

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

This has been another week of great opportunities. Over and above scheduled classes and their joys, the week has included Year 8 Retreats, the VCE Information and Careers Night, School Review planning sessions in Melbourne, DEEWR Indigenous gathering in Sydney, and Transition Visit planning for the Ballarat Central Zone, as well as the Basketball and Australian Rules Grand Finals, to mention a few of the happenings. All in all in a typical week at a great school!

In the midst of these and numerous other activities, I have been mindful of a number of our students, staff and friends who have had major health and relational concerns on a personal level. There are many coming to terms with the death of family members both young and old and there are lots of other anxieties floating around.

I have been reminded of the words of the writer of the Letter to the Romans (8:28): 'We know that all things work together for good for those who love the Lord.' This is echoed in the comforting and faith-filled words of Julian of Norwich: 'All will be well, and all will be well, and every kind of thing will be well'. The words are easy; the trusting in God is harder.

Feel free to drop into our Chapel to reflect, to remember and to hold all of our community members in the palm of your hand in front of our loving God, trusting to his definitional goodness and love for each of us. Always feel free to pray for me as well- I definitely need the help.

Fond regards.
PeterC



My Wellbeing Wish – HaPE Wellbeing Seminar2009

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldwell

A Holistic Education

This week is just another busy week at St Patrick's College but this week's many activities highlight the diverse offerings we have available to our boys. The strengths and benefits of a holistic approach to education – providing a well-rounded and balanced range of activities and programmes are well known and it is something that the College is obviously committed to.

This week we have our boys in Year 8 involved in Retreats. Many staff in the Senior School are making themselves available to conduct conversations with boys in Year 10 and their parents about appropriate subject selections as they prepare to undertake their VCE studies in 2010 and beyond. Numerous College sporting teams are involved in grand finals at the end of another successful winter season, and I wish them the best of luck in the finals.

Dozens of boys have been involved in the Royal South Street competitions in various activities, including public speaking, debating and music – there have already been great successes in this renowned event! Year 10 students have attended a presentation from the Jim Stynes' "REACH" Foundation. These informative and powerful presentations titled "LOCKER ROOM" addressed the typical conversations that take place in a 15 and 16 year old males locker room. These presentations form part of the Year 10 Journey program.

During Term 3, there are regular retreats for Year 12 boys and it has been heartening to hear from them how powerful these are on them as young men of 17 and 18. All of this and more is a fairly typical week at the College and in my mind, reflects the holistic approach of the place and vibrancy of our staff and boys. It is a strong sign of a healthy place when so many of these activities and programmes happen so regularly and successfully!

Year 10 Influential Males Nights

A reminder to all Year 10 students of the Journey Programme Influential Males nights next week (August 3 to 6). As part of their Journey Programme, boys are invited to bring an influential male in their life to a special evening of activity and reflection. Students are asked to provide a photo of themselves with the influential male in their lives for display on the night. Photos can be emailed to or handed to Mr Bobrowski or Heads of House.

Monday 3 August - Galvin House

Tuesday 4 August - Ryan House

Wednesday 5 August - Keniry House

Thursday 6 August - Nunan House

All sessions start at 7.30pm.

Subject selections

Term 3 is traditionally a very busy time of year for students, staff and parents as planning for the next year begins in earnest. As a school we are attempting to provide as much information as we can to ensure that all of our boys are making informed choices with regards to their subject selections. I understand the anxieties experienced by both parents and students in trying to determine which subjects to do in the subsequent years. I am currently experiencing first hand, with my own teenagers, the joys of subject selection! At 14, 15 or 16 years of age it is difficult to determine a future career path or even direction. Many students are in exactly the same position of not knowing what it is that they may do in the future.

There are some broad principles in terms of subject selections that apply to all students:

1. **Choose subjects that you enjoy.**
This makes sense to me as students will put more effort into subjects that they enjoy and where there is an increased chance of receiving good grades.
2. **Choose subjects that are required for your future career path**
Provided you know your future career path, you should choose any prerequisite subjects that may be required. Generally this means choosing the highest level of mathematics that you are capable of, continuing with a language if possible or investigating/researching the subjects that are required for tertiary study. Where a future career path is unknown, it is best to keep your options open by choosing a broad course or researching the consequences of not choosing a subject.
3. **Choose subjects that you are good at.**
Students may not necessarily like a particular subject but they are very talented in the area or have always found the subject easier than most.

I ask all families to allocate time to discuss subject selections over the next few weeks. Take advantage of the information sessions available here at school, organise interviews with relevant staff members and complete your own research regarding what is best for your son. As long as the decisions that are made are informed decisions then we are all doing the best that we possibly can!

More information will follow from the Deputy Headmaster: Teaching and Learning, Mr Stephen Hill, with regards to specific information regarding subject selection at each year level.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching & Learning
Mr Stephen Hill

2010 Subject Selection

As Mr Chris Caldwell has already noted, subject selection can be an anxious time for parents and students alike. All current Years 9, 10 and 11 students have now received the relevant *2010 Information Booklet* and a copy of the *2010 Student Subject Selection Guide*. Students have also been emailed an electronic copy of the information booklet and a reminder of the procedures they need to follow over the next fortnight. The 2010 Years 10, 11 and 12 Information booklets can also be accessed via the College's webpage.

One of the key changes for 2010 is the introduction of the Selection Guide. This has been developed at the request of parents and students who were looking for a single subject selection document

that led them step-by-step through the various aspects of subject selection for each year level.

Current Year 9 students must see their English, Maths, and Immersion teachers to assist them with their 2010 Year 10 selections before submitting the *2010 Year 10 Subject Selection Guide* by **Friday, August 14**. Current Year 9 students proposing to do a VCE 1/2 or a VET certificate in 2010 also need to arrange a meeting with the relevant teacher before submitting their 2010 subject selections.

Current Year 10 students must see their Semester One RE and English teachers to assist them with their 2010 Year 11 selections before submitting the *2010 Year 12 Subject Selection Guide* by **Wednesday, August 19**. Current Year 10 students proposing to do a VCE 3/4 or a VET certificate in 2010 also need to arrange a meeting with the relevant teacher before submitting their 2010 subject selections.

Current Year 11 students must see their Semester One RE and English teachers to assist you with your Year 12 selections before submitting the *2010 Year 12 Subject Selection Guide* by **Wednesday, August 19**.

Any student interested in one of the external VET certificates offered by the Ballarat Cluster or a School Based Apprenticeship must see the College's Transition Co-ordinator, Mr Anthony Meehan, as a matter of urgency.

Parents and students with questions or concerns about the 2010 subject selection process should contact their son's Pastoral Care Group tutor, the relevant subject teacher or Faculty Head, or Mr Hill.

Physical Education and Wellbeing Seminar Mr Jeremy House Head of HaPE Faculty

Last Monday evening the College hosted physical educators from across the region in the third annual Physical Activity and Wellbeing Seminar. The evening is designed to strengthen the connections between physical and health educators from the region in an effort to support the development of the highest quality physical education teaching and learning across institutions and realise the positive health and wellness benefits such a culture creates.

Our speaker for the evening was Ms Danni Watts from the Butterfly Foundation who addressed the power of positive body image and the development of positive self concept through physical activity. Her insights provoked much reflection on professional practice and conversations surrounding ways in which we can all be the most positive influence on those around us.

Some body image boosters are:

- If you work on being a great person on the inside then you will be a great person on the outside. Always remember to be as positive as you can.
- You only get one body. You will feel more alive and positive about yourself if you treat your body well by exercising moderately, eating nutritious foods and never doing dangerous diets.
- Focus on the parts of your appearance that you like and enhance these with clothes that you feel really comfortable and your best self in.

- Everybody is awesome looking in their own way. Support your friends and others by never bullying, teasing or putting anybody down.
- You are fantastic just the way you are. Don't feel pressure from anyone or place pressure on yourself to build, sculpt, pump or exercise your way into trying to be something that you are not. Especially when such things can be dangerous and damaging to your health.
- Throw out a complement to other people whenever you can! You will make someone else feel great and you will feel great too!
- Have fun with the way you look, but don't let it rule your life. Putting your energy into living and doing fun things is much more important.
- Don't compare the way you look to anybody else. This is a very unfair thing to do to yourself, particularly if your comparisons are glossy, digitally enhanced and airbrushed images of sporting stars actors and body builders.
- Don't ever feel as if you have to change for anyone, especially if you feel the need to 'fit it' to a certain group or crowd. If they don't like you for who you are they are not worth it.
- If you feel down or worried about your appearance, please ask for help from a trusted friend. Everybody deserves to feel happy and positive about themselves.



2009 HaPE Physical Activity and Wellbeing Dinner

More information can be found at www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au

Deakin University Open Days

Sunday 9 August

Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds
Geelong Waterfront Campus

Sunday 16 August

Warrnambool Campus

Sunday 23 August

Melbourne Campus at Burwood

If you would like more information on Deakin Open Day and to download a copy of the brochure, please visit: www.deakin.edu.au/openday.

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

VTAC Information Evening for Year 12 Students and Parents

This evening will focus on:

- How to negotiate the tertiary application maze and
- How to lodge a SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme application, apply for scholarships and more.

Plus all your questions answered by staff from VTAC.

When: Monday August 10 at 7.30 pm

Where: Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, Howitt Street, Wendouree.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mrs Maree Moore

There are times when a Retreat and Seminar Day is right on target. The Year 11 Retreat, held last week, was exactly that. Totally enthralled by the presentation, the boys were asked to think about and reflect on the challenge of their journey towards manhood.

Jonathon Doyle was our retreat presenter for the day. His understanding of the boys was deep and clearly appreciated. He is obviously passionate about an authentic Catholic vision of manhood. Highly recommended by other schools from around the country, Jonathon gave the boys an outstanding, authentic vision of manhood; a vision far beyond the media presentations to which our young men are so often confronted.

The boys were inspired, challenged and completely engaged. Many summed up the day in one word 'awesome'. There is no doubt the Seminar Day struck a strong chord with each of our young men.

Most importantly, the day provided the boys with an opportunity to see the true essence of the responsibility of being a man. Whilst the boys were presented with a powerful vision, they were also given words of wisdom on how to attain this vision. Challenging thoughts such as 'happiness depends on realising that life is not about me' and that 'it is our commitments that define us' whilst 'we should always do the hard thing over the easier option'.

This focus from our Seminar day now provides the opportunity for the parents of Year 11 boys to ask questions of their sons about the day and of their understanding of the journey into manhood.

May our young men be inspired to take on those characteristics so clearly illustrated during our Year 11 Seminar Day. Thank you to Mr Art Nichols and Mr Michael Busscher for developing this concept and for their leadership of this invaluable experience for the boys.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

2010 Planning

In Term 3 planning will commence for 2010. During this term all students and families in Years 7 to 11 will be asked to confirm their enrolment for 2010 and make various subject selections. The first group to make selections will be current Year 9 students. Years 10 and 11 students will follow immediately after. All of these year levels will take part in a Year Level Subject Information session in the coming weeks.

Year 9 Immersion Week

All Year 9 parents have been notified regarding the operations with Year 9 with their Immersion Week activities starting Monday

August 10. I am sure all the boys will thoroughly enjoy their experiences.

Staff Formation Days

All College staff will be involved with Staff Formation activities on Thursday August 20 and Friday August 21. No student will be required at school on these days and it will be a Boarding Exeat Weekend.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr Michael Busscher

Once again it has been a very busy week in the life of our Senior School Students. Our fourth Year 12 Retreat experience left for Melbourne and our First Eighteen Football, First Eleven Soccer and First Eight Basketball sides all played off in their respective BAS Grand Finals. I would like to offer my congratulations and thank you to all the boys who have represented St Patrick's College so admirably throughout their competitive winter season.

This week also saw our Year 10's having the opportunity to be taken through a seminar by the Jim Stynes created Reach Foundation. These informative and powerful presentations titled "LOCKER ROOM" addressed the typical conversations that take place in a 15 to 16 year old male's locker room. These presentations formed part of the Year 10 Journey program. Next week this will be followed up by the Year 10 Influential Male Evenings which I would like to encourage all boys and an influential male in their life to attend. I look forward to meeting everyone on these evenings and enjoying such a special experience together.

Another major event was the 2010 Year 11 VCE Information Night and Career Expo which was very well supported. At this evening, parents were presented with their son's DAT Testing results as well as the invaluable opportunity of speaking with a number of further education institutions as well as numerous Old Collegians working in a vast array of professions.

To further assist parents and students make informed choices, prior to beginning Year 11, we are also offering the opportunity for each student and their parents to partake in a staff assisted thirty-minute interview looking directly at subject selection choices. Booking arrangements for these interviews will be completed next week and all interview confirmation slips will be given to the boys by Wednesday. Can I ask all parents to follow this up at home and remind your son to pass the booking slip to them. In most cases 2010 subject selections will be submitted at these interviews or by August 19 at the very latest. Once again I remind parents that in order for this interview to be effective it is important that prior to the interview, much thinking and talking has occurred at home and school.

Advanced Warning

Our current Year 12 Parents and Students are advised that the 2009 Trial Examination Period for Year 12s will be conducted in the Term Three Holidays. Our Trial Examinations will be run on Wednesday September 30, Thursday October 1 and Friday October 2. All Year 12s are advised to keep these dates available as your attendance at these vital Trial Examinations is highly recommended.

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

Edmund Rice Award



YEAR 8: CLIFFORD JONES

For his excellent application to evening study with Mr Hayes and volunteer tutors from ACU.



YEAR 8: JARRYD O'DOWD

For his very positive and thoughtful contributions during retreat.



YEAR 7: KIERAN WYNNE

For his outstanding application to studies.



YEAR 7: THOMAS MCMASTER

For his outstanding application to studies.

Talent, Collective Strength, Team Success and it is these traits that will make St Patrick's College extremely competitive come August 9.

Rugby Union
Mr Graham Swinton
Director of Rugby

Junior XV – Mr Chris Gleeson
SPC 5 lost to SKC 59

On Saturday July 25 the Junior Rugby team played the formidable outfit from St Kevin's College Toorak. The start time of 12 noon ensured a very reasonable 9am departure from St Patrick's College and all boys should be commended on their presentation as they were looking magnificent in their full school uniform. On arrival we saw the completion of a senior match between St Kevin's and Melbourne Grammar which clearly indicated to this novice coach the concept of how boys grow into men.

As we watched the St Kevin's team in their warm ups I was wondering if some of their senior players had got the start time wrong as there were some exceptionally big strong boys warming up for the match. In typical fashion the boys from SPC went about their warm ups diligently and practiced their skills in preparation for the match.

Three converted tries in quick succession at the beginning of the match did not deter the SPC boys and despite running into a strong wind we managed to take some ground from our more talented opponents and positioned ourselves for a try. The ball was spun wide with some quick long and accurate passing and Paul Baressi found himself on the end of the chain of passes. Paul used his pace and strength to advantage and scored in the corner for what was an excellent try. The half time whistle blew with the score at 39 points to 5. Despite running with the wind in the second half SPC were unable to score with the final result being 59 points to 5.

Thanks must go to Mr Evans, father of Reece and Mr Leighton father of Peter for some coaching and running a line respectively. Congratulations to the boys who demonstrated a great love for the game and a desire to compete throughout the entire match. Well played Jaykeb Lench and Reece Evens who were heroic in their tackling throughout the day. Thanks to Mr Richards for his organisation prior to the game and for giving me an opportunity to be involved.

BAS Cross Country
Director of Athletics Mr Shane Hayes.

The BAS Cross Country competition will be conducted next week on Tuesday August 4 at the new course at the University of Ballarat. After a strong showing in the Road Relay we again look forward to a good performance from our team. Thanks to Mr Hayes and Mr Ryan for their efforts and good luck to all the boys.

Soccer
Mr Tony Beggs
First XI

The First XI Grand Final was scheduled to be played on Wednesday July 29. In a very unusual chain of events and in accordance with the BAS rules governing the sport a playoff was required between Ballarat College and Ballarat Grammar school to determine who would play SPC in the Grand Final. Unfortunately scheduling issues meant that the game could not be played until this week thus deferring the Grand Final. Keep an eye on next weeks

Crest for details of the First XI grand final including date venue and opponents.

Intermediate Hockey
Mr Roger Knight
SPC 7 defeated DC 0

SPC were too good, too experienced and ran over the top of a gallant Damascus side. A scrappy match with a good result for SPC.
Best Players: Z. McMurray, L. Kemp and J. Weeks

Basketball
Ms Tamara Westwood
Director of Basketball

Senior Basketball
SPC White 75 defeated MCC 40

Leading Scorers for SPC White: Bernie Peoples 18pts, Oliver Whitely 12pts and Ryan Erkamps 11pts

SPC Green 45 defeated BG 43

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Lachlan Barker 11pts, Luke Kemp 8pts and Steve Jew 7pts.

Intermediate Basketball
SPC Green 37 defeated by BCC Gold 49

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Will Gallagher 11pts and Glen Coleman 10pts.

SPC Blue 53 defeated BCC Black 22

The season opener for the Intermediate Blue team was a fantastic beginning to what looks like being a very promising season. SPC Blue easily accounted for the BCC side running out 31 point winners. The side was led well by captain Matt Callahan (14 points) who was well supported by Luke Kemp (12) and Callum Klein (9). Beau Burke caused many headaches for the opposition who found it difficult to penetrate his defence, whilst Dom Barry provided us with a lot of run and pressure on the ball carrier.

Junior Basketball
Year 7
SPC Green 36 defeated SPC Blue 29

Leading scorers for SPC Green: Tom Thoroughgood 9pts, Seth Storie 6pts and Josh Leviston 5pts

Leading scorers for SPC Blue: Matt Johnston 9pts, Simon Lewis 8pts and Eamon McCuskey 8 pts

Year 8
SPC Blue 77 defeated BCC Black 43

Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Alex Brown 23pts, Harry Murphy 17pts and Jacob McMahan 12pts.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Laiton Sullivan (Year 8 Keniry House) who will represent Victoria in the National Cross Country Championships in Sydney on 29th August. Well done Laiton.

Nunan House
Mr Warrick Bottrall

Thank you to all Nunan boys in senior school who have taken part in the whole school Bullying survey. This kind of contribution to data by so many boys creates a very strong platform to build a new Bullying policy, and the programmes to support a better whole

school position on its effect to student and its eventual removal from our SPC culture.

I would also like to congratulate the following boys in Nunan for receiving an Edmund Rice award in recent times.

- Ben McOwan
- Sam Burzacott
- Aaron Preddy.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

A New Look for the St Patrick's College Website

www.stpats.vic.edu.au

After a considerable period of planning by the Public Relations and Marketing Committee the new look St Patrick's College website will be officially rolled out will become 'live' next week. The new site features a rolling display of photos from College life as well as some great user friendly functions that will make life easier for members of the community trying to source information or keep up to date with the numerous events that take place around the College each week.

Some of the new features of the site include:

- A daily and weekly calendar feature on the front page;
- A Latest news feature on the front page;
- A market research function to enable parents to provide feedback to the College on a range of topics;
- The ability to pay fees and other invoices on line (this function is not yet available);
- An extensive photo gallery, featuring current images as well as roll call photos back to 1893. Members of the College community will be able to purchase photos on line through a secure payment portal; and
- On line employment function to enable prospective employees to apply for positions at St Patrick's on line.

In addition the content pages for curricular and co-curricular areas of the College have been greatly expanded and should provide all visitors with accurate, timely and useful information. Please take the time to visit our new site and provide any feedback you may have to the Development Office.

Sincere appreciation and congratulations to Development and Marketing Officer Ms Caitlin Bennett who has coordinated this project through the Development Office.

2009 St Patrick's College Art Exhibition

September 11 to 13, 2009

Old Collegians Pavilion

Gala Launch

Friday September 11, 7 pm to 11 pm

In six weeks time the second annual St Patrick's College Art Exhibition will be staged in the Pavilion. The Art Exhibition will feature a range of outstanding works from artists from around the country, with a number of outstanding entries received to date. A feature of the Exhibition will be the awarding of an acquisitive prize, 'The Flanagan', an open award for all artists, kindly sponsored by the Xerox Business Centre and the University of Ballarat Emerging Artist prize for student, and recently graduated artists.

Over 185 entries were received and the Judges had the unenviable task selecting the final 85 works to display at the Exhibition; a difficult task given the extremely high quality of work entered for both 'The Flanagan' and the University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize.

The Exhibition will open with a Gala Launch featuring exquisite regional food and wine, fantastic musical entertainment from the College's Stage Band as well as the chance to view works and to be present when the inaugural winners of 'The Flanagan' and University of Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize are revealed by Art Gallery Ballarat Director, Mr Gordon Morrison.

Tickets for the Gala Launch can be purchased from the Front Office at the College. Tickets are strictly limited so please get in early to avoid disappointment. Weekend viewing passes are just \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Entry for all students is free of charge. In 2009 VCE Art Student viewing sessions will be held in the days prior to the Exhibition which will provide regional students with an invaluable learning experience.

The Committee led by Mrs Tracey Wilson have been working since last October to make this an even more successful event than the stunning 2008 inaugural Exhibition. Whilst all administrative details are in place the Committee would still love to hear from volunteers who can give up four hours during the week of the Exhibition.

Jobs required to be filled include food and drink service, reception, event set up and art sales. No knowledge of art is necessary just a willingness to get involved and assist the boys of the College. If you can assist as an event volunteer please contact Caitlin Bennett on 53 311 688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

The College is indebted to event sponsors Xerox Business Centre and the University of Ballarat for their generous support of this significant community initiative.

LEADERSHIP & STANDARDS OFFICER

Mr Jamie Bobrowski

Influential Males Night

August 3-6 2009

Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm

Venue: St Patricks College Dining Room

House: Monday August 3 - Galvin House

Tuesday August 4 - Ryan House

Wednesday August 5 - Keniry House

Thursday August 6 - Nunan House

"A good leader must be able to articulate a vision, but more importantly, he must be the vision. Our children will become what we are, not just what we say." Brigadier Jim Wallace, former Head of the SAS Regiment, Australian Defence Forces.

To embrace the challenge of fatherhood we must be prepared to investigate the natural and spiritual requirements of good leadership. Further it is one's responsibility as a father to ensure that one's sons have a strong male relationship and presence in their lives to guide them through to manhood.

It is with great pleasure to introduce the Journey Programme's **Influential Males Night** to be conducted from August 3 to 6 this year. Each House will be represented on a night and students in Year 10 will be invited to bring either their father or a male who is

influential in their lives to the College for a night of activity and reflection.

Your support of your son's development and of the Year 10 Influential Males Night is much appreciated. A letter will be sent home to all Year 10 families in the coming this week. Could all responses for permission please be returned to Mr Jamie Bobrowski by Friday, July 31,

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards 2009

The ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards started in 2006 and aims to recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship", that are integral to Australian society.

The Long Tan Leadership Award is an important initiative by the Australian Government in conjunction with the Australian Defence Force designed to encourage senior students – tomorrow's leaders – to actively participate in the life of their schools and local communities. In 2006 some 1750 schools participated in the awards and almost 5000 students received certificates and cheques. In 2008 the number of schools participating rose to over 2350 and over 6000 students were rewarded.

Successful students are selected by the Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, Deputy Headmaster: Wellbeing Mr Chris Calow and Student Leadership and Standards Officer Mr Jamie Bobrowski and based on the selection criteria which are available from Mr Bobrowski. Each school may select one student from Years 10, 11 and 12.

Recipients of a Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award will receive a certificate and a financial reward – \$100 for a Year 10 student, \$250 for a Year 11 student and \$500 awarded to a Year 12 student.

Last year's ADF LONG TAN Leadership and Teamwork Award recipients were:

Year 12: Seamus Herrick

Year 11: Thomas Blood

Year 10: James McMaster

Entries close on Friday August 7 2009. Response should not exceed 2 pages in length. Successful applicants will be notified on Friday August 14 2009.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be forwarded to the Headmaster.

2009–2010 Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize

The Premier of Victoria, John Brumby, invites Victorian students in Years 9 and 10 to submit entries for the 2009–2010 Premier's Spirit of ANZAC Prize.

The annual prize gives ten students from across Victoria the chance to visit significant battlefield sites and war cemeteries in Europe, Gallipoli and other countries where Australians have served.

The Premier's Spirit of the ANZAC Prize aims to inspire young Victorians to explore the ethos of the ANZACs at Gallipoli and on the Western Front and how values such as courage, initiative, mateship and endurance help unite and strengthen Victorian communities today.

Now in its sixth year, the competition is a way for secondary students to learn more about the history and legacy of Victoria's

veterans.

The planned 2010 study tour will visit the Thai-Burma Railway, including Hellfire Pass and the Western Front in France and Belgium.

Final entries for this year's competition must be submitted by Friday October 9 2009 and can take the form of a research essay, a visual artwork or an audio, web-based or video presentation.

Entries are available by visiting the Victorian Veterans website at <http://www.veterans.vic.gov.au/> or by emailing veterans@dpcd.vic.gov.au

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 6 August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$221** for primary students and **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Please Note - Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

EMA application forms are available from Front Reception.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
	School	\$ 77.35	\$ 155.05
Two	Parent	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
	School	\$ 33.15	\$ 66.45
	Total	\$ 221.00	\$ 443.00

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Dr Peter Vardy Conference

Interested members of the College community are warmly welcome to participate in an up-coming conference titled "Ethics Today," to be hosted at the College on Friday August 14. The conference will be conducted by the internationally renowned British Ethicist Dr Peter Vardy. His topics of discussion include truth in ethics, business ethics and the environment, conscience and authority of ethics, religious ethics and euthanasia.

The cost of the conference is \$165 (inc. GST). For further details or registration please phone Mrs Jo-anne Patching on 5331 1688 or email jpatching@stpats.vic.edu.au

The conference will run from 9am – 3.30pm and includes morning tea and a hot lunch. All are very welcome.

St Patrick's College Rowing Club

Trivia Night

Come along to a great night on Friday August 28. The St Patrick's College Rowing Club is holding a 'Video Trivia Night' full of fun and games, not just trivia!

When: Friday August 28

Where: St Patrick's College Old Collegians Pavilion

Cost: \$80 per table – refreshments available from the bar

For more information or to book a table please email Jamie Lynn on jlynn@stpats.vic.edu.au

Canteen

Roster Monday August 3 to Friday August 7

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. The canteen provides an invaluable service to students as well as funds for student programmes and urgently requires additional volunteers. If you are able to assist, even if only for a few hours a month please contact Cheryl or Veronica.

Monday August 3

Colleen Flynn, *Miranda Fraser, Marlene Murphy, Fiona Thomas, *Josie Donegan, Melinda Murphy *Denise Gillingham

Tuesday August 4

Joanne Dickson, *Nicki Quinlan, *Debbie Hill, *Moiria Devlin, *Marty Forbes, Angela Langdon, Lauren Duffin, Bernadette Martin, *Sarah Sullivan.

Wednesday August 5

Lyn Weightman, Andrea Perkins, Raelene Harty, *Sam Fraser, *Annette Barresi, *Gary Lenneke, *Mark Allan, Robyn Lavery.

Thursday August 6

*Angela Cushing, Gayle Edmonds, Anna McIntyre, Frances Powlett, *Jacqui McMaster, Maree Dodd, Carla Taylor & Liz Quick, Maria McOwan, *Susan Clifford.

Friday August 7

*Francis McDaid, Karolyn Malone, *Carol Callil, *Julie Delahay, *Jenine Leonard, *Robyn Clarke, Anne Jreige, *Janne Ferguson, Doris Razbocan, *Marika Rawlings, *Andrea Tully, *Angelique Stuhldreier.

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

Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments. SPC Scarves are now available to help stave off the chills of winter!

COMING EVENTS

Monday August 3

Year 8D Retreat – Pax Hill Scout Hall

7.30 pm Year 10 Galvin Influential Male Night

Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Experience - Mt Stirling Gr A – depart 6.00 am

Tuesday August 4

College Assembly

BAS Cross Country

7.30 pm Year 10 Ryan Influential Male Night

Year 12 Outdoor Education Experience - Mt Stirling Group A –

Wednesday August 5

Year 8 F Retreat – Pax Hill Scout Hall

Year 9 & 10 French Excursion – Regent Theatre 9.00 am – 12.40 pm

Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Experience - Mt Stirling Gr A returns 6.00 pm

7.30 pm Year 10 Keniry Influential Male Night

Thursday August 6

Year 8 E Retreat – Pax Hill Scout Hall

Year 12 VCD Excursion – Wendouree Performing Arts Centre

10.00 am – 2.40 pm

7.30 pm Year 10 Nunan Influential Male Night

Friday August 7

Year 8 C Retreat – Pax Hill Scout Hall

Saturday August 8

1st Rugby Grand Final

2010 Year 11 P/T/S Interviews

Sunday August 9

MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final at MCG 11.00 am

Monday August 10

Year 9 Immersion week

2010 Year 11 P/S/T Interviews 3.45 pm – 5.00 pm

Tuesday August 11

Year 9 Immersion week

2010 Year 11 P/S/T Interviews 3.45 pm – 5.00 pm

Wednesday August 12

Year 9 Immersion week

BAS Athletics Road Relay

Fifth Year 12 Retreat leaves 2.30 pm

BAS v AGSV (Winter Sports) at Melbourne

Music Tour to Brisbane departs

Thursday August 13

Firth Year 12 Retreat returns

Year 9 Immersion week

Music Tour – Brisbane

Friday August 14

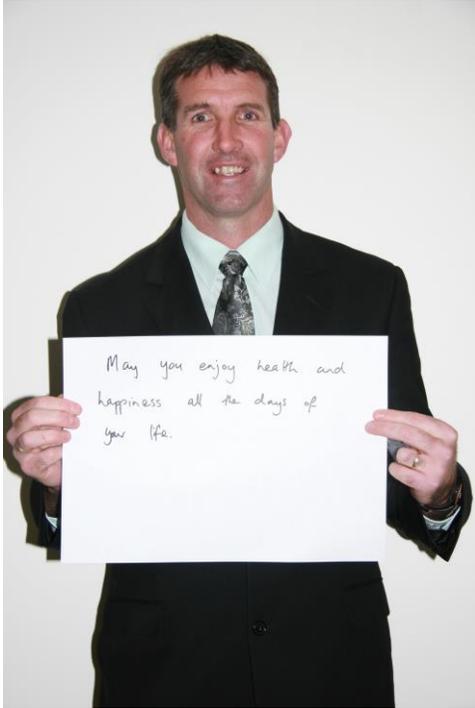
Year 9 Immersion week

2010 Year 10 Enrolment and elective forms due

Music Tour – Brisbane

Saturday August 15

Feast of Assumption



**Mr Chris Caldow with his Wellbeing Wish
HaPE Health and Wellbeing Seminar 2009**

During the Semester Break Director of Community Development Mr Mark Waddington visited the remote community of Timber Creek to meet with parents and siblings of current SPC students.



Meagan Jones, sister of Clifford Jones (Year 8) and Matilda Waddington at the Timber Creek School



Mr Mark Waddington with children from Timber Creek School

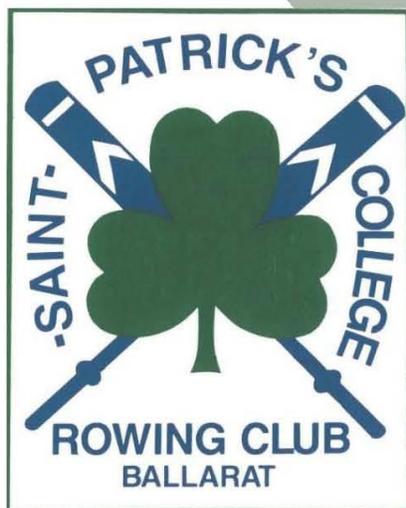


Brothers of current SPC students – Hayden Hector, Ryan Hector, (Kurt and Russell), Joshua Jones (Shaun Jones), Daniel Birdum (brother of Donovan Jones) and Peter Harrington with Declan and Tadhg Waddington.

Are you smarter than a
St Pats Rower??

St Pats Rowing Trivia'ish Night

Friday August 28th
7pm



\$80.00 per table (8 people per table)
BYO Supper - Tea & Coffee Supplied
Drinks bar prices

Where: St Pats Pavilion
Tickets from: St Pats Front Reception

Limited Tables

If you can't get a table of 8 or need more information Call Jan 0400 816 606



The Friends of St Patrick's College
invite you to a fantastic social evening

“The College Ball”

The Old Collegians Pavilion
St Patrick's College

Friday October 9, 2009
7.30 pm till Midnight

\$30 per person

Music by “Green with Envy”

Dress code is “After 5”

Finger Food provided

Complimentary drinks from 7.30 pm to 8.00 pm

Drinks at bar prices



Tickets can be purchased from the St Patrick's College Front Reception prior to September 18, 2009. (Limited tickets available).

Please remember to bring your ticket on the evening for entry and door prize.

All proceeds from the event will go to projects which benefit all students at the College!