Welcome Shane Dwyer

We are very pleased to announce that Mr Shane Dwyer will join the Lasallian Mission Service’s team as Assistant Director (Formation) from Monday 12 October. Shane is a highly experienced Catholic adult educator with particular skills and expertise in leadership, faith formation, theological course provision, resource development, personnel supervision, faith and spirituality education, and ministry development. He is an experienced writer and trainer with extensive qualifications and experience in education, theology, spirituality, direction, and retreat preparation and presentation.

Shane will work closely with Br John Cantwell and other Lasallian Mission Services colleagues over the next four months in deepening his understanding and knowledge of St John Baptist de la Salle; the Lasallian charism; current formation programmes; as well as having the opportunity to become acquainted with the broad array of works of LMS colleagues throughout the District of ANZPPNG.

We offer Shane very best wishes for a highly successful and rewarding Lasallian career in our District.

(Merv McCormack, Executive Director LMC)

Welcome home

Br Chris Gorringe, Auxiliary Visitor returns to Sydney tomorrow.

Merv McCormack returned Friday from meetings in Rome.

Farewell

Br Ambrose Payne departs Saturday to take up his appointment in Rome as interim Bursar General.
I am expressing our thanks and reporting about a great job done again by Mr Tim Hogan and his crew of Year 11 boys and staff from De La Salle College Malvern during their stay with us, 13-25 September 2015.

As a result of their endeavours, De La Salle Bomana now boasts a more spacious staffroom, an extra classroom, a general purpose meeting room, and lockable cupboards in the Science labs. The boys also built two new benches by the fireplace and mango tree which overlooks the school's playing fields and the distant Owen Stanley Ranges. Thanks to Phil, the plumber of the group, who helped us with a couple of small jobs in the kitchen and laundry.

Their first week with us coincided with the last week of Term 3 at De La Salle and gave our boys the chance to mix with the visitors and thank them at a full school assembly. Being the good organiser he is, Tim arranged with the Principal, Mr James Ume, for the Malvern boys to have a tour around Moresby and environs, as far afield as Oers Corner (start of the Kokoda Trail) and as near as Bomana War Cemetery where the boys viewed many graves of young men only a couple of years older than themselves!

Visitors and hosts were happy that much was achieved during their stay and many good memories were forged. A great effort on all sides! May the relationship between our two Lasallian schools continue to prosper!!

THANK YOU TO THE TEAM
Pilgrimage to Rome and France

Principals, Religious Education Coordinator’s, and some of their partners were privileged to participate recently in a Lasallian Pilgrimage from Friday 18 September to Monday 5 October. The group comprised 16 participants, and included a “tour guide” and Parish Priest Fr Tom Carroll, from St. Aloysius Cronulla. Every Lasallian College in the Sydney Catholic system of schools was represented. The pilgrimage had as its purpose to provide opportunity to:

- provide personal and shared faith formation, specifically within the Lasallian charism.
- experience first hand a pilgrimage with a focus on the life of our Founder. It is hoped that this could then be developed as a regular faith formation experience for our colleagues, in the future.
- build collegiality and relationships that would sustain us in our shared mission.

The “program” was gentle at times, and varied. However, the engagement with our Lasallian Brothers at key times throughout the Pilgrimage ensured we remained focused on our core ministry.

**In Rome**: we had a two night stopover at the “mother house” and enjoyed a guided tour by Br Rodolfo. This was a first visit for most and we can see the rich possibilities for some more formal presentations and workshops here for future pilgrimage participants.

**In Parmenie**: we took time out for a “mini retreat”. The magnificent location, and wonderful hospitality of the Brothers ensured we had a real sense of the time De La Salle spent here. His “story” was passionately expressed by Br John, speaking in French, and relayed to us by our tour guide and interpreter. All this took place as we were seated in the chapel, and wandered around the retreat centre. It was a most moving experience - one in which we probably learnt more about De La Salle’s life and work than we previously had known.

**In Reims**: we visited the birthplace of De La Salle and participated in a guided tour of the “museum and learning centre”, led by Br Dominic. This was a very hands on experience as the centre is now a modern interactive and engaging learning resource.

**In Paris**: we gathered at the Lasallian Centre for a tour of the facility, and then a walking tour of the streets, all led by Br Christian. His detailed preparation and wisdom around the life of De La Salle and the historical relevance of many of the places in which De La Salle worked was greatly appreciated and embraced by us all.

My sense is that the Pilgrimage was a great success, and that the experience has certainly provided the learning and foundation for future pilgrimages. My thanks are extended to every member of our Pilgrimage party for their great generosity, goodwill, and enthusiasm throughout the whole experience. I am sure we have learnt much about our Founder and his ministry, and developed a strong bond and commitment to our own shared ministry. (Phil Gane, Principal - De La Salle Cronulla)
Birthday greetings to Brothers Waseem Sulakhan (Faisalabad) for Tuesday and Christie Dorus (Khushpur) Wednesday.

Visitor’s Schedule

A Thought
“Migrants are our brothers and sisters in search of a better life, far away from poverty, hunger, exploitation and the unjust distribution of the planet’s resources which are meant to be equitably shared by all,” Pope Francis says in his recently published message for the next World Day of Migrants and Refugees. (Source; Global Pulse)

Live Jesus in our Hearts
David Hawke FSC
Visitor

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**Camp La Salle 2015**

**27-30th September, 2015.**

This year’s Camp La Salle was held at Francis Douglas Memorial College, New Plymouth. There were 10 boys from John Paul College, Rotorua, 9 from De Salle College, Mangere East and 10 boys from Francis Douglas Memorial College. Mr. Mike Ingram from FDMC was the organiser assisted by Mr and Mrs Chamberlain. With them were Terry Hughes from John Paul College, Denis Tutaka, Haylay Boersen, Meghan Ashford and Br. Thomas from De La Salle College. The teachers were assisted by 17 full time student leaders and 6 who assisted only during the day.

The Theme of Camp La Salle 2015 was “Respect” and the boys were engaged in different activities to emphasis the theme. The boys got to know each other and build bonds through games, meals, prayers services and visits to different places. Most of them were new to Camp La Salle and they found it exciting and an enriching experience and were hoping to return next year.

The senior student leaders did a wonderful job supporting, guiding and leading the young campers in different activities including prayer and tiding up of the kitchen after every meal. They were brothers to each other and shared memorable moments together. The three days of learning, fun and laughter ended with a prayer service in the chapel led by student leaders at 10am on Wednesday.

Thank you to Mr. Ingram (Francis Douglas Memorial College) for organising this year’s Camp La Salle.

Next year’s Camp La Salle will be held at De La Salle College Mangere East. (Source, Br Thomas Mabol Yapo).

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**O’Connor Catholic College Armidale**

The chapel of St John Baptist de La Salle has been declared a place of pilgrimage and indulgence in the Armidale Diocese for the Year of Consecrated Life. On October 7th Bishop Kennedy celebrated Mass in the chapel. Br Paul Rogers (Karlaminda), an old boy of De La Salle College, Armidale, addressed the congregation on the work of the De La Salle Brothers. The Bishop was so impressed by Paul’s address that he asked for a copy to print in the Cathedral newsletter.