

Greetings Lasallians on this majestic Monday morning,

It's been a wonderful two weeks and action packed for everyone. I say it's been WONDERFUL, SUBLIME and SPLENDID Monday because I have been uplifted by the time spent with many of you face to face and witnessing the diversity of your adventures from a distance. As this term has begun, two quotes from De La Salle comes to mind "*Young people need good teachers (or Youth Ministers) like visible angels*" and "*God has chosen you to make Him Known*". This frantic start to the second semester has seen each of you be one of these angelic figures in people's lives by simply being who you are, Lasallians of character and substance. As we continue to grow together and walk this journey, may we never stop striving to live out these ideals of Faith, Service and Community in each of our lives, for it is in this transformation of mind, body and heart that we make Jesus known in all of our actions. This from the smallest actions of catching the bus, to doing a retreat day, drinking coffee with one another, sharing a meal down at the pub or sitting at the pound and taking it all in. We, together are all visible beacons of this joyous hope and below are some highlights of how each of us are doing such;





Dream Team 15 highlight reel:

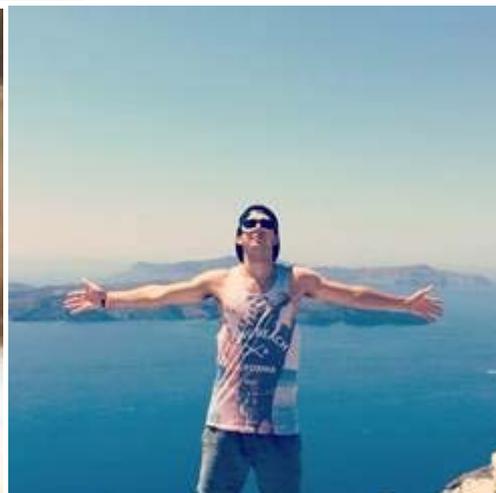
- **Will, Stephen, Sebastian and I**, caught up last week with each other and La Salle Community Melbourne and other volunteers. Will and Sebastian were instrumental in the success of the Malvern Yr 10 retreats focused on Service, Opportunity and Sacrifice. It was great to continually improve as we reflected then changed from day 1 to day 2. A Holy Spirit moment was Will leading his first meditation exercise having all 80+ boys silent and reflective pondering how they can sacrifice for each other. Seb has introduced JOCKEYS WHIP and JOCKEYS NAE NAE! Thanks Stephen for taking us to the best coffee in all of Malvern.
- **Pat, Br. Tony and Balgo Mob** – VLS Balgo have had a successful week in Luurnpa Catholic school with many great tales. It was a learning and informative experience both for the students and volunteers. A big thank you goes out to Mitch Marshall who was the Program Coordinator.
- **Christina** – has just returned from her European adventure in Italy. We are glad the big Guy was looking out for her and her family with a “near death experience”. Her full story here; <https://youtu.be/AFVsVYklakA>
- **Damian** – Has been on year 12 retreat; “ It was such an amazing retreat, from the Masquerade Party to the evening liturgy where students blessed, strengthened, anointed and had healing with each other, to the amazing small group sharing groups!”. Here is another video hello: <https://youtu.be/6H6SFFD4auU>
- **Ruby** – Ruby has also been on year 12 retreat last week spending an overnight stay in Stanwell tops, having an impactful time in her last year at Cronulla (I am excited to catch-up with her this afternoon)
- **Eli** – Eli has returned back to schools this week after PNG Holidays. There has been great hustle and bustle with the Pacific Games being held in Port Moresby.
- **Denis** – Denis is currently on year 12 retreat at John Paul College, Rotorua. He is being assisted by Seamus and Alex the two STM volunteers.

• **Stephanie** – Says thank you all for your support and has still managed to help train

LYL's and assist on Year 8 reflection day.

- **Richie** is going well and is managed to touch base with Laura Sutherland, Jenny Goonan and I to help continue on the Lasallian in the Hills movement. He also returned safely from NZ where he managed to celebrate his 30th birthday and catch-up with our very own Denis Tutaka.
- **Dom** – Is in his fourth week of teaching practicum and will be finishing up on the 7th of August and returning to St Michael's on the 10th. This just in time for our team to run Year 11 and 12 Seminar days.
- **Jordan** – Has just had a life changing experience in Mykonos, Greece and is due to fly back this Wednesday. So we wish him a safe flight. Check out his "Jesus pose" below. He returns to work on the 3rd of August.

Now take a deep breath – as you can see you are all being amazing witnesses and examples to so many students, staff and all you come across!



Mid-year evaluations

As you were aware we sent out evaluations to your support network for feedback. We have collated the information and we will be scheduling time with each of you to go over that feedback to affirm what you are doing right and to provide goals for continue improvement. Overall it was resoundingly positive. Merv, Joanne and Julie were also at a meeting of the Northern Principals who had many words of praise for the Youth Minister's present at their school. Keep up the great work.

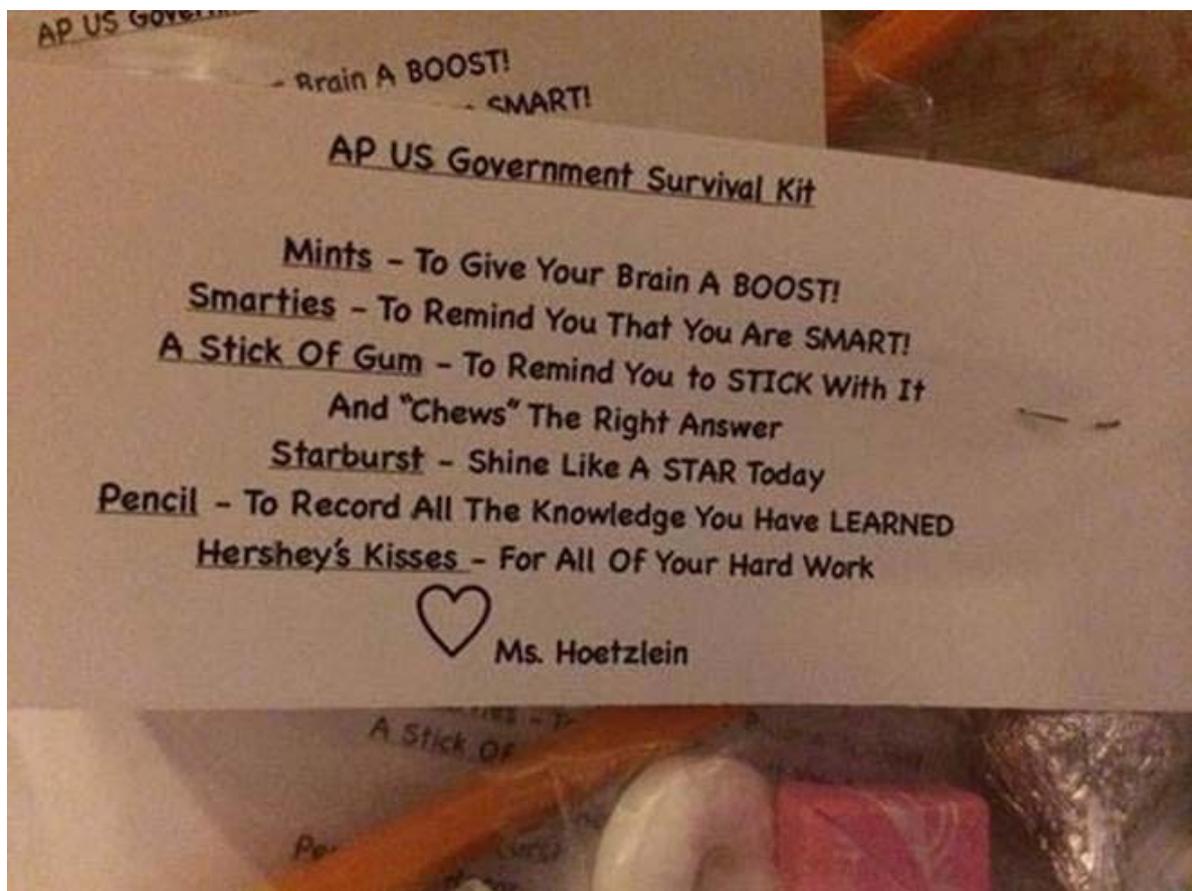
Buddies – Say hello to your buddies! There is

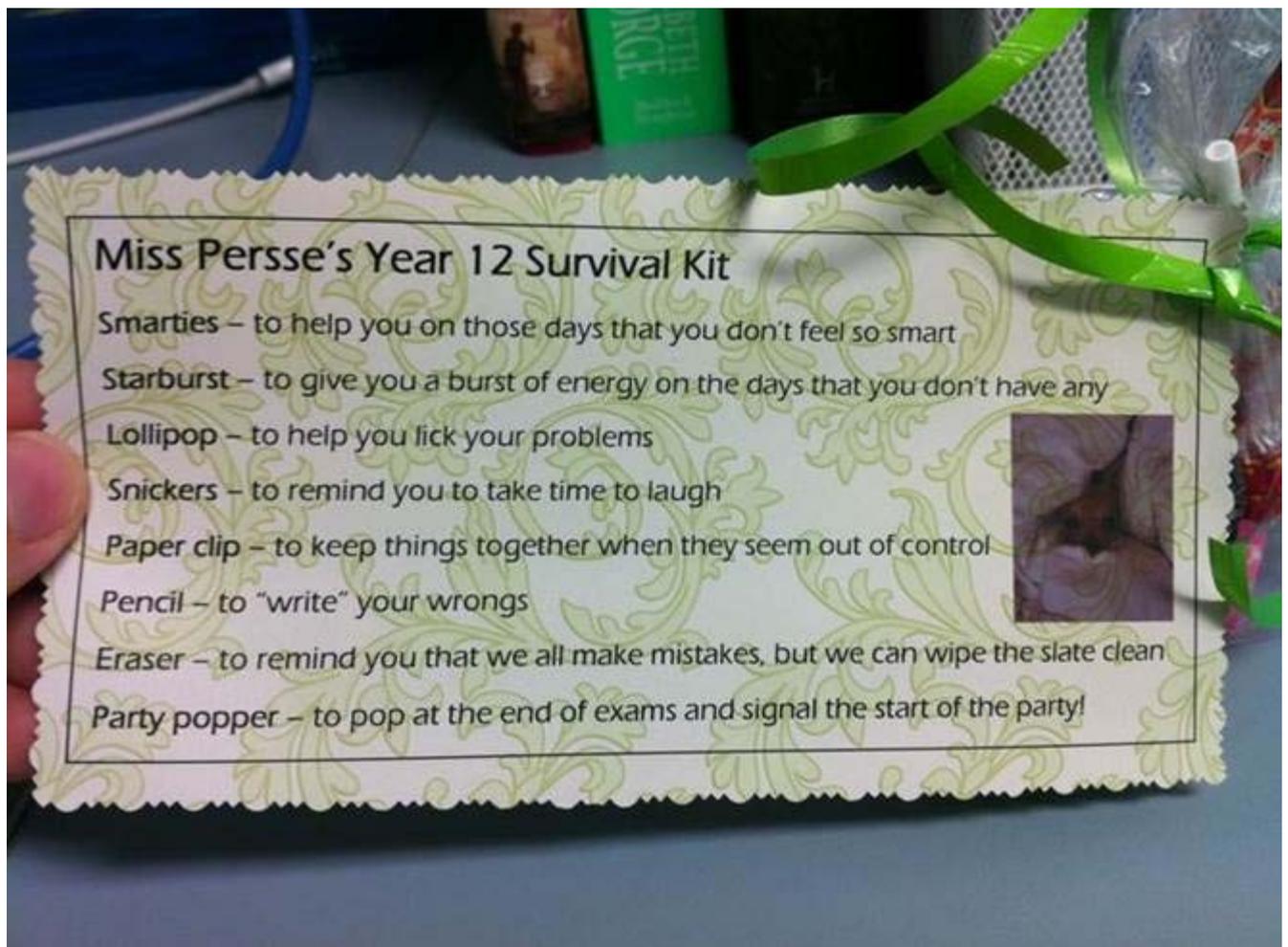
a lot to catch-up on.

Richie and Christina	Stephen and Ruby
Dom and Pat	Sebastian and Steph
Denis and Eli	Damian and Will

Year 12/13 Exam Survival kit – Thanks Sebastian

It's a stressful time now for our seniors so continue to be super positive and affirming towards them and let them know we are there to support each of them. Sebastian had a great idea of making a "exam survival kit" for the year 12/13s.





Team Whereabouts this week;

- **Br. Tony** - Mon: Caringbah, Tues: Bankstown Office; Wed- Fri: Southern Cross Catholic College
- **Philippe** – Mon: Office Tues: Office (morning), Parramatta (afternoon), Melbourne in evening Wed to Fri: Melbourne
- **Joanne** – Mon/Tues/Wed – Days off – Wed Night – Friday – St Bedes Retreats
- **Jordan** – Returns to work 3rd of August

As always know that Jordan, Joanne, Br. Tony and I are all here to help you. There is no stupid questions ever.

Peace, joy and live Jesus in our hearts, forever.

Philippe