

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

**SMS Messaging**

The primary aim of the SMS attendance alert system at St Patrick's is to ensure communication between the College and home is efficient and regular regarding student attendance. We would like to thank families for passing on attendance information to the College and for responding once a message has been received.

In the instance that a message is incorrectly sent please be assured that the primary intent of the College is to ensure the wellbeing of the students is maximised, not to cause undue stress or worry. If an incorrect message is received please contact the College and let us know to enable us to communicate this problem to the appropriate source.

I would also encourage absence notes and phone calls to be directed to the Student Services as well as Pastoral Tutors and Coordinators.

**Delivering Messages to Students from Parents**

There have been requests to staff in Student Services and Front Reception to deliver messages to boys. We have stipulated before and stress again that in an emergency we will do everything we can to deliver a message to a student. The overwhelming majority of messages parents are asking to have delivered are not of this nature, rather the usual ones about something that could or should have been pre-arranged with the student.

Perhaps it is difficult to imagine what it means for staff to be asked to deliver many messages in a day, regarding appointments, changed travel arrangements, forgotten lunches or sports gear. Staff in Front Reception or Student Services either have to rely on another student to deliver the message or leave the Reception desk themselves. Sometimes students are off campus on PE activities or excursions and are not immediately contactable.

We ask you to understand the challenge the College faces in this situation. If at all possible the College asks that you have a set routine for travel arrangements and not change it on the day. If your son has a mobile phone, think about sending him an SMS to be accessed after 3.25pm for this kind of information. As for forgotten lunches, we cannot deliver them. The boys can however purchase a salad roll at the canteen. Please try to organise your son in the habit of packing his sports gear the night before.

Your cooperation and consideration of this matter is appreciated.

**Reminders**

As the year progresses I would like to provide a few regular reminders in addition to those already posted home. Please remember to keep the College up to date with information pertinent to your son by contacting his class teacher. Your son's class teacher may be contacted via a note in the Student Diary, by telephone or email.

The following points are important reminders at this time in the school year:

- Notify the Front Office of any changes to postal or email address and contact phone numbers. Without accurate details we will be unable to contact you in an emergency.
- All visitors to the school must report to Reception. Parents should not make direct contact with sons in the school grounds to meet or deliver items. All contact must go through the Front Office.
- Any student who is sick must also report to Sick Bay. If a student needs to go home Carol Sinclair will phone his parents or guardian. Students should not make direct requests to their parents to collect them.
- Students are responsible for their personal possessions and should use the locker provided to store them. Students are required to fit a combination lock to their locker.
- Parents are requested to provide an explanatory note in the Student Planner prior to, or immediately following, any absence.
- Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds without formal permission during the school day. Students who leave the grounds will receive a detention.
- College expectations are clearly outlined in the Student Diary. Students should know these expectations and for their safety and the general good of the entire College community, adhere to these expectations.
- Supervision of students commences at 8.30am and concludes at 3.40pm each day.



**St Patrick's College**  
**BAS Swimming Champions 1980 to 2009!**

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

### Teaching and Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

At the last Assembly the College acknowledged the efforts of several Media students from 2008 who completed a video, profiling an occupation. This week we recognised the endeavours of another group of last year's Media students who successfully completed two short advertisements for the *Youth Climate Change Initiative*.

Last year Ballarat's Renewable Energy and Zero Emissions Group, (BREAZE), called for students to participate in an eight week project to produce two advertisements to raise the awareness of environmental issues from a young person's perspective. Along with some twenty other Ballarat secondary school students, Matthew Hampson, Jakob Goetz and Rhys Sizeland worked with a local visual designer and film-maker to complete the project.

What most attracted the boys to the project was the opportunity to work with a local advertising firm to put the skills and knowledge they had acquired in Media into practice. Brainstorming ideas, working as a group, use of props, lighting, camera work and editing were just some of the experiences provided by the project. The completed advertisements were shown at the Regent Theatre last year. For Matthew and Rhys, the opportunity has furthered their desire for a career in media. For Jacob, the project gave him the chance to meet, work and become friends with students from other Ballarat schools.

An Academic Endeavour Award was presented to a Year 11 student new to St Patrick's in 2009, Justin Gordon. Justin has joined us from Leeton in New South Wales and has quickly adapted and made a positive contribution to life here at the College as evident in his nomination for his efforts in VCE Unit 1 Health and Human Development. Justin is a hard working student as characterised in his efforts to keep ahead of the class by previewing materials his teacher, Mr Scott Kruger makes available to the class through the College's intranet. In meeting Justin he described to me how he tries to relate his own life experiences when contributing to class – a valuable strategy to use when trying to remember a large number of new concepts or terms.

The final Academic Endeavour Award was presented at Assembly to Year 8 student Jacob McMahon for his work in Mathematics this term. Jacob is enjoying and responding well to the challenge of the new material presented in Year 8 Mathematics. Jacob's teacher, Mr Howard Clark describes him as having a great work ethic and a positive attitude. Jacob believes that what Mr Clark is describing is the conscience effort he makes not to be distracted by those around him, his high level of planning and preparation for each class and his ability to complete all set tasks. Valuable attributes for learning that all students should be striving for.

This week's assembly also provided the opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of those boys who successfully completed music examinations in 2008. The Australian Music Examinations Board began in 1887 and is a world renowned organisation for the instruction and examination of musicians. It has become the most widely-used assessment system in the fields of music, musicianship and speech and drama in Australia and is highly regarded internationally. The grades are used as prerequisites for auditions and University entry in the Arts and can lead to qualifications in their own right. Students usually study the music for a year and then have to sit for a performance exam that is assessed by professional music examiners.

The following boys were presented their AMEB certificate:

- Jacob Bowker (Sixth Grade Trumpet)
- Joseph Zreikat (Fourth Grade Trombone)
- Barton Hill (Fourth Grade Tuba)

- Tim Crowe (Third Grade Saxophone)
- Connor Bourke (Fifth Grade Saxophone)
- Ben O'Shea (Fifth Grade Clarinet and Sixth Grade Piano)
- Benjamin Geddes (First Grade Piano)

**Mr Peter Hutchins**

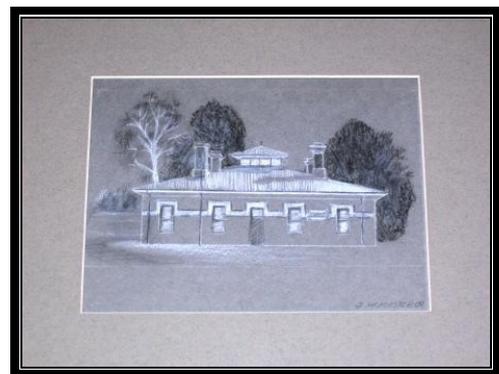
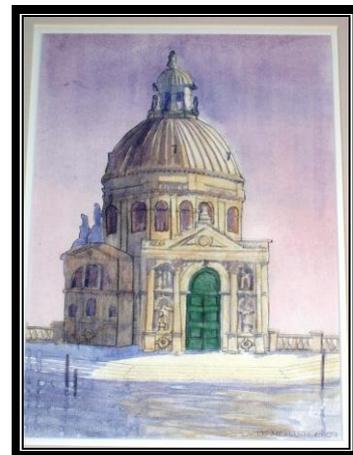
**Head of Arts**

**Apex Art Show**

**Jake McMaster Year 7**

Over the last 12 months Jake McMaster in Year 7 has been attending art classes with renowned Ballarat artist Jon Crawley. Jon has been very supportive of Jake, encouraging him to enter the Melbourne Art Show and also the Ballarat Art Show where Jake received two First Places and a Second Place.

It was this time last year that Jake visited the Apex Art Show and decided that he would put an entry in for 2009. Please see below Jake's winning pieces. Well done Jake!



## DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mrs Maree Moore

Next Tuesday we remember our Irish heritage when we come together to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The founder of the Christian Brothers was an Irishman, Edmund Rice. Hence, when the founding Brothers arrived in Australia, it was quite natural that they would choose St Patrick as the patron of their new College.

St Patrick was born around AD 387. He was a Roman British citizen. When Patrick was about sixteen he was captured by Irish raiders and taken from Wales to Ireland as a slave. After six years he escaped and returned to his family. He entered the Church and returned to Ireland as a missionary. It appears that he was extremely active and is credited with converting the Irish to Catholicism.

The Irish at this time would have been pagans and quite uncultured. One way for Saint Patrick to ensure success evangelising the Irish was to live in solidarity with those he was trying to convert. By approaching the Irish as an equal and showing no pretence of superiority, Patrick allowed the Irish to become more receptive to Christian teachings.

Reflecting on St Patrick's life has brought me to consider the St Patrick's community in 2009. We certainly do have a magnificent heritage. At the same time we are bound to use this support, to forge forward. For as is written in Beowulf, Heaney's introduction.

*And now this is "an inheritance" –  
Upright, rudimentary, unshiftable planked  
In the long ago, yet willable forward  
Again and again and again.*

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

**Ms Elizabeth Till**

### St Patrick's Day Mass

The College will celebrate St Patrick's Day Mass Tuesday March 17 at 11.30 am in the O'Malley Sports Centre. The Year 12 boys will also be presented with their 2009 badges.

### Year 10 Retreat/OHS/DAT/ Leadership Days

All Year 10 students will be involved in a four day rotation of events starting Monday March 23. Classes will operate in threes and students will spend one day on Retreat, another undertaking the DAT (a diagnostic test used in VCE subject selection counselling later in the year), another completing OHS Certificates on-line that are required for Work Experience in Term 3 as well as being presented with Career information and a session based around Personal Development and Leadership. With the importance of each of these events it is essential that the Year 10 boys attend each day of the rotation. VET students are required to attend school on all of these days.

### Immunisations

Year 7 and 10 Immunisations take place on Thursday March 19. Boys will have already brought home their Immunisation Card to be signed.

## 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 bacon, sausage and egg rolls or cereal and a muffin with tea and coffee and juice. See you there!

## HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

**Mr Michael Busscher**

The generosity of spirit and commitment to the College shown by the Senior Students has flowered in a myriad of ways throughout this week. All I can say is how impressed I am with everything the Senior School students are involved with. I would like to highlight just a few of these noble endeavours:

1. A fortnight ago the Year 11 and 12 students were addressed by Mr Mark Monaghan from Edmund Rice Camps. This is a not for profit, volunteer organisation which hosts camps and holiday programmes for disadvantaged children and families throughout Victoria. The camps take place every school holidays at a variety of locations. Volunteers provide care, supervision and sound role modelling. During this week Mark met with 14 St Patrick's Senior Students who accepted his invitation to join in.
2. The boys competing in the National Rowing Championships returned from a week in Tasmania with a second place.
3. The BAS Senior XI Cricketers gave their all in just missing out in securing the Grand Final.
4. The Years 10, 11 and 12 students who competed in the BAS Swimming Championships.
5. The Year 12s gave of their time throughout this week collecting for Caratas.

I must say that as I get to see more of the St Patrick's boys in action it is easy to recognise the maturity they exhibit as they go about their business of being positive role models and young Christian gentlemen. Ultimately, I was privileged to witness first hand the Cricket Grand Final and the manner in which the boys displayed true sportsmanship in defeat.

On the academic front the Year 12's attended their first year level English SAC. This form of assessment is able to mimic the important examination process the boys will face in both June and November.

Next week sees the celebration of St Patrick's Day with a whole school Mass combined with the presentation of the Year 12 badges. As well as this the Year 10 student immunisations take place on March 19.

## HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Mr Terry Blizzard**

### Term 1 Camp

The Stepping Stones experiences at Camp Wyuna in Queenscliff are well underway. The aim of the camps is to introduce the challenges of the Stepping Stones programme which are Respect, Responsibility and Awareness. From the hike along the back beach at Point Lonsdale on day one until Day Three at final debrief the emphasis is on these three Stepping Stones. The scene was set for an enjoyable experience on Day One of the camp when one boy asked, "Does Bass Strait have water in it?"

Each day on the camp the boys undertake challenges that encourage, and demand teamwork. Be it the 6.15am fitness sessions, surfing and canoeing without paddles, teamwork is paramount. One boy even managed to inadvertently invent a new turn of phrase when instructing his team to pass a plank across a right angle, he instructed the team to “pass it diagonally”.

On Day One the more sedentary evening sessions outline to the boys that the camp is about:

- Getting to know each other.
- Breaking down our preconceived ideas and prejudices and understanding perceptions.
- Having fun together.
- Setting personal goals for the year.
- Understanding and sharing our gifts.
- Election of class leaders for Semester One.
- Reinforcing the journey of *Stepping Stones*.

The one main rule for the camp is that all boys respect one another, are aware of each other and are responsible to each other. We are here to listen to each other and to encourage one another.

Day Two's evening session explores two themes:

- Trust and Leadership; and
- Boyhood to Manhood.

The Boyhood to Manhood session, developed by Mr Damian McKee over recent years, explores what it means to be a good man – what are the characteristics of a good man and how are these different to those of a boy. The young men show remarkable insight into what they consider a good man and often mention their dads or Grandad's as examples. I found it really pleasing to hear Mr Michael Brady's name highlighted on Camp One as an example of a good man.

The final camp will take place next week and I look forward to some reflections from the boys in the coming weeks.

### Term 1 Camp Experience Dates

**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**

### **Year 7 Retreat Programme**

This week the boys in Year 7 participated in the Retreat Programme. The Retreat Programme aims to provide the boys with an opportunity to reflect on their lives in the context of the Catholic Tradition. Mr Howard Clark and the Year 7 Pastoral Tutors implemented the days that were enjoyed by the boys. It is important that we provide our students with the opportunity to take time out from the usual day-to-day school life to spend time as a Pastoral Care Group and reflect on the changes that they have experienced in the early stages of their secondary schooling. Thanks are extended to Mr Howard Clark, Mr Gavin Webb and Mrs Jo-anne Patching for their efforts in preparing and planning the programme.

### **Parenting with the Brain in Mind**

**John Joseph M Ed**  
**St Patrick's College Ballarat.**  
**Thursday April 2, 7pm - 9pm**

Some advanced notice of a Parent Evening to be conducted by John Joseph. John has conducted a number of professional development days with the College staff. He will be working with the Year 8 boys on April 2 on the topic of Brain Based Learning. The day entails lots of hands on activities and multimedia presentations based around the way in which we learn and the part that the brain plays in that process.

The Parent Evening on April 2 at 7pm will complement the student workshops. Parents are crucial partners in the learning process as they are child's first and most important teachers. 'Parenting with the Brain in Mind' is designed to achieve two broad goals:

- 1) Provide parents with an understanding of what the school is seeking to achieve with their children; and
- 2) Give practical strategies for children's academic learning, wellbeing and emotional development at home.

The workshops have drawn outstanding feedback from thousands of parents who have attended across the globe. It is fair to say that their support and admiration for educators is greatly enhanced by attendance at these sessions.

### **Parenting with the Brain in Mind – Themes:**

- The Four World Model – creating harmonious families
- Developing 'I can do it' concepts with your children
- The critical role of sleep in learning and behaviour
- The crucial role of emotions in learning and in relationships
- The importance of adult responses to children's behaviour
- Assessing each child's learning style
- Using questions to engage our kids in conversation
- Key ways for parents to support their children at school

Please consider this opportunity and enter it into your diary. We shall look forward to seeing you there.

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

Research indicates that boys who come from an environment where reading is modelled to them by a significant male in their life, are more effective readers and are more likely to have well developed literacy skills. The Boys Blokes and Breakfast Morning supports this notion and will be held at 8am on Monday March 30 2009.

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The main way to break down the stereotype of reading being a 'nerdy' activity for boys in the middle years of their schooling 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. If reading isn't perceived as important, or feminine, then reading would diminish rather than develop their fragile sense of self and growing masculinity. It is with this thought in mind that I extend an invite to the men of St Patrick's community to attend the '**Boys, Blokes, Books and Breakfast Morning**' at the College.

Students and their fathers, uncles, brothers, from Years 7 – 9, will be invited to attend a cooked breakfast in the Old Collegians Pavilion. All men and boys attending will be asked to bring their favourite book with them to discuss with one other. Special guests include the North Ballarat Football Club, the Ballarat Miners and the hilarious author, Scott Gardner.

The event will be held on **Monday March 30 2009** from 7am to 8 am. 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.

### Boys and Reading

#### Ian Lillico

It is important for boys to be interested in reading when they are young. Many boys' peer groups give boys the feedback that reading is a non-masculine pursuit. This doesn't have the same impact on your son and he tends to deal with this peer pressure if he is already an avid reader by the age of 12.

A lot of research in Australia and overseas points to the fact that books must be an important part of children's lives by the age of five, if they are to be successful readers as adults. This means that a home library is essential, book presents should be part of birthday and Christmas presents and (even more importantly) that Mum and Dad are seen by their children reading on a regular basis. Being read to as a child is a critical thing for parents to do. Saturday morning book reading in bed before breakfast used to be a ritual in my home when I was growing up and book series like Enid Blyton's Famous Five or Secret Seven books are an excellent way to get younger boys hiked on reading. The reason that my middle son is such an avid reader of fiction is because my wife and myself really concentrated on reading to him the Enid Blyton series every weekend without fail during his Primary School years.

Boys like collectibles and gradually buying them new books in a book series is an excellent way of developing the love of reading (and collecting) in them. There are many other strategies that can be used to improve boys' reading habits and Tim Hawkes in his book 'Boy Oh Boy' points out techniques such as: Using magazines, using technology to review books on the Internet, keeping journals on camps and family holidays, touching boys' emotions in books selected, collecting vocabulary and phrases in a book or in a computerised word folder and continually adding to this. There are some technology based reading schemes such as 'I Read' by Ashton Scholastic and others which improve speed and comprehension, but it is important that material is chosen that the boy can relate to and that he finds interesting.

Again it is necessary for parents to model reading in the home and Dad must read more than just non-fiction as many males tend to do. If boys start secondary school with a good reading habit they are not daunted by having to work more independently from textbooks as they progress through Secondary school

### Year 8 Camps

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

#### Year 8 Camp Dates

|             |    |
|-------------|----|
| March 23-25 | 8H |
| March 25-27 | 8C |

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 the 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.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

### House Swimming Champions

To determine the House Swimming Champions for 2009, points were tallied from each of three events:

1. The Junior and Middle School Carnival
2. The Senior House Events
3. The SPC Swim Championships

|                        | GALVIN     | KENIRY      | NUNAN       | RYAN       |
|------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Junior/Middle Carnival | 735        | 906         | 909         | 777        |
| Senior House Events    | 64         | 85          | 85          | 91         |
| SPC Swim Championships | 11         | 80          | 91          | 64         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>810</b> | <b>1071</b> | <b>1085</b> | <b>932</b> |

### Congratulations to Nunan House who are the Champion House for 2009.

Thank you to all the staff that have assisted with the running of the three events. Special thanks to the Heads of House for generating such spirit in the Junior and Middle School, to Ms Tamara Westwood and Mrs Nicole Hexter for their administrative assistance and to Mr Steven Yaakoob and Mr Michael Goodman for their assistance on the day.

### BAS Sport Results

#### BAS Swimming Director of Swimming Br Brian Davis

The St Patrick's College Swimming team won the BAS Swimming Championships at the Eureka Pool on Wednesday and as such extended the College's unbeaten run to 30 consecutive years. SPC won the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Pennants and won all ten relay events! Congratulations to Br Brian Davis and Br Bernie Scott, Swim Captain Dylan Roger and his deputies Paddy Dwyer and Julian Attwood and to all the boys who represented the College with distinction and maintained our proud tradition of excellence in the pool.

#### Cricket Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee

#### First XI

Congratulations to the Director of Cricket Mr Damian McKee and the entire First XI on an outstanding season. Unfortunately on this occasion the First XI were not victorious however it was a fantastic game of cricket by two very competitive teams playing to an extremely high level.

#### Tennis Mr Hamish McCrum

There was no play on Friday March 6 due to the McNeil Cup competition which was held during the week.

#### House Tennis Ms Ursula Bridges

House Tennis concluded on Wednesday March 11. Thanks to all the participants and to Mrs Ursula Bridges for organising the competition. Full results will be available in next weeks Crest.

**Volleyball Round 3 - Wednesday March 4**  
**Mrs Fiona Carroll**

**SPC Def BGS 2 Sets to 1, 62 points to 50**

Congratulations to the boys on a great win and good luck for the remaining matches.

**Lawn Bowls**

**Round 3**

**SPC V DC at Webbcona**

There was no play on Monday due to the Labour Day long weekend.

**House Lawn Bowls**

**Mr Chris Gleeson**

The House Lawn Bowls competition began on Wednesday March 11 with students representing all four Houses. Thank you to the members of the City Oval Bowls Club for their hospitality, coaching and use of the club's equipment. The competition will continue for the next two weeks with all welcome!

**BAS Track Cycling**

For the second week in a row the new BAS Cycling competition was called off due to bad weather. This time rain prevented any cycling. We look forward to getting a start next week!

**Volunteers required**

To assist the SPC Term 2 Sports programme volunteers are needed in a range of areas, including umpires and team managers. If you are interested in assisting in specific sports of football, soccer and rugby, please contact Mr Chris Gleeson via email at [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au) or log onto the College webpage for more information.

**GALVIN HOUSE**

**Mr Howard Clark**

**Edmund Rice Awards are presented to students displaying positive behaviours in line with the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.**



**GALVIN HOUSE: PETER OAKLEY**

For his outstanding organisation of the House Cricket Competition



**GALVIN HOUSE: ANDREW COOK**

For his bravery and commitment in assisting the Bacchus Marsh Fire Brigade fighting the fires following Black Saturday and also the Daylesford region.

**NUNAN HOUSE**

**Mr Warrick Bottrall**

Congratulations to Year 10 student Nicholas Thomas who has achieved significant success at the State Surf Lifesaving Championships. Competing in the Men's Under 15 Section Nicholas won Silver Medals in the Champion Lifesaver, Surf Teams and Aqua Relay and Bronze Medals in the Board Race and Board Relay and Top Ten finishes in the Surf Swim Race (7<sup>th</sup>), Iron Man (8<sup>th</sup>), Beach Flags (7<sup>th</sup>) and Beach Relay (4<sup>th</sup>).

**RYAN HOUSE**

**Mr Damian McKee**

**Pathways Foundation – Raising Teenage Boys**

On Tuesday March 10 at 7.30pm a speaker from the Pathways Foundation will give a talk to parents on Raising Teenage Boys in the Old Collegian Pavilion. This talk will provide practical and useful tools that you will be able to adopt into your parenting practices.

**Specific topics covered in the talk include**

- The fundamental psychological differences between a child and a healthy adult
- The changing needs of boys and girls as they approach adulthood
- Rites of Passage in a contemporary society
- Self-Initiation vs Assisted Rite of Passage
- Boundary setting
- Communication is the key : how to avoid breakdown
- The critical importance of self esteem and how to build it
- How to keep teenagers safe
- Teenagers are a chemical wonder
- Practical parenting tips

Last year Pathways delivered talks to over 2,500 parents in schools across Australia. There is no charge to parents to attend. We sincerely hope that you will support us in offering this talk and help us create a positive future for our boys.

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**RYAN HOUSE: RILEY ADAMS**

For his outstanding organisation of the House Cricket Competition



**RYAN HOUSE: ALEX BROWN**

For his outstanding organisation of the House Cricket Competition



**RYAN HOUSE: LUKE WILSON**  
For his outstanding organisation  
of the House Cricket  
Competition

## 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)

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

**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

### Tuition Fee Raffle – Return those Tickets ASAP!

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 Tuesday March 16 to Friday March 20.**

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 16

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

### Tuesday March 17

Joanne Dickson, \*Nicki Quinlan, \*Debbie Hill, \*Moirra Devlin, \*Marty Forbes, Angela Langdon, Laureen Duffin, Bernadette Martin, \*Sarah Sullivan.

### Wednesday March 18

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

### Thursday March 19

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

### Friday March 20

\*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.**

**Football Shorts and Football Socks have now arrived in the Uniform Shop.**

### Uniform Shop hours:

Tuesday 12 -4 pm  
Thursday 12-4 pm

## EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

### **St James Parish Primary School Sebastopol**

#### **Do you want to be a Debutante this year?**

The St James Parish School Deb Ball for 2009 is being held on Friday 21st August, 2009 at the Ballarat Lodge. An information night will be organised for the coming weeks.

Please contact Nicole Cassells on 5336 3696 or 0439 332 228 after 7pm any night to discuss your interest and details.

### **English Tutor**

Experienced and VIT registered teacher available for tutoring. Excellent references.  
Please phone Di on: 0409 967 949

### **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**

## COMING EVENTS

### Monday March 16

Year 9 Camp –  
PEL008- 9C  
PEL009 – 9F  
BAS History Launch – 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

### Tuesday March 17

St Patrick's Day Mass 11.30 am  
Year 9 Camp –  
PEL008- 9C  
PEL009 – 9F

### Wednesday March 18

Year 9 Camp –  
PEL008- 9C  
PEL009 – 9F

### Thursday March 19

Year 7 – 10 Immunisations

### Friday March 20

2010 Year 7 Enrolments Close

### Monday March 23

Year 8 H Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 10 Retreat

### Tuesday March 24

Year 8 H Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 10 Retreat

### Wednesday March 25

Year 8 H Camp – Apollo Bay  
Year 10 Retreat  
Year 8 C Camp

### Thursday March 26

Year 10 Retreat  
Year 8 C Camp

### Friday March 27

Year 8 C Camp



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