The employers of our apprentices are very happy with their new employees, as are the newly assigned apprentices. It is an exciting time for everyone.

Thank you to all the following businesses that are supporting Loyola Trade Training Centre in the exciting first year of operation. We hope it is the first of many years working together.

Chifley Hotel  
Strategic Fire Services  
Catwalk Hair  
Colyton Hotel  
CMS Electrical  
TH Freeman Electrical  
Indulge Hair  
Rooty Hill RSL  
Sebel Hotel  
Temperzone  
Tactical Electrical  
s.81 Hair

La Rell's Hair  
R&T Electrical  
Shashi Beauty  
Lattouf Hair  
Christianes Hair  
Carousel Inn  
Hix Electrical  
Macaya Electrical  
Castle Hill RSL  
The Glam Lab  
Modest Hair  
Blacktown Workers' Club

We are still looking for local businesses in our community to develop partnerships with and help support us in training future trades people. This is a great opportunity to have input into the training of people starting out in the different trades and the future of the Electrical, Hospitality, Hairdressing, Automotive, Shopfitting, Carpentry and Metal and Engineering industries.

We can help you with Apprenticeships and Traineeships. School based-trade programs and Loyola Trade Training Centre supports local businesses.

If you want to be a partner with Loyola Trade Training Centre, or would like to offer industry exposure and/or work placement please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Tim Summers**

**Industry Liaison Officer**

Loyola Trade Training Centre

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**SRC REPORT**

*Remedial Reading at Holy Family Primary School*

Every Thursday students from Year 12 have been travelling to Holy Family Primary School to assist teachers and students within the classroom. This experience has allowed us to provide our service within the community and it has enabled Loyola students to have a productive time after school by helping other students and creating new friendships. Holy Family Primary School has been very supportive in allowing Loyola students to show students from the primary school what leadership is and the goodness of helping other people.

**Nicole Hanna**

I'd forgotten the enthusiasm primary school children possess. The year four class I was assigned was a clear example of such enthusiasm, describing Aaron's awesome car and my "cool" hair. The afternoon consisted of summarising a time-line about the Eora people. The knowledge the primary students possess about a subject I've long forgotten was incredible; I was asking THEM questions! The afternoon was wonderful.

**Jethro Perez**

Nick and I worked with Year 1 students at Holy Family. We assisted the children with reading and other activities. We shared a great experience with the children as we were able to analyse their strengths and weaknesses. The teachers and students at Holy Family were happy to have us and they were very welcoming. We had a great time working with them and are looking forward to continue to do so.

**Mary Abi Chemouni and Nick Ward**

***Project Compassion***

During the season of Lent at Loyola we have been running the annual Project Compassion campaign for Caritas Australia. This year the focus has been on 6 different nations over 6 different weeks. Week 4, which we are currently in, helps families with disabilities in Vietnam. A Particular story is told of a man named Bach who lost his fingers at a young age in a mining accident and who has a daughter that is unable to hear or speak and is paralysed.

Caritas' partner, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, provided workshops for these families on cultivation. They then formed a small group and received agriculture training and a small loan towards their livelihood. The group works on things important to them and their families.

So far at Loyola we have not raised much money and we need a kick-start to get into the spirit. For this reason students have volunteered their time to participate in busking during lunch towards the worthy cause. This entertainment will be provided in the Ignatian Courtyard and hopefully many more donations will be made to Vietnam and other nations such as Samoa and Australia in the coming weeks.

Please give generously to support Caritas and Loyola in Project Compassion.

**Nicole Hanna on behalf of the SRC**

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION TEACHERS' MASS**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Hospitality class of Loyola Trade Training Centre catered for the Catholic Education Teachers Mass.

For the fortnight leading up to the event the class was preparing the food such as sushi, sandwiches, cupcakes, baby quiches, apple pinwheels and spinach triangles. Even with all the preparing weeks before, when the class arrived at St. Patrick's Church at Blacktown, there was still more preparing to do and it was very hectic.

This was the first event that the Hospitality class had catered for and we catered for over 450 guests. We have received very positive feedback from the guests and as such bookings have begun to be taken.

We would like to thank Mrs Carbonari for her dedication, hard work and talent.

**Leala Gillman and Cassie Bonfiglio  
Hospitality Trade students**



**The Hospitality students with Mrs Carbonari**

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Parramatta Diocese Secondary Schools Sports Council (PDSSSC) Round 1 Competition Update

### ***PDSSSC Volleyball***

Meet the players:

Girls Gold: **Cathy Lavea, Terina Vaifale, Susan Pale, Peatalita Lamositele, Naomi Schache, Julia Koko, Lakena Logona Vetemotu, Maketalena Paunga Lolesio, Sailupe Paunga Lolesio,**

Girls Red: **Cassandra Loyola, Clare Pakofe, Betty Gallaher, Katea Vave, Salina Langi, Genaviv Latu, Teka Temu, Pipiena Langi**

Girls White: **Monica Mulipola, Pipiena Vakuata, Rosalia Tuafale, Stevana Laupala, Kalameli Meli, Louisa Luatuanuu, Silia Finau, Mayetta Sini, Fine Masila.**

This year, Loyola has been fortunate to enter three teams in the girls' volleyball competition. All three teams display fantastic spirit towards the other teams and themselves. It is always a joy to watch them play. They demonstrate a competitive spirit while having plenty of fun at the same time. I think we are looking towards a Loyola vs Loyola Grand Final this year.

Good luck to these teams for the rest of the season.

The teams would also like to thank all students who come down to the Town Centre and support them during their games.

**Mrs Holland, Miss Watts & Mr Gale  
(Coaches)**



### ***PDSSSC Basketball***

The basketball team, led by Mr Saad remains unbeaten after four games. The team has come together well. Each match has been won convincingly against the opposition. The team is looking forward to ongoing success and lots of game time to help prepare for the Jesuit Cup later this year.

**Jonathan Manibog (player)**



### ***PDSSSC Golf***

On Monday 28 February I was fortunate enough to compete in the PDSSSC Golf Championships. The event was played at Penrith Golf Club, a fair but challenging course. The field consisted of 26 players from all schools and skill levels. The weather was not the greatest but we managed to get our rounds completed. On the day I played 2 under my handicap but it still wasn't enough with the winner at 3 under. Overall it was a good day with the players getting stronger each year.

**Nicholas Ward – Yr 12**

### ***PDSSSC Swimming Carnival***

On the 18th March 2011, four students represented Loyola Senior High at the PDSSSC Swimming Carnival. This is a carnival that all the high schools in the Parramatta Diocese compete in. **Sara Baremdregt, Monique Broomham, Alexandra Lee and Daniel Wilson** all competed and showed great sportsmanship.

In the 17–18yr old 50m Freestyle event, **Alexandra, Sara and Monique** all were in the same heat and achieved 1st, 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Daniel Wilson also finished first in his 17-18yr old 50m Freestyle heat in a personal best time of 30.39 seconds. Alexandra swam in the 17-18 yr old 50m Butterfly and made such a difficult stroke look effortless finishing in a time of 40.49 seconds.

A special mention to Daniel for achieving 3rd place overall in the 50m Backstroke in a time of 37.50 seconds, an event that he claims is not his strongest stroke. This is a fantastic achievement

considering the fierce competition in Daniel's age group.

Congratulations to all four swimmers, they are true athletes and ambassadors of Loyola.

### Miss Watts

#### **NSW All Schools Triathlon**

Meet the teams:

Team 1: \* **Sara Barendregt**  
\* **Erin Miller**  
\* **Rachel Harpley**

Team 2: \* **Nicholas Ward**  
\* **Alejandro Duarte**  
\* **Alexandra Lee**

These teams of students competed in the All Schools Triathlon held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre on Wednesday 9 March. The aim of the team event is for students to combine their skills in swimming, running and cycling and compete in a course consisting of a 400m swim, 15km cycling and a 400m run.

#### Some thoughts from **Alejandro Duarte**

We were entered in the senior team division along with almost 100 teams across all schools, including Independent Schools, Catholic Schools, Christian Schools and Government Schools. Alexandra was the swimmer in our team and she completed the 400m swim in 9 minutes and 21 seconds which was an excellent performance as she was competing with males up to 2 years older. I completed the 15km cycle in 34 minutes and 45 seconds and Nicholas Ward completed the 4km run in 16 minutes and 52 seconds. Our overall finish time was 1 hour and 59 seconds which placed our team 26th in the Catholic Schools division. It was an excellent team performance and a top day. Thanks to Mrs Hastings for organizing us to participate.

#### **Alejandro Duarte**

The NSW All Schools Individual Triathlon, also held at the Regatta Centre was a major event in the sporting calendar with competitors reaching record numbers and is continuing to grow. The individual event was on Tuesday 8 March with an early start. During the sprint race I completed a 750m swim followed by a 20km ride and then a 5km run. The competition was tough with junior Australian representatives in the field. The experience was one not to forget and showcased what talent was out there.

#### **Nicholas Ward)**

#### **NSW Secondary Schools Challenge Cup Table Tennis Tournament**

During Week 5, 3 teams of 2 students: **Hrvoje Jakovljevic, Christopher Chalita, Andy Isho,**

**Earle Vicente, Terina Vaifale and Peatalita Lamositele** travelled to Homebush Indoor Sports Centre to take part in the NSW Secondary Schools Challenge Cup Table Tennis Tournament. It was the first time our school has been involved in such a large table tennis tournament. All players did very well. Most notable was the team consisting of Chris and Andy. They made it to the Semi Finals and achieved a Bronze medal. Remember it is Table Tennis not Ping Pong.



#### **Mr Michael Thai (coach)**

#### **Schoolboys Cup Rugby League Competition**

The Loyola Senior High School Rugby League team travelled to Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown to play in the first day of the NSWCCC Rugby League Competition.

In the first match, Loyola came out and scored 16 points in 10 minutes against De La Salle College, Bankstown. The crowd was impressed by the enthusiastic performances and skills shown in the first half. To De La Salle's credit, they clawed back and the game ended in a 16-all result.

The next match was against Freeman Bonnyrigg. Again, the boys were very impressive early on, putting on 10 points in the first 10 minutes only to see Bonnyrigg cross just before half time. The Bonnyrigg team scored again after the break, to lead 12-10. A fantastic effort individual effort shown by **Trent Winterstein**, that covered 70 metres to score a try and made the score 16-12 – which was the final score.

We take on hosts Patrician Brothers Blacktown, along with St Dominic's Penrith and All Saints Casula in the next half of the competition. There was some outstanding play through the day, especially shown by **Mitch Newton** who demonstrated excellent control on the field, **David Andjelic** displayed leadership on and off the park to guide the way for the Loyola boys, and some individual brilliance shown by Trent – later recognized by ARL Development as one of the standout players of the day and further invited to

trial at the Sydney Independent Colleges' Rugby League trials.

### **Mr Saad - Coach**

#### **Representative Trials Rugby League**

**David Andjelic** and **Luke Knight** participated in the PDS SSC Rugby League Trials with David being successful in moving to the next trial phase for the Sydney Independent Catholic Colleges team selections. After a late call from Mr Whitton, rugby league coach involved in the SICC selection trials, **Luke Knight, Trent Winterstein, Mitchell Newton and Peter Taatao** were called into the squad to trial. **David Andjelic** was successful in making it through to the next trial stage. We look forward to hearing of David's success in the Championship event next term. Thank you to all the boys who participated as excellent ambassadors of Loyola on and off the field.

#### **Volleyball**

Many of the Year 11 and 12 students trialed for the PDS SSC representative volleyball team. **Terina Vaifale, Susan Pale and Lei Ah-Wong** were successful in being selected for the team. **Peatalita Lamositele** was selected to assist with managing the team. The girls will play in a tournament next term. Well done girls!

#### **Jesuit Carnival News Update**

##### **Jesuit Cup Soccer**

Selections have taken place for the 2011 Jesuit Cup Soccer team that will be touring to Melbourne on the 10th to 14th July where they will be hosted by Xavier College, a fellow Jesuit High School. Selection into this team is quite prestigious for these students as they have the opportunity of representing Loyola in Soccer in a different state and challenging themselves against the other Jesuit schools around Australia. This is an opportunity that these students may never get again so need to take it with pride and passion. The students will be billeted out and hosted by the Xavier College students and have the opportunity to attend social events with all players of the tournament. Two Loyola staff members will accompany the students on this tour, Mr Craig Saad as the team Coach and Miss Jessica Watts as the team Manager.

The team selected are: **Nicholas Ward, David Emmanuel Mavisa, Sidhanth Chand, Jonathan Manibog, Julio Cevallos Aguirre, Garang Awac, Luke Deigan, Alejandro Duarte, Alexander Lind, Hrvoje Jakovljevic, Nicholas Toohill, Tichafara Anesu Murimwa-Rarami, Rhett Kelly, Aiden Saco and Ivan Antun Hmura.**

Later in the year there will be the Jesuit Cup Basketball team tour to Adelaide. More details and

updates of this team will come in upcoming editions of *Company*.

We endeavour to get the boys some tracksuits to wear to and from the games and be something that they can keep and cherish for years to come as a reminder of their success in being selected in such elite teams. In efforts to try and keep this cost to a minimum for the players, any monetary donations or sponsorship would be greatly appreciated. We will be starting to fundraise at school in Term 2.

Training will begin for these boys in the next few weeks to ensure they are prepared and ready to show the country the skills that the Loyola student body has to offer.

#### **Miss Watts (Manager)**

#### **MEET THE PLAYERS**

Full Name – **Nicholas Ward**

Date of Birth – 9/8/1993  
County of Birth – Australia  
Current year level at Loyola – 12  
SRC President

Previous School – St Clare's  
Catholic High School

Number of Siblings – 2

Sports Played outside of school – golf, football and futsal referee

Jesuit team – Soccer

Sporting achievements in last 5 years – Loyola Sportsman of the year 2010, MVP Under 15 Soccer Grand final, Elite development panel football referee

Who is your sporting role model and why? – Tiger Woods, because of his golfing ability. He is determined and has devoted his life to the game. He never gives up and is heavily involved in charity work with the sport.

What are you looking forward to most on your trip to Melbourne? – Spending a couple of days playing soccer, you don't get this chance very often, and meeting new people with the billeting.

What are your goals for after school? – I would like to go to University and do a degree in sports business or event management, it is my passion.

Full Name – **David Emmanuel Mavisa**

Date of Birth – 14/10/1994  
County of Birth – Mauritius  
Current year level at Loyola - 11  
Previous School – St Clare's  
Catholic High School  
Number of Siblings – 3

Sports Played outside of school –  
Soccer

Jesuit team – Soccer



Sporting achievements in last 5 years – Top scorer for club team in 2008, 2009 and 2011.

Who is your sporting role model and why? – Steven Gerrard, plays for Liverpool FC, because I believe he is the best player and captain in the world.

What are you looking forward to most on your trip to Melbourne? – to win the comp.

What are your goals for after school? - to play professional soccer.

### ***PDHPE – What’s happening in the classroom?***

#### **SLR**

Lately in SLR classes they have been looking at fitness and different ways you can build your overall fitness level. In a year 11 class, students were put through their paces with a boxing session that involved a mixture of boxing, kick boxing and cardio activities ie: skipping. Although students were tired after the lesson, they enjoyed it and are prepared to do another similar class again soon.

#### **Miss Watts (SLR Teacher)**



### **ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE ROCKS 2011**

Two Year 11 Ancient History classes went on an excursion to the Archaeology in the Rocks 2011 last March 9. The full-day program gave students an interactive archaeology experience and was relevant for the topic of ‘History, archaeology and science: investigating the Past’.

The program included a presentation and discussion led by a practising archaeologist which focused on the work of archaeologists in a range of areas. Issues included ethics, current practices and the contemporary role of archaeology and history. This was held at the Big Dig Archaeology Education Centre, the Rocks.

The groups then had a tour of the Parbury Ruin which is an archaeological site where the foundations of an 1820s cottage and later additions (including the kitchen and cellar) are preserved below ground. They also had a guided

tour of Susannah Place Museum (built 1844) exploring the archaeology of a standing building and The Rocks Discovery Museum which explores the history of The Rocks from Aboriginal times to today.

As the last activity, an in-depth hands-on session examining genuine artefacts from The Rock was done. Here are accounts from two students in regards to this excursion.

We started off at Mount Druitt waiting for the train to the city. Everyone was excited because we didn’t know exactly what we were going to see. We got off the train at Circular Quay and started walking up to the museum. We were surprised, we didn’t expect just to see a block of land sitting there with a ‘historical past’. The guide took us around, told us the stories and history behind those bits of land and we started getting interested more and more and also realized that there were funny stories and facts behind these blocks and houses. We entered into a room upstairs at Susannah’s Place and the guide was holding a bowl that people used to put their body wastes in. It was a fun trip and it’s good to learn something new and different about Australia’s past.

#### **Dilay Er – Yr 11 Ancient History student**



We found some very interesting artefacts such as clay pottery, alcohol containers, dining dishes, teacups, marbles and also some animal bones. It was fascinating knowing that all these demolished buildings had a huge past behind them from the 1800’s. So many memories and useful information buried under solid rock! Some people might think of it as less interesting, because the view is simple, it’s just demolished buildings and what is so significant about them? If you get a closer look at these sites, you will find many artefacts all over the place.

We visited some old pubs and houses. Many students liked the experience and learned a lot about the living conditions in the 1800’s.

#### **Rita Issa – Yr 11 Ancient History student**

#### **Mr L Martinez - Ancient History Teacher**

**FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE**

**Survive and Thrive**

St John of God Hospital Richmond is hosting a one day workshop for Year 11 and 12 students on how to thrive and survive the HSC. [Click here](#) for details.

**Share the Dream Conference: 15-17 April**

The National Family Gathering 'Share the Dream' will be held this month at Xavier College in Kew, Victoria. Keynote speakers include: Bishop Jean Laffitte, Secretary to the Pontifical Council for the Family; Bishop Anthony Fisher OP; Melinda Tankard Reist; Byron and Francine Pirola; Dr Brigid McKenna and Dr Adam Cooper. The conference is designed to be affordable for families – the same price whether you have one child or 10. Early bird family registration is just \$250. Details: [www.sharethedream.org.au](http://www.sharethedream.org.au)

**Music of JS Bach & Sacred Readings on Good Friday**

This annual service features several of the wonderful chorale settings from Bach's Passion and quiet, candle light meditation. Blue Mountains Chamber Choir, Robert Ampt, conductor and organist, Amy Johansen, organist. Time: 7.30pm. Where: St Finbar's Church, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook. There will be a Retiring Collection. Details: (02) 4758 6067.

**Mother's Day Craft Fair & Antique Valuation: 7 May**

The World Youth Day Pilgrims from Our Lady Queen of Peace, Greystanes, are holding a Craft Fair and Antique Valuation Day. They are looking for people who make hand crafted items and would like to book a stall to sell their work. It will be held on Saturday 7 of May in Camilleri Hall on the parish property at 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes. It is essential to book to secure your stall. For more information call Jane after 5pm on 0416 286 537 or Marie 9896 7046.

**Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference: 13-15 May**

The Sisterhood conference in Sydney seeks to draw women together for a weekend of prayer and praise, sisterhood time and formation in what it

means to be and live as a Catholic woman in the 21st Century. Keynote speakers: Sr Mary Rachel OP, Anna Krohn from the Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family; Karen Doyle, author and co-founder of Catholic media business Choicez Media. Other speakers: Fr Chris Ryan MGL as well as author, parenting expert and former principal of Redfield College, Andrew Mullins, and Carolyn Martin founder of The Day of Difference Foundation and mother of burns victim Sophie Delezio. Numbers limited – book soon: \$195pp. Where: The Collary Centre, Collaroy Beach. Details: [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au)

**Divine Mercy**

27-29 April: Br Louis OFM Conv will deliver a series of talks at Kellyville.  
1 May: Divine Mercy Sunday – prayers 1pm with street procession with the relic of St Faustina to be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 3pm: principal celebrant – Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, veneration of the relic to follow. Religious items for sale. Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville. Inquiries: Steve Boland 0405 206 695.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Tue 5 April	Yr 12 Careers Day
Fri 8 April	Term 1 concludes
Fri 22 April	Good Friday
Mon 25 Apr	Anzac Day
Tue 26 Apr	Easter Monday holiday
Wed 27 April	Term 2 Commences
Fri 29 April	Intention to Apply for Enrolment forms due back to Loyola
Mon 9 May – Fri 27 May	Yr 11 Half Yearly Examinations
Wed 11 May	Yr 12 Parent/Teacher Night
Mon 16 May – Fri 27 May	TTC Work Placement
Mon 16 May	Yr 12 Retreat
Mon 23 May – Fri 27 May	Yr 12 4 Unit Business Services Work Placement
Tue June 7	Subject Expo and Information Night for Year 11, 2012 students
Mon 13 June	Queen's Birthday holiday



Wishing all our families and friends  
a  
**Happy Easter**

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