

NEWSLETTER 6/2 Friday May 16, 2008

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Welcome to the week of Pentecost and Mother's Day. My thanks to all those who fronted up last Friday to celebrate the Eucharist led by the Cathedral parish's new administrator, Fr Justin Driscoll (SPC 1981-82). All reports have been extremely positive so I offer our collective thanks to Fr Justin, our Mission Team, our Development Office and our Catering Staff. I sadly missed the event because I was necessarily involved with the gathering of the 40 Heads, Principals and Executives of Edmund Rice Schools of Australia with the Directors of Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA). This latter gathering was illuminating, problematic and ultimately another uplifting experience of belonging to an association of school leaders committed to quality Catholic schooling in the tradition of Edmund Rice. During our time together I reflected on our awesome task of educating one in five of all boys in Catholic secondary schools in Australia.



College Captain Thomas Kavanagh enjoying Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast with mum Clare (staff).

One of the ideas placed before us at EREA was a return to the skeletal core of the Gospel, the good news of Jesus. I paused to consider my own question - who determines what the core message is; where do we source it? My preference was to return to St Peter's words at Pentecost and follow up with St Paul:

Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you as you all know. This man who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him but God raised him to life freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For

this reason the whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ. You must repent and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

From the Acts of the Apostles 2:22-24, 36, 38.

This faith of the first believers is recorded in the song in the Letter to the Philippians:

In your mind you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

his state was divine

yet he did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth, and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Sometimes these days we are caught between followers of Jesus who cannot see beyond the trappings of a past era and appear to judge those who choose to look elsewhere for inspiration, and others who seem to equate following Jesus with questioning those in authority in the Church while selling Fair Trade tea. What would Jesus think? How would he respond to these tensions? No wonder we need the Holy Spirit now more than ever to help us discern the core of Jesus' message to apply to our circumstances.

Student Fundraising

While the images of Edmund Rice Day 2008 are fresh in our minds, I table the following efforts of our boys for 2007, exclusive of money raised for Legacy, Remembrance Day and all the seemingly weekly sausage sizzle causes, each normally raising in excess of \$500. We look forward to the growth of these efforts in 2008.

Name of Charity/Fundraiser	Amount Raised	Name of Charity/Fundraiser	Amount Raised
Edmund Rice Camps	\$6,000	Red Nose Day (SIDS)	\$1,100
Christian Brothers: Kenya	\$2,000	Exodus Community	\$400
Project Compassion: Caritas	\$3,500	Edmund Rice Picnic	\$400
Catholic Missions	\$1,217	Edmund Rice Centre – tutoring at St Albans	\$3,500
St Vincent de Paul Society	\$2,500	Christian Brothers' Foundation for Charitable Works (Africa)	\$15,000
		Total	\$35,617

Good luck keeping Jesus alive today in our hearts and through our actions as we enjoy our new Pentecost.

Peter C

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Mr Steven O'Connor

Mothers Day Raffle

Congratulations to Mrs Nichols who won 1st Prize in the World Youth Day Mother's Day Raffle. The prize was a Fernwood Fitness Membership, kindly donated by Lee Squire. Congratulations also to Mrs Donna Weightman who won 2nd Prize – a well stocked hamper!

Academic Rigour & Activity

It was good to have a relatively normal week at the College this week. It feels as if all classes are getting to the business end of the term or semester as there is a lot of work going on around the place and all boys are – or should be, preparing for end of semester exams of some description. I enjoy putting my head into classrooms around the College and can see that the vast majority of boys are working diligently in class. Last year I spoke to the boys about developing some learning habits: being persistent, striving for accuracy and precision and managing impulsivity (don't jump into the deep end without giving yourself enough time to think things through carefully).

How do these things translate for our boys?

Some tips for students: when you are set a task in class or for homework, or even when your class is discussing something, it is important that you approach this with a few strategies in mind. Firstly, don't fall into the trap of opting for the 'cop-out' and reply to your teacher 'I don't know' without even thinking about it. Try the following:

- be *persistent*: don't give up or take the easy option; you might need to do a bit of research and thinking to develop your understanding and knowledge of the topic;
- strive for *accuracy and precision*: during all of this, it is not good enough to be satisfied with a vague or general knowledge – be committed to developing an accurate and detailed understanding of the topic; and
- allow yourself some *thinking time*: don't jump in and assume that your first thought is right. Give yourself some time to digest mentally all of the material and this will hopefully lead you to a more balanced and thoughtful position.

In a nutshell, it is important that you STOP, THINK and then SHOOT! If you develop this mindset or pattern when you approach your academic work, I am sure that the results will be very pleasing. So, every time you are set a task in class or for homework, apply these strategies – be persistent, strive for accuracy and don't just settle on your first impulse or thought. Go to it!

I wish all boys the very best as they put their respective heads down, complete assignments and assessment tasks and then revise and prepare for end of semester exams. Following the end of semester reports, the College will present the first of the Chris Nolan Awards in Term Three. A Chris Nolan Award will be presented to all boys in the top 15% of their Year Level based on the aggregation of their end of semester results. There will be more about these important awards later in the term and certainly as they are presented early in Term Three.

In the meantime, work hard in and out of the classroom and give 100% to everything you are doing at the College.

COLLEGE DEAN

Mr Stephen Hill

**Enhanced Learning
Enhanced Learning Coordinator
Mrs Vicki Arthurson**

Are You Between the Ages of 11 And 15 and Looking for a Challenge?

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VACTC) is once again offering a challenge to interested students who enjoy either writing or sketching. The 2008 competition, 'In Search of Colour: A Monochromatic World' asks students to submit a 1000 word creative writing story, or an A4 hand drawn sketch related to the topic.

Submission date is Monday July 21, 2008. Any student interested in finding out more should contact Mrs Vicki Arthurson, Enhanced Learning Coordinator to receive an entry form.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Joe Doolan

"An Unexpected Question for an Unpredictable Journey"

A World Youth Day reflection for St Patrick's Students heading to Sydney

When you embark upon a trip to a famous site, shrine or region it is salutary to remember that you might not get the experience you planned. If lucky, you might have *the time of your life* that the brochures try to guarantee, but not always. Special journeys often find a detour and rarely deliver all the promised rewards.

Some years ago a friend excitedly drove along the Interstate 95 towards New York but the terror of ten lanes roaring towards Manhattan so frightened him that he turned off. After deciding to sleep in the car a police officer woke him up some hours later and he determined to flee the area. His great trip to the 'Big Apple' was rotten, he recalled.

Another American story is the Watkins family from Maryland who planned a trip to the Grand Canyon. Most in the car were pinching themselves as they approached the south rim of the great expanse that took 20 million years to create. The differently shaded levels of the mile deep chasm revealed some part of the planet's evolution. The parents and older children were spell bound by the sight. It was the youngest daughter who deflated the enthusiasm of the group. "Is that all it is? Did we drive all this way to see a hole in the ground?"

To embark upon a religious pilgrimage is to expect something unexpected. A spiritual journey is unlike an advertised holiday for one cannot anticipate the event nor accurately predict the precise impact it will have upon one's life. The young people heading to Sydney for the 2008 World Youth Day who also attended the Cologne event must not expect the experience to be a mere repeat. Each pilgrimage is a new venture demanding new expectations and presenting a different religious challenge.

A pilgrimage to a sacred event or place will enable Christ to ask each person some key questions about their life. Who are you?

*What can you believe?
How should you live?*

These form the basis of a religious education programme so there is nothing novel in them. It is the question that God asked Elijah at the end of his journey that is the intriguing one.

A famous figure in the history of pilgrimage is the great prophet Elijah who undertook a forty day trek to Mount Horeb. Elijah was once a fearless, super-confident wonder worker of God, the show host who with God's assistance scorns and outshines the false miracle workers of the pagan god Baal. His story, found in the First Book of Kings, recounts how his life was threatened and he fled in terror to the mountain upon which Moses met the Lord at a burning bush. Much is made of his encounter with God, not in hurricane or lightning but in the silent breeze. Little is made of the question God asks, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" Elijah replies that people are not worshiping God and they want to kill him. Then God repeats the question, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

God sends him back into the danger with assurances of his mighty presence and Elijah returns encouraged to take up the mission; he is refreshed and renewed by virtue of the sacred journey. He did not get the encounter he expected nor the dialogue he anticipated.

What will half a million young people, some of whom are from our College, be doing in Centennial Park, Sydney on July 20, 2008? Just listening to a Pope and sleeping under the stars? Will they also be asked the question enquired of Elijah?

Will they return energised in their lives to live courageously and forge, with God's assistance a life of commitment and courage. Will the Holy Spirit guide them and encourage grand plans?

O Holy Spirit of Love,

Perfect in us the work begun by Jesus,

Give vigour to our apostolate,

Let no cowardly considerations disturb the claims of justice

Let everything in us be done on a grand scale:

the search for the truth

the readiness for self sacrifice

O Holy Spirit of Love.

Amen.

Pope John XXIII - Prayer for Pentecost Sunday 10 June 10 1962

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Mr Kelvin Porter

Home Alone

Parents at some stage are faced with the dilemma of having to leave their children on their own. 'At what age can my children be left at home by themselves? This is a common question asked by many parents. Given that there is no clear direction in the law you need to use your own judgment taking into account your own family circumstances and the age and maturity of your children. Parents are expected to make 'reasonable' decisions about their children's safety.

What Does the Law Say?

There is no actual law that states at what age children can or cannot be left alone, but the law is clear about the responsibility of parents to look after their children.

In many cultures it is usual for children to care for brothers and sisters. While some societies have different customs, in Australia there is a legal obligation for parents to make sure that children are properly looked after.

- Parents are expected to provide food, clothing, a place to live, safety and supervision (Family Law Act).
- The Police or the Department of Community Services can remove children from situations where their safety is in serious danger and there is no guardian present (Children [Care & Protection] Act 1987).
- Parents can be charged with an offence if children are left in a dangerous situation, are not fed, clothed or provided with accommodation (Children [Care & Protection] Act 1987).

Can Parents Leave Older Children in Charge?

When a child or person under the age of 18 years (for example, an older brother, sister or teenage friend) cares for children, the question of negligence or liability could arise. As a parent you may be held responsible for the carer as well as your own child if something goes wrong. For these reasons it is better that carers should be adults. A person who is still legally a child would not be judged against the standards of responsibility expected of adults.

If you do leave your child in the care of an older brother or sister or other young person, you must be sure that they are reliable and mature. Ask yourself: 'Could this child cope with an emergency?' for example, a fire, an accident or break-in. If your child is left alone without a carer they must be old enough to take action in an emergency and know what to do and where to get help.

How Safe Is Our Home?

Accidents happen so quickly and most parents know how easily a child can fall into a pool, pull saucepans off the stove, swallow objects or play with matches. Parents always have to be on the alert, especially with young children. There is an even greater need to check that dangerous things are out of reach if you're not going to be there.

Who Will Be in Charge?

It is not fair to expect an older child to take on the full weight or responsibility required to care for younger children. Their lack of experience may make it difficult for them to find ways of trying to control others. They may be harsh and might use very different methods from what you use. If you have no choice then it is important that the child left in charge is capable and responsible and that the other children feel safe. This child should be able to handle any disagreements or fights and know what to do if the other children 'play up', disobey the ground rules, or are ill. The oldest child is not necessarily the most capable to care.

A child with a disability requires additional care which may be too much for another child to handle.

When The Time Is Right

There comes a time when your teenager will start pleading with you to let them stay home alone without someone to look after them. This is a normal part of adolescence when young people are trying to feel more adult and independent. Once again, the age and maturity of your child will make a difference. For example, you may feel very confident with a 13 year old who is very responsible and quite worried about a 16 year old who may try to take risks. Letting go of the reins gradually might mean giving your child a chance to practice being by themselves and to make mistakes.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION Ms Elizabeth Till

Year 8 Retreats

The first half of the Year 8 Retreats will commence on Tuesday May 20. All parents should have received information regarding the retreats. If not, please contact the College.

Tuesday May 20 – 8A
Wednesday May 21 – 8B
Thursday May 22 – 8C
Friday May 23 – 8H

Year 9 City Experience

The following classes will be participating on the Melbourne Experience for the duration of next week: 9B, 9C, 9F and 9H. Please contact the College if you require any further information.

Mid-Year Exams

Boys should be commencing preparations for Mid-Year Exams:

Unit 3 Exams and the GAT: Wednesday June 11 – Friday June 13

Year 11 Exams: Friday June 13 – Friday June 20

Year 10 Exams: Thursday June 12 – Friday June 20

Junior and Middle School Exams: Monday June 16 – Thursday June 19

A detailed timetable of all exams will be sent home attached to The Crest shortly, along with Exam regulations and daily organisation for this period.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Head of Senior School

Mr Hamish McCrum

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



GALVIN HOUSE: RHYS SIZELAND

For 'his exceptional efforts in assisting staff with cleaning up after the 2008 Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast'.

GALVIN HOUSE: LACHLAN BARKER

For 'his exceptional efforts in assisting staff with cleaning up after the 2008 Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast'.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Head of Middle School

Mr Terry Blizzard

Science Opportunity for Year 9 Students

The Siemens Science Experience - a three-day hands-on science, engineering and technology programme will be conducted again in Australian Universities in 2008/2009 for students who will be entering Year 10 in 2008. Each programme includes a wide variety of practical activities, together with interesting presentations by leading scientists and engineers.

The programme is a Rotary Youth Services Project and fully supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association. The cost of the three-day program is \$105 (included GST). Local Rotary clubs are often willing to pay this fee.

Further information and application forms are available from the school's Science Department, Rotary clubs and from www.scienceexperience.com.au. Early application is advised.

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YEAR 9: KAYNE ALLEN

For his excellent mathematics test results.

JUNIOR SCHOOL Head of Junior School Mr John Richards

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YEAR 8: CHARLES COOK

For his continued pleasant manner and fine attitude towards studies.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

Australian Under 23 Rowing Team – Blair Brown

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.

SPC Rugby Union

The SPC Rugby Union season continues this week at St Patrick’s. There will be a coffee van and BBQ at the game, so please come along and support these initiatives. A number of other events have been planned to raise money for the upcoming tour of Queensland, including:

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 your support!

Mrs Trisha Hughes
0404 898 640



1st XV Rugby - St Patrick’s College vs Melbourne Grammar School

Badminton
Mr Tim Bennett

Round 1

A Grade

SPC/LC 4 games/135 points D. B.G. 2 games/89 points

B Grade 1

SPC/LC 2 games/99 points were defeated by Damascus 5 games/131 points

B Grade 2

SPC/LC 1 4 games/119 points defeated BCC2 2 games/85pts

C Grade 1

SPC 1 defeated BCC 1 No scores reported.

C Grade 2

SPC Blue 2 versus BCC 2 No scores reported.

SPC Green BYE

D Grade

SPC1 won by forfeit against BCC1

SPC2 3games 82 points def BCC 2 games 60m point

Round 2

A Grade

BHS 4 games/101 points *defeated* SPC/LC 2 games/102 points

B Grade 1

SPC/LC 2 2 games/106 points were defeated by BG Gold 4 games/112 pts.

SPC/LC 1 BYE

C Grade 1

SPC 1 5 games/123 pts defeated Damascus 1 game/90 pts.

C Grade 2

SPC Green 3 games/118 pts defeated LC 2 3 games/93 pts.

SPC Blue BYE

D Grade

SPC1 bye

SPC2 2 games 72 points drew with BG Gold

Round 3**A Grade**

SPC/LC 4/124 def. Damascus 1/102

B Grade

SPC/LC 1 5/122 def BG Blue 1/82

SPC/LC 2 BYE

C Grade 1

BGS 1 4/117 def. SPC 1 2/106

C Grade 2

SPC Green 6/126 def. BHS 2 0/73

BGS 2 3/112 def. SPC Blue 3/96

D Grade

SPC1 1 game 91 points were defeated by BG blue1 5 games

112points

SPC2 6 games 126 points defeated BG blue2 0 games 74 points

Football

Director of Football

Mr Howard Clark

BAS Football**Junior School (Year 7 and 8)****Round 4**

SPC Galvin 10-11-71 defeated BGS Blue 4: 5 29.

Best players: Jack Romeril, Nick Harty, David Widdison, Joe Mason, Zeb Morcombe, James Vanderkley.

Good strong team effort regularly out numbering the opposition at the contests. Players used their body well to gain possession, keep possession and dispose the ball to the advantage of their team mates. Three wins from four games means Galvin are in the running for their third consecutive grand final if they keep this up.

SPC White 6- 8- 44 defeated SPC Blue 5- 3- 33

Best Players: Jamie Powell, Richard Zelencich, Josh Cullinan, Mitchell Robertson, Lochie Isbister,

Goal Kickers: Alex Wallis 2, Lochie Jamie Powell, Richard Zelencich

SPC White posted its first win for the season in a closely contested match against SPC Blue on the Hill Oval. Jamie Powell and Richard Zelencich displayed great vigour and skill to inspire SPC White to hang on to win against a very competitive SPC Blue outfit. Alex Wallis provided a target up forward posting two most valuable goals.

SPC Gold 7-8-50 defeated BHS Blue 4-5-29

Best Players: Darcy Osborne, Eden Marson, Lochie Phyland, Matthew Cashin, Alexander Eva

Goal Kickers: Eden Marson 3, Alexander Eva 1, Jacob Lourey, Glen Coleman 1

Round 5

SPC Green 6 – 8 – 44 defeated SPC Blue 5 – 6 – 36

SPC Green Best Players: Zeb Morcombe, James Vanderkley, Harry Martin, Kane McCauliffe, Shannon Donegan, Nicholas Harty

SPC Blue Best Players: Matthew Lewis, Jaykeb Lench, Adrian Marshall, Harry Seery, Sam Willian, Sam Troon, Caleb McGrath, Gerard Clifford

Goal Kickers: Marshall 2, M Lewis, C McGrath, J Lench

A great match of football where Green (Galvin) got off to a great start scoring 22 points to zero in the first quarter. After that the match tilted towards the Blues who outscored Galvin in the next three quarters (36 to 22) but were unable to overtake Galvin's commanding first quarter break.

Many great passages of football with many smaller players prominent pressuring and forcing mistakes from bigger opponents. Many great pack marks from some of the taller players. Coaches were pleased with the use of handball and shepherding to bring team mates into the game, but were disappointed by some players trying to umpire, criticise team mates as well as play their own game. Keep your mind on the ball, boys!

BGS Gold 8- 7- 55 defeated SPC White 4-2- 26

Best Players: Jamie Powell, Mitchell Robertson, Lachlan Wood, Josh Cullinan, Ben Harris, Richard Zelencich

Goal Kickers: Richard Zelencich 2, Alex Wallis 1, Lachlan Wood 1

SPC White went into this week's clash against Ballarat Grammar Gold drastically undermanned. SPC White fought hard early, posting the first two goals of the match. A tight defence lead by Jamie Powell, repelled many Grammar advances. Mitch Robertson battled hard in the ruck and Lachlan Wood contributed very well across the half forward line as well as on the ball. Josh Cullinan once again showed that he is a talent and always presents himself when required and will work hard with second and third efforts around tight contests.

In the end Grammar was a little too strong on the day and run out comfortable winners.

Intermediate (Year 9)**Round 4**

SPC Blue 15-18-108 defeated Ballarat High 4-7-31

Best Players: Matt Begbie, Blake Prozzo, Charles Martin, Nick O'Brien, Scott Spriggs

Goal Kickers: Charles Martin 3, Scott Spriggs 2, Ben Schiltz 2

Rain, Rain and a little more rain. There's nothing like a game of footy in the mud! The Hill Oval centre wicket area resembled the good old days of country footy making clean possession difficult.

The Year 9 boys again displayed great team values to win comfortably against an undermanned High School team who at times found throwing mud more interesting than playing our great game.

Constant drive and communication from our midfielders provided numerous opportunities for our forwards. Charles Martin showed he has lost none of his skills having recently taken up cycling and Blake Prozzo was consistent with his rebounding from defence. The usual suspects of Begbie, O'Brien, Spriggs, Orr and Company again showed that this years Year 9 Boys have a great future together.

Congratulations to the boys, who participated in today's game, remember your duty in representing others from the middle school and never forget that Football is just a game. It brings us together to enjoy experiences like today but never underestimate your studies. If any player is finding time difficult to complete study etc please let me know.

Intermediate (Year 9) Football

Round 5

SPC Blue 18-7-115 defeated Damascus College 5-2-32

Best Players: Matt Begbie, Zane Thompson, Blake Prozzo, Nick O'Brien, Scott Spriggs

Goal Kickers: Zane Thompson 7, Nick O'Brien 3, Todd Curran 2

In contrast to last week's rain and wind, this week's game was played in magnificent conditions showcasing great skill and team work from the Year 9 boys.

With a focus on working hard for their team mates, the boys simply outclassed Damascus College eventually running out winners by 84 points.

Next week, May 20 there is a bye before the big challenge against the SPC Year 10 team.

Training: Monday Lunchtime - All available players to meet in PEL000

Next round: BYE – May 20.

Senior Football (Year 10-12)

Round 4

2nd XVIII

SPC Green 10-5-65 defeated BHS 5-1-31

Best Players: Dominic Bushell, Clayton Zanella, Kane Quinlan, Michael Emerson Jones, Trent Clark, Tony Castrigiano,

Goal Kickers: Daniel James 3, Kieran McDowell 3, Clayton Zanella 2, Trent Clark 1, Matthew Radojevic 1

In a much improved team performance, played in wet and slippery conditions St Patrick's College Green defeated Ballarat High School by 34 points. SPC Green jumped out of the blocks kicking five goals straight in the first quarter to BHS 1.1.7.

The impetus for the dominance started in the middle with Clayton Zanella jumping all over the High School ruckman to set up opportunities for Dom Bushell, Mike Emerson- Jones and Kane Quinlan to drive the ball forward. Daniel James and Kieran McDowell provided excellent forward targets and kicked truly for goal. Daniel took a number of strong marks throughout the game and plays an important role in straightening the team up as players run out of defence.

As the rain became heavier players continued to work hard for each other and used the ball purposefully setting up numerous scoring opportunities. Players such as Trent Clark, Tony Castrigiano, Jacob Dalli and Kane Fitzpatrick were dominant players in a very even team performance. The leadership of Kane and Dom Bushell in particular augurs well for the team and its chances in this competition in 2008.

SPC Blue had a bye.

Round 5

SPC Blue: 11-11- 77 defeated BHS 9-4- 58

Best Players: Hayden Walters, J. Dunne, J. Allan, Josh Brown, Matt Van de Ploeg.

Goal Kickers: Josh Brown 4, Hayden Walters 2, Jake Dunne 2, Jack Watkins 1, Damien Farrell 1, Shaun Jones 1

SPC travelled to BHS on Tuesday with the goal of continuing our unbeaten run. After a scratchy start the boys soon started sharing the ball and kicking long to our leading forwards in Josh Brown and Jake Dunne. At Quarter time we lead by four points.

With four players on the bench, the side was thrown around a little at quarter time. All players have showed a lot of understanding about rotating on and off the bench. Part of this role is goal umpiring, doing the boundary umpiring and being a drinks carrier.

At half time we lead by two goals with Jarryd Allan and Hayden Walters starting to have an influence around the ground and Matt Van de Ploeg very stoic in defence as usual.

BHS were quite a determined side and kept coming at us after half time. Although they never hit the lead we were certainly challenged and needed to lift. At times we weren't concentrating enough, manning up and were trying to do too much when we had the ball. Evidence of this was the amount of times that an SPC player tried to take on his direct opponent.

In the last quarter Hayden Walters played as a ruck rover and continued to pick up a lot of possessions but could have hurt the opposition more with better disposal. Josh Brown continued his fine form and finished the game off well adding a further 4 goals to his impressive tally for the year.

SPC Green 14.9.93 defeated Ballarat Grammar 6.6.42

In a consistent, determined and spirited team performance SPC Green continued on their winning ways recording a 51 point win over Ballarat Grammar School. The game was played in perfect conditions at Grammar, with the team being hamstrung by several late withdrawals. This left 18 players to take on Grammar and perhaps not surprisingly the team appeared rattled early, conceding the first goal of the game.

However in an even team performance every player committed to the task and it wasn't long before the team settled and started to play some attractive and entertaining football. The game was played in tremendous spirit, as noted by the umpire commending several SPC players after the game for looking after some of Grammar's smaller players in potentially bruising physical encounters.

Daniel James again provided all players with a focal point at centre half forward and marked almost every ball that was directed his way. He also provided numerous opportunities for crumbing forwards David Herbert and Trent Clark who each kicked two classy goals.

Nick Clifton, Matthew Gillett, Liam Toohey, Kane Fitzpatrick, Dom Bushell and Tony Castrigiano continued to run hard to make contests across the ground, Tony being rewarded for his hard work with three goals in the third term. Each player for SPC Green played their role to ensure that the team's winning form was continued. More importantly a number of players put themselves forward for 1st XVIII selection by playing selfless, team focussed and polished football. Well done to all boys on a great team performance.

Goals: D. James, T. Castrigiano 3, D. Herbert, T. Clark 2, D. Bushell, N. Clifton, T. Nolan, T. McPherson 1

Best Players: Team Effort

1st XVIII

Round 2 MCC Herald Sun Shield

SPC 12-13- 85 defeated Bendigo Catholic College 9-6-60

Best Players: Nicholas Suban, Daniel Ross-Smith, Rex Hickman, Ben Hayes, Nathan Sobey, Josh Cowan

Goal Kickers: Brad Whittaker 2, Shaun Lyle 2, Rob Lockett 2, Ben Peters 2, Nick Suban 1, Sam Howard 1, David Lang 1, Daniel Nicholson 1

St Patrick's College defeated Bendigo Catholic College by 25 points in the second round of the MCC Herald Sun Shield Competition. Played in perfect conditions at the Holt Oval, Bendigo, St Patrick's College commenced the game positively and although once again we kicked inaccurately, Bendigo wasn't able to damage us on the scoreboard. At the end of the quarter, SPC held a five point advantage and although we had played the better football, our dominance wasn't reflected on the scoreboard. We kicked 2 goals 5 for the quarter and this inaccuracy is an area that we need to work on if we want to proceed deeper into the competition.

A pleasing aspect of the term was the players' ability to run and carry the ball and this was reflected in the amount of times that our midfielders and half forwards were able to receive support from teammates who had run hard from their defensive area to provide an option for the ball carrier. The defensive work from Daniel Ross-Smith and Rex Hickman in particular was extremely impressive and they were able to repel any forward thrust by Bendigo.

The second quarter was similar to the first. This was characterised by our midfield dominance led by Captain Nick Suban and Vice Captain Ben Hayes, who helped provide 15 inside 50's to Bendigo's 6. This is a telling statistic and we should have been further in front than 12 points at the main break.

The final half was extremely encouraging and augurs well for the season. We kicked 7-4-46 for the half and at no stage did Bendigo threaten. It was pleasing that we were able to rest Suban, Hayes, Garvey, Cowan and Peters at the five minute mark of the final term due to their heavy playing and training commitments.

Round 2 BAS

SPC 9 – 7 – 61 drew with Ballarat College 9 – 7 – 61

Best Players: David Lang, Ben Hayes, Daniel Nicholson, Jake Dunne, Shaun Lyle, Clayton Zanella, Lucas Cook, Rex Hickman

Goal Kickers: Jake Dunne 5, Daniel Nicholson 1, Lucas Cook 1, Rex Hickman 1, Josh Cowan

St Patrick's College played Ballarat College in ideal conditions on the Main Oval in Round 2 of the BAS competition. Played in wonderful spirit, the game, showcased the great rivalry that exists between the schools and it was a fitting result that after 80 minutes of full time the scores from both teams was locked at 61 points apiece.

SPC entered the game with nine enforced changes from the winning MCC Herald Sun Shield Team the week before. Injury, illness and unavailability meant that there were sweeping changes on every line and it was a credit to the playing group that by half time SPC held a 17 point lead. The midfield group of Hayes, Nicholson, Lang and Cowan were certainly on top and at half time, led the clearances 15 to 10. This was in part due to the work rate of a vastly improved Clayton Zanella in the ruck and the ability of the midfield group to communicate effectively with each other.

Unfortunately, injuries to Mark Gunnell, Marc James, Rex Hickman and Brad Whittaker on the stroke of half time meant that the coaching staff had little flexibility from the bench as the injuries were game ending for each of the four players.

There was a significant momentum shift during the third quarter. College dominated the clearances both at Centre ball ups and around the ground stoppages and this proved to be a decisive factor in College leading at three quarter time. As Zanella tired due to our inability to give him a rest, College were able to dominate in the midfield and at one point had five centre clearances to zero.

The last quarter saw College skip out to a 12 point lead at the 17 minute mark. It was at this point that Daniel Nicholson, Ben Hayes, David Lang and Jake Dunne asserted themselves onto the contest and within the last two minute period of the game, Jake kicked 2 45 metre goals, both from hard contested marks. It was a credit to the playing group that they were able to rest control from College and come away with a hard fought draw. The leadership of the players mentioned the maturity of Cook and Dunne and the improving Zanella and Lyle were pleasing aspects of the game. The most pleasing aspect however was the ability of the 18 fit players to have self belief when at the 18 minute mark, the game looked beyond them.

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.

Sincere appreciation is extended to event sponsors –

- The Regent Theatre
- The Courier
- City Oval Hotel
- Lake Inn Motel

P&F AGM and SPC Art Exhibition

Please keep in mind the Annual General Meeting, to be held Tuesday May 27. All are most welcome to attend, to share a light supper and enjoy the interaction of like minded parents.

The P&F will also be holding the first annual Art Exhibition in September. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success! Please contact P & F representatives (listed below) if you can make yourself available for activities such as publicity, catering, decorations and much more! Please keep reading The Crest for updates and more news.

If you feel that you can contribute to the St Patrick's College Parent & Friends Association why not become a member? Meetings are held in the last week of each month in the College Boardroom at @7.30 pm. Please make your way through from Front Reception.

Parents and Friends Representatives:

Mr Bernie Wilson

Mrs Tracey Wilson

Mrs Lynne Prosser

Ms Maria Hehir

RIP

Sincere condolences to the Blanchfield family; Rick (SPC 1966-71), Timothy (SPC 1994-99), Paul (SPC 1997-2002), Peter (SPC 1998-2003 and current staff member) and David (SPC 2000-05) upon the passing of their father and grandfather, Richard Blanchfield after a long and courageous battle with illness.

Sincere condolences also to College Catering Manager Ms Tracey Downes and to Boarding House Keeper Mrs Lisa Thorneycroft upon the passing of their grandmother, Marie Nichols this week.

The College asks that you remember them and your families in your prayers.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday 19 to Friday May 23. 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 19

Jan Burgess, Bernadette Driscoll, Maureen Mason, Julie Ronan, Pam Ryan, Susan Haase, Jane McDonough, Debbie Coutts.

Tuesday May 20

Claire Torpy, Jenny McErvale, Karen McMaster, Simone Meagher, *Julianne Allen, *Catherine Clarke, *Julianne Slater, Maria McOwan.

Wednesday May 21

*Maria Cook (8:30-10) *Kathy Harris, Kathy Walters, *Debbie Lee, Robyn Lavery, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Margaret Rowe.

Thursday May 22

Cheryl Clough, Jo Cowan, Catherine Craig, Libby Harrison, Colleen O'Sullivan, Bridget Vallance, Cathy Van Rijn, *Monica Dickson.

Friday May 23

*Catherine Schuurs (8:30-10), Suzan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, *Katherine Mundy, Michelle Salvatore, Glenda Jones, Linda O'Hagan, *Donna Waightman, Dianne Dibono, *Helen Spratling.

***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

SPC- St John of God Men's Health Night

You are invited to a 'Men's Health Night' at the College.

Guest Speakers

Dr Wayne Spring, General Physician

Topic: Making the most of your sleep.

Mr Brett Valance, Ballarat Community Health

Topic: Drug and Alcohol.

Dr Charlie Flynn, Newington

Physiotherapy

Topic: Injury prevention.

Mr Peter Ford, Peter Ford

Catering

Topic: Healthy eating

Date: Wednesday May 21 2008

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: St Patrick's College Dining Room,

Sturt Street, Ballarat

RSVP: Ph 53202398 by Friday 16th May

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

Alcohol: So What?

Leading expert Paul Dillon discusses current drug usage trends amongst young people. He provides practical advice to parents on how to help their children manage peer pressure and party safely in a culture where drug use, particularly alcohol is accepted.

Presented by Ballarat High School

Wednesday May 21

7-9 pm in the Robinson Centre.

RSVP by May 19 on 5338 9000

Student Exchange Australia

In June and July 2008, aged 15-18 years, students of the age of 15-18 years will be arriving from over 15 countries. There is opportunity to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity on a temporary, short or long term basis.

To learn more about this opportunity please call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit the website

www.studentexchange.org.au.

World Education Program

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is please to announce an upcoming open day on May 17 at 29 Small Street, Hampton between 12.00 and 4.00 and an information evening on May 28 at the Kensington Arts Centre, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin at 7.30 pm. These sessions are for students and parents interested in short and long term exchange programs and anyone is welcome to attend.

Applications are available FROM THE WEBSITE OF WWW.WEP.ORG.AU. WEP Australia is also seeking families who may be interested in hosting students from Italy, Brazil, Belgium, France and Germany who arrive in July.

For further information please phone 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au. Website: www.wep.org.au.

COMING EVENTS

Monday 19 May

Year 9 City Camp – 9B, 9C, 9F and 9H
Junior B Soccer
Inter B Football
2nd XVIII Football

Tuesday 20 May

Year 8 Retreats – 8A
Year 9 City Camp - 9B, 9C, 9F and 9H
College Assembly
Junior B Football
1st XI Soccer
1st XVIII Football

Wednesday 21 May

Year 9 City Camp - 9B, 9C, 9F and 9H
Year 8 Retreat – 8B
Year 12 Retreat
1st XI Soccer
1st XVIII Football (4)

Thursday 22 May

Year 9 City Camp - 9B, 9C, 9F and 9H
Year 8 Retreat – 8C
Year 12 Retreat
Inter B Soccer
1st XI Hockey
Senior B Basketball

Friday 23 May

Year 9 City Camp - 9B, 9C, 9F and 9H
Year 8 Retreat – 8H

Saturday 24 May

Rugby U16 Division 2 - IGS v SPC 10.00 am
Rugby 1st XV Division 2 - IGS v SPC 11.15 am

Tuesday 27 May

Jun B Soccer
Inter B Football
2nd XVIII Football

Wednesday 28 May

Social Justice Assembly
Jun B Football
1st XI Soccer
1st XVIII Football (Round 5) split round

Thursday 29 May

Inter B Soccer
1st XI Hockey
Senior B Basketball

Mothers Day Mass and Breakfast 2008



**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@stpat.vic.edu.au

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Signature: _____

Free Tickets to See The Ballarat Miners

The RetireInvest Ballarat Miners would like to recognise the great relationship that has been over many years between St Patrick's College and the Miners.

In the 2008 season, former basketball captain of the St Patrick's First Five, Nathan Cane was part of the Miners playing group.



We would like to offer a **free family ticket** to the first 150 people who return the form attached below to Mr Chris Gleeson Director of Sport at his office, in the O'Malley Sports Centre.

When: **Sunday May 25**
St Patrick's College vs High School @ 10.30am
Lady Miners vs Knox @ 12pm
Miners vs Knox @ 2pm

On the day there will be a special exhibition match between the first teams from St Patrick's College and Ballarat High School.

FREE TICKETS TO SEE THE BALLARAT MINERS

Yes, we would like to be given a free family pass to the Miners game on Saturday May 25.

Please fill in this form with names so we can allocate correct number of tickets.

Adult 1 _____

Adult 2 _____

Child 1 _____

Child 2 _____

Child 3 _____

Parent/guardian signature _____

Please return this form to Chris Gleeson.