

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Welcome to St Patrick's College and to Education Week.

Staff Recognition

Last Friday evening to launch Catholic Education Week, the Diocese of Ballarat recognised staff for their contributions over the past thirty years to Catholic education. The collective efforts of these people are reflected in the fine schools we now enjoy across the Diocese and the good men and women who now send their children to us in turn. From St Patrick's College, five staff members were recognised for their work: Mr Tim Bennett, Mr Michael Brady, Mr Juri Kaczkowski, Mrs Nerella McDonald and Mr Kelvin Porter. I note that Mr Porter and Mr Brady are themselves Old Collegians and that Mrs McDonald and Mr Kaczkowski have both served a full thirty years at St Patrick's College. I would ask you to join me in congratulating them and thanking them.

Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men

On Monday evening we hosted international author and scholar, Celia Lashlie, at the Regent Multiplex with the support of The Courier, the Lake Inn and the City Hotel. Celia's best-selling book on raising teenage boys is entitled: 'He'll be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'. While this significant event is written up elsewhere in this edition of The Crest, I remind you of the reason why we invited Celia to speak.

St Patrick's College follows in the tradition of Edmund Rice who aspired to raise young boys to the status of men. This goal reflects an appreciation of the dignity and inherent worth of those entrusted to us. Edmund Rice, like ourselves, sought out those who had no other opportunity of a Christian education in a spirit of inclusivity- something reflected in the diverse backgrounds, interests and abilities of our boys today. One thing remains constant- our vision for raising hope, the lifeblood of a future for any young man. As ever we seek to support our families as the first educators of their young and some times we do it in spite of their families in this broken time for many. Thank you for sharing your sons with us at St Patrick's College.

College Assembly

At Tuesday's College Assembly we welcomed an Old Collegian, Mr Paul Ryan (SPC 1956-62), the Dux of the College in 1962. After studies at the University of Melbourne, Paul became a teacher and leader in government and Catholic schools, finishing his teaching career as Deputy Headmaster of Loyola College, Watsonia. Paul is now the Executive Officer of the Principals Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools. Paul spoke of change and the future of our boys, of how they should capitalise on their strengths and their time at the College.

Men's Health Night

On Wednesday evening we hosted a Men's Health Night in conjunction with the St John of God Hospital. More than 120 men attended from within SPC and from the wider Ballarat community. Presenters included Mr Brett Valance (alcohol in perspective), Dr Charles Flynn (SPC 1971-72) (exercise), Dr Wayne Spring (sleep), Mr Peter Ford (healthy eating), Mr Bob Maika (bringing it all together) with a wrap up by Mr John Fogarty (SPC 1976-81), CEO of St John of God Hospital. This very helpful and informative night was orchestrated by one of our parents, Mrs Genevieve Martin, who is responsible for Business Development and Medical Liaison at St John of God Hospital. The College side of the operation was coordinated by Mr Howard Clark. He was assisted by various staff and senior students. Many thanks to all who contributed to another great occasion.

Student Leadership

I am pleased to announce further leaders in our Winter Sports Programme. We congratulate these boys on their appointment and wish them well for the season.

Hockey

Captain Richard Impey
Vice Captain Nick Cook

Cross Country

Captain Chris Munn
Vice Captain Tom Blood
Angus Martin

Basketball

Captain Matt Van Der Ploeg
Vice Captain Patrick Craig

Kind Regards

Peter C



Over 120 men gathered at St Patrick's College for the 'Men's Health Night'.



Celia Lashlie signs her book, 'He'll be Okay – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men,' for SPC parent Karen McMaster.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER Mr Steven O'Connor

Mobile Phone Usage

I would like to take this opportunity to provide both boys and parents with a brief overview of the College's expectations regarding mobile phones.

- Mobile phones are primarily permitted to enable parents and their sons to maintain contact with each other before and after school, particularly when boys might travel some distance to and from the College or when they might be involved in after school activities. If in the case of an emergency, parents should contact the College on 5331 1688 rather than attempt to contact boys on mobile phones.
- Mobile phones may not be used during classes or in between classes. Every boy has the right to learn and every teacher the right to teach during classes. Mobile phones interfere with this important teaching and learning time.
- Boys who use or attempt to use their phones during these times will have them confiscated; the phones may be collected from staff at the end of the day. Boys who repeatedly use their mobile phones during these times will face other consequences, including detentions and having the phone confiscated or banned for longer periods.
- Attempts to capture images or footage of any member of the College or College activity via camera facilities on mobile phones will be treated very seriously. This type of activity contravenes privacy legislation and the College will put in place serious consequences for any boys who are involved in this.

I would appreciate parents reminding their sons of the acceptable usage of mobile phones whilst at school.

Educating Boys

This week the College has conducted some very worthwhile sessions focusing on issues relating to the education of boys and raising healthy young men. No doubt, these have been written up in detail in other sections of *The Crest*. These functions and events are a good reminder of the commitment that the College has to working with our boys in this particular single sex setting. At the end of this term the teaching staff will come together for a day to work with Mr John Joseph – the 'Brain Man'. Mr Joseph will lead our teaching staff through the ways in which boys' brains function and react differently to girls' brains and will take staff through the implications of this for the teaching of boys.

Early in Term 3, Mr Joseph will return to the College to work with groups of boys to show them how their brain works and how they can maximise this in the learning process as well as running an information session for parents on how boys' brains function.

More information about these sessions will be made available to both boys and parents as this term draws to an end.

In the meantime, we will continue to relish our work with your boys!

Good Ambassadors

This morning I received a call from a member of the general public in Melbourne. This particular lady travels into the CBD of Melbourne each day via public transport for her work and yesterday was travelling on a tram along Bourke Street. On that same tram was a group of Year 9 boys from St Patrick's going about their business as a part of the Year 9 City experience. Often people are keen to let schools know what went wrong or they are very happy to express concern about the behaviour of students down town or on public transport, but this time, this lady wanted to let the College know how well behaved, cooperative and friendly these boys were to her and other members of the public travelling on the tram!

She happily told me that they offered their seats to other people as they got on the tram, talked with her about what they were doing and where they came from and made an effort to get out of people's way as the tram picked up and dropped off at various stops. It was great to have this conversation and to hear someone from the public commend these boys. It reinforced just how much people notice when our boys are out and about, whether in Ballarat or somewhere else. It was also a good reminder to me that in the vast majority of cases, our boys are well aware of their role as ambassadors for the College and that they are fulfilling this role very successfully. Well done, boys!

COLLEGE DEAN Mr Stephen Hill

Six awards for Academic Endeavour were presented at this week's College Assembly. The first of these awards was presented to Year 12 student, **Marcus Jolly**. Marcus received the award in recognition of his effort and endeavour in VCE Units 3/4 Further Mathematics. By Marcus' own admission he was not the hardest working Year 11 student last year, however, this year Marcus has worked diligently in Mathematics, asked many questions and now regularly makes time to see his teacher regarding aspects he needs assistance with. This renewed attitude to learning and a far more positive approach studies has resulted in a much improved result in recent SAC tasks. Well done, Marcus!

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Joe Doolan

Three awards were presented to boys who share a similar approach learning. Year 7 students **Paul Barresi, James Rousch** and **Luke Howard** were all nominated for an Academic Endeavour award for their efforts in Japanese. All three told me of very similar strategies they use to assist them in preparing for tests and other class activities – creating flash cards, re-reading these cards in bed, giving them to other students or members of their family to test their knowledge and the use of rhymes and summary posters and charts displayed in prominent places around their homes. These very practical strategies have helped the three boys achieve success in Year 7 Japanese and are excellent examples of the types of learning strategies that all students should be using in preparation for the up-coming end of semester exams.

A further Academic Endeavour award also went to Year 7 student, **Joseph Mason**. Joseph's award acknowledged his efforts in completing an excellent research project on the potential for human inhabitation of Mars. Joseph was able to work very well independently to effectively research, sort and decipher a large amount of information to create a response which was creative, clear and informative. Well done, Joseph!

The final Academic Endeavour award went to Year 8 student **Ben Rodger** for his efforts in Multimedia. Ben used the *Gamemaker* programme to produce a modified version of the game *Pac Man* with 21 levels. While this on its own is a significant effort, Ben's award most particularly acknowledges how he got to that point. When I met with Ben he explained to me that when he first used *Gamemaker* he was unsure how the software worked and had difficulty in having it work in the same way he had seen in the example games. Ben persisted though. He took the programme home and through a combination of problem solving and applying the new skills he was learning, was able to plan and create an engaging and challenging game – a game that I know all Ben's classmates have enjoyed playing. Congratulations, Ben!

Congratulations to all of this week's awards winners. Each has given a valuable insight into what all students can do to improve their learning.

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.

The First Four Lessons In RE: Dignity and Social Justice

The dignity of the human person is an elusive term. Like 'common good', this concept is continually thrown around but rarely defined. Many people will use dignity as a starting point for lessons, sermons and in defense of the needy but few cite a definition in their delivery. Not a day goes by without the media developing a story that has as its basis the deprivation of dignity that too many in our world suffer. The recent lax response of the Burmese leaders to their crisis is a case in point.

*What is this idea called Dignity?
What are the Christian parameters of the concept?*

Since it is the starting point of any Religious Education curriculum it is worth reiteration even in the middle of this academic year.

There are several elements that comprise the dignity of a human person. We must at the outset differentiate this from the more narrowly defined 'dignity of the baptised Christian', for that category demands a further specificity of bonding to Christ, entrée to the sacraments, membership with the Church to name a few. The dignity of person however is something that can be universally applied to all humanity, of all eras, denominations, classes and lands.

Dignity of the *Imago Dei*, One made in God's Image

This is a default position and the most cited category, yet it is a curious concept. The initial considerations always emanate from the Biblical concept of *Imago Dei*. We can place humanity's dignity within the realm of God's creation. The author of Genesis presents humans as made in a divine image and given life by God's breath. The body of a person is created from dust and our breath comes from God's Spirit. This Spirit hovers over creation and gives life since God takes the initiative to create and each human person is therefore a free gift.

The author of Genesis does not specify what this likeness is in regard to wisdom or knowledge. The author does not qualify the idea to say that the likeness is only partial and that we share some elements of God's creative ability. The author just asserts that we are made in God's likeness. How can a person look like God? In what way do we resemble God? The insight that God made human kind as God's equal and raised her/him above the 'dumb existence' of the rest of creation is a lofty idea. Humans are God's confederate. We share a role and a worth that transcends other created animals or things.

Dignity of a *Transcendent Being*

Though we cannot know much about what heaven is like nor offer any details about the end of the world we can assert that human destiny is to share eternal life with God. Humans are therefore transcendent beings, sharing a gift of immortality. The conclusion of Jesus' ministry in Matthew's Gospel offers the image of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46). Here we see that Christ will reward the good with eternal life. These people will live with God for ever since they served the poor, naked, imprisoned and suffering in whom Christ was present.

Aligned to this transcendent element is the belief that eternity will be shared in communion with God and others. It is inconceivable that we should share eternity without some connection with others and especially our loved ones. The dignity of the human person encompasses the idea of an eternal destiny in communion with others and with Saints (German Catechism p 547).

Dignity of one with *Dominion over the World*

The author of Genesis presents humans as the ones responsible for the world. The charge given by God is to care for the animals, protect the planet and guard against elements that might disrupt the balance of the cosmos. This role is a very serious one and these current days we have experienced a sudden wake up call from the earth as to the critical role we have been given. Dignity demands proper exercise of our dominion over the world.

Human Dignity as Essence, as Unity: a *Complete Being*.

The Christian creed asserts the "resurrection of the body and life ever lasting" for the saved ones. This Christian belief is that even in death there is a unity in the human body. Despite the death and decay of the body Christians believe that Christ is the end of history and all things will be united in him. Just as he rose body and spirit from the dead, so too does human kind, not just Christians, share the destiny of a bodily resurrection.

From this it follows that the sacredness of each element of human life must be respected. As the adage goes, the holiness of life must be defended as a seamless garment from conception of the individual to that person's last breath.

The dignity of a human person is not a piecemeal platter demanding some more and less important elements. The human person is a complete unity and we must nurture and protect the ones who suffer in some way from a fragmented existence.

Our clarity concerning the elements of the dignity of a human person will enable the students and staff of St Patrick's College to more stridently protect and defend this crucial component of our lives. As we take up collections for the poor and look forward to the Social Justice Assembly we know that these efforts primarily intend to defend and enhance the dignity of others. These are the first lessons in Religious Education.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Year 8 Retreats

The first of the Year 8 Retreats commenced this week and will continue until Tuesday June 3. All parents should have received a letter outlining the dates and requirements of the retreat.

Social Justice Assembly

The annual Social Justice Assembly will take place on Wednesday May 28. At this College assembly we acknowledge the efforts of the boys on Edmund Rice Day and present donations to the various Church and welfare groups we support through these efforts.

Year 7 Students

Next week all Year 7 boys will be involved in two College events. On Tuesday May 27 the boys will watch a Japanese Martial Arts Performance and on Thursday May 29 all boys will be involved in a Sports Interaction Day in conjunction with Loreto College. Parents will receive information in regards to the Sports Interaction Day from the Year 7 Coordinator, Mr Howard Clark.

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mrs Kathleen Plastow

Bugsy Malone

Auditions will be held at Loreto College in the Hall from 4pm on Friday May 30. Interested boys need to e-mail Mrs Porteous at APorteous@loreto.vic.edu.au to make an audition time. Boys will then receive the music to prepare for the audition. Boys will also be required to perform one other piece of their choice (preferably in a swing style).

Instruments needed:

Flute
Clarinet
Alto Saxophone
Bassoon
Trumpet
Trombone
Drum Kit
Piano
Guitar
Bass Guitar

Rehearsals have been progressing very well and the show looks like it will be a huge success. The cast has committed a lot of time and energy to learning the script and the fantastic songs and all of the characters are well developed. We look forward to seeing the show come together over the next few weeks.

Music

Concert Band 1, Woodwind Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble and the Guitar Ensemble are all competing at the Bendigo Eisteddfod on June 20. This will be a huge day for St Patrick's as we represent the College in a variety of styles of music and in a variety of combinations. We now also have confirmation that Concert Band 1 has been accepted into the Melbourne School Bands Festival to compete against schools from all over the state. This will take place on August 20 at the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University and will undoubtedly be a fantastic experience for the boys.

Over the past few weeks a number of Year 7 instrumental music students have been promoted to Concert Band 2. Congratulations go to Charles Robinson and Douglas Mai (Clarinet), Jakob Baric (Trombone) and Peter Oakley (Percussion). We are looking forward to more boys joining as the week's progress. I would encourage all boys to keep practising so that more and more opportunities can open up for them.

Music Diaries

All Year 7 students have a College music diary. This must be maintained and signed each week by parents to indicate the amount of practice that is being undertaken by students. This is also a good way for parents to communicate with their son's instrumental teacher. Please take the time to listen to your son play some pieces and share your thoughts with us through the diary.

Debating
Mrs Karina Dunn

Debating: What is it?

“A formal discussion in which two opposing views are put forward in turn by two teams of speaker” (Macquarie Study Dictionary).

Date: Thursday May 15 2008

Time: 7pm

Location: Ballarat Grammar

Competition: Highview College vs. SPC1 (B Grade, Year 11)

The SPC team consisting of: Thomas McKinnon, Liam O’Riley and Stephen Kirby met together at Ballarat Grammar one hour prior to their debating discussion to receive their secret topic for the evening. With secret debate topics released on the night of competition, students have one hour to prepare their arguments.

The secret debate topic chosen by the DAV was; **“Children under 18 years of age should not be allowed to receive cosmetic surgery”.**

SPC argued the negative side.

The final result was SPC1 on 228 points defeated Highview College on 223 points.

With a difficult topic to debate, SPC proved to be a team devoted to doing well and presented themselves in a respectful and humorous manner.

As this fine group of debaters strive for excellence in debates, they appreciate the concluding comments given to them by the adjudicators. Feedback from the adjudicators was well received and will be taken into consideration for future debates was as follows:

- SPC were well presented, using eye contact really well. Demonstrating confidence as they spoke and involving the audience in their dialogues.
- Even though SPC responded to the opposition with some good rebuttals, they need to work on deepening their rebuttals with more information.
- Overall, SPC did well in summarising all arguments and provided some good examples for their argument.

Tom, Liam and Stephen presented an entertaining yet serious debate about underage cosmetic surgery. Well done to SPC for their win and an extra pat on the back for Stephen Kirby who received the award for Best Speaker for the evening.

Well done boys!

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School
Mr Hamish McCrum

Nunan House Breakfast
Mr Warrick Bottrall
Head of Nunan House

In recent weeks Nunan House staged a ‘Father and Son’ breakfast to commence the process of developing a culture of leadership and service within the House. The breakfast was attended by over 60 people and featured two outstanding guest speakers – Mr Ray McLean, CEO of Leading Teams Australia and Mr Mark Patterson, CEO of the North Ballarat Football Club.

Ray has worked with many of the nation’s leading sporting teams in developing and nurturing a cultures of leadership. Through viewing the on field performance of some of Ray’s clients; the Australian cricket team, Sydney, Adelaide and Geelong Football Clubs and the Sydney Kings Basketball Club it is evident that he has been highly successful in this endeavour. He has also worked with numerous corporate clients and now oversees an organisation that is viewed as a market leader within Australia.

Mark has worked as CEO of the Western Bulldogs Football Club and has made a significant impact upon the North Ballarat Football Club in a relatively short time frame. His leadership style is characterised by high levels of stakeholder engagement and collaboration and he has done a tremendous job in increasing the connection between the football club and the Ballarat community.

Both ray and Mark spoke eloquently about the needs for boys to have a vision, to get involved in the life of the College and the wider community and to be guided by what is the right thing to do. Leadership is much more than a badge for display; it is typified by the actions of boys, particularly during difficult and challenging times. There were many invaluable learnings inherent in both presentations and hopefully boys will be inspired to put some of these into practice over the coming months.

It is hoped that this breakfast, that will feature exemplars of the rich traditions of the College will become a regular event for senior school boys and will challenge all of them to do what is right and to always strive to do their best.

Thank you to the Catering Team led by Tracey Downes who did an outstanding job in presenting guests with a delicious and hearty breakfast.



Mark Patterson and Ray McLean with Nunan House Leaders

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



NUNAN HOUSE: JONATHAN WALTER

For going out of his way to ensure that a lost IT hard wear item found its way to the rightful owner.

Assessment Tasks

At this point in Term 2 it is important to note that many assessment tasks are due for the majority of subjects. It is crucial that boys manage their time well and break up large assignments into smaller tasks which will be more manageable to undertake. Boys should be fully aware of when assessment tasks are due and what is asked of them. If there are any concerns regarding an assessment task parents are reminded to contact their son's subject teacher to clarify any queries.

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YEAR 8: ZACHARY WEIGHTMAN

For his excellent singing performance at the opening of the Old Collegians Pavilion.

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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards

Year 8 Retreats

This week, four Year 8 classes have attended Retreats based at Pax Hill Scout Camp. The retreats are part of the Year 8 Religious Education Programme and provide the boys with a day away from school to stop and consider their lives and how they are living them.

During the retreat the boys participate in prayer and liturgy, share the Word of the Gospel and are provided with opportunities to share ideas with others and to reflect on the way in which they interact with their parents, teachers and their peers.

The remaining class groups will participate in retreats in the first week in June.

June 3	Mrs Patching- 8E
June 4	Mr Kruger- 8G
June 5	Mrs Moore- 8F
June 6	Mrs Smardon- 8D

Thank you to Mr Peter Brady and the Year 8 Pastoral Tutors and Religious Education teachers for the planning and implementation of the retreat programme.

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:

ROCKY ROAD FUNDRAISING

You may have seen the 'Rocks' carry packs 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

Senior Soccer Report Mr Tony Beggs

St Patrick's College 3 defeated Ballarat College 0

Goals: T Beggs, K McDowell, Own Goal

Best: M Lynch, K Taylor, K McDowell, A Martin, T Beggs, D Blomeley, S Berg, T McKinnon

The match began at a frantic pace with a high level work from the two centres Kyran Taylor and Marcus Lynch. Their ability to take the ball and hold it against close checking opposition was a highlight throughout the whole match and they dominated the centre of the College ground.

College were attempting to exert strong physical presence on our players, however all our players stood up to the challenge and Captain Kieran McDowell made sure that they knew he would more than match any contest. The defence maintained control with the three across the backline David Blomeley, Angus Martin and Bernard Kuek all working well together and using keeper Tom McKinnon when required.

We gained the lead through a cheap goal that none the less was the result of good play by Scott Berg on the left wing. He was finding space to be an easy target for Marcus and he gathered and held the ball as he moved towards goals. He centred the ball towards our forwards but a College defender got a slight touch and deviated it into the goals past a struggling keeper.

The first half continued to be an excellent spectacle with St Patrick's making chances often with the backs coming down behind the passes and offering support to the midfielders. David King had a couple of pot shots from well out that were worth going for. After one flurry of passes deep in our forward line, Tim Beggs gathered outside the 18 yards and smashed a ball into the bottom of the horizontal with the ball deflecting to the ground before the keeper took it.

Our first half had been high energy and spectacular soccer but we had tended to go in to attack centrally and this was remedied in the second half as we went down the flanks and crossed where we could to the wide players. Kyran found Kieran and he ran the ball deeply towards the line before firing off a high ball into the box. The keeper could only manage to get fingertips to the ball and passed over to the waiting Tim Beggs who put it away for our second. It was pleasing to note at the time that all the forwards had positioned themselves strategically for the cross.

Kieran was also able to score himself later in the half as Marcus and Kyran brought the ball forward and gained a corner after Kyran looked likely to score. Tim Beggs' corner kick swung back towards the goals and Kieran's run was timed to perfection enabling him to rise and put it away from the keeper easily.

The boys kept up the pressure to the end with Tim Parry going close on a couple of occasions late in the game. The willingness to run and support was a notable factor of encouragement for the team's hopeful success this year.

Badminton Mr Tim Bennett

Round 4

A Grade

SPC/LC 6 games/ 126 points defeated BG 0 games/ 70 points.

B Grade

SPC/LC1 3 g. 117 p def. SPC/LC 2 3 g. 100 p.

C Grade 1

SPC 1 6 g. 126 p. defeated BG. 48 p.

C Grade 2

SPC Blue 5 g. 125 p. defeated LC2 1 g. 75 p.

SPC Green 5 g. 115 p. defeated BCC 2 1 g. 72 p.

Round 5

A Grade

SPC/LC 4 games 113 pts defeated BHS 2 games 99pts.

B Grade

SPC/LC1 4 games 116 pts defeated Damascus 2 games 94

pts. SPC/LC2 6 games 126 pts. defeated BHS 0 games 64 pts.

C Grade 1

SPC won on forfeit BHS1 (no team.)

C Grade 2

SPC Blue 4 games 108 pts defeated Damascus 2 games 108 pts.

1st V Basketball

Ms Tamara Westwood

For detailed reports and scores as well as other information in relation to SPC basketball please watch out for the basketball newsletter distributed each month.

SPC

Round 1 SPC 50 V BCC 74

Point scorers: Nathan Sobey 26, Jesse Dundon 2, Alec Del Papa 4, Oliver Whitley 10, Matt Van Der Ploeg 4, Jake Garvey 4.

Led by star AIS players, the BCC team proved far too strong for SPC in Round 1 of the competition. Although off to a good start, the SPC team simply could not match the size and strength of the taller and stronger BCC opponents.

Round 2

SPC 77 V BCC Red 26

Point scorers: Jordan Callie 10, Alec Del Papa 13, Brendan Wilcox 18, Oliver Whitley 14, Matt Vander Ploeg 6, Pat Craig 16.

With senior player Nathan Sobey injured, SPC proved its depth with a resounding win against BCC Red. There was a very even contribution from all players.

SPC Green

Round 1

SPC Green commenced their season with a close win over the BCC Red (52, to 47). The boys shared the scoring around with all players contributing points. Brodie Leishman was a cool head in controlling the ball in vital stages of the game and Daniel Ross-Smith asserted his physicality on the court early. Dom Godfrey and Brendan Wilcox were the high scorers with 10 and 12 respectively.

Round 2

SPC Green suffered a heartbreaking defeat in Round 2 action. On first review, it was a hard fought, 57 all draw between the Greens and Mt Clear College. However a count up of the score sheet revealed a 2 point deficit leaving the score a 55 to 57 loss. Although such an ending was rather anticlimactic, nothing can be taken away from the fantastic performance of all of the young men who took to the court. Their passion, commitment, determination and endeavour in pressure situations were nothing short or remarkable. Tim Creek was a major contributor in defence causing turnovers when it counted. Steve Jew and Lachlan Barker worked tirelessly changing on and off the bench providing us with dogged harassment of the ball resulting in some handy points.

Kane Fitzpatrick was instrumental in keeping the side in the game with some skilful aerial manoeuvres on offence. Jake Hughes was solid all game providing the team with protection of the ball and composure, hitting a vital 3 pointer in the dying stages of the match. Captain Brodie Leishman led the team solidly giving other team members options at both ends of the court. Dominic Godfrey used the ball well with slick passing and great finishing skills and 'Man of the Match' Joshua King was the standout, notching up the game 13 points and giving the crowd lots to cheer about. Overall, a great effort by all of the boys.

Vikings Futsal Ballarat Regional School's Challenge

Four teams represented St Patricks College at the second annual Vikings Futsal School Championships held at the Ballarat Minerdome on Tuesday. The competition was fierce with Melbourne and Western District school teams entered for the first time, as well as a combined Ballarat schools team. These regional titles form part of a state-wide competition with the winning schools advancing to the State competition in August.

U/13 Results

St Patricks College 1 V Warrnambool SC 5
St Patricks College 2 V Ballarat Combined Schools 4
St Patricks College 0 V St Albans SC 4

U/15 Results

St Patricks College 3 V Breur College 5
St Patricks College 2 V St Patricks College U/16's 3
St Patricks College 8 V St Albans SC 2

U/16 Results

St Patricks College 3 V St Patricks College U/15's 2
St Patricks College 1 V St Albans SC 2
St Patricks College 5 V Breur College 5
St Patricks College Final SPC lost to St Albans SC on Penalties.

U/19 Results

St Patricks College 2 V St Albans SC 3
St Patricks College 1 V Ballarat HS 0
St Patricks College 11 V Mt Clear SC 1
Final SPC 4 V St Albans SC (Golden Goal over-time) 5

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

An Evening with Celia Lashlie

On Monday night over 350 people gathered for an entertaining, challenging and inspiring evening with New Zealand author Celia Lashlie who has written the book; 'He'll be Okay – Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'. It was wonderful to share the night with many members of the St Patrick's College community as well as significant representation from many of our feeder primary schools.

Celia spoke very humorously and pragmatically about the challenges of raising teenage boys – in particular working with them to cross the bridge of adolescence to realise their enormous potential. It was gratifying to hear Celia speak so passionately about how beautiful our boys are and the sheer wonder within each of them.

At St Patrick's we recognise this amazing potential and talent within our boys and many of the stories Celia recounted are consistent with our vision and our practice and why as parents we can fully support the marketing tag line for the College – 'Ballarat's Best for Boys'!

Thank you to the Public Relations Committee for supporting this initiative and to Mr Damian McKee for putting in place all arrangements with Celia for the evening. Damian's passion for boys' education is evident for all to see and he was the driving force behind this event, which also underlined the P&F's passion for supporting events that support all boys and families within our community.



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

FROM THE ARCHIVIST

Br Brian Davis

School Swimming

School Swimming in Ballarat was truly a late developer! Whereas football and cricket competitions were in operation in the late nineteenth century and tennis from the early twentieth century, it was not until the 1970s that school swimming competitions made their first appearance.

In 1972 for the first time, a swimming team was formed at St Patrick's College. Some difficulties were encountered in finding a suitable training pool. There were several good outdoor unheated pools in Ballarat, but changes in weather proved a problem. Eventually most of the training was held at the Wendouree Pool, in spite of some cool days. Occasionally, the YMCA indoor pool in Field Street was used in the evening. All other training took place in the afternoons since the early morning proved inconvenient.

St Patrick's College participated in two Inter-College Swimming Meetings, the first being with Ballarat College at the City Baths, situated behind St Paul's Technical School in Market Street. Ballarat College, which had a swimming team for some time and who also had two State Champions in their team. Not surprisingly they proved too strong, although all events were well contested. The second swim meeting was held three weeks later together with Ballarat Grammar at the new Grammar pool. Schools were fortunate in having a warm afternoon and St Patrick's was able to win several races including two relays. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed and showed a considerable improvement in the team's performance.

The first Captain of a St Patrick's College Swimming Team was Michael Angus. Best performers in the two meetings were Senior Breaststrokers, Michael Angus and Max Cox-Sutton, as well as Peter Harris in the Under Fourteen Age Group in all strokes. More depth was needed in some relays but good ability was shown in the freestyle divisions by Wayne McGlasham, P. Batson, N. Currie, Warren McGlasham, J. Marron, C. Green, K. Hartly and W. Day.

The hope at the end of 1972 was to continue the Inter-College Swimming Meetings in 1973 and to extend swimming at St Patrick's College by the introduction of a College Swimming Carnival.



(Source: 1972 St Patrick's College Annual Magazine)

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday 26 to Friday May 30. 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 26

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

Tuesday May 27

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

Wednesday May 28

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

Thursday May 29

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

Friday May 30

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

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

Dobson's Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

Uniform Shop hours effective Term 2:

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

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

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

**The Ballarat Relay for Life Committee
Invites you to attend the**

2008 Ballarat Relay for Life Launch and Information Evening

Friday May 30 – 7.00pm to 10.00pm
The George Hotel – Lydiard St Nth, Ballarat

**Guest Speaker -
Grant Fenton
The Cancer Council Victoria**

Cost: \$15.00

Dress Code: Neat Casual

RSVP: Monday 26th May

A light Super will be provided

Register your team! There will be Door Prizes and Raffles also!

“No One chooses cancer... We choose to Relay...
Now it's your choice



WORLD YOUTH DAY

'ON FERTILE GROUND'

Preparation and Formation Session Towards WYD'08

SESSION 3 - MODULES 5 AND 6

"THE WORLD YOUTH DAY THEME"

This is for all pilgrims registered to go to WYD'08, within the Ballarat diocese,
Please come and join us.

Come share pizza and the journey to WYD in Sydney
To be held on Sunday May 25
At St Columba's Church H. all

STARTING AT 5PM UNTIL 7PM (NO MASS)



COMING EVENTS

Tuesday May 27

Jun B Soccer
Inter B Football
2nd XVIII Football
Year 7 Martial Arts Demonstration Performance

Wednesday May 28

Social Justice Assembly – Session 8/9
June B Football
1st XI soccer
1st XVIII Football (5) split round

Thursday May 29

Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Trip – Mr Lynn and Mr Daniels. Depart 8.30 am
Inter B soccer
1st XI Hockey
Senior B Basketball
Year 7 SPC and Loreto Sports Interaction Day

Friday May 30

Year 11 Outdoor and Environmental Studies Trip – Mr Lynn and Mr Daniels Return 4.30 pm

Saturday May 31

Rugby U16 Division 2 SPB vs SKC 10.00 am
Rugby 1st XV Division 2 SPB vs SFX 11.15 am



Celia Lashlie - 'He'll be OK: Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men'.





Over 120 men gathered at St Patrick's College for a Men's Health Night'.



St Patrick's College Chapel Restoration

