

**NEWSLETTER 1/1**  
**Friday January 30 2009**

**FROM THE HEADMASTER**  
**Dr Peter Casey**

On Tuesday, I reminded the staff of the words of John Steinbeck: 'It is of the nature of man to rise to greatness if greatness is expected of him'. So may it be with all of our boys in 2009 because of our collaboration. The boys will do anything we as parents and staff let them. If we have clear and high expectations, both individually and collectively, the boys rise to the occasion. This is God's work and he has no hands but ours to do it. Welcome to 2009 at St Patrick's College.

**Consecrating the New Altar**

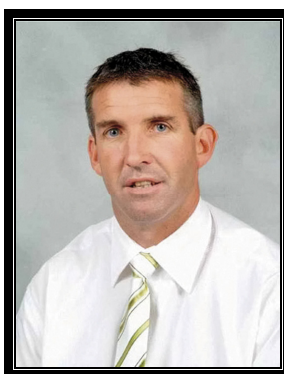
On the evening of Friday January 30 at 5.00pm, we are celebrating Eucharist with Bishop Peter Connors, Patron of the College. In this liturgy in our Chapel, we will consecrate the new altar. We would welcome your company on this occasion.

**New Staff 2009**

Please join with me in welcoming our new staff members. I pray that their time with us will be filled with joy and professional satisfaction.

Teaching staff		Title	Formal Qualifications	Coming from
<b>Caldow</b>	Chris	Deputy Head: Student and Staff Wellbeing	B.Ed., M.Ed.(Leadership)	Sacred Heart College, Geelong
<b>Busscher</b>	Michael	Head of Senior School	Dip.Teach; Grad.Dip.R.E; M.Ed.(Leadership)	Salesian College, Chadstone
<b>Canavan</b>	Claire	Head of English	BA, Grad.Dip.Ed.	St Aloysius College, North Melbourne
<b>Crowley</b>	Marcella	Music and Drama	Dip.Music; Dip.Ed.	Trinity College Colac
<b>Davis</b>	Rohan	Humanities and RE	B.A., Grad.Dip.Ed., Grad.Cert.R.E.	ACU
<b>Emerson</b>	Mark	Senior Mathematics	B.Sc.; B.Sc.(Hons); Grad.Dip.Ed.	Far North Queensland via Croydon Secondary College
<b>Hogbin</b>	Jillian	Literacy and Linguistics	Dip.Teach.; B.Ed; M.Ed.(Special Ed.)	CEO Ballarat
<b>Maes</b>	Glenda	Food Technology	Dip.Foods & Food Service; T.T.T.C.	Boronia Heights College, Melbourne

<b>Rajki</b>	Steve	Senior Mathematics and Sciences	B.E.(Civil Engineering), Dip.Ed.	Xavier College
<b>Non Teaching Staff</b>				
<b>Goodes</b>	Brett	Indigenous Education Manager	Dip. Conservation & Land Management	Dept of Sustainability and Environment; Nth Ballarat Football Club
<b>Hooper</b>	Trudi	School Officer: Creditors		Motel management
<b>McDonald</b>	Andrea	Music Secretary		Queensland - with family roots in Waubra
<b>Camm</b>	Peter	Instrumental Music	Grade 4 AMEB Prac; Grade 4 AMEB Theory	BCMA; Black Hill Primary;
<b>Fitzsimons</b>	Garry	Integration Aide	Dip. Business (Human Resources)	VICTEC Ltd / Brotherhood of St Laurence Employment
<b>Rippon</b>	Kylie	Integration Aide	Integration Aide Certificate 3	Colac
<b>Sutton</b>	Daniel	Integration Aide	B.Sc.(Hons); Grad.Dip.(Science Communication)	Sovereign Hill
<b>Walshe</b>	Cate	Integration Aide	Cert. IV in Training and Assessment	Penola Catholic College
<b>Wright</b>	Mif	Integration Aide	Completing Cert. III in Education	Westpac
<b>Allan</b>	Rhys	Trainee: A/V	Certificate II Community Recreation	St Patrick's College Year 12 student 2008
<b>Hickman</b>	Rex	Trainee: Grounds	VCE	St Patrick's College Year 12 student 2008
<b>Yaakoob</b>	Steve	Trainee: HaPE	VCE	St Patrick's College Year 12 student 2008



**Mr Chris Caldow, Deputy Headmaster**

We also welcome back four staff members from leave. I have included the list of staff whom we have farewelled. We wish them every blessing in their new ventures.

<b>Staff returning from leave</b>				
Coffey	Ria	Returning	Middle School	Teacher
Hexter	Nicole	Returning	Head of House	Teacher
Pearsall (O'Connor)	Trish	Returning	Library Technician	Non-Teacher
Rajki	Rosalie	Returning	Senior Biology and Maths	Teacher
<b>Staff on leave or secondment in 2009</b>				
Bone	Les	Long Service Leave		Teacher
Brodie	Kevin	SIMON Project		Teacher
Lapinski	Stephen	On leave indefinitely		Teacher
Mackay	Samantha	Maternity leave		Non-Teacher
Moore	Danny	Edmund Rice Network		Teacher
Vanderkley	Mark	SIMON Project		Non-teacher
<b>Staff who have left or whose contract concluded</b>				
Carison	Margaret	Resigned	French	Teacher
Cody	Sharon	Resigned	Integration Aide	Non-Teacher
Cosgriff	John	Resigned	Mathematics	Teacher
Doolan	Joe	Resigned	Director of Mission	Teacher
Hogan	Bernadette	Resigned	Head of Religious Education	Teacher
O'Connor	Steven	Resigned	Deputy Headmaster	Teacher
O'Loughlin	Ben	Resigned	Library Technician	Non-Teacher
Porter	Kelvin	Resigned	Director of Pastoral Care	Teacher
Berg	Ryan	Term ended	Sports Trainee	Non-Teacher
Blizzard	Alexander	Term ended	HaPE Trainee	Non-Teacher
McKenzie	Lachlan	Term ended	Audio-visual Trainee	Non-Teacher
Weadon	Bryn	Term ended	Grounds Trainee – drafted as a rookie to the Geelong Football Club	Non-Teacher

#### **Initiatives for 2009**

In keeping with the intent of our 2006-2010 Strategic Plan and other programme reviews the College is embarking upon a range of initiatives in 2009 including:

- streaming of mathematics class;
- internal provision of VET in hospitality and building construction;
- Vocational English 3&4 stream;
- Year 12 Religious Education rotations through four units;
- Australian History as core subject in Year 10;
- expansion of the Pastoral groups in the Senior School from six to seven;
- extended role of Head of House across Years 7 to 12;
- reintroduction of Year Level Coordinators to Years 10, 11 and 12;
- all Year 9 boys to have a food component in their Extension programme; and
- two Deputy Heads with clear briefs for teaching and learning and student and staff wellbeing.

On the physical front there have been a number of changes to office arrangements, new lockers for Middle School, shade cloth installed on the Hill Oval and the tendering process for the building of new change rooms has begun so construction should get underway soon.

### Award Winners

At this week's Academic Assembly we recognised our VCE high achievers, the duces of the College and individual subjects at VCE Units 3&4, those students who received a Chris Nolan award for Semester Two studies, and those who consequently were awarded a Headmaster's Award for Excellence – an honour afforded students who obtain Chris Nolan awards in each semester of an academic year.

The Academic Assembly recognises and commends the performance of the following students who obtained an ENTER score in excess of 90 in 2008:

<b>High Achievers</b>		<b>ENTER</b>
Michael	Keem	99.8
Nathan	Antony	92
Richard	Bauer	90.95
William	Beitzel	90.6
Nicholas	Cook	96.6
Jack	Ferguson	95.9
Finlay	Gustus	93.75
Samuel	Harrison	98.55
Seamus	Herrick	93.5
Thomas	Kavanagh	96.25
Richard	Keys	96.6
Paul	King	98.15
Bernard	Kuek	99.2
Andrew	McNiece	95.4
Thomas	McPherson	92.5
Michael	Rix	91
Robert	Ryan	90.5
Patrick	Smardon	90.3
Hugh	Spencer	94.5
Matthew	Stewart	90.6
Liam	Toohey	96.1



**Thomas Kavanagh – Captain of the College, Captain of Boats and an ENTER of 96.25 in 2008**

**Unit 3 and 4 Duces**

<b>Name</b>		<b>Subject</b>	<b>Score/50</b>
Nathan	Antony	Information Technology: Applications	44
Richard	Bauer	Australian History	42
Nicholas	Cook	Physics	43
Samuel	Cue	Visual Communication & Design	41
Blake	Davis	Outdoor & Environmental Studies	40
Daniel	Ferguson	Biology	44
Jacob	Gordon	Studio Arts	42
Samuel	Harrison	English	40
Samuel	Harrison	Religion & Society	47
Seamus	Herrick	English	40
Seamus	Herrick	Legal Studies	44
Luke	Jones	Further Mathematics	48
Luke	Jones	Physical Education	43
Michael	Keem	Chemistry	45
Michael	Keem	Literature	50
Michael	Keem	Japanese (post scaling)	36 (44.87)
Michael	Keem	Mathematical Methods CAS	44
Richard	Keys	Revolutions History	43
Paul	King	Economics	40
Paul	King	Media Studies	45
Bernard	Kuek	French (post scaling)	37 (47.29)
Bernard	Kuek	Maths: Specialist (post scaling)	39 (47.16)
Bernard	Kuek	Physics	43
Alastair	Lambert	Food & Technology	43
Kieran	McDowell	Community Recreation (VET in VCE)	42
Daniel	Sharp	Business Management	42
Cody	Stewart	Systems Engineering	45
Liam	Toohey	Accounting	42
Brendan	Torpy	Design and Technology	44
Thomas	Winkelman	Information Technology (VET in VCE)	42

Chris Nolan Award Winners Semester Two

<b>Given</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Given</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>House</b>
Jake	<b>Ainley</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Lawrence	<b>Ellis</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Samuel	<b>Burzacott</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Alexander	<b>Eva</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Gerard	<b>Clifford</b>	Year 7	Keniry	James	<b>Fahey</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Tim	<b>Crowe</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Riley	<b>Fullerton</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Matthew	<b>Dwyer</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Jack	<b>Furness</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Andrew	<b>Fay</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Jayden	<b>Hayes</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Jack	<b>Fowler</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Callum	<b>Klein</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Matthew	<b>Geddes</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Patrick	<b>Linnane</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Andrew	<b>Groch</b>	Year 7	Keniry	Nicholas	<b>McKee McMurray- McKay</b>	Year 8	Ryan
Jack	<b>Harrison</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Zak	<b>Meagher</b>	Year 8	Ryan
John	<b>Hickey</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Edward	<b>Miller</b>	Year 8	Galvin
Matthew	<b>Hinge</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Austin	<b>O'Hagan</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Ben	<b>Howes</b>	Year 7	Keniry	Brett	<b>O'Loughlin</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Thomas	<b>Hoy</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Bradley	<b>O'Riley</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Jake	<b>Laidlaw</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Kieren	<b>Owen</b>	Year 8	Galvin
Declan	<b>Leishman</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Jack	<b>Perkins</b>	Year 8	Ryan
Callum	<b>Linnane</b>	Year 7	Galvin	William	<b>Powlett</b>	Year 8	Galvin
Douglas	<b>Mai</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Charlie	<b>Ryan</b>	Year 8	Nunan
John	<b>McGuigan</b>	Year 7	Keniry	Thomas	<b>Santilli</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Nicholas	<b>McMaster</b>	Year 7	Keniry	Jordan	<b>Sculley</b>	Year 8	Ryan
Mark	<b>McOwan</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Benjamin	<b>Slater</b>	Year 8	Ryan
Adam	<b>Murphy</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Xavier	<b>Sloan</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Jake	<b>Muscat</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Jack	<b>Weightman</b>	Year 8	Nunan
Peter	<b>Oakley</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Zachary	<b>Willowwhite</b>	Year 8	Galvin
Jarryd	<b>O'Dowd</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Nicholas	<b>Zreikat</b>	Year 8	Ryan
Timothy	<b>O'Shea</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Joseph	<b>Allan</b>	Year 8	Keniry
Jack	<b>Peeters</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Brayden	<b>Allen</b>	Year 9	Keniry
Angus	<b>Rooney</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Kayne	<b>Azarnikow</b>	Year 9	Ryan
Mitchell	<b>Ryan</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Scott	<b>Baxter</b>	Year 9	Galvin
Timothy	<b>Ryan</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Daniel	<b>Brandenburg</b>	Year 9	Nunan
Jai	<b>Sharp</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Tyler	<b>Corbett</b>	Year 9	Nunan
Jarra	<b>Staley</b>	Year 7	Ryan	William	<b>Cullinan</b>	Year 9	Ryan
Mitchell	<b>Thompson</b>	Year 7	Nunan	Zachary	<b>Davie</b>	Year 9	Nunan
Thomas	<b>Thorpe</b>	Year 7	Ryan	Liam	<b>Dean</b>	Year 9	Galvin
Jack	<b>Wakefield</b>	Year 7	Galvin	Jack		Year 9	Ryan
Nicholas	<b>Whelan</b>	Year 7	Ryan				
Luke	<b>Wilson</b>	Year 7	Nunan				
Darcy	<b>Anstis</b>	Year 8	Nunan				
Nicholas	<b>Beaver</b>	Year 8	Nunan				
Cameron	<b>Butcher</b>	Year 8	Keniry				
Michael	<b>Cocomazzo</b>	Year 8	Ryan				
Robert	<b>Conroy</b>	Year 8	Nunan				
Alex	<b>Cook</b>	Year 8	Keniry				
Charles	<b>Cook</b>	Year 8	Keniry				
Matthew	<b>Cove</b>	Year 8	Nunan				
Christopher	<b>Debono</b>	Year 8	Nunan				

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Toby	<b>Ford</b>	Year 9	Galvin	Lachlan	<b>McLean</b>	Year 10	Ryan
Carl	<b>Giles</b>	Year 9	Galvin	James	<b>McMaster</b>	Year 10	Keniry
Samuel	<b>Higgins</b>	Year 9	Nunan	Ben	<b>O'Shea</b>	Year 10	Ryan
Ethan	<b>Jones</b>	Year 9	Nunan	Scott	<b>Quinn</b>	Year 10	Ryan
James	<b>Liston</b>	Year 9	Ryan	Thomas	<b>Smardon</b>	Year 10	Keniry
Harry	<b>Mai</b>	Year 9	Galvin	Kieran	<b>Toohey</b>	Year 10	Ryan
Sean	<b>McDonald</b>	Year 9	Nunan	Luke	<b>Torpy</b>	Year 10	Keniry
Timothy	<b>McOwan</b>	Year 9	Galvin	Matthew	<b>Weightman</b>	Year 10	Keniry
Alexander	<b>McPherson</b>	Year 9	Galvin	Samuel	<b>Wilson</b>	Year 10	Keniry
Matthew	<b>Norman</b>	Year 9	Keniry	Michael	<b>Xuereb</b>	Year 10	Nunan
Joshua	<b>Paddon</b>	Year 9	Keniry	Oliver	<b>Yeung</b>	Year 10	Nunan
Jacob	<b>Perkins</b>	Year 9	Keniry	Jarryd	<b>Allan</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Killian	<b>Plastow</b>	Year 9	Galvin	Julian	<b>Atwood</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Jaz	<b>Plinius-Wiese</b>	Year 9	Ryan	Lachlan	<b>Barker</b>	Year 11	Galvin
Zac	<b>Reale</b>	Year 9	Keniry	Timothy	<b>Corbett</b>	Year 11	Ryan
Patrick	<b>Ross-Taylor</b>	Year 9	Ryan	Blake	<b>Davis</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Jayden	<b>Sammut</b>	Year 9	Galvin	James	<b>Edmends</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Carl	<b>Smith</b>	Year 9	Nunan	Nabeel	<b>Elias</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Mathew	<b>Thorne</b>	Year 9	Keniry	Daniel	<b>Ferguson</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Patrick	<b>Thorpe</b>	Year 9	Ryan	Joseph	<b>Ford</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Jeremy	<b>White</b>	Year 9	Keniry	Dylan	<b>Gloury</b>	Year 11	Galvin
Jonathan	<b>Willey</b>	Year 9	Galvin	Matthew	<b>Hampson</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Bryce	<b>Andrews</b>	Year 10	Galvin	Samuel	<b>Howard</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Connor	<b>Bourke</b>	Year 10	Ryan	Marc	<b>James</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Bradley	<b>Brennan</b>	Year 10	Nunan	Ashley	<b>Jan</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Jake	<b>Clough</b>	Year 10	Galvin	Stephen	<b>Jew</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Lachlan	<b>Clydesdale</b>	Year 10	Keniry	Stephen	<b>Kirby</b>	Year 11	Ryan
Daniel	<b>Cobden</b>	Year 10	Ryan	Angus	<b>Martin</b>	Year 11	Galvin
Jake	<b>Ewings</b>	Year 10	Galvin	Benjamin	<b>McOwan</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Benjamin	<b>Geddes</b>	Year 10	Ryan	Gareth	<b>Mills</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Luke	<b>Govers</b>	Year 10	Keniry	Michael	<b>Near</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Daniel	<b>Groch</b>	Year 10	Keniry	Zachary	<b>Pietsch</b>	Year 11	Ryan
Joseph	<b>Hall</b>	Year 10	Nunan	Aaron	<b>Polson</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Barton	<b>Hill</b>	Year 10	Keniry	Daniel	<b>Sharp</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Matthew	<b>Hogbin</b>	Year 10	Ryan	Ethan	<b>Stewart</b>	Year 11	Galvin
Matthew	<b>Houlihan</b>	Year 10	Galvin	Patrick	<b>Styles</b>	Year 11	Keniry
Patrick	<b>Hoy</b>	Year 10	Ryan	Lachlan	<b>Whitehouse</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Clay	<b>Jenkins</b>	Year 10	Ryan	Oliver	<b>Whiteley</b>	Year 11	Nunan
Nicholas	<b>Johnston</b>	Year 10	Keniry				
Andrew	<b>Jreige</b>	Year 10	Ryan				
Sean	<b>Keem</b>	Year 10	Keniry				
Isaac	<b>Kirby</b>	Year 10	Nunan				
Darcy	<b>Laffan</b>	Year 10	Keniry				
George	<b>Martin</b>	Year 10	Galvin				
Daniel	<b>McDonald</b>	Year 10	Nunan				
Joseph	<b>McKee</b>	Year 10	Ryan				

Headmaster's Award for Excellence

<u>Given</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Yr</u>	<u>Given</u>	<u>Surname</u>	<u>Yr</u>
Samuel	Burzacott	7	Patrick	Linnane	8	Jayden	Ross-Taylor	9	Nabeel	Elias	11
Gerard	Clifford	7	Nicholas	McKee	8	Mathew	Sammut	9	Daniel	Ferguson	11
Tim	Crowe	7	Zak	McMurray-McKay	8	Patrick	Thorne	9	Joseph	Ford	11
Matthew	Dwyer	7	Edward	Meagher	8	Jonathan	Thorpe	9	Matthew	Hampson	11
Andrew	Fay	7	Austin	Miller	8	Bryce	Willey	9	Samuel	Hampson	11
Andrew	Groch	7	Brett	O'Hagan	8	Connor	Andrews	10	Ashley	Howard	11
Jack	Harrison	7	Bradley	O'Hagan	8	Connor	Bourke	10	Ashley	Jan	11
John	Hickey	7	Kieren	O'Loughlin	8	Bradley	Brennan	10	Stephen	Jew	11
Matthew	Hinge	7	William	O'Riley	8	Jake	Clough	10	Benjamin	McOwan	11
Thomas	Hoy	7	Charlie	Perkins	8	Benjamin	Geddes	10	Gareth	Mills	11
Declan	Leishman	7	Thomas	Powlett	8	Luke	Govers	10	Michael	Near	11
Callum	Linnane	7	Jordan	Ryan	8	Daniel	Groch	10	Aaron	Polson	11
Nicholas	McMaster	7	Benjamin	Santilli	8	Joseph	Hall	10	Daniel	Sharp	11
Mark	McOwan	7	Jack	Sculley	8	Matthew	Hogbin	10	Ethan	Stewart	11
Adam	Murphy	7	Zachary	Sloan	8	Matthew	Houlihan	10	Patrick	Styles	11
Timothy	O'Shea	7	Nicholas	Weightman	8	Patrick	Hoy	10	Oliver	Whiteley	11
Jack	Peeters	7	Joseph	Willowwhite	8	Clay	Jenkins	10			
Angus	Rooney	7	Brayden	Zreikat	9	Nicholas	Johnston	10			
Timothy	Ryan	7	Kayne	Allan	9	Sean	Keem	10			
Jai	Sharp	7	Daniel	Allen	9	Daniel	McDonald	10			
Jarrah	Staley	7	Tyler	Baxter	9	Joseph	McKee	10			
Mitchell	Thompson	7	Liam	Brandenburg	9	Lachlan	McLean	10			
Thomas	Thorpe	7	Jack	Davie	9	James	McMaster	10			
Nicholas	Whelan	7	Toby	Dean	9	Ben	O'Shea	10			
Luke	Wilson	7	Carl	Ford	9	Scott	Quinn	10			
Darcy	Anstis	8	Samuel	Giles	9	Thomas	Smardon	10			
Nicholas	Beaver	8	James	Higgins	9	Kieran	Toohey	10			
Cameroon	Butcher	8	Harry	Liston	9	Luke	Torpy	10			
Robert	Conroy	8	Sean	Mai	9	Samuel	Wilson	10			
Matthew	Cove	8	Timothy	McDonald	9	Michael	Xuereb	10			
Christopher	Debono	8	Alexander	McOwan	9	Oliver	Yeung	10			
Alexander	Eva	8	Matthew	McPherson	9	Julian	Atwood	11			
Jack	Furness	8	Jacob	Norman	9	Timothy	Corbett	11			
Jayden	Hayes	8	Jaz	Perkins	9	Blake	Davis	11			
				Plinius-Wiese	9	James	Edmends	11			

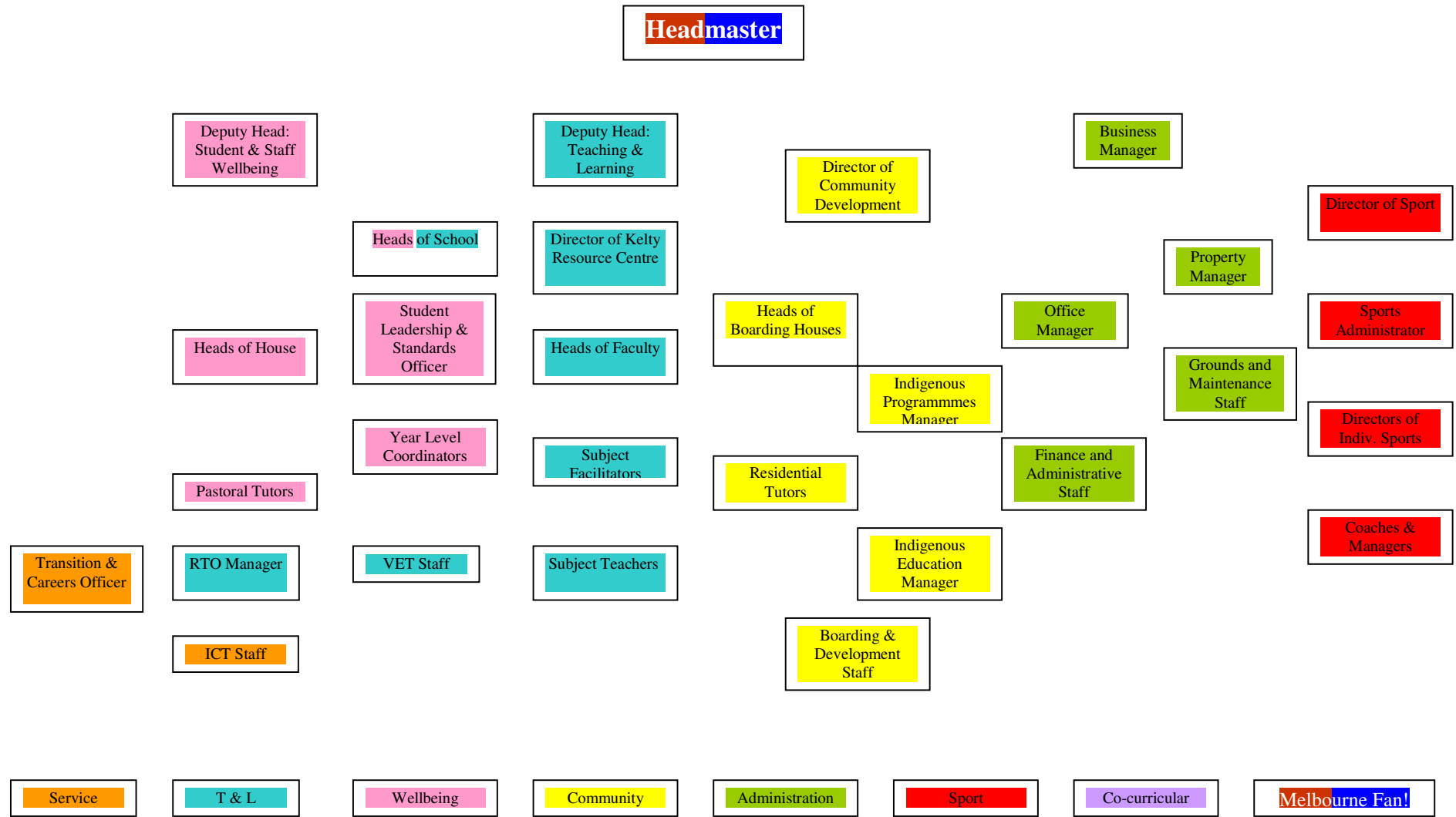
Congratulations to all of these award winners on a fine year's work.

Welcome back and may God be with us all.

Peter M Casey



# Key Relationships at St Patrick's College



**FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER**  
**Student and Staff Wellbeing**  
**Mr Chris Caldow**

A very warm welcome back to all students and families (in more than one sense!). We particularly welcome those who are joining the College community for the first time. The 2009 academic year has begun with the usual burst of energy and enthusiasm, despite the extreme weather conditions! It has been a rapid learning curve for me as I learn many of the idiosyncrasies associated with St Patrick's College and all that makes it a unique and diverse school where boys' education is paramount. I am thrilled to be working in a school where the wellbeing of each boy is of the highest priority. One of the features of the College is the obvious school spirit and pride that many of the students and staff possess. The sense of community is a significant strength of the College and I look forward to contributing to this in the years ahead.

On a personal note, I have been overwhelmed by the support that I have received from the St Patrick's community as a newcomer to this setting. The staff have been generous in giving their time as I learn the many different facets of the College and have answered, with patience, my endless questions. One of the key aspects of my role is to get to know the many different members of our community and I welcome the support of students and parents as I begin the onerous task of learning names! I hope to meet a number of parents at each of the respective parent nights to be held in the next fortnight.

The College is obviously proud of its heritage and its reputation. Enormous amounts of work go into preparing facilities such as classrooms, ICT facilities, sporting facilities and the College grounds for the boys during the annual Christmas holidays. I thank all staff involved in this important work as it contributes significantly to the educational environment for our boys.

As such, it is important that all students begin the year well in every context. It is important that the College uniform is worn well at all times, including wearing suit coats to and from the College every day; it means getting down to the core business of working hard in class and working with every teacher to produce the best set of results possible; it involves challenging oneself to participate in the vast array of co-curricular activities available; it means embracing the social justice programmes at the College and contributing to these. The evidence clearly supports the theory that the boys who get the most out of schools such as St Patrick's College are those who enthusiastically embrace the educational, cultural, sporting and social justice offerings available.

**Communication**

A key element in helping your son to succeed at the College is communication between you and your son's teachers. While the student diary is the primary means of communication between teachers and families we also encourage other means of communication. We hope that this will further facilitate our ability to work closely with you in catering for the welfare and educational needs of your son. Your son's Homeroom teacher should be the first port of call for any enquiries with the school. Please feel free to make contact with me if you have concerns that are unable to be resolved by your son's Homeroom teacher, subject teacher, Year Level Coordinator, Head of House or Head of School.

I hope that all boys will settle into a productive routine as quickly as possible; I hope they will participate in activities new to them this year and I look forward to witnessing a genuine spirit of cooperation and partnership between all boys and their teachers this year.

**School Photos**

A reminder that student photos will take place next Tuesday, February 3. All boys should have received their Personalised Pre-Pay School Photography Envelope. **Please ensure that your son has his individual envelope with him at the time their photo is being taken.**

The College will not accept late envelopes after the photo day. Late orders will need to be communicated directly with David Torrington Master School Portraits. If your son has misplaced his envelope please contact Student Services for a replacement.

**HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL**  
**Mr Michael Busscher**

**Year 12 VCE Information Evening**

All Year 12 families are invited to attend the Year 12 VCE Information Evening on Wednesday February 4 commencing at 7.30 pm in the Chapel. This is an important evening for all and the College encourages all to attend. Please contact Mr Michael Busscher if you have any queries.

**HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**Mr John Richards**

The year has commenced in a very smooth and organised manner in the Junior School. The Year 7s have started well and the Year 8 boys have resumed with a minimum of fuss.

Year 7 camps commence next week on Monday February 2 with the Year 8 camps commencing the following week.

**Camp Details**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pastoral Tutor</b>	<b>Depart SPC</b>	<b>Arrive back SPC</b>
<b>7GA</b>	Michael Weadon	Monday February 2	Wednesday February 4
<b>7GB</b>	Peter Ryan	Monday February 2	Wednesday February 4
<b>7KC</b>	Tim Bennett	Wednesday February 4	Friday February 6
<b>7KD</b>	Rebecca Dean	Wednesday February 4	Friday February 6
<b>7NE</b>	Jillian Hogbin	Monday February 9	Wednesday February 11
<b>7NF</b>	Luke Corden	Monday February 9	Wednesday February 11
<b>7RG</b>	Michael Brady	Wednesday February 11	Friday February 13
<b>7RH</b>	Juri Kaczkowski	Wednesday February 11	Friday February 13

## Year 8 Camps

February 9-11	8B, 8I
February 11-13	8A, 8D, 8E
March 4-6	8F
March 11-13	8G
March 23-25	8H
March 25-27	8C

## Year 7 Swimming Trials

Year 7 swimming trials have commenced with a number of classes participating on Friday January 30. Classes 7RG and 7RH will need to bring swimming gear on Monday February 2 for the swimming trials.

## Year 8 Information Night

The Year 8 Information Evening will be held on Monday February 2 commencing at 6:30 pm with a picnic tea in the Kely Court Area; BYO everything. At 7:30 pm an information session will be held in the boys respective Pastoral Care Groups conducted by the Pastoral Tutors.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

### Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year. In accordance with our tradition the College will again offer a strong and varied co-curricular sports programme to students of all ages and abilities. The College is fortunate to have Directors of those sports with a larger participation base. Should you require any clarification or have any questions please feel free in the first instance to contact Mr Chris Gleeson via email at [cgleeson@staptas.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@staptas.vic.edu.au) I look forward to a great year of sporting participation at St Patrick's. Further details and all contacts are available on the College website.

### The Western Highway Late Bus

The College will once again be offering the late bus service for students participating in after school extra curricular activities. Thank you to the parents who have returned the Late Bus Application Form. Forms are still available for students to collect from Student Services or via the College website from the Sports page.

Once registered for the term, students are reminded to place their name on the Late Bus Register in Student Services no later than the end of recess on the day of travel. Boys will need to do this for each individual trip. If there are any questions, please direct them to Mr Chris Gleeson.

### BAS Sport

The Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) sport competition for Term 1 will soon be underway. The following sports are offered in Term 1. Please listen and watch carefully for morning notices as teachers in charge will place notices regarding sign ups and start up meetings for each sport.

### Inter school (BAS Sport) Uniform

The navy blue polo top with green collar and correct PE sports shorts and white socks represent the basic sport uniform of inter school sport. Sports may have specific requirements and will be discussed with the teacher in charge for example cricket whites. Often the senior sports will have a specific uniform.

Sport	Day	Teacher in Charge	Uniform
Lawn Bowls	Monday	Mrs Fazzalari Mr Hutchins	Full Sport Uniform
Year 7 Cricket	Tuesday	Mr Corden	Cricket whites
Track Cycling (TBC)	Tuesday	Mr Bottrall Mr Taylor	As required
Year 8 Cricket	Wednesday	Mr Baxter	Cricket Whites
Senior Golf	Wednesday	Mr Daniels	Full Sport Uniform
Senior Volleyball	Wednesday	Mr Kaczkowski/ Mrs Carroll	As required
Second XI Cricket	Thursday	Mr McKee	Cricket Whites
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2nd IV Tennis	Friday	Mr McCrum	Full Sport Uniform
First XI Cricket	Friday Saturday	Mr McKee	Cricket Whites

### House Sport

In Term 1 there will be four sports available for participation under the House banners of Keniry, Galvin, Ryan and Nunan. These sports will include Cricket, Tennis, Swimming and Athletics. For further information please contact the Head of House, Director of Sport or the teacher in charge of the particular sport.

The **House Tennis** competition will be conducted from Weeks 3 to 7 on Wednesday nights on the College courts. The competition will include a doubles round robin format with significant points available for the House based on participation. Please note that the Junior and Intermediate Tennis competitions will now be played in Term 4 and as such House Tennis will assist in selecting squads for the Term 4 BAS competitions. Watch out for the morning notices for sign up details or contact the Head of House. The House PE Polo top is required for participation.

The **House Cricket** competition is a new extension of the Junior Cricket Development Programme at the College. Through the guidance of the Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee the House competition will provide turf cricket for players in Junior and Middle School. The competition will be conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday nights from weeks 3 to 7. To register your interest please read the morning notices for sign up details or contact the Head of House.

Future editions of The Crest will have more details regarding the House Swimming and House Athletics Competitions.

If you require further information regarding draws and venues, please email [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au).

### Rowing

The Rowing Programme under the direction of the Director of Rowing Mr Jamie Lynn is in final preparations for the Head of the Lake. Well done to Jamie and all coaches for their effort so far. Congratulations also to the boys who have again prepared well for the competition phase.

### Student Achievements

If anyone is aware of any outstanding achievements of our students outside of College sport please email Chris Gleeson with some details to allow recognition in The Crest. [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au)

**Director of Cricket**  
**Mr Damian McKee**

#### **First XI**

First XI Cricket will resume this week, January 31 with a one-day away match against Ballarat Grammar. A full report will be in next week's edition of The Crest. Currently the First XI are placed third on the ladder behind Ballarat Grammar and Ballarat High.

#### **Second XI**

The Second XI are half way through their 25/25 competition and round four will be played against Ballarat Grammar, next Thursday February 5 after school from 4.00pm and concluding at 6.45pm. All new players are most welcome to attend training on Tuesday afternoons.

#### **Intermediate - Year 9 & 10**

Intermediate cricket will again be played in term four this year.

#### **Junior Cricket**

On December 9 2008 the Year 8 Junior Development squad travelled to St Kevin's College to play a 50 over one day match. Although the match was washed out 25 overs into the second innings it was a great experience for the up and coming First XI players. SPC 9/105 defeated by St Kevin's 5/129. Thank you to Mr Peter Brady and Mr Luke Corden who coached the boys for the term, it was certainly a great learning experience for all.

**Better Players;** Ben O'Brien 20 ret., Grant Trevenen 15 & 1/13, Charlie Cook 13, Riley Henderson 1/15, Lachie Ibister 2/10, Tyson Jenkins 1/27.

#### **Junior - Year 7 & 8**

This term SPC are introducing two separate components to the junior cricket competition. The BAS interschool competition will commence next Tuesday February 3. There will be one Year 7 team and one Year 8 team entered. Year 7s play on a Tuesday afternoon whilst the Year 8s will compete on Wednesday after school. Each team will comprise of 15 players and teams will be selected from Pastoral Care Groups.

Participation and representation is the main emphasis of the BAS competition and boys can either wear full whites or their PE uniform. Both Year 7 and 8 players are transported for the away games after school and all players will arrive back at the College at around 5.45pm after the match. Team meetings have been called however if your son wishes to play and has not yet put his name down I ask that he meet with Mr Luke Corden as soon as possible.

The College will also provide cricketers in the junior year levels with the opportunity to participate on the College's magnificent turf wickets in a two-day (afternoons) match on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school from 3.40pm – 5.30pm. The competition will be house based and begin in Week 3 February 10. More information will be provided in next week's edition of The Crest.

Mr Luke Corden is the Junior Coordinator of cricket and any enquiries should be directed to Mr Corden.

#### **Representation**

The boys are very fortunate to be able to receive instruction from coaches with excellent coaching credentials. Both junior and intermediate squads contain accredited coaches with both junior and senior cricket coaching experience. We hope that each boy will not only get the thrill of representing SPC in cricket but also receive some assistance with their game through the whole process. Please be clear that all players who have demonstrated interest in playing to carry through with their responsibility to the team by being available for the final rounds of the BAS season even when some junior football clubs are beginning pre season.

## **DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**Mr Mark Waddington**

#### **Receiving 'The Crest'**

'The Crest' is the College's weekly newsletter which is available to all members of the College community in a variety of formats. It is an important medium for communicating important information about programmes, events and educational initiatives as well as recognising the outstanding achievements of students in a range of curricular and co-curricular areas.

The Crest is available to members of the College community via:

- Email – the e-newsletter is distributed each Friday to all members of the College community with a current email address registered with the College. A print friendly version of The Crest is available as part of the e-newsletter. To update your email contact details please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)
- Hard Copy Format – students can collect a hard copy of The Crest each Thursday afternoon from 3:00 pm from the Student Reception Desk. Parents who would like a hard copy of The Crest mailed to them each week can arrange for this service by emailing Ms Caitlin Bennett – [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) A cost of \$20 per annum applies for this service.
- A PDF newsletter can be downloaded from Friday each week via the College website – [www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)

We trust that you enjoy reading about the many exciting events happening at the College and learning of outstanding student achievements. If you have news to share with the College community regarding student achievements please contact the editor of The Crest. Mr Mark Waddington on 53 311688 or [mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au)

#### **Getting Involved in the Life of the College**

The College is committed to working with parents and friends of the College to enhance the educational opportunities available to all boys. Some of the ways that you can get involved in your son's educational journey include:

#### **Parents and Friends Association**

##### **President Mr Bernard Wilson**

- Meetings at the College on the fourth Tuesday of each month during term time.

#### **St Patrick's College Working Bees**

- The College conducts two working bees per year – Autumn and Spring
- Autumn – Saturday April 4, 8.30 am-1.00 pm. Lunch Provided.
- Spring – Saturday October 31, 8.30 am-1.00 pm. Lunch Provided.
- For 2009 we are seeking four team leaders to coordinate each working bee group. Please contact Mr Mark Waddington if you are able to take on this role.

#### **Cultural Exchange Programme**

Each year the College hosts 25 students from Shibuya High School in Japan for a 10 day cultural exchange visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn more about the Japanese culture first hand and a great opportunity for boys studying Japanese to improve their language skills. In 2009 the visit is from March 11 until March 23. Families are paid \$360 for hosting a student for the 10 day period. Students from any year level are eligible to host the Japanese students.

If you are able to assist in 2009 please contact Mr Mark Waddington or Mr Howard Clark.

### College Canteen

The College operates a canteen that provides nutritious food choices for boys. The canteen has been extremely well served over the years by volunteers enabling it to provide personalised service, low food prices and to generate a profit that can be used to enhance facilities and services available to students. In 2009 the canteen will again provide breakfast food options for boys, particularly those travelling long distances by bus.

The canteen is always in need of volunteers to enable it to provide this important service to boys. If you are able to assist, even if it is only for a short period of time during the day, please contact Canteen Managers, Mrs Veronica Sizeland on 5335 6244 or Mrs Cheryl Strybosch on 53 5339 3655

### Programme Support Groups

The College has a number of service groups that assist with the operation of specialist programmes at the College. This may take the form of fundraising, transport, coaching or assistance with other logistical tasks related to the activity. If you would like to become involved in any of the programmes please contact the following staff members at the College:

#### Friends of Music Support Group

Mrs Kathleen Plastow, Director of Performing Arts

#### St Patrick's College Rowing Club

Mr Jamie Lynn, Director of Rowing

#### St Patrick's College Football Programme

Mr Howard Clark, Director of Football

#### St Patrick's College Art Show Committee

September 11-13, 2009

Contact: Mr Mark Waddington

#### Junior and Middle School Outdoor Experiences

Contact respective Heads of School, Mr John Richards or Mr Terry Blizzard

#### St Patrick's College Parents and Friends Committee Mr Bernie Wilson, President

I would like to welcome you all to a new year at St Patrick's College. Welcome back to the members of the College community and a warm welcome to new families. The SPC Parents and Friends (P&F) committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month during school terms, commencing at 7.30pm in the College Board Room.

The meetings are a good opportunity to meet other parents and learn a bit more about the College. The P&F are involved in fundraising to provide additional resources that will benefit all boys at the College. I look forward to seeing you along at the meetings.

All parents and friends of the College are welcome to attend the meetings; you do not have to commit to attend every meeting, and we are always more than happy to see both familiar and new faces at meetings. The meetings generally last about 45 minutes with a light supper provided.

#### Meeting dates and events for 2009

**Term One 24 February** *Annual Fees Raffle (drawn at AGM)*  
**24 March (AGM)**

**Term Two 28 April**  
**26 May**  
**23 June**

**Term Three 28 July**  
**25 August**

**Family Dinners:**  
**Bacchus Marsh Dinner:**  
**Tuesday 26 August**  
**Ballarat Dinner:**  
**Tuesday September 8**

#### Current Positions

President: Bernard Wilson  
Secretary: Lynn Prosser  
SPC Staff Representatives: Mr Chris Caldow  
Mr Mark Waddington

If you would like any further information about Parents and Friends, please contact Bernard Wilson on 0419 330 708 (mobile) or 5341 2662 (home). Alternatively previous meeting minutes can be located on the College website ([www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au)) - P&F link.

### RIP

The College community extends its condolences to the Brown family, Nicholas (Year 11) and Alex (Year 8), following the passing of their grandfather this week.

### EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

#### To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **February 26 2009** for the first instalment and **August 6 2009** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$221** for primary students and **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

### EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

#### Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday February 4 to Friday February 8. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481, preferably the evening before your rostered day. The canteen provides an invaluable service to students as well as funds for student programmes and urgently requires additional volunteers. If you are able to assist, even if only for a few hours a month please contact Cheryl or Veronica.

Currently the Canteen is in need of volunteers. If you think you may be able to help out in any way please contact Cheryl or Veronica on the above contact numbers.

#### Monday February 2

Colleen Flynn, \*Miranda Fraser, Marlene Murphy, Fiona Thomas, \*Josie Donegan, Melinda Murphy

#### Tuesday February 3

Joanne Dickson, \*Nicki Quinlan, \*Debbie Hill, \*Moirra Devlin, Marty Forbes, Angela Langdon, Laureen Duffin

#### Wednesday February 4

Lyn Weightman, Andrea Perkins, Raelene Harty, \*Sam Fraser, \*Annette Barresi, Gary Lenneke & Mark Allan, Robyn Lavery.

#### Thursday February 5

\*Angela Cushing, Gayle Edmonds, Anna McIntyre, Frances Powlett, \*Jacqui McMaster, Maree Dodd, Carla Taylor, \*Liz Quick.

#### Friday February 6

\*Francis McDaid, Karolyn Malone, \*Carol Callil, \*Julie Delahay, \*Jenine Leonard, \*Robyn Clarke, Anne Jreige, \*Janne Ferguson, Doris Razbocan, \*Marika Rawlings, \*Andrea Tully.

\*Not in attendance for the entire canteen duty

#### Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

#### Uniform Shop hours:

Tuesday 12-4 pm

Thursday 12-4 pm

## Education Tax Refund

Dear Parents,

I would like to remind you to hold onto your school-related receipts to claim the Rudd Government's 50% education tax refund.

Eligible parents can now claim a 50% tax refund\* on:

- Laptops
- Home Computers (and related costs)
- Home internet connections
- Printers
- Education software
- Trade tools (for use at school)
- Text Books
- Stationery

Please contact my office on 1300 131 743 if you would like further information or a fact sheet.



Catherine King  
Federal Member for Ballarat

\*Maximum refund of \$375 per primary school child or \$750 per high school child.

 1300 131 743  [Catherine.King.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Catherine.King.MP@aph.gov.au)

Authorised by Catherine King MP, 5 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat VIC 3350

## COMING EVENTS

#### **Monday February 2**

Year 7 Camp Galvin A & B  
Year 7 Swimming Trials  
2009 Year 8 Welcome Night

#### **Tuesday February 3**

Year 7 Camp Galvin A & B  
Student Individual Class Photos  
SPC Board Meeting 5.30 pm

#### **Wednesday February 4**

Year 7 Camp Galvin A & B  
Year 7 Camp Keniry C&D  
2009 Year 12 Parent Information Evening 7.30 pm

#### **Thursday February 5**

Year 7 Camp Keniry C&D  
2009 VET Information Evening 7.30 pm

#### **Friday February 6**

Open Morning Programme 9am  
Year 7 Camp Keniry C&D

#### **Monday February 9**

Year 7 Camp Nunan E&F  
Year 8 A&B Camp – Lorne  
2009 Year 9 Parent Welcome Night

#### **Tuesday February 10**

Public Relations Committee Meeting 8am  
Year 7 Camp Nunan E&F  
Year 8 A&B Camp – Lorne

#### **Wednesday February 11**

Building Committee Meeting 8 am  
Foundation Meeting 12.30 pm  
Year 7 Camp Nunan E&F  
Year 7 Camp Ryan G&H  
Year 8E Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 8 A&B Camp – Lorne  
Year 8 C&D Camp - Lorne

#### **Thursday February 12**

Policy & Planning Committee 8am  
OCA Mtg 12.30 pm  
Year 7 Camp Ryan G&H  
Year 8E Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 8 C&D Camp – Lorne  
2009 Year 10 Parent Welcome Night 7.30pm

#### **Friday February 13**

Open Morning Programme 9am  
Year 7 Camp Ryan G&H  
Year 8E Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 8C & D Camp - Lorne

# St Patrick's College Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner 2008

Copies of the Speech Night DVD are now available for purchase  
at the following price: **\$25.00**

Copies of the Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner PowerPoint presentations are also available on DVD which  
also includes photos taken at Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner.

**Powerpoint DVD \$5.00**

The last day for orders will be Friday February 13.  
**(NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED).**

Orders can be picked up from Monday March 2. Please be aware that the Front Office will be closed from  
18/12/2008 – 19/1/2009.

CONTACT DETAILS	
Student Surname	
Student First Name	
Year Level 2008	
Name of Parent	

TYPE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Speech Night DVD		
Powerpoint DVD		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	

Please tick the appropriate payment selection

Please tick the appropriate payment selection

Cheques Included  Cash Included  Credit Card Included

Credit Card Information			
Name on Card:			
Card Type:	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Mastercard	
Card Number:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Expiry Date:		Amount:	
Signature:			

# St Patrick's College

## 2009 Term Dates

### TERM 1:

Monday, January 19	Office Opened
Tuesday, January 27	Staff Commence
Thursday, January 29	Students Commence Term 1
Thursday, April 2	End of Term 1, Finish 3.25
Friday, April 3	Staff PD – John Joseph

### TERM 2:

Monday, April 20	Classes commence for all students
Friday, April 24	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – no classes
Saturday, April 25	Anzac Day
Monday, June 8	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Friday, June 19	End of Term 2 classes for students, Finish 3.25
Monday, June 22	Report writing and PD Week commences
	Work Experience commences for Year 10
Friday, June 26	Report writing and PD Week concludes

### TERM 3:

Monday, July 13	Staff PD Day
Tuesday, July 14	Classes commence for all students
Thursday, August 20	Staff PD, Student Free Day
Friday, August 21	Staff PD, Student Free Day
Wednesday, September 9	Senior School Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4.00pm
Friday, September 18	End of Term 3, Finish 2.30

### TERM 4:

Monday, October 5	Staff PD Day
Tuesday, October 6	Classes commence for all students
Thursday, October 8	Junior & Middle School Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4.00pm
Friday, December 4	Last day of classes for Yr 7-9 students
Friday, December 11	Last day for teaching staff
Friday, December 18	College Office closes