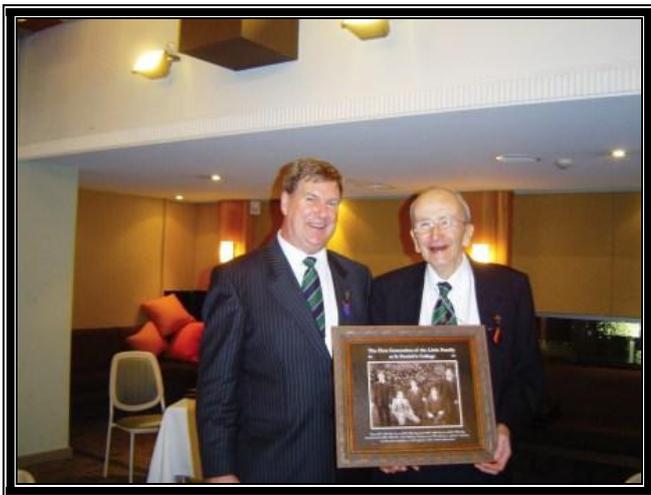


FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Welcome to another term, another opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our young men. During the break I have been travelling throughout Europe as part of long service leave and have had the opportunity to look at a variety of communities, schools, boys and staff in different cultures and customs. While many of the characteristics persist regardless of race, religion, and cultural setting we are united in trying to achieve the best outcomes for students.

I look forward to working with boys, parents and staff in this noble endeavour upon my return next week. Adieu!

Peter C



Dr Peter Casey with Emeritus Archbishop Sir Frank Little at the 2007 Kooyong Dinner where the Archbishop was inducted as a 'Legend' of St Patrick's.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Mr Steven O'Connor

Emeritus Archbishop Sir Frank Little - RIP

The College received news on Tuesday of the death of the former Archbishop of Melbourne, Sir Frank Little. Archbishop Little was a much loved man of faith who fulfilled the role of Archbishop of Melbourne from 1974-1996. He was one of our great Old Collegians and always remained a terrific supporter of the College. Archbishop Sir Frank Little was the keynote speaker at the Old Collegians' dinner in Melbourne in 2007. We give thanks to God for the life and the many blessings of Frank Little. I ask the College community to remember the Little family in their thoughts and prayers at this time.

It is likely that we will be well represented at the Emeritus Archbishop's funeral, which will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne next Tuesday at 11:00am.

Parent and Student-Teacher Interviews – Thursday April 24

No classes will be taught on Thursday April 24 due to Parent and Student-Teacher interviews that will take place from 12:30pm on this day. I remind all boys and parents of the importance of meeting with teachers to discuss the progress being made in specific areas and subjects. Boys should attend the arranged interviews as they are meant to be a three way discussion between each boy, his parents and teachers. I would also encourage parents to make appointments with the teachers involved with their son(s) this year regardless of subject being taught. These meetings and discussions are an important way for the key stakeholders to communicate with each other about the successes, the challenges and ways forward for each boy in each subject.

Edmund Rice Day

This year's Edmund Rice Day is set down for Monday May 5 at the College. This is an important day in the College calendar and will provide the College with an opportunity to gather the celebrate the life and example of Blessed Edmund Rice, the founder of the Christian Brothers as well as to raise funds for a number of extremely worthwhile charities and programmes around the globe. The Student Council have decided that they would like to raise \$40,000 in this year's Edmund Rice Day Walkathon. That equates to about \$40 per boy. Each boy will have by now received his individual donation card which was sent with the end of term mail out. Again, I would encourage each boy to make a start on asking for donations from friends, family and neighbours over the next few weeks. The money raised will go directly to various agencies and places who appreciate the generous support we give them as a school. Encourage your son to make a big effort this year and to reach the \$40 target!

Summer Uniform

At a Year 12 Student Council meeting at the end of last term, a decision was taken to extend the period during which boys will be permitted to wear the College shorts to school for 2008. This decision reflects this year's very short Term 1. Boys will be allowed to wear the College shorts up until and including Friday April 18. All boys must be wearing long trousers to school from Monday, April 21; trousers must be worn until the end of Term 3.

Cricket Success

Congratulations to Mathew Begbie and Nicholas O'Brien both of whom represented Victoria in the U15 national Schoolboys Cricket tournament held in Maroochydore recently. Both boys performed very well with Matthew scoring a century at the Championships. At the end of the tournament, Nicholas O'Brien was selected in the National Under 15 schoolboys' side which will tour the West Indies in November and December of this year. This is an amazing achievement for a young man in Year 9. Well done boys.

COLLEGE DEAN

Mr Stephen Hill

Transition and Careers

Mr Anthony Meehan

Work Experience Week

Year 10 work experience is scheduled for the week of **Monday June 23 to Friday June 27** which is the last week of Term Two. There have been conflicting dates written up in various places, so I would ask parents and students to take note of the correct dates.

In the term mail out next week, parents will receive a certificate for the **safe@work** Awards of Attainment that your son achieved at the recent three day retreat/testing/training programme. The completion of **safe@work** allows your son to undertake work experience and I congratulate those boys who were successful in completing the programme to the standard required.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Joe Doolan

'We Have a Chance to do Some Revision'

This was the simple statement of Brother John Callistus Walsh at St Bernard's College when I was in Form 2 (Year 8). The rain had set in and we were ushered into the red brick classroom as the gymnastics or athletic period was cancelled. If a substitute staff member has taken us we might have got some *bludge* time but Brother Walsh, our maths teacher, emerged and gave the dire announcement.

Why do I remember this?

Probably because it was the first time I had been taught to revise.

Brother Walsh was a character of routine. Often we would see him in overalls clipping the hedge of the residence on the Strand at Moonee Ponds. With his larger than life size and expansive bald head he took on a Chirchillian stature in the school. He was a person of great gentleness toward the students and encouraged all to improve our marks. Moreover, he showed us how to methodically go over the recent and remote work and the process worked, for me at least. My mathematic marks and place in the class soared; we were all publicly placed *in the stocks* by virtue of our rating

I don't remember much else about Brother Walsh. The Roman saint Callistus who shared a feast day near my own birthday became for me a figure of intrigue. Why did the Brothers have the strange names? In a real sense the reading about the life of the ancient figure in later years somewhat amplified the memory of my maths teacher. Though the two were separated by continents and centuries the Christian virtues are the same.

Mahatma Ghandi used say that he might be enticed in to the Christian Religion if he saw people who lived out the teachings of Christ. Many times do we hear the charge to practice what we preach. A much milder statement is found in the writings of Thomas Merton who exhorted Christians to live the life of Christ. He suggests we should strive to be like God and display love, patience, mercy and a certain understanding of human weakness. The final phrase is the clue. Only God has an infinite love of human kind but we are exhorted to model that love to others. We are called to anticipate the actions of people and offer some accommodation for their failings.

The Christian Brothers at the request of their founder strove to display God's love for others in the school ministry they offered young people. Brother Walsh was one of the many who modelled this for me. My memory of him extends far beyond the revision skills he suggested, they somehow encompass ancient followers of Christ who exhorted us to love and understand others as God does.

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Mr Kelvin Porter

KEYS PLEASE FORUM - YEAR 10

Good drivers aren't born. They are made. And the best way to become a good driver is to get plenty of driving experience.

But sometimes, learning how to change gears, or even how to change lanes can seem a breeze compared with the challenge of getting your parents /guardians to hand over the car keys. **'Keys Please' can change that!**

Keys Please is the first step into the driver's seat. It's an informative and interactive forum for young drivers and their parents or guardians that introduces the different skills needed when learning to drive, including some valuable tips to help get that mandatory 120 hours supervised driving practice and that all-important driving licence.

The session will also explain the rationale behind the new Graduated Licensing System, providing information about the stages of learning to drive and providing ideas and strategies on how you can plan your driving practice and progress through the stages of driving in a safe and purposeful manner.

Parents or guardians are strongly encouraged to come along to hear how important it is to practice driving as often as possible, because getting your licence is all about getting enough practice. Yes, 120 hours of it, and that cannot be achieved unless the keys are handed over!

All Year 10 students parents and guardians will receive invitations in the mail to attend the 90 minute Keys Please forum at 9:00 am on Wednesday April 30, 2008, in the College Dining Room.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Ms Elizabeth Till

Welcome back to all families, I hope you had a chance to have restful break and reflective Easter.

Mailout

Interim Reports and Parent and Student/Teacher Interview forms were mailed out last term. If you have not received this package, please contact the College. There will be a Term 2 Introductory Mail out next Friday that will contain The Crest, updated Assessment Planners and a Term 2 Calendar of Events.

Parent and Student-Teacher Interviews

These will take place Thursday April 24. Families received individualised Booking Forms with the last mail out. Based on the Interim reports, families should book times with teachers to attend these interviews.

Boys will need to book times with their relevant teachers this week (which most have already done). All Pastoral tutors will reinforce the booking process with their students to ensure they understand and remind them to make bookings. If you are unsure of the process, please contact the College for clarification. Please note that to enable the maximum number of interviews to take place, no classes will operate on the day. Interviews will run from 12.30 pm to 9 pm and boys are expected to attend interviews with their parents.

If your son has their Interim report labelled 'Recommended' then every effort to attend would be expected.

Telephone bookings are available, however only for families who are unable to access the normal booking procedure due to student absence. From 4.00 pm to 4.30 pm each day, families may contact Mrs Carol Maciejewski in the ERC to register interview requests. Note that this is the only time available for phone requests, so as not to override staff bookings made directly with students. If there is any other problem with making interview times, then please contact your son's Year Level Coordinator or Head of House.

ANZAC Day

Friday, April 25 is ANZAC Day and no classes will operate on this day.

College Athletics

The College Athletics Carnival takes place on Wednesday April 16. All students are expected at school on the day competing, assisting or supporting their House. This day has special significance, as it is the only day when all House year levels are together for such an event.

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School
Mr Hamish McCrum

Welcome back for Term Two which has started very smoothly. Many students have begun the term by making appointments for Parent and Student-Teacher Interviews on April 24. I urge all students to attend with their parents, be it to receive a pat on the back or constructive advice with regard to improvement. Each student has the most control over their own progress and so it is vital that they attend and are involved in discussions.

Earlier this week I took a phone call from a mother wishing to alert us to the fact that she had eradicated lice from her son's head a number of times during Term One and she felt we may need to alert other students and parents to the problem. If you believe you may have lice within the family, you can receive advice and materials to eradicate the problem, easily and cheaply, from any pharmacy. Short hair also gives them less place to hide and breed – so I am wondering why my own head feels itchy as I am writing this!

Students are advised that information regarding commercial exam preparation sessions may be obtained from the Kelty Resource Centre. The June exams will come around very quickly and the best advice is to start preparation early.

Year Tens are reminded that they are required to undertake work experience at the end of this semester and therefore need to be organising this now if they have not already done so.

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



NUNAN HOUSE: ISAAC KIRBY
For his respect and responsibility in acting to keep our environment clean. Isaac volunteered to clean the canteen during Senior lunch after it had been left in quite a mess following Junior lunch.



KENIRY HOUSE: MATTHEW PETERS
For his respect and responsibility in acting to keep our environment clean. Matthew volunteered to clean the canteen during Senior lunch after it had been left in quite a mess following Junior lunch.



RYAN HOUSE: NATHANIEL WINFIELD
For his care and gracious attention to an Old Collegian on St Patrick's Day.



RYAN HOUSE: TIMOTHY MILROY

For his care and gracious attention to an Old Collegian on St Patrick's Day.

**DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Mr Chris Gleeson**

**From the Director of Cricket
Mr Damian McKee**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nick O'Brien on his selection in the Australian Under 15 Cricket team to tour the West Indies in November/December. What a fantastic honour for Nick! Congratulations also to Mathew Begbie who performed exceptionally well at the Under 15 National Championships as a team mate of Nick's.

Cricket Presentation Night

The Senior Cricket presentation night will be held on Monday April 21 from 7.30 pm in the College Dining Room. Invitation letters will be sent to all families of players in our First XI and Second XI premierships teams. Everyone from the St Patrick's community is welcome to attend.

Tickets for the evening are available from the Edmund Rice Centre for \$20 per head. The cost will include a three course meal and non-alcoholic drinks. I am hoping that parents and guardians may be able to attend with their sons to celebrate our fine achievements this year. The tickets need to be pre-paid by Thursday April 17 for catering reasons.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Aaron Preddy who performed extremely well in the State Championship's held in Bendigo on March 15 and 16 in very hot conditions. Aaron won gold in the 800m event in a time of 2 min and 6 secs, and also placed 3rd in the 1500m event.

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
Mr Mark Waddington**

2009 Year 7 Enrolment at St Patrick's College

A reminder that enrolments for Year 7 2009 to St Patrick's College must be received by Monday April 14 ay 4 pm as enrolment interviews for 2009 places commence on Saturday April 19. Applications received after April 14 could be disadvantaged. For all enrolment enquiries please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Autumn Working Bee – Saturday April 19, 2008

Saturday April 19, 8:30 am-12 noon. BBQ lunch provided. Please refer to flyer contained within this edition of The Crest. All help is greatly appreciated – even if you can only attend for an hour or so please come along and enjoy the company of other parents. A major focus will be on the Front Gardens and undertaking works to assist our beautiful gardens in coping with yet another year of drought conditions.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head of Middle School
Mr Terry Blizzard**

**From the Year 9 Coordinator
Mr Damian McKee**

Most parents by now would have heard about the 'Pathways to Manhood' camps that the College supports. The support of these camps has seen a large number of families from St Patrick's become involved in the five day father-son camp in a bush setting.

The next camp is only a few weeks away, Tuesday April 29 to Saturday May 3. The Pathways Foundation are offering families from St Patrick's an incredible opportunity to participate in the camp 'free of charge' as a sign of support for our community. If you are interested in participating and would like more information please contact M Damian McKee at the College on 5322 4425 or you can visit the Pathways website at <http://www.pathwaysfoundation.com.au/>

**JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards**

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



YEAR 7: MARK MCOWAN

For his conscientious approach to studies.

The Friends of Music Mrs Trish King

The Friends of Music met last month and at the conclusion of the meeting had the pleasure of hearing the VCE Music students play their pieces. Well done boys!

The first fundraising effort is underway and we are looking forward to your support in assisting the boys selling Cadbury chocolates which will help towards the purchase of new instruments.

The Senior Band head off to Cave Hill Creek on Friday April 18 for the Annual Band Camp weekend. We wish them and Mrs Plastow an enjoyable and productive time!

If you have any questions about the Friends of Music or would like to be added to our email list please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Kathleen Plastow or Mrs Stephanie Crawford at the College.

The next Friends of Music meeting time will be advertised in the Crest in the coming weeks.

RIP

Fr Meredith Delahenty (SPC 1928-32) - an Old Collegian and priest of the Diocese passed away last week and his funeral Mass was celebrated at the St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday April 7.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday April 14 to Friday April 18. 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.

Monday April 14

Elaine Collier, Liz O'Loughlin, Tracey Stalker, Janet Santilli, Colleen Stephen, Jenny Gilbert, Betty Armstrong, *Jill Watkins, *Louise Miles.

Tuesday April 15

Vicki Burton, Wendy Johnson, Cathy Keem, Rhonda Robson, Loretta Toohey, *Wendy Dumaresq, *Kerry Fiegert.

Wednesday April 16

Kim Tibbles, Helen Cotter, Helen O'Brien, Monica Kirby, Cheree Cosgriff, *Silvana Peters, *Leonie Spencer.

Thursday April 17

Sandra Jobling, Trisha Hughes, *Jo Rix, Marie Loader, Carolyn Tuppen (6 weekly), Sharyn Eva, Robyn Pavilach*, *Cathy Simpson, Kerryn Guest.

Friday April 18

*Orla Connaughton, *Sharren Mullane, *Annemaree Wilson, *Sheryn Bucknall, Anita Houlihan, *Deidre Walsh, *Debbie Jew, Barb Peters, *Melissa Harris, *Judi James, *Sarah Howard.

***Not in attendance for the entire canteen duty**

Dobson's Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

Uniform Shop hours effective Term 2:

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

In order for parents to purchase long pants, the Uniform Shop will also be open on Thursday April 3 from 12-5.00 pm.

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Retreat In Daily Life

Retreat In Daily Life will be offered to people in the Ballarat region in June 2008. Please note the following dates in your diary. June 5 to June 20, 2008. Details and enrolment forms will be available in April. Enquiries: Maureen McAloon ph: 5332 7797 email: maureen_mcaloon@hotmail.com; Peggy Nijam ph: 5330 2693 email: peggy@vic.chariot.net.au

The Age VCE & Careers Expo 2008

Caulfield Racecourse, Station St Caulfield

When: Friday April 11, Saturday April 12 and Sunday April 13

Time: 10 am – 5 pm.

The Age VCE Careers Expo 2008 brings together over 150 Organisations including providers of VCE resources, careers advisers and Australia's major tertiary institutions. The Expo features seminars on VCE subjects, career and study advice. Admission is \$10.00 or \$23.00 for families and is valid for three days of the Expo. Admission includes all seminars, the career forum and a copy of The Age.

For further details please see The Expo Visitor Guide in The Age on Monday April 7 or go to www.education.theage.com.au

Hockey Ballarat's Junior Competition

Come along and get involved in Hockey. Focusing on skill, team work and enjoyment, Junior Hockey offers the perfect foundations for ongoing participation. Hockey is one of Australia's fastest growing Olympic sports- with over 20,000 participants. Hockey Ballarat's Junior Competition offers many opportunities to get involved- with the U/15 boys teams playing Friday nights, and U/15 girls playing Saturday mornings. Training is at 6pm Thursdays. For more information and registration forms please contact admin@hockeyballarat.org.au or Kat Bateman on 0407 338 508 or see our website www.hockeyballarat.org.au.

Cocoon Kids Gym

A new and innovative kids gym in central Ballarat offering:

- Circuit programs for kids aged 7-18
- Individualised program development
- Full initial assessments by Fitness Manager
- Full supervision by qualified instructors
- Treadmills with screens showing Austar
- Kid-friendly environment with plasma TV
- Group fitness classes
- "StressLess" stress management group programs
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Call now for an initial free session on: 5331 7990

When: Monday-Friday 2pm – 9pm

Saturday 11am – 4pm

Where: 17 Albert St., Ballarat (old Salvation Army Building, opposite Centrelink)

HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT

A group of high school students will be visiting the University of Ballarat in July 2008. They arrive on 8 July and leave on 28 July 2008.

ALL STUDENTS NEED A HOST FAMILY – CAN YOU HELP?

Students can travel by bus to the university.

Families are reimbursed for expenses.

For more information please call either:

Michael on 5341 2952 / 0400 385 476

Mee-Ling on 5336 2610 / 0437 757 353



Karen Thornton AIU Regional Manager
5256 3570

Monash University Seminar Series

Monash University is offering seminars that include faculty, student and graduate speakers who address guests on their chosen field of study.

Form more information and to book online, please go to: <http://www.monash.edu.au/study.events>. Or please phone 9903 4758 or email: valerie.foster@admin.monash.edu.au.

BALLARAT FINE ART GALLERY

After School Programs

Young st-ART-ers Term 2, 2008

Explore a range of drawing, painting and printmaking techniques under the guidance of a practising artist from the Ballarat region.

Date: Monday 14th April to Monday 16th June (excluding Labour Day 10th March)

Time: 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Cost: \$100 Gallery Members, \$120 non Gallery members

Age: 6 to 11.

Teen-ART-ers Term 1 2008

Using the temporary exhibitions as inspiration, work with an artist from the Ballarat region to produce a series of drawings and paintings. Printmaking techniques will also be introduced.

Date: Wednesday 16th April to Wednesday 18th June

Time: 4.15pm - 5.45pm

Cost: \$100 Gallery Members, \$120 non Gallery members

Age: 12 - 17

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday April 15

2nd XVIII Football

Wednesday April 16

1st XVIII Football
College Athletics Day

Saturday April 19

Autumn Working Bee 8.30 am
Year 7 2009 Interviews 9.00 am – 12.00 pm

Monday April 21

Term 2 Timetable begins in Junior School

Tuesday April 22

Year 7 2009 Interviews 4.00 pm– 8.30 pm
College Assembly
P & F Meeting 7.30 pm
2nd XVIII Football

Wednesday April 23

Year 7 2009 Interviews 4.00 pm – 8.30 pm
1st XVIII Football (split round)

Thursday April 24

Parent and Student/Teacher Interviews – 12.30 pm – 9.00 pm (no classes)

Friday April 25

Anzac Day Public Holiday



The Lawn Bowls Team –BAS Premiers!



**St Patrick's College
Autumn Working Bee
Saturday April 19, 2008
8.30 am – 12:00pm**



WE NEED YOU!

We need your help in maintaining and developing the facilities of the College to ensure students and staff enjoy first class teaching and learning facilities. The working bee is also a great opportunity to meet other families and staff in a relaxed, social environment.

Tasks that need completing include:

- Maintenance works on garden beds and plantings – mulching, replacing top soil**
- Maintenance work on outdoor settings**
- Painting of fence around Main Oval**
- Oval re-seeding works**

Please bring a wheel barrow if you are able to.

The working bee will conclude at 12 noon with a BBQ luncheon and some well earned liquid refreshments!

If you are able to attend please complete this form and return to the Development Office by post, fax (5331 8150) or ask your son to hand proforma to Student Reception in the Edmund Rice Centre.

Please meet at the O'Malley Sports Centre at 8.30am

Please return RSVP slip to Caitlin Bennett: Locked Bag 31 Ballarat 3350

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Name.....

Number Attending..... Contact Phone Number:.....

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, CALENDAR 2008
TERM DATES

Term 1:

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

Term 2:

Monday 7 April Term 2 Classes commence
Friday 25 April ANZAC Day
Monday 5 May Edmund Rice Day / Mass
Monday 9 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 20 June End of Term 2. Classes finish 2.30pm
Year 10 Work Experience – June 23 to June 27
Monday 23 June Staff Days
Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25

Term 3:

Monday 14 July Staff Day
Tuesday 15 July Term 3 Classes commence
Friday 19 September Term 3 Finishes 2.30pm

Term 4:

Monday 6 October Staff Day
Tuesday 7 October Term 4 Classes commence.
Thursday 23 24 October Year 12 Finish / Farewell Mass – 7.30 pm
Monday 3 November College Holiday – Exeat
Tuesday 4 November College Holiday – Exeat
Friday 21 November Speech Night
Saturday 22 November Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Friday 28 November Year 11 Final Day
Friday 5 December Year 10 Final Day
Friday 5 December Year 7, 8 & 9 Final Day
Friday 12 December Teaching Staff Finish
Friday 19 December Office Closes