

**FROM THE HEADMASTER**  
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Last week's inaugural Chris Nolan Awards drew a sincere letter of thanks from Mary Nolan on behalf of Chris and his father. I offer you part of Mary's letter as a source of inspiration and motivation:

*'So many regard someone like Chris as a non contributor and worthless – he strives as much as he always did and can be as inspiring and challenging and stubborn and engaging as he always was. And to make a difference for himself and others with the added experiences of being 'locked in' a profoundly disabled body and communication system. That is one of the richest aspects of this Award – the SPC recognition of his will to live life fully as he is and to continue to make a difference for himself and others. As I said on Tuesday, friends are vital for Chris to do that, and SPC is very dear to him. I pray that boys who receive Chris Nolan Awards are graced with a desire to live life fully, in spite of life's obstacles, and to make a difference in their own lives and networks.'*

This speaks to my heart as I hope it does to yours.



Live each day and take no-one for granted.

Regards

PeterC

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

**Casual Clothes Day**

The Student Council have decided to support the fund raising efforts for various Papua New Guinea communities via a Casual Clothes day next Thursday August 7. All boys from Year 7 to 12 are asked to wear casual clothes to school next Thursday and to contribute a gold coin donation for the privilege. The money raised will be sent to a number of worthy charities in PNG. I would encourage all boys to contribute generously to these charities and to enjoy the casual clothes day next week. Normal classes, activities and expectations of boys will, of course, operate on the day – the only thing casual about next Thursday will be the clothes that are worn!

**Week Commencing August 11**

Monday August 11 and Tuesday August 12 will be student-free days at the College and the office will be closed as all College staff will be attending a Staff Formation programme. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition these opportunities to learn about the charism of Edmund Rice education and to reflect on the practices of this at our College are invaluable and integral to all of our work. No classes or activities will operate at school for any students on both these days.

Classes will commence on Wednesday, August 13 – this will be Day 8 of the timetable cycle. Please note that the College will run Day 6 (Monday Day 6) classes on Thursday August 14 as a number of Mondays have been lost throughout the year. Therefore, Day 6 classes will occur on Thursday August 14 rather than Day 9 classes. The boys will be reminded of this as we get closer to the date.

**DIRECTOR OF MISSION**  
Mr Joe Doolan

**Prayer Books Old and New**  
**The Role of the Domestic Church**

A student recently showed me a Prayer Book from 1918 that was bequeathed to him by his Grand Uncle Ted Cunningham. This book symbolises the gift of one member of the family to another generation. The inscription in the cover says that the small Book was given to young Ted. What a different world we live in! Who, these days, is given a prayer book? Some of us have an old Bible that includes the birth and baptismal dates of relatives long departed. It is interesting to note that Edmund Rice wanted his portrait to be painted with his Douay Rheims Bible on the table. We know that he had great affection for the Holy Scriptures and read them daily.

The intriguing insight for me was the contents of the precious book: a simple list of prayers: prayers for a happy death, the rosary, lay baptism, confession, the parts of the Mass and grace before and after meals, the litanies of The Sacred Heart and The Virgin Mary. The parts of the Mass in Latin and the translation in English were included, as well as the seven sacraments. There included some instructions also. Every Christian must believe the mystery of the Trinity and the Incarnation. God the Son the second person of the Blessed Trinity, became man and died to redeem us from sin.

The new book that came across my desk in the past weeks was the publication by John Garrett, *So You're working for the Catholic Church. An Introductory Guide to Catholicism*. It is interesting to note the difference from the style of the 1918 text. The first three chapters address the person of Jesus, the Eucharist and the Story that is passed onto each generation. At the end of the new publication are some helpful quotations from the Catholic Catechism and some historical facts about the Australian Church. It also includes a glossary of terms that are often used in Catholic parlance.

The Author notes in the introduction that this is not an attempt to cover the extraordinary richness and depth of Catholic beliefs. The book is a "modest overview for someone who is coming in touch with the Church perhaps for the first time". The publication includes some scripture quotes, statements from recent papal pronouncements and the Vatican Council.

I was taken by the prayer for Courage by St Augustine:

**Give me whatever you ask of me,  
Then ask me whatever you will,  
Lord.  
Remember that we are only dust,  
For of the dust you have made us!  
But I can do anything  
In Him who strengthens me:  
Lord, strengthen me, and I can do everything!  
Give me what ever you ask of me,  
And then ask of me what you will.  
Amen**

What is the essential difference between the two Books? The remarkable divergence is the small number of explanations, introductions or commentaries in the 1918 Prayer Book. Who gave the background to these pages? Who explained the logic behind the litany or the essence of the Angelus?

It had to be the family! The 'Domestic Church' was the building wherein the instruction took place. Not merely confined to one person the duty of transmitting the faith was a family affair. Grandparents and siblings all contributed to the religious education of the young. It was no surprise to have Christian quotes and proverbs uttered by anyone at almost any time.

These dear departed ones, like Ted Cunningham, must smile at our practices today and perhaps envy the extensive Religious Education resources and retreats we enjoy. They would look at this new publication and wonder why there has to be such extensive explanation of the prayers. "We did all that at home", he might assert.

The comparison of the two texts prompts me to ask: What prayer books would be around in ninety years time?

Will the Domestic Church have returned to its prime place as the locus for instruction and prayer? For this we can work and pray, confident that the Lord is guiding His Body, the Church with the Holy Spirit. Strengthened by Him we can do anything.

## COLLEGE DEAN Mr Stephen Hill

### Year 12 VTAC Guides and Briefing Sessions

The 2008 Year 12 VTAC Guides are due to arrive at the College today for distribution to all Year 12 students. In addition to a general briefing for all Year 12 boys on the use of the VTAC guide, special group sessions will run to assist with VTAC registration.

These sessions will take place in Study Block times throughout late August and early September. The sessions will focus on practice for VTAC Preference selection and on SEAS applications. Please see Mr Meehan for other details or careers enquiries about Open Days, Scholarships, Accommodation, GAP Year projects, Apprenticeships, Employment and Training.

*Please note: A reminder for students and parents - a VTAC Information Briefing will take place on Thursday August 14 at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre.*

### 2009 VET Information Night

All Year 9 and 10 students and parents considering VET studies next year are advised to attend the Ballarat VET Cluster Information Evening on Wednesday August 13 at the Ballarat Mining Exchange.

Invitations to all Year 9 and 10 students were posted out with the mid year reports. VET teachers, Registered Training Providers and Apprenticeship experts will be available on the night to talk about VET studies options. A limited number of 2009 VET Information booklets are available from Mr Meehan's office on application. Please note that St Patrick's will be introducing a number of new VET programmes into the school curriculum next year. The VET application process will require two sets of interviews. An initial interview with a St Patrick's College staff member will take place mid August. Any student applying to VET cluster programs will undertake a second interview with VET cluster personnel in September.

### Music Director of Music Mrs Kathleen Plastow

On Friday July 25, sixteen boys represented the College at the local ABC Radio's fifth Birthday Celebrations at the Queen Alexandra Bandstand in Sturt Street. This celebration was also used to raise awareness of homelessness and to collect donations for the Victorian Winter Blanket Appeal. The boys only had three days to learn the song, "Oh Ballarat", that had been especially written by Greg Champion from the 'Coodabeen Champions' for the celebrations.

The boys sang the song live-to-air after only one rehearsal with "The Little Brass Band" and they performed admirably to a very appreciative audience. After the live performance, the boys were invited back to the ABC Dawson Street studios to record the song again with the band. Although it was very tight in the studio, the boys sang with gusto.

Congratulations go to Zachary Weightman, Darcy Osborne, Joshua Tooley, Brandon Appleby, Adam Murphy, Jesse Nicholls, Lachlan Dodd, Lachlan Murphy, Joshua Minto, Sean Houlihan, Andrew Howlett, Jakob Currey, Jakob Baric, Jerome Wallace, Max Rawlings and Harrison Antoniazzi for being such wonderful ambassadors for St Patrick's College.



**Year 7 Choir**

**Vocal Ensemble News**

**Sarah Dwyer**

**Director of Vocal Ensemble**

The St Patrick's College Vocal Ensemble will be joining the award winning Mafumani Secondary School Choir from Limpopo Province, South Africa in a performance at St Patrick's College Chapel on Saturday the August 9 at 7pm. Mafumani Secondary School Choir is currently touring in Australia, presenting a series of concerts co-ordinated by world music organisation, The Boite. Led by their conductor, Andrew Taweni, the Mafumani Choir will be accompanied by dancer Sakile Kumalo and percussionist, Basi Mahlasela. The Ballarat concert will also feature Mini Monas, Sweet Monas, Thursday Night Choir (all from Ballarat music school, Vocalise).

Tickets are \$10 and are available at Rediscovery CDs (425 Sturt St) or at the door on the night.

The Vocal Ensemble will also be performing with Mafumani Secondary School Choir as part of The Boite Schools Chorus at 1pm on Friday August 15 at Dallas Brooks Hall (East Melbourne). For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit [www.boite.com.au](http://www.boite.com.au) or phone The Boite on 9417 1983.

The College is hosting the Mafumani Secondary School Choir in its Boarding Houses on August 8 and 9 to enable this significant musical and cultural event to occur in the Ballarat region.

**DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE**  
**Mr Kelvin Porter**

**PACE Parenting Programme**

Junior School parents are reminded that registrations for the four week PACE Parenting Programme, commencing on August 14 at 7:30pm, close next week.

This programme is conducted in collaboration with the Family Relationship Services programme at Centacare, and covers issues such as Adolescent Development, Communication and Conflict Resolution.

**Cost:** Gold coin donation.

Please register your interest as soon as possible for this popular programme to avoid disappointment, by contacting Front Reception at the College.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**Ms Elizabeth Till**

**Year 9 Immersion Week**

All Year 9 parents have been notified regarding the operation of Immersion Week activities commencing next week. I am sure that all boys will thoroughly enjoy these experiences.

**Staff Formation Days**

All College staff will be involved with Staff Formation activities on Monday August 11 and Tuesday August 12. No student will be required at school on these days. The four days from August 8 to 12 will be a Boarding Exeat Weekend.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL**  
**Head of Junior School**  
**Mr John Richards**

**Year 8 Mathematics**

Commencing next Wednesday from 3:40 to 4:30 pm, the Year 8 Mathematics staff will be holding maths tutorial sessions in OMW 003. These sessions are available to any Year 8 student wanting some additional assistance in their mathematics. The sessions are free of charge and may offer your son the necessary assistance they require.

**Year 7 Father and Son Evening**

Parenting has become a major focus of research over the past five years and the issue of Parent - Child relationships continues to interest those who work in education and the health and welfare industry.

St Patrick's College has decided that the best way that to support parents and families is to work collaboratively with them on this important issue. As part of our Junior School social skills and relationships programme, a Father/Significant Male - Son evening for all Year 7 boys is being planned.

The evenings will be arranged over two nights according to College Houses. Each evening will run for approximately two hours in length and will involve 50 to 60 boys and their fathers or a significant male role model.

Below are the listed evening groups and the format of the evening:

<b>7A/7B/7C/7D</b>	<b>Galvin and Keniry</b>	<b>Monday September 1</b>
<b>7E/7F/7G/7H/7I</b>	<b>Nunan and Ryan</b>	<b>Tuesday September 2</b>

If the nominated evening does not suit your family, please feel free to attend the alternate evening.

**Times**

7:00pm-8: 15pm	Dinner and guest speaker: College Pavilion
8:15pm-9:00pm	Blue Earth Activity Session College Gymnasium

Guest Speaker Michael Brandenburg is the Manager of Commonwealth and Family Violence funded services at "Child & Family Services Ballarat". He will facilitate a discussion on issues that are particular to the relationship that occurs between fathers and their sons and highlight strategies that can be used to support the strengthening of these relationships.

To help cover the costs, a Gold Coin donation would be appreciated.

It would also be appreciated if each student could please supply a photo of themselves with their father or significant male role model. Please submit the photo to Pastoral Tutors by Monday July 28, which will be scanned and included in a reflection on the night.

We invite fathers and significant males to consider attending this important evening.

**Gold Museum Visit**

As part of the Junior School Humanities programme, the Year 7 students had the opportunity to visit the Ballarat Gold Museum. The boys were given a short tour and explanation of how a museum decides what to display, examples of primary and secondary sources, a brief history of Ballarat and the discovery of gold in the region. They were also able to go behind the scenes to talk to the Curator, find out how a museum functions and see the many artefacts the museum has in storage.



**The Year 7 Gold Museum Excursion**

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



**YEAR 8: ZACHARY WEIGHTMAN**

For demonstrating responsibility and initiative in his recent Japanese classes. Zachary continues to be a fine student in all aspects of College life.

**SPORT**  
**Director of Sport**  
**Mr Chris Gleeson**

**Student Achievements**

Kieran McDowell has been selected in the VSSSA State Football (Soccer) Team which will compete in the School Sports Australia National Championships to be held in Port Macquarie, NSW. Kieran flies out on Saturday, August 2 2008 for the week long carnival. Congratulations Kieran!

**BAS 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII Grand Final**

The BAS 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII Grand Final was played on Tuesday July 22 in cold and slippery conditions and was a celebration of St Patrick’s football with the top of the ladder Green team playing arch rivals SPC Blue. The pressure in the first quarter was intense and players made many skill errors, compounded by the slippery conditions. At half time it appeared as if we may have to resort to a penalty shoot out to decide the Grand Final with both teams locked on one goal apiece!

However following an insightful and passionate half time address from coach Peter Blanchfield the Greens finally got their running game going and were able to kick four goals in an inspired team display. The impetus for the relative goal bonanza came from hard working on-ballers Nathan Sobey, Dom Bushell, Matt Gillett and Ash Mullane. As has been the case all year Daniel James provided a compelling forward target drawing the ball and numerous opponents to him which created opportunities for crumbers Trent Clark, Norman Tipiloura and debutant Mikey Smiler who kicked a clever check side goal.

The Greens added two more goals in the last quarter whilst keeping the Blues to two points, thanks largely to a tight knit backline led by Dermott Sullivan, Jacob Krusche, Tom O’Loughlin and Liam Toohey.

The comprehensive win by the SPC Green team reinforced their dominant status in the competition this year and was a great reward for the committed group of players who played throughout the season. The players have enjoyed an excellent year thanks largely to the coaching of Peter Blanchfield, a noted senior player in the BFL who has provided the players with sound contemporary coaching, delivered in a positive and educative manner for all players.

The sight of players from both teams sharing a war cry after the game highlighted the positive spirit that has characterised the 2nd XVIII football competition in 2008. Sincere thank you to Director of Football Mr Howard Clark who has established a competition and a football programme that encourages all boys to strive for personal excellence and provides opportunities to represent the College at a level commensurate with their ability, commitment and enthusiasm. The development of some players in this competition in 2008 has been noteworthy and augurs well for the 1st XVIII competition in 2009.



**BAS 2<sup>nd</sup> XVIII Grand Final**

**FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE**  
**Development Manager**  
**Mr Mark Waddington**

**2008 St Patrick's College Art Exhibition**  
**September 12 to 14, 2008**  
**Old Collegians Pavilion**

**Gala Launch**  
**Friday September 12, 7 pm to 11 pm**

**Weekend Opening Times**  
**Saturday 10 am – 5 pm**  
**Sunday 10 am – 4 pm**

In six weeks time the inaugural St Patrick's College Art Exhibition will be staged in the Pavilion. The Art Exhibition has been organised by a sub-committee of the Parents and Friends Association and will feature a range of outstanding works from artists from around the country.

A feature of the Exhibition will be the awarding of an acquisitive prize, 'The Flanagan', an open award for all artists and the University of Ballarat Emerging Artist prize for student, and recently graduated artists. Over 140 entries were received for the prizes, from which 74 exceptional pieces have been chosen for display.

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 Ballarat Fine Art Gallery Director, Mr Gordon Morrison.

Tickets for the Gala Launch are \$40 per person and 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.

Well done to the Committee led by Mrs Trudy O'Connor who have worked for over a year to bring this event together. Special thanks to Mrs Deb Hill who has worked tirelessly to rally and inspire the Ballarat arts community. The College is indebted to event sponsors Xerox Business Centre and the University of Ballarat for their generous support of this significant community initiative. All funds raised through the event will be used by the P&F to fund facilities and equipment that benefit all students at the College.

For all ticket enquiries please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311 688 or [cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

**Parents and Friends Association**  
**Mr Bernie Wilson**  
**President**

**Trots Night**  
 In collaboration with the SPC Rowing Club and the SPC Football Club, we are holding the fourth annual Trots night on September 4, 2008 at Bray Raceway. The P&F are seeking support from the St Patrick's community in the form of race sponsorship, door prizes and raffle prizes and a commitment to attend the night, enjoy good company and along the way raise some funds that benefit all our boys. Details are contained at the back of this edition of The Crest.

We are always keen to see parents join these meetings, so please feel free to come along to the next meeting and see just what a small and dedicated group of parents can achieve.

Meetings are held in the College Boardroom on the fourth Tuesday of the month during the school terms. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 22 at 7.30pm; we hope to see you soon.

**EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE**

**Canteen**  
 Canteen Roster Monday August 4 to Friday August 8. Please, if unable to attend [phone](tel:53356244) Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481, preferably the evening before your rostered day.

**Monday August 4**  
 Leisa Carey, Colleen Flynn, Miranda Fraser, Marlene Murphy, Fiona Thomas, Josie Donegan, Melinda Murphy.

**Tuesday August 5**  
 \*Joanne Dickson, \*Nicki Quinlan (serving times), \*Susanne Boswerger, \*Debbie Hill, Marty Forbes, Veronica Inglis, \*Bernadette Scott, Sharon Sewell, \*Sandra Nibloe, Angela Langdon.

**Wednesday August 6**  
 Laureen Duffin, Lyn Weightman, Michelle Drummond, Andrea Perkins, Raelene Hart, \*Sam Fraser, \*Annette Barresi, Gary Lenneke & Mark Allan.

**Thursday August 7**  
 \*Angela Cushing, Gayle Edmonds, \*Maree Torpy, Anna McIntyre, Francis Powlett, \*Jacqui McMaster, Maree Dodd, Carla Taylor & Liz Quick.

### **Friday August 8**

\*Francis McDaid, Karolyn Malone, \*Julie Delahay, \*Jenine Leonard,  
\*Robyn Clarke, Anne Jreige, \*Janne 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 - Term 3**

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

## **EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE**

### **Mt Clear Secondary College**

The Pathways Foundation proudly presents:

'Raising Teenagers Talk'

Raising Teenagers is not easy! The Pathways Foundation is a registered harm prevention charity and a world leader in assisting teenagers with the challenging transition from teen to young adult. This FREE talk for parents is part of Pathways' social responsibility to raise awareness of ways to help our young people grow emotionally.

**Details:** August 12, 7.00 -9:30pm, Mount Clear College  
Olympic Avenue, Mt Clear  
RSVP - Phone: 03 5330 1500

### **Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts**

#### **Parent Information Evening**

**Monday August 18, 2008**

**5.30 – 6pm**

Are you a parent of a student in Year 11 or 12? If so, we invite you to come and find out how you can support your son or daughter as they consider their future study options.

The Parent Information Evening will provide an excellent opportunity for parents to take a closer look at the range of courses, scholarships and student support services available at Monash University and how to manage the transition from school to university. There will be a range of speakers including current students and academics.

Bookings are advisable and can be completed on line at  
[www.monash.edu.au/parents](http://www.monash.edu.au/parents)

For more information and bookings visit:

[www.monash.edu.au/parents](http://www.monash.edu.au/parents)

Telephone 9903 4758

Email [valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au)

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **Monday 4 August**

Year 9 Immersion Week starts  
Inter B Hockey

### **Tuesday 5 August**

2009 Year 11 VCE Interviews 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm  
College Assembly  
Year 7 & 8 Basketball

### **Wednesday 6 August**

1<sup>st</sup> XVIII Football  
1<sup>st</sup> XI Soccer  
Sen B Basketball (Final)  
Inter B Basketball  
Year 9 Immersion week  
1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey

### **Thursday 7 August**

2009 Year 11 VCE Interviews 5.00 pm – 9.00 pm  
Year 9 Immersion week  
1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey

### **Friday 8 August**

Year 9 Immersion week finishes  
Commencement of Boarding EXEAT Weekend

### **Saturday 9 August**

2009 Year 11 VCE Interviews  
9.00 am – 12.00 pm  
U16 Division 2 Rugby – Pool A - IGS vs SPC 9.00 am - Pool B – SPC  
vs XC 10.00 am  
U16 XV Division 2 – IGS vs SPC 10.00 am

### **Monday 11 August**

College Closed – Staff Formation Day

### **Tuesday 12 August**

College Closed – Staff Formation Day  
Boarding Houses Open from 4 pm

### **Wednesday 13 August**

Year 12 Retreat  
1<sup>st</sup> XI Soccer  
1<sup>st</sup> XVIII Football (Final)  
Inter B Basketball

### **Thursday 14 August**

Year 12 Retreat  
1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey (Final)  
Parent Adolescent Night – 7.30 pm

### **Friday 15 August**

2009 Year 10 Enrolment and Electives form due

## Parents & Friends Association “A Night at the Trots!”



The Parents and Friends Association in partnership with the SPC Rowing Club and SPC Football Club have arranged a family fundraising event at the Bray Raceway.

Please mark **Thursday September 4** in your calendar and join us at this fun filled St Patrick's College event which continues to grow in popularity!

\$30.00 provides you entry to the races, 3-course dinner in the Terrace Restaurant, with full waiter service, a race book to study the horses between each sumptuous course and drinks are available at bar prices. The more tickets sold the more funds generated that can be used for projects that benefit all students.

If that is not enough, you could also win the opportunity to ride in the Starter's Car to set a race underway!

If you are interested in promoting your business, you might like to sponsor a race on the night. Race names are broadcast around the country making this an great value for money investment – it might be your only winner on the night!

Alternatively, you may be able to donate a small spot prize to be raffled on the night. If you are able to help, please phone Bernard Wilson to find out more on 5341 2662 or 0419 330 708.

What we are looking for is your contribution to this event. How can you help all students at SPC you may ask? It is easy! Come along to the night and bring you friends. Get a group together and share in the fun and enjoyment whilst helping St Patrick's.

Tickets are available from the Front office of the College which is open between 8.30am -4.45 pm each day.

**Mr Bernard Wilson**  
**President P&F**

**2008 ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE BALLARAT**  
 **ART EXHIBITION**

**St Patrick's College**  
**Old Collegians Pavilion**  
**September 13 and 14, 2008**

**Featuring the winners of the**  
**Flanagan Prize and the University of**  
**Ballarat Emerging Artist Prize**

**Exhibition Opening Times**

**Saturday September 13      10 – 5 pm**  
**Sunday September 14      10 – 4 pm**

**Tickets available at the door**  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
**Weekend Viewing Pass \$5**

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