

**NEWSLETTER 4/2**  
**Friday May 2, 2008**

**FROM THE HEADMASTER**  
**Dr Peter Casey**

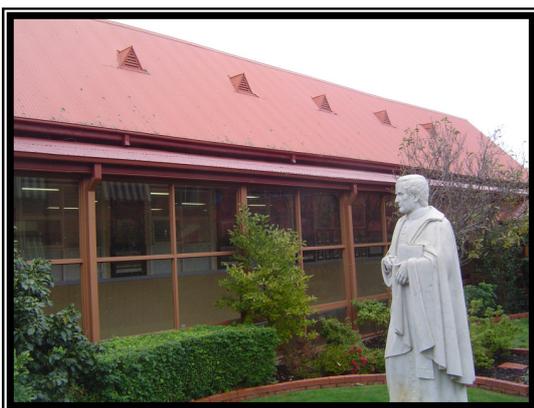
Dear Friends

While leaving it to others to celebrate and thank you for the many goings on of late, I was taken today by the influence of the weather-cold, dreary and wet. I was searching for inspiration for The Crest, but kept coming back to my view of Rice Court: the leaden sky, the wet red roof of the dining room, and the shivering near-bare limbs of the magnolias.

After all the hustle and bustle of life of late, the weather brought me around to reflecting on the comfortable, work-like environment that this cold season brings.

While the many activities around the school may distract us at times, there can be no getting away from our need to settle in to honest toil in our classrooms, laboratories, workshops and gymnasium.

The mellowness of the fire or its equivalent forms of heating have a calming effect on the spirit, a far cry from the uncomfortable wriggling induced by the heat. While welcoming the rain, we should also welcome the opportunity the break in the weather brings us of getting back to the books.



Perhaps this is timely. Visitors this week commented as they moved around the College on the settled nature of our boys and the calm and friendly atmosphere. This is always encouraging to hear from outsiders, so thank to all who contribute to our work environment.

Edmund Rice Day looms so I hope that all boys will participate to the best of their ability, and raise whatever funds they may be able to: there is no shortage of good causes to benefit from this traditional College activity.

Regards

Peter C

**FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER**  
**Mr Steven O'Connor**

**Edmund Rice Day – Monday May 5**

This important day is fast approaching and I commend the work being done by the members of the Year 12 Student Council to prepare for the walkathon, activities and Mass which will conclude the day. The target in terms of the fundraising has been set at \$40,000 which translates to \$40 per boy at the College. This is a very achievable target and I would encourage all boys to make every effort to raise at least \$40 in donations for Edmund Rice Day. Perhaps some boys who have part-time jobs might be able to ensure that the \$40 target is reached by chipping in themselves from their earnings? In our lives \$40 is not an enormous amount of money but in the lives of those to whom it will be donated, it is a tremendous amount of money! I thank parents for their support of the day and the encouragement they give the boys in raising this money which will go to people in circumstances much needier than our own.

The day is always a fun day and the boys enjoy the walk around the Lake and through Victoria Park, as well as the activities back at the College – the walkathon course is approximately 11 km in length.

Edmund Rice Day is not an optional day for students and all boys are expected to attend and participate in the day on Monday May 5.

The weather is looking like it will be cool with some possible light showers later in the day. The programme of the day will see the boys complete the walkathon in the morning and then return to the College for some fun activities and then we will gather for a Mass in the afternoon. There is a wet weather programme in train should we receive a lot of rain on Sunday night and early Monday morning.

One last call to arms for the boys – every dollar will make a difference! Work hard, be generous and be aware of those people who will benefit from our efforts next Monday!

### A visit from 'The Chaser'

The cast and crew of 'The Chaser' were in Ballarat and performed two shows on Tuesday, April 29 at Her Majesty's Theatre. The College was lucky to have Julian Morrow – one of the original cast members of The Chaser and Executive Producer of the show – visit and talk to the boys in a Senior School Assembly during the day. Julian attended a school in Sydney not too dissimilar to St Patrick's College and was able to relate to our boys very easily. I have known Julian since he was a student at St Aloysius' College and I know that his outlook on life – despite the self-deprecation and often outrageous humour – is very compassionate and socially aware.

He was very interested to hear about the College's involvement in and commitment to numerous social justice and community service activities and is keen to find out if the \$40,000 target is reached on Edmund Rice Day. Importantly too, Julian is an impressive and entertaining speaker and enjoyed the opportunity to talk with our boys, answer a few questions and leave us all laughing. I trust the boys enjoyed his visit.

### COLLEGE DEAN Mr Stephen Hill

#### National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Tests

The National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday May 13, Wednesday May 14 and Thursday May 15. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a student's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programmes and improve student achievement.

If your son has a disability which needs special consideration or has been learning English for less than one year, you should contact the College to decide whether or not your son should undertake the test. Large Print and Braille versions are available for students with visual impairment.

Later in the year, you will receive your son's personal report. The report will describe your son's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your son performed in relation to national benchmark standards. The benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your son's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your son's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) or contact the College.

### Headmaster's Excellence and Academic Endeavour Awards

Three awards were presented at last week's College Assembly. The **Academic Endeavour Award** was presented to Year 7 student, **Nicholas Treloar**. Nicholas received this award in recognition of his effort and endeavour in completing the Year 7 Religious Education *Belonging* assignment. Nicholas was very thorough when completing the research aspect of this task and showed initiative and self-direction to complete a piece of work of a very high standard. Nicholas' work is currently on display in the window of Mr Bobrowski's office for those who wish to view it.



Nicholas Treloar

The second award presented was the **Headmaster's Excellence Award** to Year 10 student **Bradley Brennan**. Bradley's award recognises the very high standard of his short story *Back to Basics* which he completed in Year 10 English. Bradley's writing demonstrated a particularly sophisticated use of language and highlighted his ability to build tension, develop characters and structure a logical sequence of events. Bradley attributed some of the development of his writing skills to the reading he has done and this reading has helped him gain an insight into how writers use descriptive language to tell an engaging story. Bradley particularly enjoys reading motoring magazines and has such a strong interest in cars that he hopes one day to combine his love of cars with his writing ability and turn it into a career as a motoring journalist. Bradley will also be representing the College in upcoming public speaking events. Congratulations, Bradley.



Bradley Brennan

The third award given was also a **Headmaster's Excellence Award** and was presented to Year 12 student **Damien Farrell**. Damien's award acknowledges several important aspects of his academic endeavours in 2008. In the first instance, it recognises Damien's perfect scores for the first two SAC tasks in VCE Units 3/4 Outdoor Education.

While this is an outstanding result in itself, there are two other aspects of Damien's academic efforts that are just as admirable. In nominating Damien, Mr Lynn, Damien's Outdoor Education teacher, made particular mention of his dedication and level of preparation towards both SAC tasks. When I asked Damien about this he gave me the example of how, as a boarder, he was able to spend time with some of the Indigenous students who are also boarders at the College to get their insight into aspects relating to the first SAC he completed, *The Changing Face of Australia*, and to then include their thoughts when he completed his oral presentation for that SAC.

The other point that Mr Lynn made about Damien was that he sees Damien as a 'fantastic role model for other students'. When I asked Damien what he thought Mr Lynn meant by this he said that he believes he is able to show students that you can be a good sportsman (Damien is a member of the State Under 18 Rugby Squad) and successful academically at the same time - one does not have to be at the exclusion of the other. Well done, Damien on both your academic results and your modelling for all students of the College.

Congratulations to all three award winners. Each has given a valuable insight into the type of work habits that all students at the College can be working on to improve their learning and academic performance.



Damien Farrell

## DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Joe Doolan

### More Than Merely Obedient....

#### The Eight Elements of Mary, Our Mother and Sister

In the life of your family and friends is there a central event that marked a certain watershed in your story? For some it might be the passage to Australia from a European or Asian country. For others it might be the birth of a child or death of a parent. For another it might be new employment or the chance to study overseas. The concept remains that there are some crucial events in one's life that mark a point of departure.

With the arrival of the month of May the Catholic Church remembers the life and discipleship of Mary the mother of Jesus. The figure of Miriam of Nazareth, as some call her, is offered a high profile in the Christian calendar at Christmas with the carols and scriptures giving her a certain primacy. In the many churches the role of Mary is highlighted in the month of May with festivals and processions.

I was intrigued to read in Elizabeth Johnson's thesis on Mary 'Truly Our Sister' that her pregnancy was a somewhat scandalous event. The recognition of pregnancy prior to betrothal was a dangerous as well as perilous announcement the punishment for which could be severe. The Infancy Narratives of Luke and Matthew do not present the societal disdain for the single expectant mother nor the exclusion and rejection that this event could attract. Johnson presents Mary as a person who suffers in much the same way as contemporary women in different cultures.

The great Jesuit Scholar Karl Rahner writing of Mary says that she had *one event around which the rest of her life revolved*. Just as the death and resurrection of Jesus is the central unifying event of his life so too the pregnancy and birth of Jesus is her pivotal moment. All her existence led up to the birth and her future existence reflected upon that Bethlehem event. We must remember that the motif of birth is primarily one of suffering and pain.

Mary is a figure in the scriptures displaying eight different characteristics of discipleship many of which are rarely highlighted in her narrative. The devotional focus upon Mary has seen her as (1), submissive, obedient one who passively accepts the will of God in the story of saving history. This singular focus has somewhat diminished the other elements of her character found in the Gospels.

Miriam of Nazareth is presented in the scriptures as a woman who (2) takes the initiative, as one who (3) rejoices with others. She is a resilient one who (4) criticises the conventions and yet (5) ponders the events of life in her heart. Mary has (6) solidarity with the suffering women and men of history given her painful story of loss and grief. She is also a woman who (7) finds her way through ordinary days of menial work. She has (8), a loving partnership with the Wisdom of God found in the story of Grace.

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Welcome back to the Year 9 students who have been involved in the Melbourne City Experience. From all accounts, a very positive time was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Middle School staff who organised, and were present over the past week.

### Year 8 Retreats

The first of the Year 8 Retreats begin on May 13. In the next week all parents will receive a letter outlining the days and requirements of the retreat.

## SENIOR SCHOOL

### Head of Senior School

Mr Hamish McCrum

Last week some of the Year Twelve students participated in the first of the Ministry Retreats in Melbourne for 2008. As I have come to expect, the reports from the boys were very positive from the various placements including soup kitchens and schools for the severely disabled. The boys do themselves and the College proud by their assistance and willingness to be involved. Well done to all the boys and Mr Joe Doolan and Mr Matt Taylor.

Students are advised that information regarding commercial exam preparation sessions may be obtained in the library. The June exams will come around very quickly. Some things to be aware of and doing to maximise performances include:

- Complete summaries at least two weeks prior to exams (summaries are pre-study - not actual study).
- Do in excess of five practice exams under exam conditions including time constraints, for each exam for which you are preparing.
- Correct past errors, i.e., learn from fellow students or teachers how to correctly answer those questions which you did poorly
- Do some exams or questions you had trouble with, but now **think** you know how to do, a second or third time to consolidate the new learning.
- Remove iPods, computers, mobile phones and games out of your study areas.
- Get plenty of sleep – this assists with the laying down of memory.
- Eat good food, stay away from alcohol and drugs, for memory and general health reasons.

Enclosed with this weeks mail-out is the VCE Exams Navigator 08, for all students doing a Unit 3 and 4 Study. The Navigator 08 is relevant to the June and November exams so please file it in a safe place. It includes exam timetables, rules, lists of approved materials, a description of the GAT, and information regarding special exam arrangements and derived exam scores. Please contact Mr McCrum with regard to emergency special provision or derived exam scores, as soon as is practicable should circumstances bring these in to play.

Year Tens are again 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.**



**KENIRY HOUSE: JACK HAWKEN**

For his honesty in handing in a wallet to Student Reception which was found on College grounds.



**NUNAN HOUSE: EDWARD LONG**

For his genuine commitment, goodwill, spirit and humour that he adds to Nunan House.

**DIRECTOR OF SPORT**  
**Mr Chris Gleeson**

**BAS Sport**

Thank you to all staff for providing outstanding leadership to our students with respect to BAS sports. Competitions continue throughout the term. The College this term will field three Senior Football teams, two Intermediate and four Junior teams, one Senior Soccer team, one Intermediate and three Junior teams, Senior Hockey, two Senior Basketball, two Senior Rugby teams with an Intermediate and a Junior team as well as seven Badminton teams. This represents approximately 390 students participating in sport each week at the College.

If you have any questions regarding any of the sports played this term please do not hesitate to contact Mr Chris Gleeson at [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au)

**BAS Athletics**

On Tuesday St Patrick's College competed in the BAS Athletics Carnival at Llanberris. Congratulations and thanks to Mr Damian Kinnersly who deputised for Mr Shane Hayes, the Director of Athletics for his organisation on the day that ensured the team was able to run away with a win in the overall points competition. This win represents the 47<sup>th</sup> time St Patricks has been crowned Champion School in the BAS boy's aggregate in the 51 years since 1957.

Full details will be available in The Crest next week.

**St Patrick's College v St Kevin's College**

On Thursday April 24, St Kevin's College, Toorak played host to our Football, Soccer and Basketball teams in the annual Challenge Matches. All matches were keenly contested affairs, however all three St Patrick's College teams were defeated. The football fixture is the oldest St Kevin's College sporting fixture on the calendar and the clash between these great Edmund Rice Schools is eagerly anticipated each year.

The 1st XVIII battled all day however were outplayed by some classier opponents. The 1st XI Soccer players had many more chances, however failed to capitalise with a late goal to SKC making the score line look more comfortable than it was. Despite a very even first half, the 1st V Basketball team could not cope with an onslaught after half time that saw SKC go on a 10 point to nothing run. With only seven players compared to St Kevin's 12 the difference was unable to be made up

The competition was fantastic and as always, played in good friendship and faith. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff for their positive and challenging involvement on a student free day. The final scores were:

**Football: St Kevin's 7.14.116 defeated St Patrick's 10.12. 72**  
**Soccer: St Kevin's 3 defeated St Patrick's 1**  
**Basketball: St Kevin's 53 defeated St Patrick's 42**

Thank you to attending staff; Mr Howard Clark, Mr Gavin Webb, Mr Andrew Chamings, Mr Nathan Barnes (Football) Mr Peter Joyce, Mr Ryan Berg (Soccer) and Ms Tamara Westwood (Basketball) for their commitment and to the students who represented the College in this important annual fixture. Next year we look forward to hosting SKC with the possible inclusion of Rugby on the esteemed programme.

**Senior Golf**

St Patrick's College was recently represented at the AGSV/APS/BAS Golf championship conducted at the famed Royal Melbourne Golf Course. It was an outstanding display of Golf with St Patrick's finishing second on a count back from Caulfield Grammar School with a total score of 240. The team finished three shots ahead of Marcellin College with Ballarat Grammar the next best BAS School on 269. Congratulations to Luke Hickman, Ash Haase, Stephen Bongiorno and Shaun Lyle for their play and to Mr Jeremy Daniels for his commitment to the programme.

Ash Haase's performance in shooting 73 'off the stick' was quite exceptional on the tough lay out, winning the individual award by four shots.

**Results**

		<b>BEST 3 SCORES COUNT</b>
<b>1</b>	Caulfield Grammar School	240 (count back)
<b>2</b>	St Patrick's College	240
<b>3</b>	Marcellin College	243
<b>=4</b>	St Kevin's College	246
<b>=4</b>	Haileybury College	246
<b>6</b>	Melbourne Grammar School	249
<b>=7</b>	The Peninsula School	250
<b>=7</b>	Trinity Grammar School	250

9	Xavier College	252
10	Scotch College	259

### Individual Placegetters Scores Under 80

1	73	Ash Haase	St Patrick's College
2	77	Matthew Sammels	Caulfield Grammar School
=3	78	Peter Short	Caulfield Grammar School
=3		Will Kendall	Melbourne Grammar School
=3		Nick Brown	Mentone Grammar
=3		Edward Hamer	Scotch College
7	79	Ryan Magdziarz	Haileybury College
=7		Daniel Fallshaw	Marcellin College



2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Day  
3<sup>rd</sup> BMC Mountain Bike Classic



3<sup>rd</sup> Marcus Jolly  
3<sup>rd</sup> BMC Mountain Bike classic

### Australian Under 23 Rowing Team

Congratulations to Blair Brown who has been selected to row the Male Quad Scull in the Australian Under 23 Rowing Team to compete at the World Championships in Brandenburg, Germany.

In order for Blair to compete at this regatta he is to raise \$8000. To assist Blair there will be a 'Dinner and Dance' to held in the Old Collegians Pavilion on June 14. Tickets are \$30 per person which includes dinner and live entertainment. Drinks are available at bar prices.

For further information on the evening please contact Mr Jamie Lynn at the College.

### The BMC Classic

Sunday April 20 saw the first official running of the 'BMC Classic'. The Mountain Bike Race is a technical and fast course of over 20km for school students in the Wombat State Forest near Woodend.

Seven students represented St Patrick's College in this inaugural event. Junior riders included: Lewis Brogden, Kahle Benson, Jerome Wallace, Fred Lavery and Nick Treloar. All of the Junior riders finished with smiles on their faces and in good spirits about their effort over a difficult course. It is a credit to the boys to race against boys twice their size in such a competitive battle!

Two Senior boys, Marcus Jolly and Andrew Day should also be recognised for their outstanding performance and achievement for St Patrick's College.

Mr Matt Taylor, Mr Shane Hayse and Mr Warrick Bottrall would like to thank all boys and their parents for all their support and good will. Keep your eyes open for more cycling events coming to SPC!

### SPC Rugby Union

The SPC Rugby Union season kicks off this weekend with matches at St Patrick's. It is the start of a very busy period for the rugby programme. Parents, students, staff and friends are urged to get behind the following important fundraising programmes over the coming weeks.

### St Patrick's College Rugby Trivia Night

**Trivia Night:** Friday May 16 @ St Patrick's College.  
**Tickets:** \$20 per head, BYO supper and drinks  
**Please contact** – Mrs Trisha Hughes on 0404 898 640

## ROCKY ROAD FUNDRAISING

You may have seen the 'Rocks' carrypacks around the College. 'Rocks' are delicious bars of rocky road with handmade turkish delight, marshmallow puffs and chocolate. Please buy a bar of 2 and support this rugby fundraising activity. Our goal is to sell 100 carrypacks, only 40 to go!

Thank you in anticipation of you support!

**Mrs Trisha Hughes**  
**0404 898 640**

**Director of Football**  
**Mr Howard Clark**

### BAS Football Round 2

**SPC Gold 9 – 13 – 67      Defeated SPC White 7 – 2 – 44**

**Best Players:** Richard Zelencich, Michael Cocomazzo, Jack Owen, Alex Wallis, Riley Orr, Anthony Warke, James Ellis

**Goal Kickers:** Richard Zelencich 2, Sam Jones, Alex Wallis, Jack Owen, Paul Baressi, Nathan Konieczny

SPC Gold defeated SPC White by 34 points in an entertaining match on the Main Oval. SPC White posted the first goal but SPC Gold were quick to reply with three goals three behinds before White scored two quick goals at the end of the quarter.

White was kept to one behind in the second quarter while Gold stacked on four goals, six behinds. Gold's inaccuracy in front of goal kept White in touch. In the third quarter the move of Michael Cocomazzo to the wing and Richard Zelencich into the ruck provided White with many scoring opportunities. Jack Owen also provided a target up forward with Alex Wallis and Tim O'Shea showing some form. Gold were held scoreless in the third term with White kicking two goals, one behind. Gold eventually went on to win the match quite comfortably.

This week was a great learning experience for SPC White as this match was their first outing for the year. Many positive signs were evident and a win is not too far away, with some of our more experienced players due to return.

Team captain Richard Zelencich provided an excellent example to his players by doing the 'one percenters' and showing leadership through his actions on the field

**SPC Gold 3 – 6 – 24 defeated by Ballarat Grammar Gold 6 – 7 – 43**

**Best Players:** Dylan Achison, James Costigan, Jack Fowler

**Goal Kickers:** Dylan Achison 2, James Costigan 1

**SPC Green 14 – 12 - 96 defeated BHS Blue 3 – 6 - 24**

**Best Players:** J Walters, Z Morecombe, Z White, A Davies, B Bewley, S Donegan, and J Vanderkley.

**Goals:** J Walters 5, B Bewley 2, K McCauliffe, J Arnold, Ash Davies, M Lange, A Lavery 1 each

It was great to see the younger and smaller players using their bodies to not only shepherd but also win the ball for themselves. Bryce Dridan, Josh Tiley, Brett Bewley and Kane McCauliffe were prominent in this regard. Our taller players used their height well to take front position and therefore dominate the aerial duels. Jarrod Walters, Beau Burke and Ash Davies amongst others took many fine

marks. Team play improved this week with many effective passages of play as team mates ran and used one another.

**Ballarat College 6 – 10 – 46 defeated SPC Blue**

**Best Players:** Harry Seery, Pat Blood, Charles Cook, Cooper Wells, Alex Brown, Ash Simpson

**Goals:** Alex Brown, Charles Cook

In a very free flowing game, the St Pats boys played well together as a team with lots of linking handballs and run through the middle. At 3/4 time we were only a goal down, but having no bench meant that BCC were able to run away with it in the last quarter

### Intermediate Year 9 Football

**SPC Blue 11-4-70 defeated by Ballarat Grammar 16-9-105**

**Best Players:** Scott Spriggs, Nick O'Farrell, Zane Thompson, David Dickinson, Tom Nankivell

**Goal Kickers:** Zane Thompson 2, Jarrod Walters 2

An inspired, relentless team display from our Year 9 boys today who unfortunately lost to Ballarat Grammar by 35 points.

With no interchange bench and fielding a half strength team with the aid of three Year 8 boys, the Year 9 football team should be very proud of themselves after today's game. Leading by 2 points early in the final term the spirited young men from St Patrick's simply ran out of legs against Grammar who had too many options deep into the game.

Opportunities should always be taken in life and today many of our boys grabbed their opportunity to wear the College jumper with pride. Well done to you all. Again all boys are reminded that they are representing the whole middle school and on this occasion they did themselves and the College proud.

### Senior Football 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII

**SPC Green 8 – 15 – 63      defeated Ballarat College 8 – 5 - 53**

**Best Players:** Jesse Dundon, Kane Fitzpatrick, Rhys Mundy, Daniel James.

**Goal Kickers:** Daniel James 2, Matthew Radojevic 2, Trent Clark 1, Dermott Conaughton

In a sometimes scrappy encounter SPC Green prevailed over a determined BCC team in Round 3 of 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII football. St Patrick's did not take the lead until late in the final term, testament to their determination and commitment to running out the game.

St Patrick's had plenty of the football as evidenced by the fact that the team had ten more scoring shots than BCC. At times the team was wasteful and picked poor options going forward. Ultimately however the team prevailed thanks primarily to the efforts of onballers Jesse Dundon who worked tirelessly under the packs and Kane Fitzpatrick who was one of the few players to mark the ball cleanly throughout the game. They were well supported by Rhys Mundy who held the defence together and Daniel James who provided a marking option across centre half forward. Trent Clark was ever dangerous in the forward line and consistently moved to the right places for an opportunist forward.

The team will be better for the run and look forward to the challenges that lie ahead in the weeks to come.

### **SPC Blue 14 – 6 - 90 defeated Ballarat Grammar 4 – 2- 26**

**Best Players:** Brad Whittaker, Hayden Walters, Josh Brown, Matt Stewart, Drew Murphy, Ash Whelan and Matt Van de Ploag.

**Goal Kickers:** Josh Brown 5, Hayden Walters 3, Brad Whittaker 2, Liam Young 1, Drew Murphy 1, Richard Impey 1, Chris Burgess 1.

In perfect conditions for football SPC Blue continued on their winning way against Ballarat Grammar in the BAS 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII Competition with a resounding 64-point victory. This makes it three from three with a bye next week. The side was strengthened with a number of players returning from the first XVIII, injury and a couple of Year 10's topping the side up as they had the bye.

In the first quarter lots of intensity was shown all over the ground which resulted in numerous inside 50's. This put pressure on Grammar's backline and our forwards, mainly through Josh Brown, were able to convert. Richard Impey was lively on the outer wing whilst Brad Whittaker was marking everything down back. Liam Young finished the quarter with a long goal for SPC Blue to take a 14-point lead into the first break.

Hayden Walters was thrown onto the ball in the second quarter with immediate effect. His desperation enabled him to win many clearances and drive the ball long into our forward line. Matt Stewart, who continued his fine start to the year, was playing a sweeping role across halfback and Drew Murphy was creating headaches for their defenders. At half time we led by 29 points.

Further changes were made at half time in an effort to give all players an equal opportunity and play in positions they may normally not play. This is an important part of developing as a footballer. You are all footballers, not just a "backman" or only a "forward". Ash Whelan started to have an influence on the match by winning clearances and laying some very impressive tackles. Grammar were kept goal less in the third term as Matt Van de Ploeg led the way down back. SPC Blue added four majors to take a 51-point lead into the last quarter.

Players were instructed at three quarter time not to crowd the forward line and to play their position and keep doing the team things. Brad Whittaker went forward and provided a good target and finished the day with two goals whilst Hayden Walters rounded off a fine match with three majors. 64 points was the final margin, which was a true reflection of our dominance.

As the weeks go by the players are starting to gel together and continue to play the game in the right spirit.

### **1<sup>st</sup> XVIII**

### **St Patrick's College 4 – 15 – 39 defeated by P.E.G.S 14 – 7 - 91**

**Best Players:** Nathan Sobey, Rex Hickman, Marc James, Jake Garvey, Nicholas Suban, Rob Lockett, Lucas Cook

**Goal Kickers:** David Lang 1, Lucas Cook 1, Ben Peters 1, Jake Dunne 1

St Patrick's College opened up their 2008 MCC Herald Sun Shield campaign on a very disappointing note. Playing on the small PEGS ground and in very windy conditions, we started the game in a positive manner having 14 inside 50's in the first quarter compared to only five forward entries by Penleigh and Essendon Grammar. Unfortunately, this statistical dominance didn't reflect dominance where it is counted-on the scoreboard. We kicked 2 goals 8 for the

quarter compared to PEGS 3 goals 1 and it was this inaccuracy that later proved to be decisive in the final outcome.

In the second quarter, PEGS kicking with the aide of a four goal wind and using the conditions appropriately skipped out to an 18 point lead at the main interval. Once again inaccuracy at goal hurt us, as we missed three relatively easy shots on goal during this period. Two highlights of the term were the courage of Marc James who continues to put his body on the line and provide inspirational passages of play for his team-mates to follow and Nathan Sobey who was very clean with his hands and provided great drive from the wing.

The third quarter was the most disappointing of the match. Our players lacked intensity across the ground and at times failed to communicate effectively with their team-mates. At one point, we failed to have four midfielders in the centre ball up and this is an area that we need to get better with. Communication across the ground is so important and if an opposition player is left by himself, we need to be disciplined and man him up. Too many times during the third term, players from PEGS were allowed to zone off, run forward of the play and create numerous scoring opportunities. At times we weren't prepared to be accountable and this certainly hurt us in the final context of the match.

An area that we need to work on is our crumbing and ball movement. Far too frequently, we were drawn into the contest and missed the opportunity to position ourselves front and centre of a marking situation. At times we need to tread water so that the crumbing player is in the correct position to read the ball movement from a pack situation. Also we pride ourselves on our running ability and unfortunately, our ball movement at times was slow and ineffectual. We must learn to "run and carry" the ball, changing pace when in possession so that we have time to balance up and deliver with precision

The final quarter was pleasing as on the scoreboard we at least broke even. It was a good sign that although we were 45 points down at 3 quarter time, our players didn't drop their heads and ran out the game positively. We often learn more about ourselves individually and collectively when we lose so hopefully the lessons learnt against PEGS will make the group stronger.

## **DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**Mr Mark Waddington**

### **From the Parents and Friends**

**President**

**Mr Bernie Wilson**

**An Evening with Celia Lashlie**



The Parents and Friends Association, with the support of the College's Public Relations and Marketing Committee are delighted to present an evening with internationally acclaimed author Celia Lashlie. Celia will conduct a session with students as well as run a parents forum at the Regent Theatre on Monday May 19 from 7.15 pm.

Celia is best known for her recent best selling book, 'He'll be OK; Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'. Celia has done extensive research in boys' schools in new Zealand as well as from her work with mail offenders in New Zealand's prison system. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out exactly what goes on inside the world of boys, and to be comforted by Celia's practical and reassuring advice about raising your boys to become good, loving and articulate men.

Please refer to the attached flyer for all ticketing details.

## Parents and Friends (P&F) Annual General Meeting

The Parents and Friends AGM is to be held on Tuesday May 27. At this meeting all positions will be declared vacant and we will elect office bearers for the coming year. Although we are a relatively small group of parents we are able to achieve quite incredible results to benefit all boys within the SPC community. I would like to invite all parents to consider joining the P&F. We meet in an informal way on the fourth Tuesday of each month during the term and have the opportunity to assist the College to provide the best resources and equipment to enable our young men to achieve their aims in life.

Over the last 12 months we have conducted two raffles, held the annual fundraising night at Bray Raceway and are well underway in preparing for the inaugural St Patrick's College Art Exhibition to be held in September of this year.

I hope to see you in the Boardroom of the College on Tuesday May 27 from 7.30pm for the AGM. Please do not feel that if you have never attended that you cannot come along. We would love to see you there to assist us to support our sons.

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

### Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday 5 to Friday May 9. 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 May 5

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

### Tuesday May 6

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

### Wednesday May 7

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

### Thursday May 8

Sandra Jobling, Trisha Hughes, \*Jo Rix, Marie Loader, Carolyn Tuppen, Sharyn Eva, Robyn Pavilach, \*Cathy Simpson, Kerry Guest.

### Friday May 9

\*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**

### Lost School Bag

Joe Mason, Year 7 lost his school bag at the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday April 16 at the Llanberris Reserve. If found please return to Student Services.

### Lost Blazer

Nathan Konieczny, Year 7 has lost his College blazer. The blazer is named. It was misplaced last Wednesday on the bus home to Bacchus Marsh. If found please return to Student Services.

## EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

### 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](mailto:admin@hockeyballarat.org.au) or Kat Bateman on 0407 338 508 or see our website [www.hockeyballarat.org.au](http://www.hockeyballarat.org.au).

### Major League Soccer

Major League has just built a brand new Soccer Stadium and a new competition is starting for **Boys from 13-17 years**. Please phone Trevor on 5331 4000 for all enquires.

**See Tom O'Toole LIVE at the Beechworth Bakery Ballarat  
All proceeds to Lifeline Ballarat**

### Wednesday May 7 2008

**Time: 7pm**

**Cost: \$25**

**A scrumptious light supper is included**

**Fantastic Door prizes to be won!!!**

**Drinks at bar prices**



**Get WOW back into your life with this inspirational, yet hilarious presentation.**

**Tickets available from Beechworth Bakery Ballarat or the Lifeline stand at Central Square Ballarat on 1 May 2008.**

**Grade 6 students from St Alipius Primary School enjoy Transition Day at St Patrick's College.**





**Julian Morrow – one of the original cast members of The Chaser and Executive Producer of the show – ‘The Chaser’.**



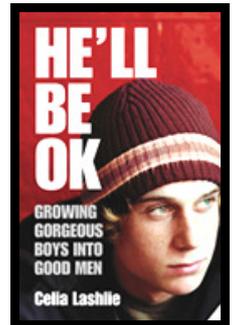
**The St Patrick's College  
Parents and Friends Association  
is proud to present:**

**Celia Lashlie  
Author of 'He'll be OK:  
Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'**

Be entertained and informed by this not-to-be-missed presentation from social commentator and highly regarded authority on boys' education, Celia Lashlie. Find out exactly what goes on inside the world of boys, and be comforted by Celia's practical and reassuring advice about raising your boys to become good, loving and articulate men.

Celia is the author of the best selling book, "He'll Be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men", which recently had its Australian release, and will be the College's special guest in her first visit to Ballarat.

Starting off as a single parent of two children, Celia's background is in prison administration, where she encountered many young men with lost potential and fractured lives. From there she started talking to "at risk" boys at schools around NZ, and so began her journey on the "Good Man Project", encompassing 25 boys' schools and 180 classes of testosterone-fuelled insight! Celia will speak plainly, humorously and with great clarity about her observations of boys. This promises to be an invaluable night for all parents trying to walk the bridge of adolescence with their sons!



**Details**

**Date:** Monday May 19  
**Time:** 7.00pm seating for 7.15pm start  
**Location:** Regent Multiplex Cinema (Main Theatre)  
**Tickets:** \$10 per adult or \$15 per family

**Tickets are available from the College Reception  
or the Regent Multiplex Cinema during business hours.**

For enquiries, please call Ms Caitlin Bennett 53 311688 or email at [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

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## COMING EVENTS

**Monday May 5**  
Edmund Rice Day

**Wednesday May 7**  
Roll Call Photos

**Friday May 9**  
Mothers Day Mass, 7 am  
College Chapel

**Tuesday May 13**  
Year 8 Retreats start  
Year 7 and 9 National Testing

**Wednesday May 14**  
Year 8 Retreats start  
Year 7 and 9 National  
Testing  
Year 12 Retreat

**Thursday May 15**  
Year 8 Retreats start  
Year 7 and 9 National  
Testing  
Year 12 Retreat

**Friday May 16**  
Year 8 Retreats start  
Year 7 and 9 National  
Testing

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