

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

It is Week 2 and we already have many good things happening. So far 125 Year 7s have been to Camp at Creswick where they were accompanied by our staff and a large number of 2007 Year 12s. I never cease to marvel at the enthusiasm of our students to return to assist us in so many ways, and in such numbers. Many of these same Year 12s returned to the College for the Academic Assembly on Wednesday to be recognised for their achievements and to support their peers.

At the Academic Assembly, our first gathering of the full College community for 2008, we were joined by our Patron, Bishop Peter Connors, Ms Catherine King, Member for Ballarat, Br Kevin Buckley, Regional Representative of Edmund Rice Education Australia, Mr Frank Nolan, Chairman of the College Board, Mr Max Fletcher, Catholic Education Office Ballarat, Fr Brian Glasheen, Parish Priest of Bacchus Marsh, Mr Bernard Wilson, President of the Parents and Friends Association along with the Christian Brothers, many parents and family members.

We introduced all new staff and welcomed all of our new students: 225 Year 7s, and 40 in other years: four Year 8s, eight Year 9s, ten Year 10s, eleven Year 11s, and seven Year 12s. All in all we have started with 1155 students. Following the introductions we were addressed by Dr Charles Flynn (SPC 1971-73), an eminent physiotherapist, Thomas Kavanagh, our College Captain for 2007, and 2007 Dux and College Captain, David Ranger. The common threads of their speeches were: love your time at St Patrick's College, get involved, set yourself high targets and then work hard to achieve them, in the company of friends. We then recognised the Academic High Achievers of 2007 and the Dux of each subject. We concluded the Assembly with the distribution of the Ashes.

Our celebration on Ash Wednesday was fortuitous, because Lent is a time when we are called to reflect, to renew our vision and focus, and so a day of welcoming, a day of recognition and a day of inspiring to new heights of achievement sat well for me as we start this Lenten period. There was much to reflect on in the words and deeds of our Old Collegians at the Assembly.

May God bless us all!

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**2007 Academic High Achievers with Headmaster  
Dr Peter Casey and Deputy Headmaster  
Mr Steven O'Connor**

**FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER**  
**Mr Steven O'Connor**

**Uniform and Presentation**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all boys and parents of the importance of wearing the correct uniform at all times. All boys should wear their suit coats to school every morning – we are blessed in Ballarat with having cool weather in the mornings, even in the hottest of spells. If warm weather persists, a decision will be taken and an announcement made regarding the wearing of suit coats of an afternoon as the boys head home.

Generally speaking, the boys wear the uniform very well and they speak of their pride in it. There is a tendency amongst some boys however, to wear shorts or trousers well below their hips, thus exposing boxer shorts and the like. Boys are reminded that shorts or trousers are to be worn up on the waistline, ensuring that all undergarments are just that – under shorts and trousers and out of sight!

Shirts and ties are to be worn correctly at all times – shirts in and ties done up.

All of these matters are routine or procedural. They are quite important as we impress on our boys the importance of personal pride and presentation, as well as the significance of maintaining the good name of the College.

### City of Ballarat Immunisation Programme

The City of Ballarat Immunisation Service will be conducting the school immunisation programme for boys in Years 7 and 10 on Tuesday February 26. The recommended vaccines for secondary school students in 2008 are as follows:

#### Year 7

**Hepatitis B** – a 2 dose course of Hepatitis B vaccine given 4 to 6 months apart;

**Chicken pox (Varicella)** – all Year 7 students will be offered the chicken pox vaccine. Those students who have had the disease or a chicken pox vaccine in the past DO NOT require this vaccination.

#### Year 10

#### Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertusis (whooping cough)

The vaccinations will take place on Tuesday February 26 at 10:00am for Year 7 students and 12.00 noon for Year 10.

Boys in Years 7 and 10 have been given a letter explaining the programme as well as the consent cards. Please return these cards to your son's Pastoral Care Teacher by **Wednesday February 13** even if your son is not being vaccinated.

I commend this service to you and your son and thank you for completing the consent forms and returning them to the College by the due date.

### SACRED SPACE

Director of Mission

Mr Joe Doolan

#### A New Theme for Lent

If you were to ask a selection of Catholics after Mass on Sunday, what is the key theme for the forty day preparation for Easter, they will invariably give the same answer: self-denial. This has been the dominant currency of Christian Lenten discipline for far too long. It forgets all the others.

The prayers of Lent disclose several themes and perhaps this year you might explore a different one. Lent is a season of **joy**, a time of **wonder and contemplation**, an opportunity for **sacramental renewal**, a period of **conversion** and an opportunity for **regeneration of relationships**.

Over the years I have heard people embark upon different activities to prepare for the death and resurrection of Christ. *Practise making decisions* was one cryptic suggestion. Read the life of a person you do not understand < Picasso > in order to use this time to try and comprehend God's wonderful plan of salvation. One thing is sure, simply going off vegemite or chocolate is often only an encounter between you and your palate and affects no-one else. The scriptures are clear: the fast that God wants incorporates actions for others. This invariably includes some serious change to one's life and a revised outlook towards God.

So, why not make this Lent a season of joy? Why not use the forty days rehearsing good cheer, displaying real optimism towards God's plan for the world and heartily recognise God's goodness to us in creation and in salvation won by Christ?

So why not make Lent a season of wonder and contemplation? Let's use our time to find spaces outside a ruttish life to reflect upon the mystery of God's presence amongst us.

So why not make Lent a season of the sacraments, namely Eucharist and reconciliation.

### DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Mr Kelvin Porter

#### Eating disorders

Eating disorders are a mental illness. They can affect women and men of all age groups, from a range of backgrounds and from different cultures. Despite an increase in the incidence and understanding of eating disorders, many people live with these disorders for a long time without treatment or a clinical diagnosis.

Female adolescents and young women are most commonly affected, but men can be also be affected by eating disorders. It is estimated that approximately one in every 100 Australian adolescent girls will develop anorexia nervosa, and approximately five in 100 Australians develop bulimia.

#### Signs and symptoms

Some habits and behaviours are common to people with eating disorders. They include:

- Weight loss or weight change, usually due to dieting, but sometimes from an illness or stressful situation;
- Preoccupation with body appearance or weight;
- Loss or disturbance of menstrual periods in females;
- Sensitivity to cold;
- Faintness, dizziness and fatigue;
- Increased mood changes and irritability;
- Social withdrawal;
- Anxiety and depression;
- Inability to think rationally or concentrate; and
- Increased interest in preparing food for others.

#### Causes

There is no single cause of eating disorders. It is currently agreed that eating disorders are multifactorial – that is, social, psychological and biological factors all play a part, in varying degrees, for different people.

#### Contributing factors may include:

- Social factors;
- Psychological factors; and
- Biological factors.

#### Treatment and recovery

Many different forms of therapy are available and it is important to remember that different approaches work for different people. Once the right approach is found, prospects of recovery are excellent. Professional help and support from others is important.

As the disorders affect people physically and mentally, a range of health practitioners might be involved in treatment including psychiatrists, psychologists, doctors, dietitians, social workers, nurses and dentists.

#### Where to get help?

Your doctor is an important resource, as is the local community health centre or other health practitioners. Information is available from The Eating Disorders Foundation of Victoria Support, Referral and Information Line Tel. (03) 9885 0318 or toll-free 1300 550 236 9.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday.

Source: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au)

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**Ms Elizabeth Till**

Welcome back to all members of the St Patrick's community for the 2008 academic year.

**Mail Out**

This week's Crest will be mailed out to all families as part of the second information package for the year. You will also find an updated Term 1 Calendar and Year Level Assessment Planners along with other information.

**Student Safety**

A reminder that to provide a safe entry and exit path for our students there will be no entry to cars through the Wanliss Road, O'Shea Gates (Tennis Court area) between 8.00 am -9.15 am and 3.15 pm – 4.00 pm. Cars may still enter at the Wanliss Road (Main Oval) gate located at the side of the O'Malley Sports Centre during this time. I am sure all parents will continue to support the College in this measure.

**Camps**

Year 7 Camps commenced this week with Year 8A, 8C and 8G starting on Monday February 11.

**Calendar Events**

A reminder that the Year 10 Welcome Evening is on Wednesday February 13, commencing at 7.30 pm.

**SENIOR SCHOOL**  
**Head of Senior School**  
**Mr Hamish McCrum**

Welcome back to what has been a typically busy start to the school year. At the time of writing this article we have just finished celebrating the fine results of the class of 2007 at the Academic Assembly. David Ranger's achievements during his time at the College is quite remarkable. Following the honour of being recognised with a Premier's Award for Physical Education in 2006, he followed up by being the Dux of the College and Dux of all five of his Year 12 subjects. This year he will study Science and Engineering at Monash University.

Other award winners recognised at the 2008 Academic Assembly were:

STUDENT'S NAME Academic Excellence	ENTER
David Ranger	99.70
Eamon Coughlan	97.05
Dominic Vogels	95.30
James Spencer	94.95
Samuel Donegan	94.55
Christopher Tolhurst	94.45
Stephen D'Arcy	94.05
Matthew Denton	93.60
Patrick Nolan	92.70
Clancy Homewood	92.10
Mark Carey	91.80
Jed Andrews	91.55
Denis Mckinnon	90.40
Jay Pelchen	90.30

Subject Duces	Study Score (Scaled Study Score)	Subject Duces are awarded when the top score is 40 or above, either pre or post scaling.
Michael Keem	49 (49.7)	Biology
Michael Keem	46 (45.4)	Business Management
David Ranger	45 (47.8)	Chemistry
Kyle Foley	46 (43.1)	Design and Technology
Denis McKinnon	42 (41.8)	English
Patrick Nolan	44 (44.3)	Australian History
Jed Andrews	42 (43.8)	History: Revolutions
Michael Clark	41 (37.9)	Information Technology: Applications
Stephen D'Arcy	43 (40.9)	Information Technology: Software Development
David Ranger	46 (46.9)	Literature
Eamon Coughlan	35 (45.7)	LOTE: French
Clancy Homewood	38 (46.6)	LOTE: Japanese
Samuel Harrison	45 (45.4)	Legal Studies
Samuel Harrison	49 (48.7)	Further Mathematics
Dominic Vogels	36 (42.1)	Mathematical Methods
David Ranger	44 (47.9)	Mathematical Methods: CAS
David Ranger	38 (47.6)	Specialist Mathematics
Jed Andrews	43 (40.8)	Media
Liam Toohey	47 (46.4)	Physical Education
David Ranger	48 (49.2)	Physics
Bernard Kuek	40 (40.1)	Religion and Society
Samuel Donegan	40 (36.4)	Studio Arts
Kyle Foley	42 (39.2)	Visual Communication and Design

Congratulations to these boys on fine performances, and to many of their peers who also applied themselves fully to their studies.

On Wednesday night we held the Information Night for Year 12 students and trust the night was useful to both students and parents. The information given on the night in regard to the requirements of the VCE is contained in this week's mail out and is titled VCE Rules and Procedures. I ask that you read then file this, and refer to it as required.

Year Ten students and their parents are asked attend the Year Ten Information Evening on Wednesday February 13 at 7:30pm in the Chapel. This will provide the opportunity to learn about the Senior School Pastoral Care structure, the opportunity to meet your son's Pastoral Teacher (they may well have daily contact this person for the next three years) and an outline of the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you.

On Sunday February 17, the annual Boat Race takes place on the Barwon in Geelong. More information will be forthcoming, however it is worth realising that students who are with the main cheer squad group need to stay in this group for the day; they will not be permitted to join this group if they have spent time outside of College supervision. Buses will be travelling down to the event. For safety reasons we discourage students from driving themselves to or from the event. It promises to be a lot of fun!

Some other key dates, particularly for Year Twelve students are:

### Term 1

February 17 (Sunday) – Boat Race (Barwon River)  
February 25 (Monday) – Senior Swimming Carnival  
February 27 – Guest Speaker: Tom Hafey (Wednesday Afternoon:  
for all Year 12 boys)  
March 14 (Friday) – St Patrick's Day Mass  
March 20 (Thursday) – Term 1 finishes 2.30pm

### Term 2

April 7 (Monday) – Classes commence  
April 16 (Wednesday) – Athletics Day  
April 24 (Friday) – Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews  
May 5 (Monday) – Edmund Rice Day and Mass  
June 11-13 (Wed to Fri) – Mid-year VCAA exams  
June 13 – G.A.T. (all Year 12)  
June 13 – Year 12 Formal  
June 13 – End Semester 1 (16 school weeks)  
June 20 (Friday) – End term 2

### Terms 3 and 4:

May – September: Retreats (1 night & 1 day)  
VTAC and SEAS applications take place in Term 3, dates yet to be  
set.  
October 1, 2 & 3 Unit 3/4 Trial Examinations (in holidays)  
Final VCAA exams October 31 – November 21  
November 21 (Friday) – Speech night  
November 22 (Sat) – Valedictory Dinner  
December 15 – VCE Results available

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Head of Middle School  
Mr Terry Blizzard

### Parent Information Evening

As a means of outlining the Middle School programme we would like to invite all parents to attend the Parent Information Evening to be conducted on Monday February 11 at 7.30pm in the College Chapel. On the evening you will receive an extensive overview of the program including details of significant events, curriculum initiatives and dates. Mr Damian McKee, the Year Level Coordinator, and I will also present an explanation of our Stepping Stones philosophy.

The evening will be a great opportunity for you to meet the Middle School staff, made up predominantly of a group of teachers who teach exclusively in Middle School. We will also be taking the opportunity for you to meet your son's Pastoral Tutor following our session in the Chapel. To complete the evening a light supper will be provided in the College Dining Room.

I strongly urge all parents to attend. I look forward to working with parents in 2008 in the task of challenging and engaging the boys in the Middle School and encourage you to be a part of 'Stepping Stones'.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head of Junior School  
Mr John Richards

Welcome one and all to the 2008 school year. So far the year has commenced well and the two hundred and twenty five new Year Seven boys are currently finding their way around the College and acclimatising to life at St Patrick's. Thanks are extended to all Junior School staff for the organised and professional manner in which they have approached the camps information evenings and classroom programmes.

### Australian Open Representatives

Over the holiday break, Mitchell Robinson, Year 8 and Bart Harney, Year 9 were fortunate enough to work as ball boys at the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. The boys participated in games involving many of the world's finest tennis players and gained great experiences that will stand them in good stead for their own personal and sporting lives. Well done boys!

### Camps

This week the first of the Year 7 Orientation Camps took place at Creswick. These camps are an excellent opportunity for the boys to get to know one another and their pastoral tutors whilst taking part in challenging team-building activities in an outdoor setting. During the Camp, the boys are visited by Dr Casey and some of our current VCE students to teach the boys the College Song and War Cry.

Next week 7NE and 7NF depart for camp on Monday, February 11 and return on Wednesday, February 13. 7RG and 7RH depart on Wednesday February 13 and return on Friday February 15.

Next week the Year 8 boys commence their camp programme at Apollo Bay and Lorne as detailed below:

Monday 11/2 - Wednesday 13/2 - 8A, 8G, 8C  
Wednesday 13/2 - Friday 15/2 - 8D, 8H, 8E  
Monday 18/2 - Wednesday 20/2 - 8F  
Wednesday 20/2 - Friday 22/2 - 8B.

Boys are reminded that Mobile Phones, MP3 players, Gameboys and the like, are not permitted on camp.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

From the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Coach  
Mr Damian McKee

### First XI

BAS Round 5: St Patrick's 10/138 defeated Ballarat High School 10/73.

The First XI BAS competition resumed last Friday with a one-day match (45 overs) against Ballarat High School. In what was a crucial fixture the First XI won the match even though we looked as though we were completely outclassed during several periods in the game.

Winning the toss we decided to bat first and our openers, Peter Colbourne (18) and Brad Whittaker (10), provided us with a comfortable start. However at 0/29 we lost an incredible 8/36 to be reeling at 8/65. This brought the two O'Brien brothers to the wicket. Justin had been rushed in to the team at the last moment and must have felt that this was his last chance to push a claim for selection in the final few matches of the year.

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

Nicholas had been the non batsman in many of the previous matches and reports had filtered in that his batting was continuing to improve in representative sides over the summer. Justin (29) and Nick (22 not out) put on 45 runs for the ninth wicket in difficult circumstances and there is little doubt that this partnership was a pivotal moment in the match. Ben Hayes chipped in with a brisk 15 runs, batting last and a total of 138 looked defendable although we thought that 160 to 180 would have been difficult to chase.

The wicket was slowing up but we knew our bowlers were up to the task when an early wicket from Brad Hallam had BHS at 1 for 2. With two moderate partnerships by McCartin and Egan, and then McCartin and Hill left BHS with only 79 for victory with 20 overs remaining. Things did not look good!

Skipper Whittaker then made two crucial bowling changes. The 'in form' Liam Young and 'Mr Reliable' Brad Crouch were brought on and both bowlers made an immediate impact. Liam took three crucial wickets and ripped the heart out of the BHS middle order and Brad bowled five overs for only two scoring shots, and at the same time ran out two batsmen standing at the non striking end in quick succession! Brad finished with 5/3/1/4 and Liam bowled beautifully for the figures of 6/0/3/9. Other bowlers who bowled very well were Ben Hayes (6/2/1/14), Brad Hallam (6/1/1/13), Peter Colbourne (2/2/2/0) and Nick O'Brien in a Man of the Match effort (5/1/0/19).

The team now shares second position with BHS in what is shaping up to be a very closely contested season; BGS 21, SPC 18, BHS 18, BCC 3. This week the First XI play two one-day matches. The first is on Friday on the Main oval against BCC and the second will be on Saturday at home against Ballarat Grammar.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

#### St Patrick's College 5/117 Def Damascus College 10/77

Tuesday evening saw the re-commencement of the BAS 25/25 (2nd XI) Cricket season with a rematch of the 2006/2007 Grand Final between SPC and Damascus College. St Patrick's won the toss and elected to bat first, accruing a total of 117. After a rocky start (4 overs, 4 wickets for 9 runs), Damascus could only manage 77 runs in their allotted overs, allowing the SPC boys continue their undefeated streak.

#### Better players

Jason McNiff - 25 runs from 18 deliveries  
Lachlan Dickson - 23 runs from 28 deliveries  
Matt Hall - (4/1/3/18)  
Tom McGregor - (4/1/2/7)

### Junior Cricket

#### Year 7 BAS Round 1

##### SPC Green 3/161 defeated Damascus 5/104.

Darcy Osbourne 32, Matthew Cashin 32, Matthew Coon 15, Luke Wilson 15 not out, Matthew Dwyer 2/10.

##### SPC Blue 4/98 defeated Ballarat College 5/84.

Cooper Wells 1/9, Tom Wardell 1/0, Pat Tansey 1/5, Andrew Fay 1/4, Josh Cullinan 31 not out, Jake Laidlaw 31 not out.

#### Year 8 BAS Round 1

The results for matches played on Wednesday night will appear in next week's edition of The Crest.

### 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.
- The 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)

### St Patrick's College Foundation

#### 'Dinner with the Legends'

##### SPC Foundation 'Dinner with the Legends' 2008

The seventh annual Foundation 'Halls of History -Dinner with the Legends' will be held at the College on Saturday February 23, 2008. The Dinner will feature Graham Duff (SPC 1955-1960) Past CEO Leighton Pty Ltd, Chair of North Melbourne Kangaroos Football Club and Chairman of Racing Victoria as well as Olympian Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-1985, Olympic Rowing Coach and Kevin Renwick (OAM) (SPC 1946-1949), CEO of Hotondo Homes

As with past 'Legend's Dinners the night is sure to be a wonderfully entertaining night. It would be great to see current families at the night to experience first hand the wonderful contribution these old boys have made to the incredible story of St Patrick's College. Please complete and return the booking form included with this edition of The Crest.

#### 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.
- Please refer to article below for more details.

### St Patrick's College Working Bees

- The College conducts two working bees per year – Autumn and Spring
- Autumn – Saturday April 12, 8.30 am-1.00 pm. Lunch Provided.
- Spring – Saturday October 25, 8.30 am-1.00 pm. Lunch Provided.
- For 2008 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 2008 the visit is from March 5 until March 17. Families are paid \$275 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 2008 please contact Mr Mark Waddington or Mr Howard Clark.

### College Canteen

The College operates a first class 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 2008 the canteen will also 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 2008

Mr Steven O'Connor, Deputy Headmaster

### 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 2008

**Term One 26 February**      *Annual Fees Raffle (drawn at AGM)*  
**25 March (AGM)**

**Term Two 22 April**  
**27 May**  
**24 June**

**Term Three 22 July**      **Family Dinners:**  
**26 August**              ***Bacchus Marsh Dinner:***  
                              ***Tuesday 26 August***  
                              ***Ballarat Dinner:***  
                              ***Tuesday September 9***

### Current Positions

President:	Bernard Wilson
Vice President:	Helen Payne
Secretary:	Lynn Prosser
Treasurer:	Tracey Wilson
SPC Foundation:	Maria Hehir
SPC Publicity:	Nola Brown
SPC Staff Representatives:	Mr Steven O'Connor 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.

## 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 (29 January 2008 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by February 29, 2008 for the first instalment and August 1, 2008 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$215 for primary students and \$430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

**Payment Amounts**

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through the College will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after February 29, 2008 and prior to, or on, August 1, 2008 must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Installment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
<b>One</b>	Parent	\$ 75.25	\$ 150.50
	School	\$ 75.25	\$ 150.50
<b>Two</b>	Parent	\$ 32.25	\$ 64.50
	School	\$ 32.25	\$ 64.50
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 215.00</b>	<b>\$ 430.00</b>

**EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE**

**Canteen**

Canteen Roster Monday February 11 to Friday February 15. 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.

**Monday February 11**

Jan Burgess, Bernadette Driscoll, Maureen Mason, Julie Ronan, Pam Ryan, Susan Haase, Jane McDonough, Debbie Coutts

**Tuesday February 12**

Claire Torpy, Jenny McErvale, Karen McMaster, Simone Meagher, Julianne Allen\*, Catherine Clarke\*, Julianne Slater\*, Maria McOwan.

**Wednesday February 13**

Maria Cook \*, \*Kathy Harris\*, Kathy Walters, Debbie Lee\*, Robyn Lavery, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Margaret Rowe

**Thursday February 14**

Cheryl Clough, Jo Cowan, Catherine Craig, Libby Harrison, Colleen O’Sullivan, Bridget Vallance, Cathy Van Rijin, Monica Dickson\*.

**Friday February 15**

\*Catherine Schuuis\*, Suzan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, Katherine Mundy\* , Michelle Salvatore\*, Glenda Jones\*, Linda O’Hagan\*, Donna Waightman\*, Dianne Dibono\*, Helen Spratling\*.

\*Not in attendance for the entire canteen duty

**Uniform Shop**

**Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.**

**Uniform Shop hours:**

Tuesday 1 -5 pm  
Thursday 1-5 pm

**EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE**

**GUIDE DOGS VICTORIA OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 2 MARCH, 2008 10AM – 4PM**

Located on Chandler Hwy, Kew (Melway 45B1)  
Free parking off site with shuttle bus service

Join Dr Harry Cooper, Wags the Dog and loads of our adorable puppies for the Guide Dogs Victoria’s annual Open Day. With Guide Dog demonstrations, live entertainment, giveaways, show bags, competitions and loads of fun activities for the kids, Open Day is a fantastic family day out. Entry via gold coin donation

Visit [www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au](http://www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au) for full details and parking information or phone: 9854 4444

**No pets allowed.**

**Raising Teenage Boys**

*is a job for the whole community*

“Pathways to Manhood”

Father and son programme

**Come to a free talk at**

**St Patrick’s College**

**(Follow the direction signs in the school from Reception)**

**Monday February 18 at 7.30pm**

At Pathways we have a team of highly qualified and caring facilitators. The programme starts as a bush camp that is designed to acknowledge and honour the change from boy to young man. The boys have the opportunity to hear the stories of older men and ask questions in a sharing environment. They are exposed to a series of safe yet demanding ordeals to test and challenge them physically, mentally and emotionally. Fun processes such as sharing of personal experiences, story telling, adventure and relationship building activities are also part of the programme. It is a guided journey towards a deeper understanding of what it means to live a balanced adult male life in today’s world.

The aim of Pathways is to bring out the potential in young men and have them full of hope and inspiration as they look to the future.

*“Pathways to Manhood” was the greatest experience for me and my Dad. Thanks.*

**Narayan, 12 years**

*"Pathways to Manhood" was and is the best thing I have ever done, because I did it for my son."***Michael, father**

For bookings phone 02 6684 3392 or email [admin@pathwaysfoundation.com.au](mailto:admin@pathwaysfoundation.com.au)

## COMING EVENTS

### Saturday 9, February

First XI Cricket (One Day Round) SPC vs BG  
Morongo Schools Regatta Geelong All Crews  
Wendouree Ballarat Regatta Nagambie Senior Crews

### Monday 11, February

Year 7 Camps  
Year 8 Camps 8A, 8G, 8C  
Year 9 Welcome Evening 7.30pm

### Tuesday 12, February

Year 7 Camps  
Year 8 Camps

### Wednesday 13, February

Year 10 Welcome Evening 7.30pm  
Year 7 Camps  
Year 8 Camps – 8D, 8H, 8E

### Thursday 14, February

Year 7 Camps  
Year 8 Camps

### Friday 15, February

First XI Cricket Round 8 - BHS vs SPC  
(Away)  
Year 7 Camps  
Year 8 Camps

### Saturday 16, February

First XI Cricket Round 8 BHS vs SPC (Away)  
Rowing State Championships Nagambie Senior Crews

### Sunday 17, February

BAS Head of the Lake Barwon River, Geelong  
All Crews

### College Dux David Ranger accepts one of five academic awards from Dr Peter Casey



### 2008 Academic Assembly





## St Patrick's College Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner 2007

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

Copies of the Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner PowerPoint presentations are also available on CD.  
 CD at the following price:  
 Powerpoint CD \$5.00

The last day for orders will be **Friday February 15** (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED). Orders can be picked up from Monday February 25. Please be aware that the Front Office will be closed from 20/12/2007 – 21/1/2008.

CONTACT DETAILS	
Student Surname:	
Student First Name:	
Year Level 2007:	
Name of Parent:	

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

Please tick the appropriate payment selection

**Cheques Included**

**Cash Included**

**Credit Card Details**

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<b>Expiry Date:</b>			

**ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, CALENDAR 2008**  
**TERM DATES**

**Term 1:**

Monday	21	January	Office Opens
Thursday	31	January	Term 1 Classes commence
Monday	10	March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday	20	March	Term 1 Finishes 2.30pm/ College Assembly
Friday	21	March	Good Friday

**Term 2:**

Monday	7	April	Staff Day
Tuesday	8	April	Term 2 Classes commence
Friday	25	April	ANZAC Day
Monday	5	May	Edmund Rice Day / Mass
Monday	9	June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday	27	June	End of Term 2. Classes finish 2.30pm

**Term 3:**

Monday	14	July	Staff Day
Monday	14	July	Yr 10 Work Experience week.
Tuesday	15	July	Junior & Middle School Staff Day / Senior School Classes commence
Wednesday	16	July	Term 3 Junior / Middle School Classes commence.
Friday	19	September	Term 3 Finishes 2.30pm / College Assembly Per 6&7.

**Term 4:**

Monday	6	October	Staff Day
Tuesday	7	October	Term 4 Classes commence.
Friday	24	October	Year 12 Finish
Monday	3	November	College Holiday – Exeat
Tuesday	4	November	College Holiday – Exeat
Friday	21	November	Speech Night
Saturday	22	November	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Friday	28	November	Year 11 Final Day
Friday	5	December	Year 10 Final Day
Friday	5	December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Finish
Friday	12	December	Teaching Staff Finish
Friday	19	December	Office Closes



**Denis McKinnon receiving his Dux of English prize from Dr Peter Casey**



**Transition Coordinator Mr Anthony Meehan addresses guests at the VET Information Night**