

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

What Do We Want For Our Boys?

When our behaviour management processes have just about run their course, I meet with a boy, his parents and appropriate staff such as the Pastoral Tutor, Year Level Coordinator or Head of House, and the Head of School. At such times, there can be a background of negativity, blame and lots of question marks.

Before arriving at my door, a boy will usually have been on a contract calling on him to live up to the fundamental expectations we have of all students and staff in the College - and he will have subsequently demonstrated that, for whatever reason, he has not honoured his part of the bargain.

One outcome I would hope for from our meeting is that a boy is made aware that we want him to stay at St Patrick's College. Each boy is valued and respected despite his behaviour. We often discuss if anyone has 'got him in the gun' or are the teachers more concerned about his behaviour or lack of academic output. Most of the boys say that they really want to be here and that staff members are just doing their job in enforcing rules and programmes. Most believe that the staff want them to stay.

The hardest thing from my perspective is to convince the boy that he is valued and respected in the process; that we all wish for him to have hope in his future whether that be in the role of father, as a tradesman, as a professional, but always as a good man. Ultimately he has a choice and we will respect that choice, even if it means that he leaves us.

That is when they get as far as my office! I hope and pray each day that the words they hear in my office are mirrored in the words of our staff and, better still, are heard in the deeds of our fine staff on a daily basis. Such is the holy nature of our calling as workers in a Catholic school.

Health & Physical Education Regional Function

Congratulations and thanks to Mr Jeremy House, Head of the Health and Physical Education Faculty and to Faculty members for a very successful function in the Old Collegians Pavilion on Thursday evening. The 'show-and-tell' nature of sharing best practice is always worth promoting. The fact that St Patrick's College is initiating the venture is a notable professional bonus. A special thank you to all those who made the evening happen from a Pavilion aspect.

Examinations

The Pavilion having been christened by the HaPE function turned into our new Examination Hall this week. I think that the lengthy construction period will prove to be well worth the wait as we come to terms with using the centre.



The OCA Pavilion – An inspiring new exam centre.

On Saturday evening we have a social function in the Pavilion to raise funds for Blair Brown's assault on the World Rowing Titles - even if you are unable to attend, you may wish to donate to the cause. Any enquiries or money could be directed through Mr Jamie Lynn, our Director of Rowing.

Regards

PeterC

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Mr Steven O'Connor

End of Term for Students: Friday June 20

The end of term is approaching quickly. I would like to remind parents that classes for boys will finish at the end of the normal school day on Friday June 20. The College will run a normal day on June 20 – that is, the boys will be dismissed for the end of term at the end of Session 9 at 3:25pm. This dismissal time will allow boys to catch their normal mode of transport as they head off for a well earned break. Staff will use the majority of the following week to finalise the end of term reports and undertake some Professional Development focussing on boys' education issues.

Parent Information Evening – Wednesday July 16

On the evening of Wednesday July 16 the College will present a guest speaker to parents. The guest speaker is Mr John Joseph, who is known nationally and internationally as the 'Brain Man'. John is a highly experienced secondary teacher from Adelaide who now works with schools, universities and professional educational organisations around Australia and internationally developing their knowledge and understanding of how the brain works, grows and responds to various

stimuli. John is working with the academic staff at the College at the end of this term and at the beginning of Term IV and will present a information session to parents on how their son's brains work and how parents can support boys in maximising educational outcomes with this in mind (no pun intended)! More information will be published as we get closer to the date but please mark the date on the calendar – Wednesday July 16 at 7:30pm.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION Mr Joe Doolan

The Eight Elements of God An Interpretation Our New Indigenous Art



Patricia Oliver's painting – featuring elements of ancient rock art and petroglyph designs found throughout the traditional country of Eastern Arrernte.

The College recently took delivery of a new Indigenous art piece commissioned by Headmaster Dr Peter Casey from Patricia Oliver of the Santa Teresa Station near Alice Springs. The wonderful patterns of the work incorporate what might be a Celtic cross at the centre, our four pillars on the compass points, and the College colours. What is immediately arresting are the eight circles around the centre of the piece which symbolise, for me, the elements of God. I have long known the importance of this number from scriptural and liturgical texts but the scholarship of Robert Barron and his riveting work *And Now I See...* Theology of Transformation (Crossroads) 1998 reinforced these divine components of our God.

1 God Is Unknowable, All Powerful

In some respects, the Islamic religion has it right when they refuse to attempt a depiction of God in any of their mosques. When they took over the largest church in the world in Istanbul, called Hagia Sofia, they removed all the Christian icons, pictures of Mary, pictures of Jesus. In the medallions around the ceiling they placed their Arabic script. In some respects, this is very accurate, for the first component of God is that you cannot know this person, this Creator, this Eternal Being. So often we will see pictures of the Father as an old man with a beard, much like Michelangelo's fresco in the Sistine Chapel. We can contemplate that perhaps God is like a father. This is to miss the first element of God, that we can never know this Eternal Being.

2 God Possesses All Knowledge

It is intriguing to note, in advances in science, how in each new addition of Cosmos magazine, Scientific American, or New Scientist we continue to have new discoveries. Some of them are in the macrocosm and some in the microcosm. New telescopes will discover not only the new galaxy, but will show us the exploding super nova. It seems that each year we discover the magnitude of the cosmos in our continual research. Similarly, the synchotron with its collision of atoms, is also exploring the boundaries of creation in the most minute components of our world. What we find is that our understanding of the universe is continually growing. This forces us to ask the question posed in Psalm 8:

*'When we see the moon and the stars which you arranged
What is mortal man that you keep him in mind?
You have made him little less than a God
With Glory and Honour you crowned him.'*

The psalmist is asking us to look at the universe to see the immense power and creativity of God.

3 God is Trinity

Our Christian God is Triune: a Father, Son and Spirit. In order to explore this we need to go to the start of John's Gospel with the prologue. Unlike the synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, John's prologue asserts that Jesus is the same essence, the same Being as the Father. Jesus is not merely a Son of God. Jesus is equal to the Father. In John's prologue we read:

'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. All things were created through Him, all life and light and for those people who believe in Him, God gives power to become a child of God'.

This concept, which is called the high Christology of John was accepted by the Christian Church in the council of Nicaea of 325AD. Jesus is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made. So this third concept of God is that God is made up of a Father and a Son and these two Beings share a Holy Spirit. This God, the Father, Son and Spirit, who created the world, has left the Holy Spirit as the life and energy of God, working today.

4 God is the Beginning

As scientific theories today look at the 'big bang' and try and speculate as to what occurred in the instant of the creation of our cosmos, in Christian theology we believe that God existed before Creation, as God is Eternal. The concept of a beginning of time and a beginning of space is not the beginning of God. The fourth component asserts that God is eternal and existed before anything else.

5 God is the Endpoint of Creation

The doctrine of the last things, Eschatology, is bound up in our hope for the future and the final reign of God over the cosmos. The Last Judgement from Matthew's Gospel and many of the parables explore this theme of God's power and mercy extending to the end of Salvation history.

6 God is Creative

The book of Genesis and the Psalms all demonstrate that God created the world and is intimately present in every element of creation. We look at the sunset, the ocean, the forest, the plants, the wisdom literature of the Bible and the Psalms that celebrate creation, and we can see God in the macrocosm and the microcosm. Through the seven days of creation it is asserted that while each of these days is good, the sixth day - the creation of humankind was very good. Humans are the highpoint of that creation. Not merely is God the origin of our created world; God's creative action is ongoing.

7 God is Faithful

The story of the Hebrew people and the story of the Christian people present the concept of God being one who is loyal to God's people. The term used in the Old Testament for this is that God makes covenant. God's covenant is made with Abraham, a covenant is re-asserted with Noah, seen in the rainbow at the end of the Flood and is made again

with Moses and the people wandering the desert. Even though humans will break that covenant, God's side of the arrangement can never be broken.

There are three components to this faithfulness: God is merciful, kind and trustworthy. This God is loving and kind, patient, understanding of human weakness and eternally merciful, eternally forgiving, reflecting the mother's bond with the child in her womb. God's kindness is not a mere action of affection or warmth but a steadfast, unwavering love of God's people. This God is a covenant God and is therefore totally trustworthy. This God is the truth, this God can be relied upon, but just as Abraham left his town and walked in companionship with his God, trusting his God completely, so the covenant people can trust that God will never leave them.

8 God is Humble

One of the key motifs of the story of Jesus, found in the New Testament, is His humility. Firstly, the infancy accounts found in Luke and Matthew's Gospels, present Jesus in the most meagre of surroundings, with no ostentatious trappings. Luke's Gospel has him born in a stable and he is visited by shepherds. The Isaiah quotation says that ox and ass are present and the medieval creation of the Christmas crib underlies this humility of Jesus. Though Matthew's Gospel presents the wise ones from the East bringing their gold, incense and myrrh they still maintain the theme of the humility of this Child. Later Jesus enters into Jerusalem on a donkey, again a sign that the King comes without the trappings of the upper class.

Our new art piece evoked this theological response. We look forward to hearing and publishing other reflections upon the work in the future.

Robert Barron is Professor of Systematic Theology at Mundelein Seminary, Illinois. Winner of the Catholic Book Award for Spirituality in 1997 for Thomas Aquinas: Spiritual Master.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Term Changeovers

Term 2 will finish on Friday June 20 at 3.25 pm. Term 3 for all students commences on Tuesday July 15.

Semester Reports

Semester Reports will be mailed home at the end of the Term 2 (Friday June 27). The Reports will be part of a mail out that will also include The Crest, and other notices specific to each year level.

Semester Two

Year 9 and 12 students will be given a new Timetable on Monday June 16 with updated Electives and Subject Codes. Students wishing to undertake any subject changes need to make an appointment with Mr Meehan by the end of the first week of Term 3.

Rugby Tour

The XV Ruby Tour is going to Queensland from Sunday July 6 to Sunday July 13. Please contact Mr Swinton if you require any additional information.

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10's will be involved in Work Experience for the week of Monday June 23 to Friday June 27.

Mid-Year Exams

In the final pages of The Crest is a copy of the Senior School June Exam programme and the Junior and Middle School June exam programme.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Head of Senior School

Mr Hamish McCrum

These past few weeks has seen an increase in intensity from our boys with external VCAA exams. I thank Senior School teachers for the many extra hours put in out of scheduled class time, including coming in over the long weekend, to help students achieve their best in these exams. Year 10 and 11 students still have a week of exams and they can do much to improve their performance and understanding by working hard at this time. I would also like to thank the many people who helped with shifting of furniture, all of whom responded well to requests. I was particularly appreciative and most impressed with those students who volunteered their time and efforts after hours.

This week also witnessed the traditional Lap of the Lake cross country race for Senior School students. Congratulations to Tom Blood for winning and to all who had a go at running the 6 km course. I did manage to get as far as Loreto and wisely decided to run back to St Patrick's for the bike – otherwise I may have been taken away in an ambulance! To those who believed I was doing a cool down lap on the bike after having run the whole way, thank you for believing this possible of me but sadly it is not true.

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



RYAN HOUSE: LEIGH WILSON

For his efforts in working as a volunteer for the Ballarat Health Services to raise funds and awareness for important community health initiatives.



KENIRY HOUSE: DANIEL ROSS-SMITH

For generously volunteering his time after school to assist in setting up the Pavilion for examinations.

SPORT

Head of Sport

Mr Chris Gleeson

First XI Hockey

Mr John Sullivan

Last weeks match against BCC saw the SPC First XI take control from the first whistle. Our forwards moved and controlled the ball skilfully allowing us to get our first goal on the board before the five minute mark of the first half. Rohan Hill's deliberate attack led the march early. BCC retaliated swiftly to level the scores and the cat and mouse game began. Perfect positioning of Alex Grice on the goal post allowed him to gently push in a deflection from BCC's goalie to take us to our half time score of 2-1. BCC challenged quickly levelling the score to two all at the start of the second half, but Jesse Hennessey led the attack with some excellent attacking strikes finally landing one in the net to take the scores to 3-2. BCC responded well again to level scores but a final attack from Rohan Hill around the 20 minute mark of the second half took us to our first win of the season, defeating BCC 4 - 3.

Injured Captain Richard Impey provided great encouragement from the sideline and in an excellent team effort Rohan Hill, Jesse Hennessey, Ben McOwan all deserve credit for their teamwork and leadership and were closely followed by Zac Pietsch and Nick Cook. Over all it was our best team effort to date - well done boys!

Congratulations to Year 8 student Zac Mc Murray for being selected to represent the Victorian Country team in the Victorian Under 14 Junior Hockey Championships. The team will play four metropolitan teams selected from four zones in the metropolitan area. Well done Zac!

Umpires for College Sports.

Although we are drawing to a close in many of our junior winter sports we have had a terrible time this season with getting umpires especially for Year 7 and 8 soccer and football. If anybody is interested in receiving a little extra money each week and assisting hundreds of junior students enjoy their sport by providing this essential role, please contact cgleeson@stpat.vic.edu.au. Access to training education courses would be provided. Ideally we would love to have a 'panel' of umpires and referees for next season.

AFL Football Umpiring Courses

The AFL through the Worksafe Victorian Country Football league and AFL Victoria, offer many umpiring courses for people (the young and not so young) with an interest in the game. More information is available from Umpires Development manager Russell O'Toole at russell.otoole@aflvic.com.au or phone 03 86633070

Soccer Results

Mr Juri Kaczowski
Director of Soccer

1st XI

St Patrick's College 3 defeated Damascus College 0

Goals: M Lynch 2, T Parry
Best: S Berg, K Taylor, A Georgiou, D Blomeley, M Lynch, T Beggs, A Martin, T. McKinnon

Our first game on the new St Patrick's College Soccer Oval saw the senior team run out comfortable winners with a 3-0 score line. The game illustrated how difficult it was going to be to score heavily on this pitch which played fairly narrowly, despite the team using the width available around the wings for most of the match.

Damascus were their usual hard at the ball group with more soccer skill shown than over the last couple of years, but at times their tackling was crude. They were playing their first game and were unfortunate to come

up against this seasoned and skilled St Patrick's side, who showed too much flair and skill in the centre of the park. Kyran Taylor was dominant in the centre and his passing wide set the ball rolling for most of our scoring opportunities. Scott Berg played a superb game and continually beat opponents to open up the ground and deliver precisely to the forwards.

Our defence was on top with David Blomeley and Angus Martin teaming well off the back and they were able to cut the angles of the Damascus forwards limiting their scoring potential. Tom McKinnon kept in goals and was again sure handed to mop up the long shots. Overall a very solid team performance.

Junior Soccer

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of soccer teams at junior level this season. With two rounds remaining the competition has been outstanding. Below is an update of the scores to this stage of the season. The teams have been comprised of the following students:

SPC Blue: Paul Berresi, Anthony Shuurs, Jack Harrison, Jarrah Stanley, Isaac Harbour, Tim Crowe, Pat Karras, Jai Sharp, Caleb McGrath, Lachlan Murphy, Brody Duggan, Michael Richardson, Riley Grenville, Mitchell Ryan, Jack Knights.

SPC Green: Lawrence Ellis, Nick McKee, Jai Shah, Harry Martin, Jonothan Lenkic, Ben Sulley, Jayden Hayes, Kris Thomas, Kyle Jones, Cameron Fergusson, Zac Cano-Perez, Joe Stalker, Sean O'niel, Jye Martin, Austin Miller, Zac Weightman.

Good luck to all teams in the last two weeks of the competition.

Round	SPC	Opponent	Score
1	SPC Blue	BCC Black	SPC Blue 4 def BCC 0
	SPC White	BYE	
2	SPC Green	SPC White	SPC White 1 def SPC Green 0
	SPC Blue	BCC Red	SPC Blue 5 def BCC Red 0
3	SPC White	SPC Green	SPC White 1 def SPC Green 0
	SPC Blue	BG	SPC Blue 4 def BG 0
4	SPC Green	SPC Blue	SPC Blue 3 def SPC Green 1
	SPC Blue	SPC Green	SPC blue 3 def SPC green 1
5	SPC Green	BHS	SPC Green 1 def BHS 0
	SPC Blue	DC	SPC Blue 1 def DC 0
6	SPC Green	BCC Black	
	SPC Blue	BHS	SPC Blue 7 def BHS 0
7	SPC White	DC	DC 5 def SPC White 2
	SPC Green	BG	SPC Green 5 def BG 1
8	SPC Blue	SPC white	SPC Blue 4 def SPC White 1
	SPC White	SPC Blue	SPC Blue 4 def SPC White 1
8	SPC Blue	BCC	SPC Green 4 def BCC 2

Badminton

A Grade

SPC/LC 3 games 95 pts were defeated by BG 3 - 118

B Grade

SPC/LC 5 - 123 pts. defeated BG Gold 1 - 83

SPC/LC defeated BG – Forfeit

C Grade 1

SPC1 6 - 126 defeated Damascus 0 - 63 pts.

C Grade 2

SPC Blue 3 - 106 pts. defeated SPC Green 3 - 84pts.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Collingwood AFL player and former student Nathan Brown (SPC 2002 -2006) who was recognised last week as the NAB AFL Rising Star for Round 10. It was due recognition for his performances throughout the season.

Congratulations to David Lang and Rex Hickman who recently represented the Ballarat Football League in the Under 18 VCFL Division 1 Carnival in Shepparton.

If aware of any student achievements please email them to cgleeson@stpat.vic.edu.au so that we can share them with the College community via The Crest.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday June 16 to Friday June 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.

Monday June 16

Elaine Collier, Liz O'Loughlin, Tracey Stalker, Janet Santilli, Colleen Stephen, Jenny Gilbert, Betty Armstrong, *Jill Watkins, *Louise Miles (10-12)

Tuesday June 17

Vicki Burton, Wendy Johnson, Cathy Keem, Rhonda Robson, Loretta Toohey, *Wendy Dumaresq (8:30-9:30), *Kerry Fiegert (10-12)

Wednesday June 18

Kim Tibbles, Helen Cotter, Helen O'Brien, Monica Kirby, Cheree Cosgriff, *Silvana Peters (11:30-2:30) *Leonie Spencer (1-2), Gayle Peoples.

Thursday June 19

Sandra Jobling, Trisha Hughes, *Jo Rix (1-2:30), Marie Loader, Carolyn Tuppen, Sharyn Eva, Robyn Pavilach, *Cathy Simpson (10-12), Kerryn Guest

Friday June 20

*Orla Connaughton, *Sharren Mullane (11-2), *Annemaree Wilson (11-2), *Sheryn Bucknall (12-2), Anita Houlihan, *Debbie Jew (lunch), *Melissa Harris (12-2:30), *Judi James (12-2) *Sarah Howard (10-12)

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

Friends of Music

The next meeting of Friends of Music will be held Wednesday June 18 at 5:00 pm following Senior Band Practice. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to review events of the term and discuss future fundraising for Semester Two.

Dobson's Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

Uniform Shop Hours - Term 3

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Mt Clear Secondary College

The Pathways Foundation proudly presents:
‘Raising Teenagers Talk’

Raising Teenagers is not easy! The Pathways Foundation is a registered harm prevention charity and a world leader in assisting teenagers with the challenging transition from teen to young adult. This FREE talk for parents is part of Pathways' social responsibility to raise awareness of ways to help our young people grow emotionally.

Details: August 12, 7.00 -9:30pm, Mount Clear College
Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear
RSVP - Phone: 03 5330 1500

COMING EVENTS

Monday June 16

Year 10/11 Exams
Year 7-9 Exams

Tuesday June 17

Year 10/11 Exams
Year 7-9 Exams

Wednesday June 18

Year 10/11 Exams
Year 7-9 Exams

Thursday June 19

Year 10/11 Exams
Year 7-9 Exams

Friday June 20

Year 10 and 11 Exams
End of Term 2 classes– 3.25 pm

Monday June 23

Work Experience for Year 10 Students starts

Friday June 27

Term 2 concludes

Monday July 14

Staff Professional Development – Student Free Day
Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews 3-5 pm
Residential Committee 5pm

Tuesday July 15

Students commence Term 3 classes

Year 11 June Exam Timetable

Date	Exam	Time
Friday June 13	Year 12 GAT All Yr 11 students not required to sit the GAT have a Study Day	10:00 am
Monday June 16	U1 Religious Education	09:00 am
	U1 Vocational English U1 English	10:55 am
	U1 Technology – Systems U1 20 th Century History U1 Physical Education U1 Math Methods CAS – Exam 1	1:55 pm
Tuesday June 17	U1 Outdoor Education U1 Studio Art	8:45 am
	U1 Math Methods CAS – Exam 2 U1 Architectural Design U1 French	11:20 am
Wednesday June 18	U1 Accounting U1 Health & Human Development	09:00 am
	U1 Literature U1 Economics U1 Food Technology	11:40 am
	U1 Design Technology U1 Information Technology	1:55 pm
Thursday June 19	U1 Media Studies	09:00 am
	U1 Legal Studies U1 Physics	10:55 am
	U1 Biology U1 Business Management	1:55 pm
Friday June 20	U1 Foundation Maths U1 General Maths	09:00 am
	U1 Japanese U1 Chemistry U1 VCD	10:55 am

Year 10 June Exam Timetable

Date	Exam	Time
Thursday June 12	Religious Education	09:00 am
	English – Pre Vocational English	10:55 am
	Art – 3D Information Technology	1:55 pm
Friday June 13	IT – Web Food Technology IT – Programming	09:00 am
	Japanese Technology – Metal	10:55 am
	General Science Biology	1:55 pm
Monday June 16	Indigenous Studies VCD	09:00 am 1:55 pm
Tuesday June 17	Theatre Studies Health	8:45 am
	Media Studies Physical Education	11:20 am
Wednesday June 18	Architectural Design	09:00 am
	Music Chemistry	11:40 am
	Intro Graphics	1:55 pm
Thursday June 19	Gen. Specialist Maths	09:00 am
	Technology – Systems Physics	10:55 am
Friday June 20	Modified Maths General Maths	09:00 am
	Art Technology - Wood	10:55 am

Middle School Exam Timetable

DAY	EXAM	Time	Session
Monday June 16	Sport	9.00 am	2&3
	English	10.55 am	4&5
	LOTE - Japanese	1.55 pm	8&9
Wednesday June 18	LOTE – French Computer Theory	9.00 am	2&3
	Immersion Humanities	1.55 pm	8&9
Thursday June 19	Maths	9.00 am	2&3
	Sport	10.55 am	4&5
	Immersion Science	1.10 pm	7&8

Junior School Exam Timetable

Day	Exam	Time
Monday June 16	Year 7 English Year 8 English	9.00 am
Tuesday June 17	Year 8 Science	9.00 am
Wednesday June 18	Year 7 Mathematics Year 8 Mathematics	9.00 am