

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Good News

It is with pleasure I announce that Mr Steven O'Connor, our Deputy Headmaster, has accepted the position of Principal of the Trinity Anglican College Albury-Wodonga. The coeducational school has campuses in Thurgoona (Albury) and Baranduda (Wodonga) and enrolls students from Prep to Year 12. This is a great opportunity for Steven who has served us well in his role as Deputy in 2007 and 2008. We wish Steven and Trudy and their children Patrick and Hilary, every best wish in this venture. Needless to say I am working with Edmund Rice Education Australia to source a fine replacement for him to coordinate the wellbeing of our students and staff.

Celebrating our Patrimony, our Legacy

Next Friday is the Feast of the Assumption, the day we remember the entry of Mary, Mother of God in Jesus, into heaven. On that day many of us will gather to celebrate the Eucharist in our Chapel with Bishop Peter Connors, Bishop of Ballarat and the Patron of the College. Friends of the College are most welcome to attend.

This year we have two special anniversaries to celebrate on the feast of the Assumption. 200 years ago Edmund Rice and his first followers took their first vows to live a life of poverty, chastity, obedience, perseverance and free instruction of the poor.

Edmund Rice was forty years of age when he founded the Christian Brothers in 1802 in Waterford, Ireland. Seven of the nine members of the fledgling society took their first vows on August 15 1808 in a Presentation Sisters convent in the town. They had spent the preceding eight days in retreat preparing for the occasion.

Next Friday also marks the 140th anniversary of Br Patrick Ambrose Treacy's departure from Dublin for Australia to establish the first Christian Brothers' school in Melbourne adjacent to St Francis' Church and which was located to become CBC Victoria Parade or as we know it, Parade College. It was from this establishment that Br Treacy founded schools throughout Australia, including sending Brothers to Skipton Street in Ballarat in 1876 to found the forerunner to St Patrick's School, Drummond Street. In 1893 he sent Br Ryan and his three confreres to Ballarat to establish our St Patrick's College on the site of the former Holy Ghost College. By 1900, when he retired after thirty years as a provincial superior, he had established twenty-seven schools in the principal cities of Australia, and one in New Zealand.

From these foundations, have sprung schools throughout Oceania and Africa. We look back to Europe for our religious heritage and the sources of our schools and honour Br Treacy as a founding father in Australia. So too those in the new ventures of Edmund's followers look to Australia as the source of their spiritual birth and education under the leadership of Br Paul Noonan and others like him. I offer you a reflection from one of the African brothers who visited Sydney for World Youth Day and then came to Melbourne:

'We had a chance to visit Melbourne after World Youth Day. We stayed in the Treacy Centre, the place which I used to hear about and admire to see! There we met Brothers and young people who have been here in East Africa. They are the ones who made us feel at home. Visiting Melbourne was the highlight of all the experiences! We saw the place where the Brothers' first school was established and different ministries where Brothers and young people are involved. Visiting Paul Noonan's grave was a touching experience.'

I have encouraged our young men of St Patrick's College 2008 to take up the tradition and spirit of these great men who have gone before us. If we are true to their sense of mission to bring Jesus' message of hope to the young people of the world, the legacy of Brothers Edmund, Ambrose and Paul will be carried forward for another two hundred years.

Olympics

Just marvel at the athleticism, the camaraderie, the bravery, the commitment, the pursuit, the joy and be inspired by the youth of the world! It was fitting that this week we presented our Pierre de Coubertin award winner, Damien Farrell, to the Assembly. Damien is a very worthy winner of the award dedicated to those who pursue the Olympic values of participation, respect, responsibility and sportsmanship. Well done, Damien - a great achievement.

Regards

PeterC

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Mr Steven O'Connor

A Holistic Education

This week is just another busy week at St Patrick's College but as I said to staff at Monday morning briefing, 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 the Middle School involved in Immersion Week, a week of great variety, providing for boys of all interests and skills. 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 2009 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! This week sees the staging of 'Bugsy Malone'

– this year’s musical, hosted by Loreto College and strongly supported by boys and staff from St Patrick’s!

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!

At this week’s College Assembly, we were presented with a snapshot of many of these activities. Such times are important opportunities for the College to gather as one to pray, to listen and to celebrate so many of the boys’ successes in their studies, sport, cultural pursuits and in their commitment to the spirit of Edmund Rice. Well done to all of those boys who were presented with various prizes and certificates by the Headmaster at this week’s Assembly and at other gatherings this year. The College is rightly proud of your achievements and enjoys the occasion at which these can be acknowledged and celebrated.

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 staff will be attending a Staff Formation programme. As a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition these opportunities offer the chance 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 and 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 operate 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

“Someone will Betray Me” and Other Great Speeches

Some of College students are currently preparing for the Purton Oratory Prize. They are no doubt finalising the text and perhaps listening to some famous speeches in order to glean some tips. Last year of 6,000 entries, ABC Radio National selected the ten most famous speeches its Australian audience rated as the best. The list included many predictable and some surprising candidates for the final list.

What makes a great speech? Is it an oration before battle, the speech given amidst the turmoil, or the victory statement celebrating the conflict’s conclusion? Year 10 student leaders thought that the statements made before or during the engagement are the most crucial and therefore most famous.

It is curious to note that the speech of Paul Keating addressing indigenous issues at *Redfern* was rated very highly in the survey and yet reports of the day say that the strong winds and poor amplification rendered its delivery weak. Some declarations gain fame in reprinting rather than reciting. It is intriguing to remember that Lincoln’s cryptic *Gettysburg Address* followed an hour long harangue by no one we can remember. Moreover many present at that famous address missed his two minute message. The subsequent publication of his text revealed the eloquence and grand scope of the oration. Many would regard it as his most famous speech given after the battle.

In the recent poll Jesus’ *Sermon on the Mount* came in at number two after Martin Luther King Jr’s, *I Have A Dream* but is it Jesus’ most famous speech? It powerfully presents a mandate for human life and announces a forgiving and imminent God caring for the marginalised and downtrodden. Though very memorable is it his most important oration?

The scripture readings at the end of the Gospels focus upon the assurances Christ offered his disciples before his death. He knows that they are weak and will fall away. Peter’s denial is predicted with chilling clarity. “You will deny me three times before the cock crows.”

In anticipation of this wholesale desertion he calls for confidence and resilience in the followers. Perhaps that is a very important statement. The infant church despite the tragic death of her master gains strength quickly after his ascension to the Father. These disappointing disciples speedily become empowered to proclaim to the ends of the world his saving message enshrined in the Beatitudes. The pre-crucifixion instructions of Christ are lived out by his followers now empowered by the Holy Spirit. The speech was accurate.

The high altar in the College Chapel has a depiction of the meal that Christ shared with his disciples. At the last supper Christ states that someone will betray him. Leonardo Da Vinci’s famous fresco sets the disciples in a stunned reaction to this prediction. In the scene all are amazed at the statement and some are seen protesting their fidelity to him. Peter’s figure leans across Judas, clutching a money bag, asking John to find out the betrayer’s identity. Peter’s small assassins’ dagger is cleverly placed at the back of Judas. The speech that follows such a prediction is akin to the statement before the battle.

The strength of this instruction by Jesus is not found in the forecasting of their failure but in the lines that follow. Jesus informed the disciples that he has prayed for them. They will fall away because of their weakness but the Holy Spirit will come and assist them and make them strong. Christ knows the fragility of his followers and confidently encourages them to return to proclaiming his message once his bodily presence is gone.

Encouraging people who are weak, confident that the Holy Spirit will empower them - that sounds like a great speech!

We anticipate the Purton Oratory competition in the next few weeks and look forward to hearing some memorable speeches.

ABC Radio National - THE 10 MOST FAMOUS SPEECHES

1. *Martin Luther King Jr “I have a dream” delivered in Washington DC on August 28, 1963*
2. *The Sermon of the Mount by Jesus Christ delivered near the sea of Galilee around 27 AD*
3. *The address of Paul Keating at Redfern on December 10, 1992*
4. *Winston Churchill’s speech “We shall fight the on the beaches” given on June 4, in the House of Commons London*
5. *The Gettysburg Address of Abraham Lincoln given on November 19 1863*
6. *The Inaugural Address of John F. Kennedy given on January 20 1961 “Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country”*
7. *The Earl of Spencer’s funeral address for his sister, Princess Diana September 6 1997*
8. *Henry V’s St Crispin Day speech before the Battle of Agincourt in Shakespeare’s Henry V “We few, we happy few, we band of brothers”.*
9. *Gough Whitlam’s dismissal speech on the steps of Parliament House, November 11, 1975*
10. *Queen Elizabeth 1’s rally of the troops as the Spanish Armada approached “I know I have the body of a weak and feeble woman but I have the stomach of a king.”*

Feast of the Assumption Mass

On Friday August 15 we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.

The College patron Bishop Peter Connors will be celebrating a lunchtime Mass to be held in the College Chapel at 1.15 to 1.45 pm.

The day is also one of special significance for the Christian Brothers as it marks the 200th anniversary of the first vows taken by the Order and the 160th anniversary of the embarkation from Ireland of the first Brothers to Melbourne.

Please come and join us in remembering these grace filled events on this special day.

COLLEGE DEAN Mr Stephen Hill

Six Headmaster's Excellence and Academic Endeavour awards were presented to students at this week's College Assembly.

The first of the Academic Endeavour awards was presented to Year 11 student **Blake Davis** for his efforts and academic success in General Mathematics last semester. Blake's first two test results were around 60%. Later in the semester he scored a mark of 80%. By the end of semester he achieved 98% in the exam. Blake has developed an approach to his studies that accounts for much of his success – he wants to understand and consciously makes an effort to remain focused in class even when those around him are not. Blake has made learning a priority and his hard work is now paying off. Well done Blake!



The second Academic Endeavour award was also presented to a Year 11 student, **Oliver Whiteley** in recognition of the progress he made in VCE Units 3/4 Business Management and Physical Education last semester. Oliver attributes much of his success in these subjects to one key aspect – preparation. Whether it be pre-reading, wide-reading, questioning teachers or hand writing his own study materials, Oliver makes a determined effort to be prepared for assessment tasks. One of Oliver's other distinguishing traits is his ability to apply the theory he is learning to everyday situations. A strategy that Oliver sees as helping him to remember concepts more clearly. Oliver's efforts have seen him nominated as a Kwong Lee Dow Scholar in 2008 and he has recently been included as a development player in the Under-23 Nuggets basketball programme. Congratulations, Oliver.



The next three awards were Headmaster's Excellence Awards and all were being presented to Year 8 Mathematics students. The first of these was awarded to **Zachary Weightman**. Zachary displayed a determined and positive approach to all aspects of his work in Mathematics in Semester One. In speaking with Zachary, he told me that he sees learning as something that will help him with his future. Consequently, Zachary makes every effort to ensure that he remains focussed in class and to contribute to the class discussion when he can. Zachary's approach has been very successful. In all four tests done in Semester One, including the end of semester exam, Zachary achieved a result above 95%. Well done Zachary!



Cameron Butcher is another very talented Year 8 Mathematics student. He gained a score of 98% in the end of semester exam and topic test results of 95%, 94%, 87% and 95%, demonstrating an excellent understanding of the concepts studied last semester. Cameron describes himself as an independent learner who is willing to persevere with problems until he solves them. The quality of persistence is one that all students should be striving for. Congratulations Cameron on a very successful semester of mathematics.



The third of our highly successful Year 8 mathematicians is **Austin Miller**. Austin gained outstanding results in all Mathematics assessment tasks last semester, achieving 100%, 98%, 95%, 100% and another 100% for the end of semester exam. Austin's Mathematics teacher, Mr Brady describes Austin's work ethic as exemplary and notes that he is a student who is always willing to assist his classmates with their mathematics. When I asked Austin about his willingness to help others he explained that in supporting others he was also furthering his own understanding of mathematics because he firstly has to have a deep and thorough understanding of the concept himself before he could assist someone else. Well done, Austin!



The last of the awards was also a Headmaster's Excellence Award and was presented to Year 7 student, **Andrew Groch** for his persuasive essay based on the novel, *Hatchet*. One of the elements of Andrew's essay that made it different from most of his classmates was his emphasis on the development and changes that took to the main character in the novel. Andrew explained to me that he went through a process of four or five drafts and re-writes both in class and at home to produce a piece of writing that used vocabulary and expressive writing techniques well in advance of those expected in Year 7. Congratulations, Andrew on an outstanding piece of writing.



SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School
Mr Hamish McCrum

Congratulations once again to each of these boys on their sustained effort, work ethic and success in their studies last semester.

SPC Expedition to Papua New Guinea

Following the exciting and successful expeditions to PNG in 2005 and 2007, a third expedition will be conducted in 2009. Participants will visit many of the World War 2 battlefields and experience life in PNG villages while conducting a significant service project. Walking the Kokoda Track will also be another great experience.

The expedition will take place during the July term break in 2009. As in past expeditions members of the SPC community are welcome to participate. If you are interested in participating in the expedition there will be an Information Evening on Wednesday August 27 at 7.30pm in the College Board Room.

For all enquiries please contact Mr Michael Weadon.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Ms Elizabeth Till

Staff Formation Days

All College staff will be involved with Staff Formation activities on Monday August 11 and Tuesday August 12. No students will be required at school on these days and it will be a Boarding Exeat weekend.

Year 7 Immunisations

Year 7 boys will be receiving their second and final Immunisation for the year on Monday August 25. If your son is absent you will be able to arrange with the Council Health Services for the injection at a later date.

2009 Re-enrolment and Subject Selection Form Due Dates

Current Year 9 Students

- 2009 Year 10 applications to study a VET certificate offered by the Ballarat Cluster must be submitted to the ERC by 4.00 pm on Friday August 15.
- 2009 Year 10 Re-enrolment and Initial Subject Selection forms must be submitted to the ERC by 4.00 pm on Friday August 15.

Current Year 10 Students

- 2009 Year 11 applications to study a VET certificate offered by the Ballarat Cluster must be submitted to the ERC by 4.00 pm on Friday August 15.
- 2009 Year 11 Re-enrolment and Initial Subject Selection forms not submitted this week at the VCE interviews must be submitted to the ERC by no later than 4.00pm on Wednesday, August 20.

Current Year 11 Students

- 2009 Year 12 Re-enrolment and Subject Selection forms must be submitted to the ERC by no later than 4.00 pm on Wednesday, August 20.

This past week has been a very busy one with many activities taking place. The week began with students who completed external mid-year exams receiving notification of their grades. Grades of A+ were achieved in all studies and I am aware that some students worked diligently for Bs and Cs. I congratulate all students who achieved their best and once again thank those teachers who put in many additional hours to help the boys. There are some students who have needed this experience to understand the benchmark that is required if they are to achieve results that they are striving for. It is worth noting at this point that Year 12 is somewhat like a marathon and that in my time at the College, students who have achieved an ENTER in the high 90s despite not receiving an A+ on every exam in June.

Year 10 Subject Selections

This week saw most of the Year 10 boys attend after-school interviews to assist with their subject selections for 2009. Most boys were grateful of the assistance and I would like to express my thanks to the staff, some of whom found an extra 10 hours of time to assist in the process.

Subject Selection Forms

Students in Years 10 and 11 are reminded to have their subject selection forms submitted by August 20. Not doing this may mean that their preferred subjects do not run, or they will be less likely to receive all of their preferred subject selections.

Bugsy Malone

Congratulations to all who have been involved in Bugsy Malone. The persistence, talent and teamwork required to present something of this standard is considerable. Well done!

Open Days

Many Universities hold Open Days in late July and August. A list of dates may be found at www.vtac.edu.au. These are valuable for all students at Senior School level. This website is also where VTAC and SEAS applications are made.

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



KENIRY HOUSE: MARC JAMES
 For enthusiastic and thoughtful participation in the College's Indigenous Art Project.



RYAN HOUSE: BRENT JACOBSSON
 For enthusiastic and thoughtful participation in the College's Indigenous Art Project.



NUNAN HOUSE: AARON RYAN
 For enthusiastic and thoughtful participation in the College's Indigenous Art Project.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Head of Middle School
Mr Terry Blizzard

Year 9 Coordinator
Mr Damian McKee
Immersion Week

This week is Immersion Week in the Middle School and I was fortunate to share Monday and Tuesday with 20 enthusiastic historians for a unit titled 'Let's Rebel'. This unit gave the boys a hands-on look at the Eureka Rebellion. The unit commenced on Sunday evening when the class visited 'Blood on the Southern Cross' at Sovereign Hill and the following morning discussion took place around the legacy of the rebellion.

The class then walked the trooper's trail to the Eureka Centre where Mr Bob Allan took the boys through some role playing and of course the famous 'Halls of Debate' activity. The boys were fascinated to see up close the many artefacts from the rebellion so long ago! The class then set off to walk the Miner's Trail in reverse and stopped off at Bakery Hill to pledge the oath of allegiance. The boys were surprised that Bakery Hill was famous for something else other than a Scottish restaurant!

On the Tuesday we took part in a tour of the Old Ballarat Cemetery which was conducted by two enthusiastic members of the Ballarat Genealogical Society. We visited the graves of many of the characters of the rebellion as well as other great people in Ballarat's history. We then walked to the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery where we sat in front of the Eureka flag and discussed the event and viewed art depicting Ballarat during the golden age. The unit finished with the boys sitting next to the Eight Hour Day memorial and Peter Lalor statue in Sturt Street where the boys pondered what the rebellion means to Australians.

The class in costume at the Eureka Centre



JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards

Homework

Boys in the Junior school are expected to complete between one to one and a half hours of homework and study each evening. Boys can reasonably expect to have Mathematics and English homework each evening as well as work in the other subjects that they undertake.

Homework could take the form of:

- Set exercises or activities
- Assignment based work
- Research

- Revision of the day's learning
- Reading

On evenings when there is little or no set homework, it would be a reasonable expectation that boys take the time to look back over the day's learning and revise for tests and exams.

A regular homework or study routine is crucial to developing good study habits. Use of the homework diary to record assignment due dates as well as nightly homework is a good habit for all boys. The homework diary is a useful way of communicating with your son's teachers. Please do not hesitate in writing a note to your sons teacher if you have a concern or would like to make comment on some aspect of your son's education.

The Importance of Spending Quality Time

At St Patrick's College we place a heavy emphasis on providing the boys with positive role models through the words and examples of the College teaching staff. It is of vital importance that young men have positive role models on whom they can model their own actions and responses to situations.

As parents and families are the primary educators of our boys, it is of vital importance that families spend quality time with on another. This could be as simple as sharing a meal, reading together, going for a walk, playing board games, listening to music, telling jokes, drawing pictures, cooking together, repairing things, building something, doing a puzzle, playing a sport, going on a picnic and telling stories. These are the golden moments that your boys will hold dear and make them feel valued as individuals.

Japanese Peace Day Celebrated at St Patrick's College Ballarat

Over the coming weeks Year Seven boys will remember and celebrate Japanese Peace Day on August 15, by the making of paper peace cranes. The custom of folding paper peace cranes goes back to the story of Sadako Sasako a victim of the atomic bombing on Hiroshima.

Sadako became ill with leukemia, which her mother called "an atom bomb disease" at the age of 12. The Japanese have a saying "that one who folded 1,000 cranes was granted a wish." A popular version of the story is that Sadako fell short of her goal of folding 1,000 cranes, having folded only 644 before her death and that her friends completed the 1,000 and buried them all with her.

Sadako has become a leading symbol of the impact of a nuclear war. Sadako is also a heroine for many girls in Japan. Her story is told in some Japanese schools on the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. Dedicated to her, people all over Japan celebrate August 15 as the annual peace and love day.

In 1958, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane was unveiled in the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, also called the Genbaku Dome. At the foot of the statue is a plaque that reads:

This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.

Year 8 Mathematics

On Wednesdays 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:

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

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.

SPORT

Director of Sport
Mr Chris Gleeson

Cricket

From Director of Cricket
Mr Damian McKee

On Tuesday July 29 the first Information Evening of the 2009 Cricket Tour of the United Kingdom and Singapore was conducted. There has been keen interest in the tour which is open to students specifically from Year 8 to Year 11.

For those who were unable to attend the information evening on July 29, please find below a detailed summary of the information that was presented in order to aid families in the decision making process.

- The tour will be conducted during the three week term break between June 20 and July 11 2009.
- There will around 12 fixtures in Scotland, Yorkshire, Midlands, Surrey and one fixture on return to Australia via Singapore.
- It should be noted that 16 students is the optimum number for the trip to proceed. In line with the educational objectives

of the tour should the number of applications exceed the number of places available on the tour the Tour Selection Committee (Damian McKee, Chris Gleeson and Mark Waddington) will decide on the members of the touring team.

- All students selected will have demonstrated a record of participation within the College's cricket programme from Year 7 to 11.
- The tour is a part of the 1st XI cricket programme. In line with this the Committee will select its best team to represent the College in the future, provided that players considered for selection are making sound academic progress and do not have a behavioural record that could suggest they may not represent the College in the manner expected of St Patrick's College students.
- It is estimated that the cost of the tour will be \$5,000. The final cost will be notified following the announcement of the squad.
- An 'expression of interest' payment of \$500 will be due on August 29. \$50 of this payment will be non-refundable on the selection of the touring team.
- The first official instalment of \$500 is to be paid on Friday November 28. Please refer to the instalment conditions. \$1,000 instalments will be due on January 30, February 27, April 24, and May 29.
- To assist families in the cost of the tour the College will compile a sponsorship package for families to present to a local business. The package will provide a scale of sponsorship and the benefits for the business.
- Please contact Mr McKee or Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson at the College if you have any questions regarding the outlined process.

Rugby

1st XV Rugby

Mr Graham Swinton

2008 has been another successful year for St Patrick's College Rugby with strong performances from all teams. The 1st XV Rugby team has experienced great success throughout the season with only one loss and a number of strong wins including a couple of mercy rule wins. The team managed to finish first on the ladder and secure the minor premiership.

During the July term break the team took a trip to the Gold Coast for a week to participate in the Canterbury Schools Rugby Tournament. This was a great experience and gave all boys a chance to compare the skills of rugby teams from as far away as New Zealand and the UK. We were accompanied by Coach Graham Swinton, Mr Shane Hayes and Mr John Richards. The boys would like to thank staff for the organisation and accompanying the team on the trip. There were many noisy bus trips to Surfers Paradise and Australia Fair and a great day to Dreamworld that challenged many boys' egos!

Everyone enjoyed the trip and it was a good chance to bond as a team. This year is the second consecutive year that the 1st XV have made the Grand Final and with the painful memories of disappointment at last years close loss to Carey Grammar, the boys are looking to go one better and bring home the silverware against Ivanhoe Grammar on Saturday August 9 at Xavier College, Melbourne. The game commences at 10.55 am.

Thank You

Thank you to the Director of Football, Mr Howard Clark and the coaches of the four junior football teams for the arrangements evident at the Grand Finals for the competition last Wednesday. Despite a heavy shower at 3.30 pm the games were played with great skills and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all the boys who participated throughout the term.

BAS Cross Country Results

Director of Athletics

Mr Shane Hayes

Congratulations to members of the SPC team that ran in the recent BAS Cross Country at Damascus College. The team was led by Captain, Chris Munn who was placed 5th in the Open Race behind four Ballarat Grammar competitors. Other strong results included Scott Erkamps who placed 8th in the Open Race, Tom Blood 2nd, Aaron Preddy 4th and Jack Gudgeon 6th in the U/16 Race.

Special congratulations to Laiton Sullivan who won the Under 14 race and to Jack Murch, Mitchell Thompson and Mitchell Humphries who placed 3rd, 4th and 5th respectively. Well done boys and also to Mr Shane Hayes and Mr Ryan for their support and coordination. The team now looks to the final event of the calendar of the BAS Road Relay in two weeks time.

Basketball

Ms Tamara Westwood

First V

Rd 8

SPC 63 V BCC 80.

Top scorers:

N Sobey 37pts, J Dundon 10pts.

SPC Green 68pts V BCC Red 52

Top Scorers:

J King 19, S Dew 13

Round 1 Basketball Results

Year 7

SPC Green 67 defeated Damascus College 17

Top scorers for SPC Green:

Jacob Lourey	14pts
Thomas Young	13pts
Josh Cullinan	10pts
Jack Gunn	10pts

SPC Blue 21 defeated by Ballarat and Clarendon College 62

Top scorers for SPC Blue:

Matt Bandy	5pts
Darcy Osbourne	4pts

Year 8

SPC White 24 defeated Ballarat and Clarendon College 15

Top scorers for SPC White:

Darcy Anstis	11pts
Mitch Robertson	3 pts

SPC Blue 35 defeated SPC Green 27

Top scorers for SPC Blue:

Ryan Collier	8pts
Mitchell Coutts	8pts

Top scorers for SPC Green:

Mitchell O'Keefe	11pts
Christian Larkin	7pts

Round 1 Intermediate (Year 9 and 10)

SPC Green 60 defeated Damascus College 23

Top scorers for SPC Green:

Jack Bennett	20pts
Tom Gall	11pts

SPC Blue 45 defeated Ballarat and Clarendon College 37

Top scorers for SPC Blue:

Ben O'Keefe	18pts
Adrian Tobin	6pts
Nick Brown	6pts
Anthony Dooley	6pts

Round 2

Year 8

SPC Blue – BYE

SPC White 35 drew with BHS 35

Top Scorers for SPC White:

Darcy Anstis	13pts
Zachary White	11pts

SPC Green 30 defeated by Ballarat Grammar 44

Top Scorers for SPC Green:

Mitchell O'Keefe	15pts
Christian Larkin	5pts

Year 7

SPC Gold – BYE

SPC Green 52 defeated Ballarat and Clarendon College Red 5

Top Scorers for SPC Green:

Tom Young	18pts
Jack Gunn	13pts

Round 3

Year 7

SPC Green - BYE

SPC Gold 31 defeated by Ballarat Grammar 74

Top scorers for SPC Gold:

Declan Leishman	14pts
Matt Bandy	6pts
Gerard Clifford	6pts

Year 8

SPC White 57 defeated SPC Green 49

Top scorers for SPC White:

Chris Jew	14pts
Darcy Anstis	12pts
Connor McCuskey	11 pts

Top Scorers for SPC Green:

Christian Larkin	18pts
Tom Germon	10pts

SPC Blue 12 defeated by Ballarat Grammar 65

Top scorers for SPC Blue:

Edward Meagher 5pts
Callum Kline 4pts

Intermediate (Year 9 and 10)

SPC Green - BYE

SPC Blue 67 defeated Ballarat Grammar 35

Top scorers for SPC Blue:

Nick Brown 15pts
Anthony Dooley 12pts

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

First XI Hockey

Mr John Sullivan

With only three games left for the season, the First XI Hockey team faced up to Ballarat Grammar last Thursday evening for a daunting challenge. Easily the strongest team in the competition, Grammar held its winning record and convincingly defeated SPC 5 goals to 1.

The first half was an even game of attack and defence with the scores level at half time at 1 all. Rohan Hill again proved his worth by scoring a brilliant goal deflected from a sharp pass from Jesse Hennessy. Other notable efforts from Drew Murphy, Liam Brookes and Zachary Pietsch were typical of the team always giving 100%.

The next two games will be challenging with Jesse Hennessy out for the rest of the season with a broken wrist, but with continued effort from the team we will see all matches played to the best of the teams ability.

Squash and Racquetball Results

Thursday, July 31

Squash A Grade

Chris Thornton defeated Loreto 30 – 9

Racquetball

SPC A1 67 points lost to BCC A 102 points

Barton Hill 30 def. BCC 12
Barton Hill 16 lost to BCC 30
Jamie Ferrer 8 lost to BCC 30
Jamie Ferrer 13 lost to BCC 30

SPC A2 79 points defeated Ballarat Grammar A72 points

Chris Thornton 30 def. Grammar 12
Matthew Cashin 23 lost to Grammar 30
Scott Erkamps 26 lost to Grammar 30

SPC B1 86 points lost to Loreto College B 134 points

Tom Spielvogel 30 def Loreto 24
Tom Spielvogel 15 lost to Loreto 30
Dylan Chandler 29 def. Loreto 24
Dylan Chandler 8 lost to Loreto 30
Daniel Sharp 24 lost to Loreto 26

SPC B2 100 points lost to Damascus College B 129 points

Carl Fischamnn 12 lost to Damascus 30
Kyle Carey 15 lost to Damascus 30
Patrick Dwyer 30 def. Damascus 16
Tom Campbell 29 def. Damascus 23
Neil Reyes 14 lost to Damascus 30

SPC C 120 points defeated Ballarat Grammar C 70 points

James McDougall 30 def. Grammar 21
Joel Karlake 30 def. Grammar 14
Matthew Lange 30 def. Grammar 18
Matthew Lange 30 def. Grammar 17

SPC D 98 points lost to BCC D 134 points

Adam Murphy 23 lost to BCC 26
Adam Murphy 16 lost to BCC 30
Patrick McKinnon 20 lost to BCC 30
Patrick McKinnon 30 def. BCC 20
Will Perkins 19 lost to BCC 28

SPC E 145 defeated Ballarat Grammar E 97

Andrew Groch 30 def Grammar 14
Andrew Groch 26 lost to Grammar 28
Joel Burzacott 30 def. Grammar 9
Joel Burzacott 29 def. Grammar 28
Will Perkins 30 def. Grammar 18

Student Achievements

Congratulations to the following students; Lachlan Phyland, Liam Mullen, Norton Darrigan, Jack Romeril, Ashley Simpson and Kirby Neville who represented the Ballarat Junior Football League on Saturday July 12 in the U/14's against a combined Geelong side, which the Ballarat combined side won

Congratulations to Jeremy Semour Quest who recently competed in the EFA (Equestrian Federation of Australia) Mitavite Interschool Equestrian Challenge. This is a championship event and the first two placegetters in each event then qualify to compete on a national level. Jeremy placed 7th overall in the mount class and he also placed well in the novice dressage tests, competing against Year 12 students. Jeremy also competed in a composite team which gained 11th place overall (teams of 4 riders) out of a total 61 teams from all over the state. Well done Jeremy!

If anyone is aware of any student achievements please email them to cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au so that we may share them in The Crest.

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

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.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday August 11 to Friday August 15. 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 August 11
Staff Formation – Student Free Day

Tuesday August 12
Staff Formation – Student Free Day

Wednesday August 13

*Maria Cook, *Kathy Harris, Kathy Walters, *Debbie Lee, Robyn Lavery, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Margaret Rowe, Christine Laidlaw.

Thursday August 14

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

Friday August 15

*Catherine Schuur, Suzan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, *Katherine Mundy, Michelle Salvatore, Glenda Jones, Linda O'Hagan, *Donna Waightman, Dianne Dibono, *Helen Spratling.

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

Dobson's Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Tuesday August 12.
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

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

For more information and bookings visit:

www.monash.edu.au/parents

Telephone 9903 4758

Email valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au

COMING EVENTS

Monday 11 August

College Closed – Staff Formation Day

Tuesday 12 August

College Closed – Staff Formation Day

Wednesday 13 August

Year 12 Retreat

1st XI Soccer

1st XVIII Football

Inter B Basketball

Thursday 14 August

Year 12 Retreat

1st XI Hockey (Final)

Parent Adolescent Night – 7.30 pm

Friday 15 August

Feast of Assumption

Monday 18 August

Book Week

Year 7 & 8 Basketball

Tuesday 19 August

College Assembly

Year 7 & 8 Basketball

Wednesday 20 August

Year 12 Retreat

Inter B Basketball

1st XVIII Grand Final v BCC, 3pm at SPC

Thursday 21 August

Year 12 Retreat

Parent and Adolescent Evening – 7.30 pm

Monday 25 August

John James Medal, 7.30 pm

Year 7 Immunisations



Attendees at the Class of 1958 Reunion on Saturday August 2



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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