

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

2009 Head of the Lake Regatta

Another spectacular day for the College's Rowing programme so capably led by Director of Rowing Mr Jamie Lynn and supported by a legion of coaches, parents and other volunteers who comprise our Rowing Club; once again expertly led by Mr Steven Howard.

The 1st Crew followed up their effort of winning the State title at the weekend with an inspiring win in the 'Head of the Lake' to retain the Harold Deveson Cup for a third successive year, a feat not achieved by any school since the 1970s. Highlighting the depth of the programme the College won the Boys' Rowing Premiership for the fifth successive year.

The winning culture which pervades our shed is testament to the hard work, enthusiasm and expertise of Mr Jamie Lynn, Boatman Mr Peter Blanchfield and the coaches led by Mr Terry Austin. Well done also to Captain of Boats Daniel Sharp who has set a fine example for other boys to follow. The mantra in the lead up to the regatta was 'personal best, the one true test' and our boys have again highlighted that in all areas of school life rewards will come from a genuine quest for personal excellence.

Congratulations also to the students who supported the rowers in an enthusiastic and good spirited manner. The Courier reported that the noise from the St Pat's cheer squad was deafening as the crew made their charge for the line in the big race. Well done to all!

Regards
Peter C



The 1st IV with the Harold Deveson Cup

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldow

College Assembly

The College gathered for another of its fortnightly Assemblies this week and in this forum we were able to acknowledge a number of events, groups, individuals and activities that continue to contribute to the life of the College. The Director of Rowing, Mr Jamie Lynn, introduced all of the rowing crews to the College community prior to Boatrace. The Captain of Boats, Daniel Sharp then spoke of the work and preparation completed by all crews prior to the Head of the Lake regatta. Thanks to all involved with the huge task of preparing our crews throughout the season including coaches, parents, College support staff and most of all the rowers.

Mr Chris Gleeson as Director of Sport presented the summer sports captains to the College community and we acknowledged these positions through the presentation of badges to captains. Students were acknowledged through academic awards as well as being provided with an update on the Fr Michael Quinn Academic Shield. Further details regarding this can be found in the Deputy Headmaster Teaching and Learning section of the newsletter.

The assembly also acknowledged the first anniversary of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the 'Stolen Generation'. This was followed up by discussion within pastoral care groups about furthering reconciliation.

In all it was a good Assembly – one which touched on so many of the wonderful facets of life at St Patrick's. I look forward to our next Assembly during which those boys involved in activities which embody the College's four pillars: *Faith, Tradition, Excellence and Joy* will be acknowledged and celebrated; it is a very heartening experience!

Swimming

Next week the Junior and Middle School House Swimming Carnival will take place. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for these events from many staff and boys. Thanks to Br Brian Davis, Director of Swimming, Mr Chris Gleeson, Director of Sport, Heads of House and Heads of School as well as a large number of parents who will volunteer as officials on the day! I encourage all of our students within the Junior and Middle Schools to have a go and become actively involved in as many events as possible.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday will be held on Wednesday February 25 with all year levels receiving ashes throughout the day in the Chapel. This day begins the Lenten season and is a significant event within our liturgical calendar. I encourage all parents and boys to think about this event and begin to make preparations for Lent.

Road Safety – Sturt Street and Alfred Street

I have been contacted recently by members of the general public expressing concern about the safety of our boys crossing Sturt Street at the front of the College. All boys are to cross this busy road via the Pedestrian Crossing which is located at the eastern end of the property (at the front of Ballarat and Clarendon College). Boys who continue to run the gauntlet by crossing at any other point along Sturt Street run the real risk of being involved in a tragic accident. I have reminded staff of the importance of monitoring and policing this vital safety issue and hope that parents whose boys walk to school or home via Sturt Street will talk to them about the importance of doing so safely via the controlled crossings before and after school.

I am most concerned by the process of dropping off students in Alfred Street in the morning before school commences. There are a number of parents who park on either side of the road, some who park in front of the gates and others who drive in through the gates. This is a recipe for disaster! Could I please encourage parents to use either the service lane in front of the College (off Sturt Street) or the Wanliss Road loop (past the O'Malley Gymnasium and in front of the tennis courts) as pick-up or drop off points. Parents may also drop off, and collect boys from Eyre St, boys entering through the gates on the southern side of the Main Oval. These areas are far safer than Alfred Street. If parents continue to use Alfred Street can I encourage you to pick up or drop off only on the school side of Alfred Street. As a College we cannot restrict other road users who travel in a Northerly direction along Alfred Street but if our community travels predominantly south in Alfred Street it should make travelling considerably safer.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

At this week's Academic Assembly the College acknowledged the recent success of a number of students from the class of 2008 at the Next Gen09 Exhibition for students who completed VCE studies in Art, Studio Arts, Media and Design and Technology in 2008.

2008 VCE Media students Ben Andrews, Justin Gradkowski and Rhys Prosser were all selected as finalists in the Media section with Ben Andrew's film, *Deus ex machine*, winning first prize. Justin Gradkowski's film, *An Animation*, received a \$200 Encouragement Award from the judges. VCE Design and Technology student, Stephen Glenane, received an Encouragement Award for the work he completed in 2008. A picture of his work is on display outside of Technology rooms. VCE Studio Arts student Jordan Collie was also select as a Finalist for the New Gen09 Exhibition. Stephen Glenane and Tim Creek were two other past students also had their pieces displayed at the Next Gen09 Exhibition.

The first of this year's Academic Endeavour Awards were presented to four students in recognition of work they did as part of 2008 VCE Unit 2 Media - Nathaniel Winfield, Jacob Bowker, Jack Hawken and Brendan Wilcox (SPC 2004-2008).

Last year, Ms Fazzalari's VCE Units 1 and 2 Media students were given a small group assessment task to put together a two to three minute video profiling an occupation. This was part of a National competition run by *The Crew* (an SBS television programme), in conjunction with the *My Future* online career information service. The competition gave all secondary school students in Australia the opportunity to submit a video which profiled an occupation showing real people in real workplaces. Students were to explore the duties, tasks, working conditions, personal requirements, learning pathways and qualifications required for their selected occupation. Students were encouraged to be creative and have fun with the video. Selected entries were to appear on national television and could have been chosen to be available on the My Futures website.

The occupation chosen by these three students was a 'bus driver'. There were five national winners and 15 short-listed entries from about three thousand entries. At the end of last year the College received an 'Encouragement Certificate' signed by Deputy Prime-Minister, Julia Gilliard, informing the school that the *Bus Driver* video had been selected as one of the 15 short listed entries. This was a great achievement considering the number of entries involved.

The boys' video is now on the Myfutures website for viewing by all. <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/Events/News/myfuture%20Student%20Videos.aspx>

Congratulation to Nathaniel, Jacob, Jack and Brendan for their creative, technical and team work involved in achieving their National success.

Update of the Father Michael Quinn Academic Shield

The Father Michael Quinn Academic Shield is presented annually at the College Speech Night. Fr Michael F Quinn (SPC 1893-1894), foundation student of the College, dux of the College 1893, matriculated 1894, ordained 1900 for the Diocese of Ballarat, first parish priest of Charlton, died October 11 1932.

The Quinn Academic Shield will be decided by the House that receives the greatest number of academic points in the given competition year. Academic points are to be awarded for work practices on all interim and semester reports and for graded achievements on semester reports.

- All work practices graded as 'Excellent' will receive two points.
- All work practices graded as 'Very Good' will receive one point.
- All assessed pieces of work with a percentage result of 80 -100% will receive two points.
- All assessed pieces of work with a percentage result of 70 - 79% will receive one point.

Points will also be allocated for the outstanding academic achievements:

- 50 points - Academic Endeavour Award (to acknowledge students who have completed a piece of work to the very best of their ability regardless of how this work compares with other students' work)
- 75 points - Headmaster's Excellence Award (to acknowledge work of an exceptionally high standard)
- 100 points - Chris Nolan Award (top 15% of students in each year level at the end of each semester)
- 100 points - College Academic Excellence Certificate (for students who receive a Chris Nolan Award in both semesters)
- 100 points - Subject Award Winners
- 100 points - Class Dux
- 100 points - Religious Education Prize Winners
- 200 points - All VCE Unit 3&4 students receiving a study score of 40 or above
- 500 points - All Year 12 students with an ENTER score above 80
- 1000 points - All Year 12 students with an ENTER score above 90
- 2000 points - College Dux

Points tally to-date:

Galvin: 47,246 points
Keniry: 48,623 points
Nunan: 45,872 points
Ryan: 44,552 points

(Please Note: Points for 2008 subject award winners, class dux and Religious Education prize winners had not been calculated at the time of the Assembly).

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Congratulations to all SPC Rowers, Coaches and spectators at the Head of the Lake held on Wednesday at the Barwon River – all represented the College with great pride, enthusiasm and spirit!

House Swimming Sports

The House Swimming sports will take place on Thursday February 26 for the Junior and Middle Schools. The SPC Swimming Championship Carnival and Senior House Carnival will take place on Wednesday March 4. Boys are expected to wear the full College Sports Uniform (with House coloured top or College sports top) or normal College Summer uniform. All boys should bring drink bottles, sunscreen and a hat.

Year 9 Camps

The Year 9 Camps start on Thursday March 5. All Year 9 families will receive information regarding these camps shortly.

Labour Day Holiday – Monday March 9

Monday March 9 is the Victorian Labour Day Holiday. The College will be closed on this day. The weekend of March 7 to 9 is an EXEAT weekend for Boarding students.

DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE

Mrs Sara Taylor

The Kelty Resource Centre (KRC) has commenced the 2009 school year in a positive manner with many classes already taking advantage of the excellent print, audio-visual and online resources available through the KRC Homepage and our Oliver Library Management system. Hundreds of books have been borrowed and most Year 7 classes have had a least one session in the KRC for their WIRED reading programme and are well acquainted with the borrowing system.

The WIRED programme is ably coordinated by our Librarian Mrs Pam Delahunty with the support of the class room teacher. In addition to the WIRED programme the boys also have two silent reading sessions per fortnight. Supervising teachers are encouraged to read with the boys and additional activities related to books and authors are part of those sessions. The WIRED programme also extends to Year 8 and 9 and Ms Hall, who coordinates these year levels will be informing parents of activities in which parents can be involved which encourage reading. The College is serious about promoting literacy by developing the boy's love of reading. The Year 7s have also discovered that their school ID number is very important as it is also their computer username; their library borrowing number and their email address name. Year 7 groups have also commenced their fortnightly Information Technology classes which this term focus on learning how to use the KRC homepage and how to access information at St Patrick's College.

VCE students have commenced their study periods in the KRC and the majority are using this time positively. We would encourage parents to discuss the importance of utilising study sessions appropriately in light of ensuring the best possible results for each and every boy. KRC staff are very happy to assist boys who need support with managing their time, finding resources and accessing information.

Last week some parents may have noticed in their College accounts a replacement cost for resources borrowed in 2008 but not returned. If you find any of the resources listed at home please ask your son to return them to the College and your account will be credited. It is important to note that boys are regularly emailed about overdue resources, they can also check their loans on Oliver and their Pastoral Care teachers are also emailed lists of overdues. We always encourage boys to come and check the shelves in the KRC if they

believe a resource has been returned. Our system, while not perfect, is quite sophisticated and all care is taken to ensure returned resources are deleted from students' names. Our library management system and the homepage are accessible at home through the College website.

Parents are also encouraged to discuss the 2009 Acceptable Online Usage Policy (in the Student Planner and available on the KRC homepage) with their sons so that they understand the nature of the policy and its consequences. Parents will understand the need for guidelines about Internet access, playing games during class times and other related issues.

The KRC is open between 8 am and 4.45 pm Monday to Thursday and 8 am to 4.15 pm on Fridays. It is also open during all school holidays except for four weeks over New Year. Boys are encouraged to use its facilities at these times.

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mrs Kathleen Plastow

2009 Music Camp

The 2009 St Patrick's Music Camp scheduled for the weekend of February 20 to 22 has been postponed. A significant number of students who are members of either the Senior College Band or College Guitar Ensemble were not able to attend this weekend. The primary purpose of the Music Camp was to introduce the students to the music that will be performed at the various Band Festivals, competitions and eisteddfods which the school will be participating in during 2009. The students will now be introduced to this program of music during the remaining scheduled term one band rehearsal times.

The Music Camp has been rescheduled to the last weekend of the Term One holidays, April 17 to 19. The focus of this rescheduled camp will be on finalising various aspects of the music to be performed later in the year. Further details of this rescheduled camp will be distributed as soon as possible.

Godspell

St Patrick's College and Loreto College are proud to present the musical 'Godspell'. This is a fantastic opportunity for all boys from Year 7 to Year 12 to be involved either on stage or behind the scenes. Audition forms are available from the Music Office.

Rehearsals will be held on subsequent Tuesdays and Thursdays. If there are any boys still interested in auditioning it is not too late to obtain a permission form from Mrs Crowley in the Music Office.

Visual Communication

Mr Peter Hutchins

St Patrick's College students featured prominently in the Art Gallery of Ballarat's: Next Gen09 Exhibition.

2008 Media students Ben Andrews, Justin Gradkowski and Rhys Prosser were all selected as finalists in the media section with Ben Andrews' film 'Deus ex machina' winning 1st Prize. Justin Gradkowski's 'An Animation' received an Encouragement Award from the Judges. Stephen Glenane and Tim Creek were two other past students also had their pieces displayed at the NextGen09 Exhibition.

Final Results for the Media Section

1st Prize: Ben Andrews

Encouragement Award: Justin Gradkowski.

Ben Andrews

'Deus ex machina' is an experimental/surrealist narrative heavily influenced by the works of David Lynch. The narrative is set in an industrialised post-apocalyptic environment and incorporates alienation techniques as the audience is never invited to sympathise with the main character. The film features excellent use of expressive side-lighting and mise-en-scene.

Justin Gradkowski

'An Animation' is an example of stop-motion animation incorporating a variety of 'found' objects. It features Justin's own original soundtrack.

Rhys Prosser

'Drowned' is a hybrid documentary/photographic montage that focuses on the film maker's attempts to create a surfing documentary only to be thwarted by mother- nature. The irony of the title is realised as the audience discovers even the best laid plans are useless if there aren't any waves. The montage sequence is characterised by some superb photography.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Terry Blizzard

Camp Experience Dates

Term 1 Camp

March 4 – 6
PEL 003 & 005

March 10 – 12
PEL006 & 010

March 11 – 13
PEL000 & 004

March 16 – 18
PEL 008 & 009

Term 2 Melbourne Experience

May 18 – 22
PEL004, 006, 008 & 010

June 1 – 5
PEL000, 003, 005 & 009

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

On Tuesday night of this week the 2010 Year 7 Information Evening was held in the College Chapel. A large crowd was in attendance all eager to learn what St Patrick's College has to offer for their son. The evening comprised of a parent information session followed by tours of the College during which visitors were treated to mini lessons in the areas of Technology, Multimedia, Art, Science, Food Technology and Gymnastics.

Thank you to the many staff who gave up their own time to assist with the smooth running of the evening.

Year 8 students assisted in the presentation of the evening and Charles Robinson can be commended for his confidence as Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Ben Howes, Peter Oakley, Jack Harrison, Andrew Groch and Joshua Jones are also to be commended for the fine effort in which they presented. Well done also to the many other Year 8 boys who played a role on the evening.

Junior School Assessment Planner 2009

As highlighted in The Crest last week, it is imperative that boys develop a study routine and the organisational skills required as part of the homework programme. To assist the homework programme please find below the due dates of various assessment tasks for Term 1. Please note the subject areas of Music, Art, Technology and Multimedia will have ongoing assessment across the term.

Year 7 Term 1

Week	Subject	Assessment Item
4. Monday February 16	English	Introductory Speech
5. Monday February 23	Science Drama Maths	Learning Journal Assignment Mime Assessment Journal Assessment
6. Monday March 2	English Physical Education	Letter Writing Fitness Testing
7. Monday March 9	Japanese Maths	Writing Task Whole Number Arithmetic Test
8. Monday March 16	Religious Education Humanities	Belongings Assessment Task Civics Assessment
9. Monday March 23	Science Drama Drama	Astronomy Research Task Presentation Improvisation Assessment Journal Submission
10. Monday March 30	Health Maths	Journal Submission Decimals Test & Learning Journal Assessment

Year 8 Term 1

Week	Subject	Assessment Item
Week Beginning		
4. Monday February 16	Science English	Practical Report – Measuring Friction Presentation of Childhood Anecdote
5. Monday February 23	English Mathematics Mathematics	Biography of novel main character Directed Numbers Test Temperature task
6. Monday March 2	Science	Practical Report – Landing time of a Parachute
7. Monday March 9	International Studies Humanities	Australian Prime Minister task Bushfire task
8. Monday March 16	Japanese Science English	Writing assessment Learning Journal Script extract from novel
9. Monday March 23	Science Mathematics	Simple Machines Test Numbers and applications Test
10. Monday March 30	Mathematics	M.C.G. Catering task

Year 8 camps continue at Apollo Bay over the coming weeks as per the dates below:

Year 8 Camp Dates

March 4-6	8F
March 11-13	8G
March 23-25	8H
March 25-27	8C

Swimming Sports

Please note that the Junior and Middle Schools Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday February 26 at the Eureka Swimming Pool. Boys will require: lunch, drink, sunscreen, swimming gear, towel and goggles or the day. Boys may wear full College Physical Education uniform to school on this day.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

Head of the Lake

Congratulations to Director of Rowing Mr Jamie Lynn, Captain of Boats Daniel Sharp and all the rowing community on their outstanding results at the Head of the Lake on Wednesday. This is a great reward for all the hard work that has gone into the training of all the boys. Well done!

Boatrace Dinner

The Boatrace Dinner will be on Friday February 20 in the Old Boys Pavilion. Tickets can be purchased from either Student Services or Front Reception. Rowers are \$15 and parents \$20. The evening commences with dinner at 7.30 pm and concludes at midnight. Attire for the evening is semi formal.

SPC House Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival for Junior and Middle School will be held at the Eureka Pool on Thursday February 26 with the swimming to commence at 11.30 am. House meetings are being held for students to sign up to events. Students are asked to wear their House Coloured Polo Shirt on the day so that the College Houses are easily identified.

SPC Swimming Championships

The SPC Swimming Championships and Senior Carnival for all selected students will be held at the Eureka Pool on Wednesday March 4. Races will commence at 1 pm. For more information please contact the Director of Swimming, Br Brian Davis

First XI Soccer

The College is pleased to announce that a Soccer tour for students in the senior and intermediate programme will be offered in 2009. The tour, which focuses on the AIS in Canberra, will be conducted in the first week of the Semester break. A Tour Proposal is located on the Soccer page of the College Website. For more information please contact Mr Chris Gleeson or First XI Coach Mr Tony Beggs.

Please click on the link below to access the Soccer Page

<http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/soccer.php>

From the Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee

BAS Round 7:

St Patrick's 5/92 defeated Ballarat College 10/89

With our friendly rivals recruiting heavily over the Christmas break our boys were salivating at the thought of locking horns with Ballarat and Clarendon College.

Losing the toss and being asked to field it was crucial that we captured early wickets, and that we did, running through the BCC top order very quickly. Nick O'Brien and Peter Colbourne bowled with pace and pin point accuracy. Nick moved the ball across the batsman 'at pace' whilst Peter swung the ball into the stumps and trapped two top order batsmen plum in front. Normally the two openers would have been given a spell but skipper Brad Whittaker took the punt and bowled the two 'in form' bowlers through to their compulsory spell. At 5/18 BCC were on their knees.

Liam Young, returning from injury, could well have had three wickets in his first three overs and David Dickinson again was at his accurate best. Tom McGregor and Brad Whittaker bowled in tandem and kept the lid on the struggling BCC batsmen. In the 44th over our opposition were bowled out for 89.

Our batsmen made hard work of the total and this was the most pleasing element of the chase as batting on the slow wicket was not easy at all. Matt Crouch was bowled early obeying a team rule of 'letting the swinging ball go'. The only problem was that it was an in-swinger!

Austin Murphy and Peter Colbourne put on 51 for the second wicket and this was enough to kill the game. Peter made 27 and Austin batted very intelligently for 37. It was Austin's preparedness to leave the ball go and get settled at the wicket that led to his match winning contribution.

Brad Whittaker and Brad Crouch saw the team 'over the line' comfortably with five overs to spare. The win places our First XI clear on top of the ladder with the hope of hosting the Grand Final on the long weekend in March.

Best Players: Nick O'Brien 9/5/2/15, Peter Colbourne 27 & 9/1/4/15, David Dickinson 8.2/2/3/17, Austin Murphy 37.

2nd XI Cricket

BAS Round 5

SPC vs Damascus

St Patrick's College 7/87 was defeated by Damascus College 5/89 (18th over).

Another disappointing performance with the bat this week all but sealed the fate of the SPC 2nd XI last Thursday. Slow batting and cheap dismissals plagued St Patrick's ability to make an impression on the game. Mick Tuppen and Caleb Hepworth opened and managed 23 a piece, supported by Lachlan Barkers 15 not out, the remainder failing to reach double figures. Chasing the total of 87 Damascus cruised toward victory reaching the mark in the 18th over.
Best bowler: Plozza 5/0/3/22.

Year 7

BAS Round 2

SPC 3/ 108 defeated BGS Gold 6/85.

Ferguson 31 not out, Powell 18 not out.

House Cricket

The Junior House Cricket competition started this week and it was great to see so many boys playing cricket on turf. Results will be published in next week's edition of The Crest. Any parents who are able to assist the programme will be welcomed with open arms. Currently Mr Rohan Davis and Mr Mark Emerson require some help with umpiring and/or scoring. If you can help please let Mr Damian McKee know through email on dmckee@stpats.vic.edu.au.

Tennis

Round 2 Friday February 13
Mr Hamish McCrum

First IV

SPC defeated BCC 6 Sets to 48 Games to 13

Well done to Shaun Lyle, Mitchell Taylor, Mitchell Phelps and Ryan Michell for an outstanding performance in defeating the highly rated College team. With Tom Young in the seconds, Ryan stepped up and played a great game. Next week SPC will welcome back Tom Young again to provide a full strength team. Well done boys!

Second IV

SPC def BCC 6 sets to 0 48 Games to 2

Well done to Steve Bongiorno, Ben O'Keefe, Ben Andrews and Tom Young on their performance. Seconds Captain Steve Bongiorno led from the front and all the boys played fantastic matches. Well done boys!

Volleyball

Mrs Fiona Carroll

There was a general bye in the competition this week due to Boat Race. Next week the volleyball competition resumes with SPC taking on BCC 1. Good luck boys!

Basketball Volunteer Programme – Are you interested in a career in sport?

The Ballarat Basketball Association is offering an opportunity for students in Year 10, 11 or 12 to be invited to join a program which goes beyond ability and skill, and opens up the fields of sports administration, sports technical support and sports presentation.

Students who participate will gain official recognition in a range of volunteer skills applicable in the first instance to basketball, but in the longer term will have benefits across the sports domain.

The program will run after school or of an evening and will provide training in scoretable, referee and statistics duties, practical experience in home game/event presentation and an introduction to the administrative world which supports a major sports venue in Ballarat.

Once trained students will be offered placements within the various volunteer bodies at the WIN MinerDome and will commence or enhance a resume of participation which will hold them in good stead if they follow the call of "a career in sport". The BBA will cover all costs associated with the presentation of the program, and will meet affiliation and registration costs for students who elect to move into the volunteer pool. It will not cover travel costs for Ballarat based participants, but will consider support for those travelling from regional towns such as Maryborough, Daylesford and Beaufort.

Any interested student should contact the Director of Basketball Ms Tamara Westwood in the sports office.

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

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

Enrolment @ St Patrick's College, 2010 Year 7

The College will conduct the 2010 Year 7 Information Night on Tuesday February 17 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel. Families will be able to learn more about the exciting curricular and co-curricular opportunities provided by the College and will be able to participate in a series of interactive classroom experiences in a variety of subject areas. To receive a 2010 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Please note that 2010 Year 7 Enrolment closes on March 20, 2009.

Scholarships @ St Patrick's College, 2010

To encourage and recognise the pursuit of excellence in all areas of school life, St Patrick's College offers scholarships for Year 7, 10 and 11 entry levels in the categories of academic excellence, art, performing arts, music, boarding, sport, leadership and general excellence. All categories have an academic component and boys must sit a scholarship test conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research at the College on Saturday February 28 at 9:00 am. To receive a 2010 Scholarship Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au
Applications close Monday February 23 at 4pm.

College Open Mornings

Each Friday morning in February and March the College will be conducting tours for prospective students and their families. This is an ideal opportunity to see students and staff in action in a wide range of learning areas. Current parents are also most welcome to attend. To book a place on a tour please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College

Parents and Friends Committee
Mr Bernie Wilson, President

Meeting dates and events for Term 1, 2009 (Tuesdays)

Term One 24 February

24 March (AGM)

Current Positions

President: Bernard Wilson
Secretary: Lynn Prosser
SPC Staff Representatives: Mr Chris Caldwell
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 - P&F link).

GALVIN HOUSE

Head of Galvin House
Mr Howard Clark

Thank you to the following Ballarat businesses who kindly supported St Patrick's College in raising funds for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal. All goods were greatly appreciated.

Barry Browning - Wendouree Baker's Delight

Kirralee Reid - Sebastopol Baker's Delight

Pete's Butchery - Pleasant Street

NUNAN HOUSE
Head of Nunan House
Mr Warrick Bottrall

Boat race has been won and lost and Nunan has had young men representing our College proudly. I would like to acknowledge these boys and remind them and their families of the great legacy they have created for SPC in 2009.

Surname	Given
Anstis	Darcy
Baxter	Daniel
Brennan	Brad
Eva	Alex
Ferguson	Cameron
Forbes	Regan
Gillett	Tom
Hines	Sam
Howard	Sam
Kirby	Isaac
Kirby	Angus
Lennecke	Angus
Lennecke	Hugh
Lennecke	Callum
Lennecke	Callum
Long	Ted
Mannix	Liam
McVeigh	Eamon
Morrissey	Samuel
Rowan	Andrew
Ryan	Tom
Sharp	Daniel
Thompson	Alex
Tuppen	Darcy

ARCHIVES
Archivist
Br Brian Davis

Distinguished Old Collegian: Noel Joseph Flanagan AO (SPC 1932-1936)

The Old Collegians Association was greatly saddened to learn this week of the passing of esteemed old boy Noel Flanagan who was a fine exemplar of the College's pillars of faith, excellence, tradition and joy. Noel passed peacefully on February 14 2009. His immense contribution to St Patrick's and the wider community was most recently recognised at the inaugural Art Exhibition with the major prize, 'the Flanagan' being named in his honour. He will be greatly missed but his legacy will be long remembered by his many friends and admirers.

Noel was born at Tocumwal, New South Wales on Christmas Day 1917, hence his Christian name. He boarded at St Patrick's College from 1932 to 1936. Noel was always an outstanding student and he crowned his scholastic career by winning the Sir Hugh Devine Prize for 1st Place in Honours English; first in Commercial Law and Latin and second overall in Leaving Honours in 1936. He was a Prefect of Our Lady's Sodality in 1935 and President in 1936 and was on the Committee of the Debating Society. He could always be relied on upon to take up the cudgels on behalf of NSW.

He had an undying regard for Br Gabriel Purton (Friar Tuck), Br Bill O'Malley and grounds man Burt Luttrell. He was very proud to have his brothers Jack (deceased), (1st XVIII and 1st Tennis) and Kevin, now Fr Kevin, Parish Priest Albury at St Patrick's with him. In sport Noel had an outstanding record. He represented the College in the 1st XI cricket for four years, captaining the team in 1935 and 1936. He was still the proud possessor of a mounted cricket ball presented to him by Br O'Malley for taking 8/10 against Ballarat College.

In the 1935 Annual Magazine, student Pat O'Donohue writes: *"Noel Flanagan, our veteran of the 1st XI, succeeded Gerry Hayes as Captain, and he filled the position admirably. Noel has been in our 1st XI three years, and has invariably played best when the occasion demanded. His bowling has always been a source of worry to opposing batsman, and when it is coupled with his brilliant fielding, and steady batting, it proclaims him the best all rounder St Pat's has had for some years."*

The following is written in the 1936 Cricket report:

"Special mention should be made of Noel Flanagan. Being elected Captain once more, he straightway inspired the team with such enthusiasm that he not only earned their support, but that of the entire school. Perhaps the greatest praise we can give him is to quote Br O'Malley, who echoes the opinion of all, who appreciate Noel's efforts:- 'As a captain of SPC 1st XIs, I would rank Noel as No.1, and I have seen nine cricket seasons here. His knowledge of the game, his handling of the bowling, placing of the field, his batting and bowling capabilities, and, last but not least, his sterling character, mark him as great captain.'

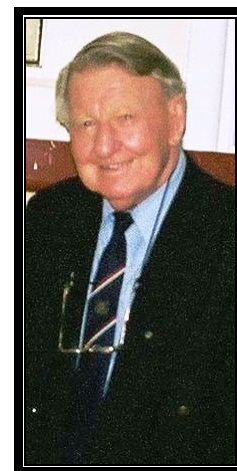
In football he was a member of the 1st XVIII for three years, once again captaining the team in 1935 and 1936. Joe Connellan in the 1935 Annual Magazine writes:

"The team was captained by Noel Flanagan, a cool and heady player, who gave his side a splendid example. He ably filled the centre position."

In tennis Noel was a member of the College 1st IV from 1934 to 1936, captaining the team in his final two years. He was awarded the Podger Cup for winning the College Tennis Tournament in 1935 and 1936. After leaving St Patrick's College with a University Free Place, Noel graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Melbourne and had a distinguished Commonwealth Public Service career. He served as a pilot in the Royal Australian Air Force, flying Liberators.

In 1949 Noel was Private Secretary to Arthur Calwell, the Immigration Minister and future Labor leader, and from 1949 to 1953 to Harold Holt, Treasurer and future Australian Prime Minister. He was Commissioner-General of the Australian World Pavilion at the World Exposition in Spokane, USA in 1974 and Director of the Australian War Memorial from 1975 until 1982. He was made an officer of the Order of Australia in 1982 and was Chairman of the Australian Committee on the International Committee of Museums (Paris) from 1977 to 1988.

Noel was always a great supporter of St Patrick's College, even as he and his wife Dell lived a well earned retirement in Canberra, proudly tending to the needs of their five children and nine grandchildren.



(Sources: Noel Flanagan; St Patrick's College Annual Magazines 1933-1936; History and Heritage 1893 -1993, Br P.C. Naughtin).

RIP

The College community offers its prayers and support to Jack Hawken, Year 12 and his family on the passing of Jack's grandfather.

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 23 to Friday February 27.

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 23

Colleen Flynn, *Miranda Fraser, Marlene Murphy, Fiona Thomas, *Josie Donegan, Melinda Murphy *Denise Gillingham.

Tuesday February 24

Joanne Dickson, *Nicki Quinlan, *Debbie Hill, Moira Devlin, Marty Forbes, Angela Langdon, Laureen Duffin, Bernadette Marting, *Sarah Sullivan.

Wednesday February 25

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

Thursday February 26

*Angela Cushing, Gayle Edmonds, Anna McIntyre, Frances Powlett, *Jacqui McMaster, *Maree Dodd, Carla Taylor & Liz Quick, *Maria McOwan, Susan Clifford.

Friday February 27

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

***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

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Sunday February 22, 2009

National Day of Mourning

A day of mourning has been called to remember the victims, the missing and emergency workers of the Black Saturday bushfires. Prime Minister Mr Kevin Rudd said the memorial service would provide Australians with an opportunity to grieve as the nation came to terms with its worst natural disaster.

"February 7 will become etched in our national memory as a day of disaster, of death and of mourning and it is very important that the nation grieves. The National Day of Mourning will allow us all an opportunity to honour those who lost their lives in the fires, support those who have suffered and recognise the work of our emergency services., Mr Rudd noted this week.

An Ecumenical Memorial Service will be held in St Patrick's Cathedral Ballarat Sunday February 22 at 2.00 pm.

All are welcome to join us as the nation mourns. Further information contact St Patrick's Cathedral 5331 2933 ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Mars Mini Triathlon March 8 2009

The Mars Mini Triathlon event is being held on March 8 2009 and involves the three disciplines involved within the sport, swimming, riding and running.

This sport is a great way for children to be active, build their confidence and also gain a sense of accomplishment by completing such a tremendous achievement. All the child needs is a pair of swimmers, a bike (mountain bike, BMX or a road bike) and a pair of runners.

This event is held as part of the Triathlon Victoria "Go-Tri-It" series.

If there are any queries about the event please contact Andrew Young, Event Director on the numbers below

Mobile: 0417 349 067

Work: 53 203 629 (Direct)

COMING EVENTS

Saturday February 21

1st XI Cricket BAS Round 8 BG v SPC

Monday February 23

Year 7 K Humanities Excursion Eureka Stockade – 10.45 am – 12.45 pm – Mr Bennett

Tuesday February 24

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday February 25

Ash Wednesday

Year 7 CKD Humanities Excursion Eureka Stockade – 10.30 am – 12.25 – Mr Webb, Mrs Dean

Thursday February 26

Swimming Carnival Junior & Middle School

Friday February 27

Open Morning Programme 9.00 am

Saturday February 28

Scholarship Testing Day

1st XI Cricket BAS Round 8 BHS v SPC

Tuesday March 3

College Assembly

2010 Year 7 Information Night – St Bernard's Bacchus March 7.00 pm

Wednesday March 4

SPC Swim Championship Carnival

Year 8 Camp - 8F

Year 9 Camp

Thursday March 5

Year 8 Camp - 8F

Year 9 Camp

Friday March 6

Year 8 Camp - 8F

Saturday March 7

Boarding Exeat Weekend

1st Cricket BAS Grand Final – Venue to be advised

Monday March 9

Labour Day Holiday



Jordan Collie with his charcoal drawing at the Next Gen09 Exhibition



Next Gen09 Exhibition Media winner Ben Andrews with his father Graham Andrews



Head of the Lake Regatta held at the Barwon River Geelong





The St Patrick's College Cheer Squad!



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