

NEWSLETTER 8/2
Friday May 30, 2008

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Last weekend was marked not so much by the loss of the First XV to Ivanhoe Grammar but by the visit of 23 indigenous boys with nine staff from Rostrevor College in Adelaide, another Edmund Rice school. Rostrevor has established an Indigenous Sports Academy and, like ourselves, are a registered Indigenous Youth Leadership Programme school. Rostrevor's weekend's activities included a football game against St Kevin's College, Michael Long's Dreamtime Walk to the MCG, the Essendon-Richmond Match, lunch and the Lady Miners' game versus Knox courtesy of the Ballarat Miners and then the Roosters' match and dinner courtesy of the North Ballarat Football Club.

We at St Patrick's College have publicly declared ourselves for doing whatever we can to facilitate reconciliation for our nation, and to work with anyone who is prepared to partner us to advance the standing of our indigenous Australians. I hope that we can be judged by our actions rather than merely by our words. I thank our staff and our local community agencies who have supported Rostrevor's visit and helped our own students and families to participate in the experience. Meetings of our visitors with Peter Eddy of the Ballarat Miners, and Peter Wilson, Mark Patterson and Aaron Clark of the North Ballarat Football Club were particularly helpful in enlisting the support of these two major sporting bodies to support our application to offer an Indigenous Sports Academy at SPC.

I would like to draw your attention to Joe Doolan's piece in The Crest last week. In case you missed it, the point I would take from it is that it is vital that we are grounded in our understanding of what we are doing and why. Fairy floss ideas are cheap - a Gospel rootedness for doing good works is much more demanding on both body and soul.

Chapel Sanctuary Restoration

The stonemasons have removed the carpet covering the original Italian Verona marble floor of the sanctuary and are preparing to replace a number of marble tiles. Some of the altar rails have been removed to be refashioned in to a new altar and lectern. The original high altar will remain untouched. We include a few photographs to show you the progress so far.

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St Patrick's College Chapel Restoration

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Mr Steven O'Connor

Social Justice Assembly

I have just come from one of our great Assemblies – the Social Justice Assembly. The work of a large number of boys involved in the St Vincent de Paul Conference and the Social Justice Group under the leadership of Mrs Maree Moore and Mr Danny Moore culminated in a tremendous gathering with some very important messages for the College community to ponder. The reports from the President of the St Vincent de Paul Conference, Tim Milroy and the leader of the Social Justice Group, Ashley Jan were very well delivered and received – congratulations to both Tim and Ashley. The gathering witnessed the presentation of cheques from the funds raised at Edmund Rice Day to the nominated charities – the Christian Brothers' Overseas Aid Fund, Edmund Rice Camps, the Edmund Rice Centre St Albans and Caritas Australia – and also provided an opportunity for representatives from these organisations to thank the boys and briefly explain how their contributions and support assist their organisation.

I always feel quite moved by this Assembly. I thank all boys and staff involved in preparing and presenting the Assembly.

Upcoming Examinations

Exams are just around the corner and all boys should be preparing for these as part of their regular homework and study. I would encourage boys to talk with their specific subject teachers about the exam – the format, length, what specific areas will be examined, what equipment and/or material can be brought into the exam in the next couple of weeks. Teachers will be keen to assist their students in developing their exam technique and confidence.

Good luck to all boys – don't keep putting off the revision. Get in there and make a start!

DIRECTOR OF MISSION
Mr Joe Doolan

Why teach RE in Year 12?
To Keep the Memory Alive

Why are we teaching Religion in Year 12? Haven't they got more serious endeavours to address than the story of Jesus in this enter-score driven year? They have had a decade of RE; should not they be freed up to study this year?

Such concerns are occasionally chorused in the classroom as well as at the occasional parent information evening or interview. Happily the conversation turns to the question of the importance of the memory of Jesus and the role of the teacher to craft lessons that revitalize that narrative. This is a life long endeavour.

The central insight of John's Gospel is the assertion that whoever sees Jesus has seen the Father. John's thesis is that Jesus is both **revealer** and **revelation** of God. The story of Jesus is precious because whatever can be known and remembered about God is found in his person and message. The old axiom is true: in coming to know Jesus we can come to know God. This is our point of departure: we wish to facilitate the students in coming to know the wonderful, merciful One who created this world and has a plan for each person.

Since the memory of Jesus is so crucial for us as baptized members of His Body it behoves us to strive to find fresh, creative ways to let the memory live again. The American scripture scholar Daniel Harrington asserts that the memory of Jesus has six key components. These might translate into six good reasons why we should teach Religious Education at St Patrick's College.

When one recalls the story of salvation won for us in the Christ event <1> *we lift up the precious value of human life*. No longer are we struggling in a cosmic wilderness. We are present in God's homeland and our lives have a certain transcendent value. In recent weeks we have noted the amazing phenomenon of military rulers in Burma conducting a referendum in the days after the cyclone whence the urgent need was one of assistance for tens of thousands homeless, rather than vote counting. More recently this junta have been so tardy in allowing the relief agencies to access to the ravaged areas. Clearly, these actions disregards the value of human life. Christians uphold the prized importance of human existence as exemplified in the Incarnation of Christ, his participation in our story.

The culture we inhabit is, to a lesser or greater extent, influenced by modern advertising. Many agencies employ different themes, images and ideas to sell a product. Rarely is the notion of love of neighbour cited, rather the refrain is one of acquisition.

The parables of the Gospels challenge such an outlook demonstrating that <2> *selfless love* is the emblematic action of the followers of Christ. The Christian message asserts that love is crucial in life and the love of Christ is a model for all.

Two weeks ago the print media ran some articles on people hell bent upon revenge. The story outlined the plight of several Palestinians whose legs were brutally riddled with bullets, rendering them amputees. The photo showed them sitting on their beds, glaring at the camera. The article informed the reader of their solemn vow to seek out and inflict upon their enemies the same pain. In Religious Education classes we contrast this vendetta with the message of Jesus. The cross, as I wrote earlier this year, is a symbol of oppressed peoples' refusal of evil. This love of Christ <3> *even extends to our enemies*.

The memory of Jesus proclaims <4> *that death is not the end*. We assert the important relationship between our life and our destiny.

The narrative of Jesus clearly states that <5> *some actions are wrong*. In reviving the memory of Jesus we are given a focus for our life and our actions. The small still voice inside us, our conscience, speaks to us and cautions our behaviour. Many of the hours of assistance that the college offers students in Pastoral Care attempts to reinforce this belief. We are called to offer a critique to society's values and ideals against the standard of Christ.

The story also affirms that <6> *in Jesus Life and Love have triumphed over hate and death*.

A perusal of these components reveals that each theme is worth retelling regularly. Parents and others might envy the Year 12 Religious Education classes that reflect upon these Christian memories?

Daniel J. Harrington's scripture reflection in **America Magazine** is a constant source of cogent biblical and theological insight for me. His reflections on the memory of Jesus was published in April this year.

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Mr Kelvin Porter

The Ballarat Youth Survival Guide 2008 is a card that has been designed so that young people know where to go when they need help with personal or family problems. The 2008 production has been a partnership between the Highlands Regional Youth Affairs Network, young people, students, local youth agencies and University of Ballarat, first year Graphic Arts students. The major theme of the card is 'Environment'.

Due to the importance of the information contained on these cards and the opportunity for students to access this information, the College has decided that the cards will be distributed to all Year 9 and to 12 students on Friday June 6, 2008. The cards do contain some references that are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church. If any parents object to their son receiving a card, please contact the Director of Pastoral Care, Mr Kelvin Porter before Friday, June 6 2008.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Queens Birthday Long Weekend

On Monday June 9 the College will be closed for the Queens Birthday Long Weekend.

Year 8 Retreats

The last round of Year 8 Retreats commence on Tuesday June 3. All parents should have received the information regarding this, if not, please contact the College.

Tuesday June 3 – 8E
Wednesday June 4 – 8G
Thursday June 5 – 8F
Friday June 6 – 8D

Mid-Year Exams

The Year 12 Exam's times are listed below. More details will be sent home to Year 10 and 11 parents regarding exam regulations and student expectations for exam week.

June Examinations and GAT timetable

Each examination commences with a 15 minute reading period which is included in the times shown in the timetable.

Wednesday 11 June	9.00 am – 10.45 am Biology Exam 1	11.45 am – 1.30 pm Physics Exam 1	2.45 pm – 4.30 pm Accounting Exam 1
Thursday 12 June		11.45 am – 1.30 pm Chemistry Exam 1	
Friday 13 June	10.00 am – General Test	1.15 pm Achievement	

DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE
Mrs Sara Taylor

The KRC has continued to be very busy this term often hosting three classes at the one time. These classes, combined with VCE students on study sessions, ensure it is an active and vibrant teaching and learning place. Research topics under way this term have included: alternative energy; social issues; Mediterranean cookery; Nazi propaganda; the development of the Church; weather hazards; Jazz music; Rates of Reaction, Luke's Gospel and the Adversarial System.

The KRC has enabled students to access a broad range of resources such as books, current newspaper and magazine articles, online databases and websites collated into our Oliver library management system. The boys are becoming more adept at using information literacy aids such as data charts and bibliographic detail sheets as they record, search for, organise and present the information they have accessed. The College has continued with the policy of limited access to the Internet, not with the aim of censoring information available to boys, but to avoid huge numbers of 'hits', and the temptation to 'surf the net'.

Currently the library has over 20,000 websites catalogued on *Oliver* but also many more external links accessible through our 'whitelist'. Sites are added to on a daily basis after receiving student and staff requests and downloads from organisations which collate educational weblinks. There is a tendency for boys to use *Wikipedia* as it is easy to navigate, however boys are encouraged to access the sites on *Oliver* to ensure a diversity of information. This policy and the rule of no computer games during class time ensures that boys are on task while working in the KRC. In addition to classes using the KRC for research, we have a very vibrant Year 7 – 9 Reading programme, most enthusiastically run by teacher-librarians, Mrs Pam Delahunty and Ms Jo Hall in conjunction with the class English teachers.

In each timetabled cycle, every English class participates in a reading enhancement session which includes; new book introductions, discussions of genre, authors and series. Each session includes a period of time for quiet reading. Boys are encouraged to participate in presentations and to recommend new books for the collection. We have been amazed by the increase in borrowing of autobiographical and biographical books in particular. It is interesting to note that 9600 books have been borrowed this year already, well up on this time last year!

The KRC staff would like to thank all the boys, their parents and Ballarat Books who donated books for the 'Books for Kenya' drive earlier in the term. It was extremely pleasing to send 120 kilos of books to the Embulbul school. Principal, Br Laurie Collins, promises to send us a photo of the primary school library once they have been shelved. He was very appreciative of the books and the money raised last term on the casual clothes day. We would also like to remind parents that the KRC is open over the school break for boys who wish to use the resources for study purposes. In Term 3 during *Book Week*, well known Australian author **Robert Newton** will be working with Year 7 and 8 boys. We are looking forward to hearing about his love of literature and his own writing.

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School
Mr Hamish McCrum

Mid year exams for VCE will commence in a week's time. The competition from the rest of the state is tough and students need to be aware of this if they are going to achieve the desired results. Students and staff continue to work hard together, with many sessions being conducted in addition to scheduled class times. I encourage students to avail themselves of any help that is offered. The time and effort spent completing, correcting and re-doing practice exams significantly improves grades.

Students sitting a Unit 3 exam for Physics, Biology, Accounting or Chemistry may take a study day on the day prior to the exam. On the day of the exam, they are expected to attend all classes once the exam has finished. All students completing a VCE Unit 3/4 study, or scored VET study, are required to sit the GAT on June 13. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the GAT, however a study day in preparation for the GAT is not permitted. No Year Eleven or Twelve classes will run on the day of the GAT.

External exam timetables, rules and approved materials can be found at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or in the Exam Navigator which was posted home earlier this term. A personalised timetable for VCAA exams will also be provided to each student, showing times and their VCAA number, in order to find the right room and desk on the day of the GAT.

Emergency Special Provision and Derived Examination Scores

Should a student become ill or suffer some personal trauma they need to contact Mr McCrum on 0427 100 676 as soon as possible. VCAA may grant Special Provisions to allow students to demonstrate what they have learned.

Students may also apply for a Derived Exam Score for examinations, other than the GAT, where circumstances not of their making or choosing have prevented them from demonstrating all they have learned. Applications for Derived Exam Scores need to be lodged within 7 days of their last June exam (not counting the GAT) however they should make it known they intend to do this prior to the exam where possible. Applications for Derived Exam Scores and also for Emergency Special Provision are processed through the College. The decision however rests with the VCAA. Should a Derived Score be granted (and there is no guarantee of this), the higher of the Derived Score or the actual performance is used. Students are required to sit all exams unless consultation with Mr McCrum and the VCAA has advised otherwise.

Year 10 Exams commence from June 12 to 20 and Year 11 from June 16 to 20. Students are not required at the College when they do not have exams during these periods. It is crucial to the boys' success, that the time between exams is utilised effectively.

Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder to all Year 10 students to complete the paperwork required for Work Experience week as soon as possible.

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal is on Friday June 13. The RSVP date has now passed.

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



GALVIN HOUSE: DOMINIC GODFREY

For being instrumental in organising the Men's Health Evening on Wednesday May 21.



GALVIN HOUSE: ANGUS MARTIN

For being instrumental in organising the Men's Health Evening on Wednesday May 21.



GALVIN HOUSE: BRETT TREVENEN

For his enthusiasm and initiative displayed on the Year 12 Retreat.



GALVIN HOUSE: BRENDAN TORPY

For his enthusiasm and initiative displayed on the Year 12 Retreat.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head of Middle School
Mr Terry Blizzard

Melbourne Experience

The Year 9 Melbourne Experience is now behind us and we have a chance to reflect on the experience from both a student and teacher perspective. Over the next week teachers and students will be evaluating their experiences and these reflections will be sent home for parent review.

The past few weeks were an overwhelming success. The boys were outstanding in their cooperation, presentation and attentiveness. Individual strengths and weaknesses are highlighted and to some boys these are enormous challenges. The boys who naturally show independence and initiative are to the fore in the city, often becoming leaders of their small groups. Those less inclined to show initiative tended to follow along with the group, at times unaware of where or why. These particular boys were quite challenged at times in the city and had to be carefully monitored by staff. It is a great learning experience for these boys in particular. It is great to see how many boys have such a strong sense of self-confidence and an innate understanding of our three Stepping Stones - Respect, Responsibility and Awareness.

At the Year 9 information evening earlier in the term it was mentioned that whilst there are very clear links between the Melbourne Experience and the day to day curriculum at school, the incidental learning such as using public transport, exposure to multi-culturalism and communicating with different people is where the real learning takes place.

Congratulations to all the boys for contributing towards the week, making it a positive one. Thank you to all the staff who took part in the planning of the week and particularly the fantastic Middle School staff.

English Assistance

The Year 9 English faculty are offering extra assistance for any Year 9 boys who would like the opportunity to gain a greater understanding, and receive practical help with typical Reading and Writing tasks. The initial focus will be on punctuation and grammar, along with further study of text themes. The assistance class will begin on Wednesday, June 4 in PEL 009 and subsequent Wednesday's, 3.30pm - 4.00pm.

For any further queries please contact Mr Neal Arthurson.

Mr Fab Maracantonio
The Taxation Office

On Tuesday of this week, all Middle School students took part in a information session from Mr Fab Maracantonio from the Australian Taxation Office. The talk raised each boy's awareness of taxation issues and also introduced the option for each boy to obtain a tax file number. The process whereby a student applies for a Tax File Number (TFN) is certainly streamlined and easier to obtain when he leaves school and must produce various documents to prove his identity.

Next week in Pastoral Care, each boy will be given the option to fill in an application form. The student's birth certificate number, the year of issue and the state where the certificate was issued in needed. Please have your son record this into his diary for future reference if you would like to apply for a TFN via this process. You will not be required to supply the certificate.

Your son's Pastoral Care Tutor will check that the form has been filled in correctly and the forms will then be sent to the ATO. It takes 28 days for the ATO to process the application and issue a TFN.

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YEAR 9: MICHAEL TRIGGER

For his consistent work ethic and preparedness to help in cleaning after a Food Technology class.

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards

This week has been quite busy in the Junior School. On Tuesday, Japanese teacher Masako Chikushi made arrangements visiting a martial arts troupe to display aspects of a range of different martial arts. This display was well received by all groups that were fortunate enough to experience it. This opportunity has provided the boys with a valuable cultural experience.

On Thursday, the Year 10 Business Management class, under the direction of Mrs Karina Leon, organised and conducted an interaction day for both the Year 7 students from SPC and Loreto College. The students took part in a range of sporting activities and a shared lunch. The activity provided an opportunity to mix with the girls from Loreto and also enabled the Business Management students the opportunity to plan and run an event catering for four hundred students and staff.

Cross-Country

The boys in Junior School will participate in the annual cross-country run on Friday June 13. The run will be held from 2:15 starting and finishing at the St Patrick's College boatshed. Boys are to wear the College Physical Education uniform. This year's run will be a full lap of the Lake.

Year 8 Retreats

To date, 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.

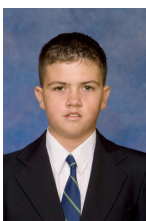
During the retreat, boys participate in prayer and liturgy and share the Word of the Gospel. They are provided with opportunities to share ideas with others and to reflect on the way in which they interact with parents, teachers and their peers.

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.

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YEAR 8: MATTHEW VAN MEEL

For handing in a significant amount of money found on College grounds.



YEAR 8: LUKE SAUNDERSON

For handing in a significant amount of money found on College grounds.



YEAR 7: MITCHELL RYAN

For his exceptional commitment to his role as the Goal Umpire for the 1st XVIII



YEAR 7: ANTHONY ZELENICH

For his strong and positive leadership towards his peers in 7V1

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

Australian Sports Camps

The Australian Sports Camps commence in the July term break. The camps are aimed at 7-17 year olds with both day and residential places available. The camps provide a structured coaching programme, video analysis, written reports and coaching from both leading players and experienced coaches in each sport. The camps that are available are:

Kevin Sheedy Football Camp – June 30, July 1,2,3 – Bren Oval Parkville.

ASC Hockey Camp – June 30, July 1,2,3 – State Netball Hockey Centre.

If you are interested in participating in one of these camps, please visit www.australiansportscamps.com.au or phone Tony Miles on 1800 671 808 for more information.

Senior Hockey

Mr John Sullivan

The First X1 Hockey team is enduring a tough season this year. Richard Impey has shown exceptional leadership during each game and his encouragement to the team is bringing the boys together as the week's progress. Several of the boys are beginning to shine, with effective passing and good passages of play. Developing these skills further should see the team converting this into an improvement in the game scores.

Last weeks results SPC 0 lost to BHS 5

Intermediate Soccer

Mr Les Lindorff

Rd	Date	SPC	Opp	Score
1	17-Apr	SPC	Bye	
2	24-Apr	SPC	DC	Draw
3	1-May	SPC	BG	
4	8-May	SPC	BCC	SPC 3 def BCC 0
5	15-May	SPC	BHS	SPC 3 def BHS 2
6	22-May	SPC	BHS	SPC 10 def BHS 5

The Intermediate Soccer team is progressing well with three clear victories in the first five rounds. This year's BAS season has been the first in a number of years, due the unavailability of grounds. The competition is being conducted at both SPC and Ballarat Grammar and has been well received by all students.

The team has been well served by Keegan Mead, Joel Martin, William Cousins, Justin King, Patrick Thorpe, Michael Ferguson, Seam Keem, George Martin, Kieren Hickey, Adam Anticaglia, Jack Callil, Aaron Preddy, Anthon Darcy and Zac Reale throughout the competition so far. Good luck for the remainder of the season.

There will be a season update on the Junior Soccer in next weeks crest.

1st V Basketball **Ms Tamara Westwood**

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

Round 3

Last week's action saw **SPC defeat Ballarat Grammar 54 to 35** with Alec Del Papa leading all scores with 15 points. Ryan Erkamps, and Jake Garvey contributed 13 and Jesse Dundon 8 points, ensuring a good even team performance.

Last Sunday the First V participated in an exhibition match against BHS at the Minerdome, in the lead up to the Ballarat Miners vs Knox SEABL basketball match. The Lady Miners also played in what was a huge day for local basketball. With a reduced line up, SPC were narrowly defeated by Ballarat High School 56 to 66. Thank you to Mr Jeremy House for coaching on the day and to the Ballarat Miners for the opportunity to participate. Many SPC families took advantage of the free ticket offer and enjoyed a great day of basketball action.

Badminton

The Badminton competition is progressing smoothly with all SPC/Loreto teams competing very well in all matches. The competition is strong under the guidance of Mr Bennett, Mr Goss (A, B and C Grades) and Mrs Kavanagh (D Grade)

A Grade

SPC/LC 6 games 113 pts Defeated Damascus 0 games 99 pts.

B Grade

BHS 5 games 125 pts Defeated SPC/LC1, 1 game 96 pts.

BCC 3 games 104 pts Defeated SPC/LC2 3 games 00 pts.

C Grade 1

SPC 6 games 126 pts defeated BCC 0 games 34 pts.

C Grade 2

SPC Blue 6 games 126 pts defeated BHS2 0 games 77 pts.

Damascus defeated SPC Green

BAS Football Round 6

Junior Football

SPC Blue 0 0 0 defeated by BHS Green 15-17-107

Best Players: Sam Troon, Sam Willian, Jaykeb Lench, Ryan Engel

BHS got away to a flying start, kicking 6 goals in the first quarter. SPC restricted them over the next three quarters, however weren't able to keep the score below 100. The boys tried really hard against a much bigger and more experienced side and need to be commended for their positive attitude

SPC Gold 9-8-62 defeated SPC Green 4-5-2

Best Players Gold: James Costigan, Jack Furness, Kane Hart, Lachlan Phyland, Oliver Hayes

Best Players Green: Beau Burke, Daniel Toohey, Ash Davies, Zac White, Zeb Morcombe.

Goal Kickers Gold: Oliver Hayes 3, James Costigan 2, Lachlan Phyland 1, Jacob Lourey 1, Dylan Achison 1

A hard fought game in great conditions saw Nunan Gold, the victors over Galvin Green. Honours were shared after the first half. However Gold, with great run-on football out played and outscored Green in the second half.

Intermediate Football

SPC Green 14-12-96 defeated SPC Blue 11-8-74

Best Players SPC Blue: Matt Begbie, Nick O'Brien, Jayden Orr, Jack Gudgeon, Ben Schills

Multiple Goal Kickers: Carson 2, Schiltz 2.

Ten minutes of intimidation and confidence, that's all it took for the Year 10 boys to control today's game and eventually run out winners by 22 points.

A quarter time conversation about pride and respect was all that was needed to restore confidence in the younger boys who went out after the first break and took it right up to the bigger bodied opposition. With inspiring individual efforts and great teamwork in each contest, the Year 9 boys ensured that the game was never out of their reach.

Today was a wonderful display of talent and camaraderie for all involved at St Patricks College with both teams battling it out for school yard bragging rights. Although the Year 10 boys eventually won today's encounter, the Year 9 boys should be very proud of their efforts and will no doubt be better for the experience.

Senior Football

SPC Green 13-12- 90 defeated SPC Blue 5-2-32

Best Players Green: Jordan Alexander, Daniel James, Nicholas Clifton, Ashley Mullane, Kane Fitzpatrick.

Goal Kickers Green: Trent Clark 3, Tony Castrignano 3, Kieran McDowell 2, Daniel James 1, Norman Tipiloura 1, Nick Clifton 1, David Herbert 1, Ashley Mullane 1.

In a fine display of running football the SPC Green team reversed the result from earlier in the season with a fine 58 point win over SPC Blue this week on the Main Oval. Played in perfect conditions the hallmark of the Green's performance was its run and carry and excellent ball use. Many of the goals the team kicked started from deep in the back line with many players involved in some very attractive and entertaining passages of play.

The team got a great deal of drive from its on ball brigade led by debutant Jordan Alexander who wracked up possessions. His ability to stay upright in tackles created many opportunities for other running players such as Ash Mullane, Nick Clifton, Marshall Rippon and Tony Castrignano. Kane Fitzpatrick was again superb in the ruck and showed great leadership during the game.

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 forward Trent Clark who showcased his excellent skills kicking three classy goals.

Nick Clifton, Andrew Wallis, Jacob Krusche, Tony Castrigiano, Kane Quinlan, Norman Tipiloura, Kieran McDowell and Tom O'Loughlin all made important contributions to what was easily the team's best performance for the year.

Round 3 BAS 1st XVIII Football

SPC 1st XVIII 13-21-99 defeated Damascus College 2-2-14

Best Players: Daniel Ross-Smith, Michael Emerson-Jones, Shaun Lyle, David Lang, Jared Hall, Seamus Herrick.

Goal Kickers: Dom Bushell, Jake Dunne, Sam Howard, Ash Whelan 2, Ben Peters, Jared Hall, Daniel Nicholson, Shaun Lyle and Alec Wiltshire 1.

Round 3 of the BAS 1st XVIII competition saw SPC host Damascus on a chilly but fine day for football. With up to ten regular players out with injury it was an opportunity for others to represent the College and the jumper. With a MCC Herald Sun Shield match against Assumption in a fortnight there are still a number of spots up for grabs. Before the match the players were made aware of the fact that Damascus would come out "raring to go" and that any match they play against SPC is like a Grand Final to them.

Damascus certainly started the better by being first to the ball and winning the majority of the first quarter stoppages. The tendency of many of the players to zone off and not take responsibility for an opponent made us pay on the scoreboard with Damascus kicking two of the first three goals of the game. This shocked SPC players into action and by quarter time we led by a goal. This was a lesson is coming prepared to play football, regardless of the opposition. Lack of accountability has been a problem in some of the earlier games and will continue to be a focus for the remainder of the season.

With intensity at the required level, SPC managed to kick 5 majors in the second term to Damascus 2 behinds. Players became more selfless, accountable and the number of 1%ers increased. This normally has a direct correlation with the scoreboard. Dom Bushell was providing a good leading target at full forward whilst Dan Nicholson continued his fine season picking up numerous disposals before coming off injured. Daniel Ross-Smith was controlling the backline and Michael Emerson-Jones was being creative with his disposal around the ground but what was even more impressive was his work rate, an area of his game he needs to continue to work on. The high number of rotations continued, which is a part of modern day football, with all boys being very understanding of this. We took a 45 point lead into half time.

The boys were determined to increase their lead but struggled to kick accurately, with 2 goals and 10 behinds being kicked for the quarter. Although there were a number of rushed behinds these mainly came from a result of players having a shot for goal from beyond their distance which allowed Damascus defenders to flood back and fist the ball through. A better option would be to kick the ball to the top of the square or "hot spot" where you are more chance of gaining possession and getting another shot at goal. Ben Peters was rested after playing a decent first half, as was Josh Cowan. Shaun Lyle was instrumental in many forward movements and David "Clubber" Lange took a number of contested marks. Our zone defense was not as effective as it could have been and not enough pressure was put on the Damascus full back that was kicking in. All players on the ground need to be a leader out on the field and use some initiative. The zone needed to tighten up as Damascus was able to hit a target most of the time. The margin was now 66 points after Damascus failed to score in the 3rd quarter.

The players were asked at three quarter time to play to their ability and finish of the match. The aims for the quarter were to win the stoppages, to take more uncontested marks in the forward 50 and for the zone defense to improve. We managed to kick 2 goals 6 behinds, the inaccuracy again was dismal. The side was "thrown around" which gave the opportunity for some players to become more involved. Fatigue started to show for both sides as the game fizzled out a little.

Round 4 BAS 1st XVIII Football

St Patrick's College 16-11-107 defeated Ballarat Grammar 7-9-51

Best Players: Rex Hickman, Shaun Lyle, Sam Howard, Marc James, Glen Kirby, Seamus Herrick

Goal Kickers: Rex Hickman 4, Joshua Brown 4, Jake Dunne 3, Dominic Bushell 2, Marc James 1, Jake Garvey 1, Seamus Herrick 1.

In clearly the most dominant, powerful performance for the year, the St Patrick's College 1st XVIII outclassed a skilful Ballarat Grammar team by 56 points. Played in ideal conditions at SPC, the attitude of the players was significantly better than previous weeks and the result and key indicators certainly reflected this.

A key indicator for the team is the amount of 1% acts that the side is able to perform at any given game. The SPC benchmark is 80 1% acts and for the first time this year the side was able to achieve this number. The playing group were able to lay a season high 51 tackles and a further 20 spoils and this was one of the more pleasing aspects of the win.

Everyone contributed to the win however the strong and positive leadership of Jake Garvey was instrumental in changing the attitude of the players from previous weeks. His ability to not only inspire those around him, but to bring others into the game was most encouraging leading into next weeks clash against Assumption College.

The forward pressure was significantly better this week and it was extremely pleasing that the conversion at goal was at a season high 69%. We scored on 4 different occasions from direct tackles from inside our forward 50 and this is a telling statistic. The forwards are the first line of defense and it is crucial that we maintain this intensity over the remainder of the season. One area that the forwards need to work harder on is setting up at Around the Ground Stoppages. Forwards need to isolate and nominate one forward to be the 3rd man up in a stoppage situation. His role is to punch the ball into space directed at the goals. This maximises the team's chances of creating a goal from a stoppage situation.

Rex Hickman was exceptional up forward and had over 15 marks whilst he was on the ground. His form and that of Shaun Lyle who is getting better with each game has been instrumental in the side's significant improvement. Shaun is beautifully balanced, executes exceptionally well and brings others into the game. Marc James, although a very different type of player to Shaun, also brings others into the game by his controlled aggression and his ability to lead up the ground and present to his midfield team-mates.

The debut of Joshua Brown with 4 goals and Jared Allan (Year 11) was most encouraging and underlines the great depth that lies within the College. It is extremely important that the 23 players chosen to represent the College against Assumption College next Wednesday approach the game with the same positive mindset as they did with today's game.

The players are to be congratulated on their win and feel satisfied that they were able to stick closely to the structures that are firmly in place.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday June 2 to Friday June 6. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481, preferably the evening before your rostered day.

Monday June 2

Leisa Carey, Colleen Flynn, Miranda Fraser, Marlene Murphy, Fiona Thomas, Josie Donegan, Melinda Murphy.

Tuesday June 3

*Joanne Dickson, *Nicki Quinlan, *Susanne, Boswenger, *Debbie Hill, Marty Forbes, Veronica Inglis, *Bernadette Scott, Sharon Sewell, *Sandra Nibloe, Angela Langdon.

Wednesday June 4

Lauren Duffin, Lyn Weightman, Michelle Drummond, Andrea Perkins, Raelene Harty, *Sam Fraser, *Annette Barresi, Gary Lenneke, Mark Allan.

Thursday June 5

*Angela Cushing, Gayle Edmends, *Maree Torpy, Anna McIntyre, Francis Powlett, *Jacqui McMaster, Maree Dodd, Carla Taylor, Liz Quick.

Friday June 6

*Francis McDaid, Karolyn Malone, *Julie Delahay, *Jenine Leonard, *Robyn Clarke, Anne Jreige, *Jenne Ferguson, Doris Razbocan, *Marika Rawlings, *Andrea Tully, *Mandy Simpson.

***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

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 3 June

Year 8 Retreat
College Assembly
Jun B Soccer
Inter B Football
2nd XVIII Football

Wednesday 4 June

Year 8 Retreat
Jun B Football
1st XI Soccer
1st XVIII Football (5) split round

Thursday 5 June

Year 8 Retreat
Inter B Soccer
1st XI Hockey
Senior B Basketball

Friday 6 June

Year 8 Retreat
Boarding EXEAT Weekend

Monday 9 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 11 June

Year 12 Exams
Jun B Football

Thursday 12 June

Year 12 Exams
Year 10 Exams start
Inter B Soccer

Friday 13 June

GAT/Year 11 Study Day
Year 10/11 Exams

