Some Courses Starting Soon

If you’re looking for something to study before the end of the year here are some suggestions for your diary. These are all one or two day workshops.

**Saturday**
- 27 November Drawing With Vincent
- 27 November Gardening for Balconies
- 27 November Greek and Lebanese Tour
- 27 November Persian Cooking
- 27 November Thai Cuisine
- 27 November Databases
- 27 November Internet Research
- 27 November Photography Field Trip

**Sunday**
- 28 November Digital Photography

**Saturday**
- 04 December Christmas Cardmaking
- 04 December Powerpoint
- 04 December Web Page Design
- 04 December Infant & Child First Aid
- 04 December Vietnamese Cuisine Tour

**Monday**
- 06 December Makeup Fundamentals

**Wednesday**
- 08 December Photography Field Trip

**Saturday**
- 11 December Chinatown Tour
- 11 December Thai Curries

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**Believe It Or Not**

With the festive Season fast approaching and the endless cycle of social events to host and attend about to overwhelm me, I decided to attend the one day workshop ‘Making Christmas Nibbles’ in the hopes of picking up some time saving tips before the inevitable December 25 meltdown. I was initially skeptical upon reading the menu, that I or any of the other first time students would be able to pull off lamb cutlets, chicken liver pate or champagne jellies in just one afternoon, but the tutors, the Ferguson sisters, used their beguiling ways to convince me I’d be making not just these tasty treats but several more.

The highlight of the day was sitting down for a well earned rest and sampling the 16 dishes the class had made in just a few hours. I’ve taken my recipe book home and already managed to convince the family I’m a culinary pro. See you next term girls!

_April O’Shea_

_Photos Chris Maait_

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**Flower Power**

Kevin Walpole is known to many people through his award-winning flower arrangements, and he has been teaching his art at Mosman Community College since 1993. One of his students once said Kevin’s classes has restored her sanity and love of life. Several students have re-enrolled for several years, one loyal student for eight years. Now that’s good teaching!

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**Make a Contribution**

You have a contribution to make to this newsletter whether you know it or not. Please make it!

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**From the Chairperson**

As our College year of 2010 draws to a close we are busy preparing the brochure and website for Term 1 2011. Thanks are due to the tutors, administrative staff and students who have been so supportive this term. We will have another interesting term next year, with many new courses as well as those ones always popular. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party on Thursday 16 December at the RS Club.

_Helen Egan_

Helen has been associated with Mosman Community College for over 20 years. Formerly a teacher, Helen has dedicated her whole life to education, and is an exceptional exemplar of lifelong learning.
Diana Welsby, Principal of Mosman Community College 2000-2009, received a Pride of Workmanship Award from Mosman Rotary Club in October. Rotary honours dedication and commitment in the work-force at an annual awards night, and Diana was congratulated for her role as an educator and provider of community services in the Mosman community. A total of 12 people received awards on the night, including Rod Grant, Head Teacher in the Art Department of Mosman High School, whose students have consistently excelled at Art Expo over the years. Rod was described by the High School Principal Susan Wyatt, as “one of the best teachers in NSW”.

**Avoiding Stage Fright**

Geoff Stone teaches Communication Skills, and has recently condensed his years of experience as a presenter, broadcaster and media consultant into a series of ‘tips’ for speakers and presenters.

“Unlike most of us, there are a few people on the planet who actually enjoy making speeches and presentations, and I’m one of them. It’s surprising really, because as a kid I was incredibly shy and usually lost for words. I learned by being dumped in the deep end, and by studying some of the best. Most of us become negative thinkers when faced with the thought of addressing an audience. What if I forget the words…what if they don’t like me…what if my mind goes blank…what if I make a fool of myself, and so on. Well, here a tip for you to think about. Once you learn to focus on giving a gift of your knowledge to the audience, instead of thinking about yourself, your attitude will start to change. The audience is not your adversary and just because they have intense looks on their faces there is no way you can read their minds, so see them as friends who are paying attention. NEVER see them as judges. Remember, very few of them would like to swap places with you. You were asked to speak because others thought you could, so go for it and enjoy the experience”.

**Italian can be fun!**

Believe it or not, these students are learning Italian grammar. It takes a very skilled teacher to make this a painless process, and here is one of the College’s most popular tutors, Elena De Felice, showing just how painless it can be.

(Photograph: Chris Maait)

Diana Giese’s Weddings tour of 22 May 2010 joined Sarah Cox’s Floristry Workshop for some hands on experience. Diana offers a Travel at Home tour every term; they have proved to be very popular, and a valuable introduction to many of Sydney’s diversity of cultures. Sarah is a skilled and innovative floristry artist whose courses have introduced many students to floristry possibilities they had never dreamed of.

**Artist and Teacher**

Willi Michalski has taught classes for the past thirty years and runs workshops specialising in wheel throwing and sculpturing techniques. His career has been highlighted by many exhibitions, including one-man solo shows. His works are represented in public collections in Australia, including regional galleries as well as in private collections here and abroad. Details on his website: http://www.wmceramics.com.au/

**The Little Professor**

Students of Italian at the College will know of Laura Bertuccelli and her husband Antonio Bini, two of several outstanding teachers of Italian who work for the College. Laura has always learnt a lot from her students, who have taught her much about presentation and lesson structure (and about Australia). Now Laura has a new teacher. Her little professor is Rachel Bini. Laura is learning new things every day.