

Kia Ora Dream Team 15,

It is a truly exciting time for the entire Lasallian family and mission.

LMS Structure changes

No doubt you would have received the communication yesterday with news of some stellar new additions to the team (Shane and Amanda), a new structure for our LMS team and a new role for Br. Tony. What these changes mean is that your day to day operation in your school will remain as it is, but it will allow a greater level of strategic support from our Young Lasallians team for you and your school community. It also means we have two more experienced and insightful people in Amanda and Shane to walk alongside in living out our Lasallian Mission. I am absolutely PUMPED UP!!!

Succession Planning – retreat volunteers 2016, Youth Ministers in 2017 and beyond

In light of the above and understanding it is term 4, this passage has come to mind; *"Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown." Matthew 13 3-8*

As I read this, this came to mind *"as a leader you are always trying to replace yourself"*. In other words You're the Mr Miyagi looking for your Karate kids, you're Yoda looking for your Obi Wan Kenobi, you're a Jedi Master looking for your padawan, you're a farmer in the field looking for the rich soil. In this term 4, we are sowing seeds to those seniors who you believe have the heart for service, a solid foundation of skills, reliability and has the great potential to grow. Here we hope with our tutelage they can one day produce a hundred, sixty or thirty times.



Practical outcomes;

- Identify **3-5 leaders** (if you have more that's great) to stay connected at retreats, MAD days etc
- **Personally invite** them to be involved
- **Record their details** and give them an appropriate way to contact you or next year's Youth Minister.
- **Lodge with Jordan and I.**
- **Young Lasallian Youth Ministry Volunteers Training** – We are developing a training program for post-school Lasallian Volunteers to assist more effectively on retreats. This will be available in all areas for you to run in your local community next year. The first one is in **Sydney, Collaroy on the 16th of January.**

New Lasallian Youth Ministers

In addition to the Provincial office additions, I am extremely excited to announce three more additions to the team;

1. **Caleb Bainbridge at St Bede's College, Mentone;** Caleb is currently the Lasallian Facilitator in Balgo Hills after successfully completing the Share the Mission program last year. He has

organised Lasallian formation, volunteer trips and mentored the current STM volunteers. He himself has been on Volunteer La Salle Indonesia two consecutive years.

2. **Seamus Linehan** at **Luurnpa Catholic School**, Balgo Hills; Seamus is currently an active member of community at De La Salle, Mangere, whilst on the Share the Mission program. He has been on numerous leadership and counts trekking the Kokoda trail and being part of the support network for the Championship winning under 14's Rugby team this year as major achievements.
3. **Joanne Doueih** at **De La Salle College, Revesby**; Joanne successfully graduated from Holy Spirit College, Lakemba as a vice captain in 2014. She is currently studying a double degree of Commerce and Law at Macquarie University and holds World Youth Day in Rio as a key touchstone in her life.

Please join me in welcoming them to the team. Furthermore we are in the process of interviewing for Youth Ministry positions in;

- **Papua New Guinea** for a national position
- **St Michael's College**, Henley Beach
- **La Salle College**, Middle Swan
- **De La Salle College**, Caringbah

Please keep our past, present and future Dream Team members in your prayers.

Remember you are in the Holy Presence of God and of each other.

Philippe Dulawan.