

## NEWSLETTER 5/1 Friday February 27, 2009

### FROM THE HEADMASTER Dr Peter Casey

A piece of emerging research into Indigenous education contains the following points:

'Broader evidence suggests that personalised learning is based on the concept that all students can benefit from more individualised support. However, to achieve this it is clear that a range of elements need to be aligned. These elements include:

- a culture that includes high expectations of students;
- classroom structures that promote personalised learning;
- differentiated teaching and assessment strategies;
- students taking greater responsibility for their own learning; and
- involvement of, and collaboration between parties such as parents, teachers and students.'

*Atelier Report Draft 1 into Indigenous Education and Personalised Pathways.*

John Manefield,

Director, Atelier Learning Solutions Pty Ltd. 2009.

I sometimes marvel at the amount of money, often government or system funding, that goes into what good teachers already know from practice. The above findings are independent of Indigenous education. I quoted Steinbeck last month about high expectations and he has not been surveyed recently by the gurus. The fourth and fifth points are to be found in our Strategic Plan written several years ago.

#### **Lenten observances**

Our Year 12 student leaders celebrated Eucharist with Bishop Peter Connors at the Cathedral on Tuesday morning while some of us were still licking the cream, sugar and lemon juice off our pancakes. Ash Wednesday marked the start of our lead up to the climax of the Church's year: the mystery of Easter. As a Christian community we are called to take stock of who we are and where we stand in our relationship with God. Good luck with the checklist but take time to reflect as we slow down the pace - 'lente' for the music aficionados.

Our Patron, Bishop Peter Connors, has reminded us of the Church's expectations during Lent: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled through any one of the following:

**Prayer** - for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

**Self-denial** - for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or desserts, embargo on the television for a night or two during the week, limiting food and drink and giving the cash equivalent to, say, Project Compassion.

**Helping others** - for example, taking the family to visit the elderly in old people's home or in the parish, visiting the sick or someone who is lonely.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. (Canon 1252). All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday (25th February) to the Mass of the Lord's Supper inclusive (9th April). On Good Friday and, if possible, also on Holy Saturday until the Easter vigil, the Easter Fast is observed. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday February 25 2009 and Trinity Sunday May 31, unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

May the Lord bless us all as we live life to the full mindful of those who have lost life, loved ones and lifestyle in the fires. My thanks to our staff who work so enthusiastically support our boys and parents.

Regards  
Peter C

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

#### **Swimming**

This week the Junior and Middle School House Swimming Carnival took place at the Eureka Swimming Pool. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for this event from many staff and students. Thank you to Br Brian Davis, the Director of Swimming, Mr Chris Gleeson, the Director of Sport, the Heads of House and Heads of School as well as a number of parents who volunteered as officials on the day! The results from the Championships and Carnivals will be written up by the Director of Sport. Well done to all competitors involved in this week's swimming!

#### **Casual Clothes Day**

On Monday February 16 the Year 12 Student Council ran a casual clothes day to raise funds for communities devastated by the recent bushfires throughout Victoria. Under the guidance of Mr Jamie Bobrowski, the Student Council also ran a BBQ on this day to raise funds. In excess of \$4100 was raised in cash along with many donations of non-perishable items including 100 pairs of boots. All of these items will be delivered to Assumption College in Kilmore for distribution to needy families from their community. I thank the boys across the year levels for their support.

#### **Students in Public**

St Patrick's College maintains an excellent reputation in the Ballarat region and it is vital that students continue to enhance this. There are many occasions when St Patrick's students are out in public and the behaviour of most certainly ensures the public perception of our school is positive. There have however been a couple of occasions already this year where the behaviour of students in public has resulted in concerns being registered with the College. This most often occurs in the city centre.

It is essential that all students wearing the St Patrick's uniform conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the College's expectations. I would like to thank parents for informing the school when students are falling below the high standards the College sets.

#### **Head of the Lake Regatta**

Last Wednesday the BAS schools conducted the annual Head of the Lake Regatta on the Barwon River in Geelong. A more detailed write up of the regatta will no doubt appear in this edition of The Crest. I simply wish to add my congratulations to Mr Jamie Lynn, the Director of Rowing, all the boys involved in each SPC crew, their coaches and parents on such a fine effort throughout the season and on the day. It was a comprehensive set of results and reflects the time and effort put in during the season by those involved.

My thanks also to those senior boys involved in leading the SPC Cheer Squad on the day. This enthusiastic group of boys led the College well and positively!

Well done to all involved!

#### **DIRECTOR OF MISSION** **Mrs Maree Moore**

On Wednesday, the College Community commemorated Ash Wednesday through Liturgy and the distribution of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of our Lenten journey. This is a journey of forty days that invites us to reflect upon things that matter most, the things of the heart that lead us to the fullest of life.

Every Christian has in Lent, the opportunity to relive his or her total conversion called for by Baptism. This is a whole renewal, leading one to think, judge and arrange one's entire life under the impulse of charity as revealed by Christ.

Christian penance traditionally involves prayer, fasting and works of charity. In our times it may be appropriate to put less emphasis on fasting and more effort in faithful prayer and charitable works.

The essence of true penance is interior change of heart. Whatever helps in this conversion is penitential and truly pleasing to God. It is by reflecting on what is at the heart of our thinking and actions, that we become closer to living life more fully.

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

#### **Bushfire Relief**

On Sunday March 1 there will be a Family Fun Day running from 12.00 pm until 4.00 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All proceeds will be donated to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund Bushfire Appeal. For further information please contact Peter Finlayson on 5345 1098 or John Madigan on 53334717 or 0412518415.

#### **Year 9 Camps**

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

#### **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.

#### **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 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.

#### **DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE** **Mrs Sara Taylor**

#### **Boys, Blokes, Books and Breakfast Morning**

The Wide Interest Reading English Development (WIRED) Programme involves Year 7 to 9 students reading a novel of their choice for one English session a cycle. Our WIRED programme's central focus is to develop a reading culture at St Patrick's College in partnership with the community, parents and staff of the College. The main way to break down the stereotype of reading being a 'nerdy' activity for middle school boys is to actively encourage the use of male role models. As boys enter high school the emphasis is often on strength, masculinity, social acceptance, sports, hierarchies and power.

Reading can threaten boy's fragile sense of self and growing masculinity unless male role models prove reading to be a worthwhile pursuit. It is with this thought in mind that we extend an invite to the men of St Patrick's community to attend our '*Boys, Blokes, Books & Breakfast Morning*'. Students from Year 7 to 9 along with their father or other significant male in their life, are invited to attend a cooked breakfast in the Old Collegians Pavilion. All men and boys attending will be asked to bring their favourite book to discuss with others in attendance. Special guests include the North Ballarat Football Club, the Ballarat Miners and the hilarious author, Scott Gardner. The event will be held from 7am to 8am on Monday March 30 2009.

The cost for breakfast is \$5.00 per person and will be a choice of a bacon, sausage and egg roll or cereal and a muffin with tea and coffee and juice. See you there!

#### **The Age 2009 VCE Success Subscription**

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#### **DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS** **Mrs Kathleen Plastow**

#### **2009 Music Camp**

As noted in last week's Crest, the 2009 St Patrick's Music Camp scheduled for the weekend of February 20 to 22 was postponed. The Music Camp has been rescheduled for the last weekend of the Term One holidays, April 17 to 19. The focus of this rescheduled camp will be upon 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.

## HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr Michael Busscher

After the euphoria of the fantastic 'Head of the Lake' victory the Senior School has once again settled down to work. This week has seen many Year 12 SACs and Year 10 and 11 Assessment Tasks completed throughout all subject areas. With this in mind have you as parents had the opportunity to ask your son how is he going so far and actually receive an answer that is quantified with some form of formal result?

How often do we simply receive a response of; "I am OK" or "there's no worries". I maintain that school is a three way process and as such parents are entitled to be well informed about the goings on at the College and it is your son who can become the best messenger if you are able to foster a mature and responsible relationship with him. Unfortunately this time also identifies boys who are falling behind in their work and as such a number of afterschool detentions have been issued.

Can I please ask all parents to keep a close eye on their son and the completion of work. The old chestnut, "I don't have anything to do" does not apply in the Senior School. All boys have some form of homework every night whether it be catching up with missed work or simply getting ahead. We all know that the VCE is a very competitive time with approximately 50,000 students vying for the top positions. I need to raise this question for your contemplation; "What is your son doing to compete not only with the other students at St Patrick's but with all other students throughout Victoria?"

On February 25 the Year 11 and 12 students were given a presentation by Mr Mark Murphy from Edmund Rice Camps. Mark spoke about the importance of connecting with our communities and the experience of obtaining life-long leadership skills by attending these camps. Mark will follow-up with students interested in attending these camps in the next couple of weeks. This could be the perfect opportunity for some of our boys to really get involved in an area of school life beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

The Year 12 student leaders celebrated Eucharist with College Patron, Bishop Peter Connors at the Cathedral on Shrove Tuesday morning whilst Ash Wednesday signified the start of Lent. The Senior School Leaders have been visiting all classrooms collecting for Caritas. This will continue throughout the Lenten period.

Year 10 boys have been asked to finalise their immunisation cards this week. The Immunisation Day is scheduled for March 19 at 12 noon.

### The AGE VCE and Careers Expo

On Friday April 24, Saturday April 25 and Sunday April 26 The AGE VCE and Careers Expo will be held at the Caulfield Racecourse from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily. This is highly recommended for all Senior School Students. \$10.00 entry includes The Age, all seminars and the Career Forum. For more information go to [www.vceandcareers.com.au](http://www.vceandcareers.com.au)

### Senior School Events

March 4: SPC Senior School Swimming Championships  
March 17: St Patrick's Day Mass and Investiture of Student Leaders  
March 19: Year 10 Immunisations at 12.00 noon  
March 23 – March 26: Year 10 Retreats, DAT testing, Leadership Programme, Career Voyage and Safety and Work Training experiences.

## 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

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**YEAR 9: CONOR MCCUSKEY**  
For his assistance with promotion of the College.

## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

### Year 8 Camps

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

### Year 8 Camp Dates

<b>March 4-6</b>	<b>8F</b>
<b>March 11-13</b>	<b>8G</b>
<b>March 23-25</b>	<b>8H</b>
<b>March 25-27</b>	<b>8C</b>

Boys are reminded that they should be responsible for packing their own equipment for the camps. Mum and Dad shouldn't be taking responsibility for this.

The Year 8 Camp at Apollo Bay is an excellent opportunity for the boys to gel as a class group, to make new friendships, get to know staff in a setting outside of the school environment and to enjoy the many pleasures of Victorian south coast. In addition to this the boys will have the opportunity to learn about Victoria's maritime history through visits to the Cape Otway Lighthouse and the Apollo Bay Cable Museum.

### Year 7 Astronomy Nights

As part of the study of Astronomy in Science, each Year 7 student is invited to attend an optional excursion to the Ballarat Municipal Observatory at the corner of Magpie and Cobden Street, Mt Pleasant. The observatory is located just up the road from Sovereign Hill.

The students will have the opportunity to use the telescopes to view Saturn and other heavenly objects, hear informative talks and view demonstrations about Astronomy as well as watching a three-dimensional movie. The evening promises to be both interesting and informative.

Sessions commence at 7.15 pm and conclude around 9.15pm. The cost for students is \$4 and \$12 for participating adults, payable on the night. This covers use of telescopes, the 3D movie and Tour of the observatory. A free return ticket will be given if the weather is not fine.

### Classes have been booked to attend on the following evenings:

**7A and 7E:** Monday March 2: Mr Weadon and Mrs Hogbin

**7C and 7F:** Tuesday March 3: Mr Corden, Mr O'Loughlan and Mr Rajki

**7B and 7D:** Wednesday March 4: Mrs Bridges and Mrs Rajki

**7H and 7G:** Thursday March 5: Mr Weadon, Ms Rippon, Mr Fernee and Mr Kaczkowski

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### YEAR 8: JACK MCGRATH

For handing in a lost MP3 Player



### YEAR 8: JAKE CRAWFORD

For handing in a lost MP3 Player

### DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

### 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 8: St Patrick's 10/203 defeated Ballarat Grammar 10/81

Having to win only one of the last two home and away matches to seal a home Grand Final, the First XI easily accounted for Ballarat Grammar by 122 runs.

Playing at Grammar, SPC won the toss and decided to bat and were in strife at 3/26 after 10 overs. Peter Colbourne and Brad Crouch then built a 131 run partnership for the third wicket. This was an outstanding effort given the fact that the Grammar bowlers were well on top and bowling extremely well. Brad and Peter initially set out to blunt the attack and stop the momentum that was seriously jeopardising SPC's opportunity to post a reasonable score. Both boys' started to tick the score over again and were then in a position to selectively hit loose balls and begin to build a partnership.

The third phase of the boys' partnership involved their willingness to punish any delivery that was short. The 131 run partnership came from 40 overs and was only broken when Peter Colbourne was run out having been sent back by his partner. From 4/157 and still with 10 overs to face, a total in excess of 210 looked a distinct possibility. However late wickets in the pursuit of quick runs meant that SPC were bowled out for 203 in the 59<sup>th</sup> over.

Nick O'Brien and Peter Colbourne again opened the bowling with aggression and speed. Nick was given more room to attack the stumps as his previous returns had always been economical but without the rewards he deserved. Nick got a wicket early and then returned for a second spell to tear through the middle order, finishing with four wickets in a pleasing display. Peter Colbourne completed a great game by taking two wickets and fielding brilliantly. Cameron Carter bowled very well and took two wickets from only six overs.

The win presented the team with a home Grand Final to be played on the Labour Day long weekend in March.

**Best Players:** Brad Crouch 83, Peter Colbourne 73 & 9/5/2/11, Nick O'Brien 12/3/4/20, Cameron Carter 6/1/2/10

### Senior Cricket Presentation BBQ

The St Patrick's College Cricket Presentation BBQ for the 2008/2009 season will be held on the evening of the Grand Final on Saturday March 7 at 6.30 pm in the Old Collegians Pavilion. This is an opportunity to gather and reflect on what has been a highly successful season for the senior cricket programme. All cricketers who have represented the First and Second XI are warmly invited to attend.

### 2nd XI BAS Round 6

**SPC 10/107 defeated by Ballarat College 8/109**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI completed a disappointing season with a loss to BCC having to win the match to stay in the hunt for a Grand Final appearance the following week. The match started well with Caleb Hepworth smashing a season high score of 52. Caleb received support from Michael Tuppen (13) and skipper Lachlan Barker (15). With a score of 107 on the board SPC were doing well while College struggled early in the innings. However some loose overs cost us badly with College passing SPC's score in the last over with three balls to spare.

**Best Players:** Caleb Hepworth 52, Zac Pietsch 3/0/2/15, Josh Plozza 5/1/0/14, Dylan Prozzo 4/1/1/11, Angus Lennecke 5/0/0/17.

### **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](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## **KENIRY HOUSE NEWS**

**Mrs Nicole Hexter**

Each Thursday morning Keniry students have been meeting in the Old Collegians Pavilion for ‘House Homeroom’. This time is used to recognise student achievements, acknowledge student birthdays from the previous week, take time to reflect on the current events and have the chance to meet some of the other students in the House – across all year levels. I would like to remind students that they are to move directly to the Pavilion in the morning so that the session can start on time at 8.50am.

Last week the rowers capped off another stellar season, winning the Head of the Lake Boys’ Premiership for the fifth year in a row and the Boys Head of the Lake for the third year in a row. I would like to extend my congratulations to the 13 Keniry House students who rowed last Wednesday. Congratulations boys!

The Junior House Cricket and Tennis competitions have been running over the last few weeks. It is great to see the number of boys getting involved each week. I would especially like to thank Alex Brown and Andrew Groch for their organisation of the junior cricket teams each week.

This year the St Vincent de Paul Society will again conduct an Easter Egg drive for the needy in the community. The collections this year will be on a House basis with points going to each House according to the number of Easter eggs they can donate. Please keep your eye on the morning messages for more details.

### **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Brayden Allan (Year 10) who has just been selected for the Victorian Badminton team for the National Championships to be held in Ballarat over the term break.

Congratulations also to Mathew Begbie (Year 10) who made an unbeaten 126 last weekend; a second century in his debut A Ballarat Cricket Association Club First XI season last weekend. Well done Mat!

Each week in The Crest I would like to acknowledge the Keniry students who have achieved success in their chosen pursuits within the community. If you would like your son’s achievements to be recognised in this way, please email Mrs Nikki Hexter the details at [nhexter@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:nhexter@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## **NUNAN HOUSE NEWS**

**Mr Warrick Bottrall**

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### **NUNAN HOUSE: ALEX THOMPSON**

For his assistance with promotion of the College.



### **NUNAN HOUSE: TIMOTHY HIBBERD**

For his assistance with promotion of the College.



### **NUNAN HOUSE: ALEXANDER EVA**

For his assistance with promotion of the College.

## RYAN HOUSE NEWS

Mr Damian McKee

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### RYAN HOUSE: LACHLAN MULQUINY

For offering to help staff with set up for the 2010 Year 7 Information Night

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

### Enrolment @ St Patrick's College, 2010 Year 7

A reminder that the closing date for 2010 Year 7 applications is rapidly approaching. To receive a 2010 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### Bacchus Marsh Information Night

An Information Night for families in the Bacchus Marsh, Melton and Myrning areas will be held at St Bernard's Parish Hall from 7 pm on Tuesday March 3, 2009. This is an excellent opportunity to meet current staff and students and to learn more about the exciting curricular and co-curricular programmes for students at the College.

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

### 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](mailto: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 March (AGM)

### Current Positions

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

The annual Tuition Fee raffle is currently being held. First prize in the raffle is a year's free tuition for one student. Please return all sold tickets to Student Reception as soon as possible to be eligible to win this great prize. All proceeds from the raffle will go to projects that benefit all students at the College. As the old saying goes, "you've got to be in it to win it!"

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).

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

### Canteen

*Canteen Roster Monday March 2 to Friday March 6.*

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 March 2

Jane McDonough, Debbie Coutts, \*Lee Couch, Sandra Jobling, \*Linda Breguet, Denise Gillingham, Mariska Wines.

### Tuesday March 3

Karen McMaster, Narelle Howes, Simone Meagher, \*Julianne Allen, \*Julianne Slater, Caz Hearn, Rhonda Slater, \*Theres Leighton, \* Sarah Sullivan.

### Wednesday March 4

Kathy Walters, \*Debbie Lee, Robyn Lavery, Christine Laidlaw, Simone Adamczyk, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Daydie Burgess.

### Thursday March 5

Bridget Vallance, \*Kelly Day, \*Angela Smith, Cathy Van Rijn, \* Anne Fay, Sue McDougall

### Friday March 6

\*Catherine Schuurs, \*Susan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, \*Kathy Harris \*Katherine Mundy, \*Helen Spratling, \*Donna Weightman, Dianne Debono

**\*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

### Mars Mini Triathlon March 8 2009

The Mars Mini Triathlon event is being held on March 8 2009 and involves the three disciplines of 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)

## The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

### Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

### What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
- educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- stationery and art supplies
- school textbooks and associated learning materials
- trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.
- ❗ Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

- ❗ **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

➡ For more information:

- visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)
- phone the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

## Invitation to a Family Fun Day to aid the Bushfire victims appeal

The Knights of the Southern Cross, Ballarat Branch, invites all families in the Ballarat region to a Family Fun Day in support of the Bishop's appeal to aid the Bushfire victims to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral grounds next Sunday March 1 commencing at midday.

Entry to the grounds is by donation and hot and cold drinks will be available in addition to a sausage sizzle. Prizes will be given for the Best Decorated Hat and the Best Decorated bicycle and the children can have their faces painted by experts. Musical entertainment will be supplied courtesy of local artists and musicians, while money raising activities will include silent and open auctions and a spinning wheel. Donations above \$10 are tax deductible.

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### Victoria Park Soccer Club Inc

The Victoria Park Soccer Club is looking for people interested in joining their club. They have teams ranging from Under 8 to Seniors, Girls and Boys.

Training is held on Thursday Evenings from 5 pm at Military Drive, Victoria Park. Games are played on Sundays.

**For information please contact:**

**Lisa Weyers: 5334 2472**

**Ron Catlin: 5332 1765**

**Or in writing to PO Box 1230 Bakery Hill 3354.**

## COMING EVENTS

### Monday March 2

Whole School Photo

### 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/Senior House 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Cricket BAS Grand Final

### Monday March 9

Labour Day Holiday  
First XVIII Football Training Starts – all day

### Tuesday March 10

Year 7 Galvin Retreat  
Year 9 Camp  
Raising Teenage Boys 7.30 pm

### Wednesday March 11

Year 9 Camp  
BAS Swimming (all day)  
Year 7 Keniry Retreat  
Year 8 G Camp – Apollo Bay

### Thursday March 12

Year 9 Camp  
Year 8 G Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 7 Nunan Retreat

### Friday March 13

Year 9 Camp  
Year 7 Ryan Retreat  
Year 8 G Camp – Apollo Bay

**Boys, Blokes, Books & Breakfast**

**YEARS 7, 8 & 9 STUDENTS**

**Where?**  
**The Pavilion**

**When?**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March, 2009**

**Time?**  
**7:00 – 8:00am**

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BRING YOUR FATHER/BROTHER/UNCLE  
BRING YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK  
EAT A HOT BREAKFAST  
MINGLE WITH SPORTS STARS  
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meet the author scott gardner

meet your leaders

