

## NEWSLETTER 4/3 Friday August 7, 2009

### FROM THE HEADMASTER Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Welcome to August and another month of opportunity at St Patrick's College. Good luck, which I choose to believe is reflective of good preparation, I wish for all in their ventures this month.

On Saturday evening we entertained the Golden Jubilarians of the Class of 1959. As always happens at these gatherings, truth came a poor second to legend as remembered, but they are great occasions for honouring the best of St Patrick's. The pavilion provides a great venue for celebration so I reiterate our thanks to the Old Collegians Association for this gift and ask Mr John Richards to convey our ongoing thanks to the OCA for this and their other avenues of support for our students, staff and old Boys.

The legendary status of the College was spoken of at length on Saturday evening as one would expect, but our guests were keen to know about the development of an understanding of and relationship with Jesus in our boys, the pursuit of personal and absolute excellence in all we take on, the reverence we show for the Chapel and how we continue to offer a home to a socio-economically diverse cohort of boys. The group reflected that although the regime was strict in many ways, there was never any doubt that a St Patrick's education under the Brothers was preparing them for self-confident success in life. Our Jubilarians were keen to see this continue in our modern times.

Talk of football could not be avoided on Saturday evening nor should it have been. Many of those present remembered with agony the defeat at the hands of Ballarat College in 1954, our first loss in 50 years in the BPSA competition. Australian Rules Football has been the College's sporting flagship for over 100 years, despite great success in many other sports, principally athletics but more recently rowing and swimming.

Accordingly I encourage you to think and speak positively about supporting our First XVIII this Sunday at the MCG. The G is a vast space and at 11.00am on a Sunday morning it will appear to be very empty, no matter how many families and students choose to join us! But the team led by Marc James and staff led by Mr Howard Clark have done so well to win the BAS premiership against very worthy opponents in Ballarat College. This is well worth celebrating in its own right as usual. Independently of this success, they have progressed through the State eliminations to the Grand Final of the MCC Herald Sun Shield. The path to this final has seen the team beat the best in the Associated Public Schools, Associated Catholic Colleges, Government Secondary Schools, and MCC Herald Sun Country Cup.

The other Grand Finalist is the best team in the Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria: Assumption College- our old foes.

On Wednesday evening we had a marvellous presentation from our musicians as they prepare to head to Queensland to represent the College in the Catholic Colleges Music Festival and Brisbane's Ekka. The 300 parents, students and staff present could only compare this high standard of performance with that of our fledgling ensembles at the music camp at the start of the year. Sincere thanks go to all of our parents for their support, the boys for their commitment and practice, the senior boys' leadership of the ensembles and to our staff led by Mrs Kathleen Plastow and including Mr Peter Camm, Mr Carl Alwert, Mr Brendan Smith, Mrs Andrea McDonald and Mrs Louise Emery along with all of our other instrumental tutors.

The College congratulates Fr Adrian McInerney (SPC 1961) on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. Fr Adrian has been a leader in our diocese and great supporter of Catholic education over many years. We wish him continued good health and blessed service in our Church and city.

Regards

PeterC



**Attendees of the Class of 1959 Reunion held on  
Saturday August 1**

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

### Student and Staff Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldow

#### EREA Deputy Heads Meeting in Adelaide

I have just returned from three days in Adelaide for the Annual EREA Deputies Conference which was a fantastic opportunity to meet with other Deputy Heads from EREA schools in Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland. The conference involved a range of guest speakers with the focus upon leadership in the tradition of Edmund Rice as well as school visits to the three EREA schools in South Australia.

The visits provided an opportunity to look at the facilities in each of the schools as well as looking at future plans and directions for each school. Whilst there are distinct differences between each of the three schools, I was struck by some of the similarities particularly the boys at each of the schools. The boys exhibited the same traits that I witness amongst our boys on a regular basis at St Patrick's College, namely:

- School pride;
- Connectedness between the boys and between the boys and staff;
- A sense of purpose; and
- A love of the co-curricular activities on offer such as sport, music, public speaking and drama.

There was a familiar feel in this regard in each of the schools and provided me with a sense of belonging to something bigger than simply our magnificent school here in Ballarat! I feel blessed to be part of such a community and look forward to my continued involvement within the St Patrick's community. At times, it is difficult to leave your own family and school environment for these activities, but the benefits are enormous and I thank the Headmaster, Board, staff and students at St Patrick's for supporting my involvement in these activities. Despite returning to what seemed to be hundreds of emails and tasks to do, it was a very engaging and meaningful experience in both a personal and professional sense.

#### Parental Involvement in Boys' Academic Success

The academic staff continue to work hard in examining ways to provide the best possible Teaching and Learning for all boys enrolled at St Patrick's College. I am extremely confident that through the commitment of staff and the desire to provide the best education for boys in Ballarat that the College will continue to refine its Teaching and Learning programmes and practices.

But what about the parents? Is there a role for them in all of this and if so, how can they assist in the academic journey and progress of their boys? The answer is, of course - yes! The role of parents in supporting students achieve academic success is very important. Many of you will have read and heard of our commitment to the partnership between home and the College in this important endeavour.

Below is a summary of some of the evidence supporting the notion that parental involvement is an influential factor in young students achieving academic success:

- Students from families with above-median parental involvement showed success rates 30% higher than those from families with below-median parental involvement.

- Where teachers reported high levels of outreach to parents, reading scores grew at a rate 50% higher and math test scores 40% higher, than in schools where teachers reported low levels of outreach.
- Studies find that students with involved parents are more likely to:
  - earn higher grades and test scores;
  - pass their classes, earn credits and be promoted;
  - attend school regularly;
  - have better social skills, show good behaviour and adapt well to school; and
  - graduate and go on to further education.
- Programmes that engage families in supporting their children's learning at home are linked to higher student achievement.
- All families can have a positive influence on their children's learning.
- The research evidence is now beyond dispute. When schools work together with families to support learning, children tend to succeed not just in school, but throughout life. In fact, the most accurate predictor of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status, but the extent to which that student's family is able to:
  - Create a home environment that encourages learning;
  - Express high, (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future careers; and
  - Become involved in their children's education at school and in the community.
- Research shows that the number one predictor of students' academic achievement is their mother's educational level followed by the educational level of both parents.

This research was compiled by Dr John H. Wherry, an experienced teacher in his own right and President of the Parent Institute in Virginia, USA. Interested parents may like to visit the relevant website for more information. The address is: [www.parent-institute.com/blog/](http://www.parent-institute.com/blog/) or simply Google 'Parent Institute' or 'John H Wherry'.

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

### Teaching & Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

#### Academic Achievement and Effort Awards

The first award presented at this week's assembly was a Headmaster's Excellence Award to Year 11 student, **Joseph Hall**, in recognition of his outstanding results in VCE Units 3&4 Outdoor and Environmental Studies in semester one. Joseph lost just two marks in the four SAC tasks he completed for Unit 3 of Outdoor and Environmental Studies and attributes his success to two key factors – an ability to link the theory of Outdoor and Environmental Studies to his practical outdoor experiences and Joseph's very good literacy skills. Making a conscientious effort to develop your literacy skills is an important element in attaining your personal best. For Joseph this means taking his reading, comprehension and essay writing skills and using them to help him answer Outdoor and Environmental Studies questions thoroughly. Congratulations Joseph on your Unit 3 results.

A second Headmaster's Excellence Award was presented to Year 7 student, **Thomas Keogh**, in recognition of the quality of his folio of activities completed for the English text, *Hatchet*. Thomas' English teacher, Mrs Canavan, noted that his folio of activities were of a very high standard and demonstrated his ability to think critically and independently. Mrs Canavan also wanted to acknowledge the enthusiasm with which Thomas' participates in class activities and discussions and to congratulate him on the consistency and pride he takes in all of the work he completed. Thomas has also learnt much from Mrs Canavan and is now more focussed on using her assistance and feedback to improve his work. Well done, Thomas, on all your efforts in English last semester!

The third Headmaster's Excellence Award was presented to Year 9 student, **Riley Fullerton**, in recognition of his excellent *Global Sustainability* task completed in Immersion last semester. In nominating Riley Mr McKee noted that his work demonstrated a thorough understanding of the impact our reliance on non-renewable energy has on our environment. In meeting with Riley and reviewing his work, I was particularly struck by the quality of his design of an eco-house. This element of the task required Riley to draw on all the knowledge and skills he developed in the earlier sections of the task to produce a thorough, well detailed design. This is a key skill that all students need to work on as most assessment tasks require students to draw on and bring together a range of skills and knowledge. Too often, students see assessment tasks as a series of small unrelated tasks rather than looking at the bigger picture of what they are really being asked to do. Congratulations, Riley!

A Headmaster's Excellence Award was presented to Year 12 student, **Oliver Whitely**, in recognition of his success in attaining an accounting cadetship at Deloitte for next year. In nominating Oliver for this award Ms Ryan, Oliver's VCE Unit 3&4 Accounting teacher, wanted to acknowledge how Oliver attained the cadetship just as much as him receiving this opportunity. Oliver was proactive in seeking out and attending information sessions, organising resumes and practice interviews and networking with people in the accounting industry to increase his chances of success. Meeting with Oliver and discussing the process he went through highlighted to me what a significant achievement receiving the cadetship is. Oliver is one of just six young people from over 400 applicants to receive a cadetship. Oliver was also very keen to acknowledge the support he received from Ms Ryan, Mr Brodie and Mrs Taylor. What can other students learn from Oliver? Be prepared to follow something you are interested in all the way to its conclusion, even if you know it will be difficult or challenging. Secondly, use the teachers you have access to. They have much to offer you and can support you in so many ways. Congratulations, Oliver and all the best for your cadetship in 2010.

The last award presented at the assembly was also a Headmaster's Excellence Award and was presented to Year 12 student, **Aaron Polson**, in recognition of the exceptional quality of his VCE Unit 3 Visual Communication and Design work. Aaron's folio comprehensively outlines his proposal to redevelop the current Ballarat City Hall site into a precinct that the people of Ballarat would use in a way similar to the use of Melbourne's Federation Square. Mr Andrew's, Aaron's teacher, noted that his folio demonstrates the commitment, time and dedication Aaron has to Visual Communication and Design and that this has resulted in a folio worthy of a professional graphic designer. Students were able to judge the quality of Aaron's work by viewing a PowerPoint of selected materials from his design folio. Congratulations Aaron on your outstanding work!

## 2010 Subject Selection

As Mr Chris Caldow 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.

## Deakin University Open Days

**Sunday 9 August**, Geelong Campus at Wairn 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](http://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**

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. – Matthew 6:33-34

Saturday is the feast of the first Australian to be beatified, Blessed Mary MacKillop. She has always been a figure to whom both religious and non-religious Australians have been able to relate. Her parents were separated, her health was often poor, she made friends regardless of their personal beliefs and she was misunderstood by those higher than her in the Church even to the point, at one stage, of being wrongfully excommunicated.

Above all else, she was a realist. She was impatient with members of the order she founded who claimed to move on a higher spiritual plain because they had 'visions'. For her, the Kingdom of God was something you worked for and the work was often tough.

By the same token, the real world in which she lived was a place in which she experienced hope. It was this hope that enabled her, in 1865, on the urging of her spiritual director, to move to a small town and start a school for those whose educational opportunities were limited. Such schools, scattered far and wide, became a familiar part of the work of her Sisters of St Joseph and an icon of the Church in Australia.

Secular Australia has ample cause to be grateful to her. For the Christian community, the debt is even greater. Her life and work helped to transplant the message of Jesus to a new country and make it feel at home here. She trusted God even when there was plenty to worry about. She never gave up.

*Michael McGirr: Finding God's Traces*

***"Do what you can with the means at your disposal and leave all the rest calmly to God". Mary MacKillop, 1888.***

The St Patrick's College Community is invited to celebrate Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Sturt Street, this Saturday August 8 at 10 am in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary's death.

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

**Ms Elizabeth Till**

### **Year 9 Immersion Week**

All Year 9 parents have been notified regarding the Year 9 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**

As always, it has been another busy week in the Senior School. During the week we have conducted staff and student voting for the 2010 College Captain. Year 11 and 12 students who sat formal VCAA Examinations in the mid of the year, were issued with their Examination results. I hope that each of these boys realises the potential they have to improve their performance level in their End of Year Examinations which are rapidly approaching.

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

I would also like to remind all Year 10 Parents that the Year 10 and 11 VCE Subject Selection Interviews are being conducted on:

- Saturday August 8 from 9.00am till 12.00noon;
- Monday August 10 from 3.45 – 5.15pm and
- Tuesday August 11: 3.45 – 5.15pm.

Interviews will be conducted in the Lower Wilding Wing. All booking confirmation slips have been sent home with your son on Wednesday August 5.

Thank you and congratulations to Mr Jamie Bobrowski for organising the next stage of the Year 10 Journey Programme. All boys were given the opportunity of attending an Influential Males Night which were all well attended and proved to be insightful for both students as well as their influential male friend.

Thank you to Mrs Fiona Carroll for organising the Year 10 Mindshop Excellence programme. Congratulations to Tyler Brandenburg, Timothy McOwan, Matthew Norman, Kayne Allen, Sean McDonald and Daniel Baxter on being selected for the Mindshop Excellence programme. These boys have been placed with the company Maxitrans in Learmonth Road for the programme from Monday August 10 until Friday August 14. Good luck to all of these boys as they work together to solve a genuine work place problem.

Finally I must add my congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII Football Team on their win in the BAS Grand Final over Ballarat Clarendon College. Thank you must also go to the large number of Senior School students who attended the match provided their spirited support. All the best to Mr Howard Clark, his assistant coaches and the whole team this Sunday as they represent St Patrick's College in the MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final against Assumption College at the MCG. Go SPC!!

## HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

**Mr John Richards**

### **Year 8 Retreats**

Over the past two weeks the boys and staff of Year 8 have participated in the Year 8 Retreat Programme at Pax Hill Scout Camp. The Retreat Programme is part if the College Religious Education curriculum and provides the boys with an opportunity to reflect on their lives and their relationship with God.



The day commences with a prayer and throughout the day the boys participate in a range of group activities and discussions culminating in a Liturgy to conclude the day. One of the highlights of the retreat is the time set aside to read a letter that each boy receives from his parents. The letter is an opportunity for parents to articulate their love for their son and highlight some of things that are always felt but never said.

On each retreat two Year 11 students assisted the teaching staff with the running of the day. These boys are to be commended for their efforts and their willingness to share their knowledge and experiences with the boys.

Thank you to Mr Peter Brady for his efforts in the preparation and planning of the retreats. Thank you also to the Year 8 Pastoral Tutors and Religious Education teachers for their efforts in guiding the boys through the many sessions of the retreat.



#### Year 8 Retreat Programme

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#### YEAR 8: ANGUS ROONEY

For his fine example of kindness, generosity and goodwill.

#### DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

##### 2010 Ireland Tour

A meeting for interested parents and students was held in the Old Collegians Pavilion on July 17 for the proposed Ireland Tour in April 2010. The Tour is open to all students in Year 10, 11 and 12 in 2010 and has two major components. Members of the First XVIII football programme are invited to apply. There are also a number of places set aside for emerging leaders within the College as there will be significant opportunities for personal development within itinerary.

One of the great opportunities will allow the touring party to visit the home of Edmund Rice and to explore the heritage of our spiritual leader. There will be three International Rules matches played and an opportunity to spend time in Dublin, Ireland and London.

More information is available on the Football homepage of the College website or by contacting the Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au) or the Director of Football Mr Howard Clark at [hclark@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:hclark@stpats.vic.edu.au)

#### BAS v AGSV Winter Carnival

The annual BAS v AGSV Winter Carnival will be held next Wednesday August 12 at Marcellin College, Melbourne. The Winter Carnival includes Football, Basketball and Cross Country. St Patrick's College is well represented across all sports and we wish the competing boys and coaches well. Team representatives and results will appear in future additions of The Crest.

#### Director of Athletics Mr Shane Hayes

#### BAS Cross Country

The SPC Cross Country team dominated the BAS Cross Country races held this week at the University of Ballarat.

##### Individual Placings:

**Junior** 2nd - Laiton Sullivan  
**Junior** 3rd - Mitch Thompson

**Intermediate** 2nd - Scott Spriggs  
**Intermediate** 3rd - Luke Kemp

St Patrick's College won each division; Junior, Intermediate and Senior, as well as the Boys Overall Aggregate. Congratulations to both Mr Shane Hayes and Mr Peter Ryan for their leadership and co-ordination of the Cross Country team.

#### 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 to determine who would play SPC in the Grand Final. Ballarat Grammar were victorious and will now play against SPC on Wednesday August 19 on the Shed Oval.

#### Squash/Racquetball Ms Colleen Pope and Ms Kara Hart

##### Squash

##### A Grade

Ben Couch won 30 - 4

##### B Grade

Andrew Jreige won 30 - 22

##### C Grade

Aaron Preddy defeated Kieren Hickey 30 - 21  
Dominic Stinchcombe won 30 - 18

## **Racquetball**

### **A Grade**

SPC A1 116 v Clarendon 116  
SPC2 137 def. Grammar A 112

### **B Grade**

SPC B1 99 lost to Grammar B 119  
SPC B2 133 def. SPC B3 94

### **C Grade**

SPC C 115 lot to Grammar C 121

### **D Grade**

SPC D1 146 def Damascus 103

### **E Grade**

SPC E 130 def Loreto E

## **Table Tennis**

**Mr Mike Brady and Mrs Marianne Kambouridis**

### **A Grade**

SPC 12 defeated DC 0

### **B Grade**

SPC Blue 5 defeated DC 0  
SPC Green 12 defeated BCC Gold 6

### **C Grade**

SPC White 0 lost to SPC Green 12

### **D Grade**

SPC Green 0 lost to DC 2

### **E Grade**

SPC Blue 6 defeated BG Blue 0  
SPC Green 10 defeated BCC White 0

## **Hockey**

### **Intermediate Hockey**

**Mr Roger Knight**

### **SPC 8 defeated BHS 0**

SPC were too strong for the team from Ballarat High School in all the areas of the game.

**Best Players:** Zak McMurray, Luke Kemp and Harrison Bardwell.

### **Basketball**

**Ms Tamara Westwood**

### **Senior Basketball**

July 30

### **SPC White 93 defeated BCC Red 25**

**Leading Scorers for SPC White:** Bernie Peoples 25pts, Oliver Whitely 25pts and Luke Brown 14pts

### **SPC Green 60 defeated MCC 39**

**Leading Scorers for SPC Green:** Clayton Zenalla 21pts, Joel Williamson 12pts and Nathan Rose 9pts.

### **SPC Blue 54 lost to BHS 76**

**Leading Scorers for SPC Blue:** Ben O'Keefe 17pts, Harrison Tobin 12pts and Sam Wilson 9 pts

## **Intermediate Basketball**

**July 29**

### **SPC Green 47 defeated BCC Black 29**

**Leading Scorers for SPC Green:** Mikko Chang 8pts, Connor McCuskey 7pts and Ethan Jones 7pts.

### **SPC Blue 79 defeated MCC 33**

A great game with high enthusiasm. Both teams were evenly matched with skill and physique but as the time charged on, so did Matthew Callahan with a top score of 43 points. SPC Blue lifted during the game and worked well as a team, which proved to be the difference in the end.

**Leading Scorers for SPC Blue:** Matthew Callahan 43pts, Dominic Barry 12pts and Ash Quick 8pts.

## **Junior Basketball**

**Year 7**

### **SPC Green 56 defeated BCC 13**

**Leading scorers for SPC Green:** Seth Storie 14pts, Liam Edwards 14pts, Nic Weightman 10pts and Matt Keogh 10pts

### **Year 8**

### **SPC Blue 54 defeated BG Gold 40**

**Leading Scorers for SPC Blue:** Alex Brown 14pts, Nick McMaster 11 pts and Harry Murphy 9pts.

### **SPC Green 90 defeated BCC 46**

This was the first game for this group of students. Students learnt to read each other's game quickly and we kept up the pressure to be ahead at half time and win confidently but not complacently by a good margin.

**Leading Scorers for SPC Green:** Dylan Henderson 20pts, Josh Cullinan 18pts and Mitch O'Keefe 18pts.

## **Galvin House** **Mr Howard Clark**

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### **GALVIN HOUSE: MATTHEW GILCHRIST**

For his contribution of time and effort for the Year 10 Careers Evening.



### **GALVIN HOUSE: JAMAHL MILERA**

For his contribution of time and effort for the Year 10 Careers Evening.

**Keniry House**  
**Mrs Nicole Hexter**

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**KENIRY HOUSE: MICHAEL DAWSON**

For his contribution of time and effort for the Year 10 Careers Evening.

**Nunan House**  
**Mr Warrick Bottrall**

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**NUNAN HOUSE: BENJAMIN MCOWAN**

For his outstanding contribution to College spirit in many fields.

**Ryan House**  
**Mr Damian McKee**

On Tuesday evening August 4, a small number of Year 10 students and their 'influential males' attended an enjoyable evening organised by the Leadership and Standards Officer Mr Jamie Bobrowski. It was great to be in a room filled with young men and their elders.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those who supported the evening; Johnny and Mitchell Taylor, Paul and Matthew Norman, Tony and James Liston, Chris and Nick O'Farrell, Graeme Taylor and Patrick Ross-Taylor, Jacob Weeks and his uncle Andrew, Mark and Jack Gibbs and Andrew and Kayne Allen.

Thank you to Mr Jamie Bobrowski for this initiative.

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**RYAN HOUSE: AIDAN WILLOWWHITE**

For consistent application to work and positive influences within the Pastoral Care Group.



**RYAN HOUSE: LIAM EDWARDS**

For consistent application to work and positive influences within the Pastoral Care Group.



**RYAN HOUSE: HARRISON ROBERTSON**

For consistent application to work and positive influences within the Pastoral Care Group.

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**Mr Mark Waddington**

A New Look for the St Patrick's College Website  
[www.stpats.vic.edu.au](http://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' on Friday this 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 just over a month 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](mailto: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**

**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](mailto:veterans@dpcd.vic.gov.au)

**RIP**

Jack Barker, grandfather of Lachlan Barker, Year 12 passed away recently. Please keep the Barker family in your prayers.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:jlynn@stpats.vic.edu.au)



## Canteen

### Roster Monday August 10 to Friday August 14

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 10

Jane McDonough, Debbie Coutts, \*Lee Couch, Sandra Jobling, \*Linda Breguet, Denise Gillingham, Mariska Wines.

### Tuesday August 11

Karen McMaster, Narelle Howes, Simone Meagher, \*Julianne Allen, \*Julianne Slater, Caz Hearn, Rhonda Slater, \*Therese Leighton, \*Sarah Sullivan.

### Wednesday August 12

Kathy Walters, \*Debbie Lee, Robyn Lavery, Christine Laidlaw, Simone Adamczyk, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Daydie Burgess.

### Thursday August 13

Bridget Vallance, \*Kelly Day, \*Angela Smith, Cathy Van Rijn, \*Anne Fay, Sue McDougall.

### Friday August 14

\*Catherine Schuurs, \*Susan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, \*Kathy Harris, \*Katherine Mundy, \*Helen Spratling, \*Donna Weightman, Dianne Debono.

**\*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!

## EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

### SSMART Answers Conference

Parents and community members are invited to attend a workshop to discuss issues around alcohol harm and unsafe partying.

**When:** Thursday 13 August, 6.30 – 8.30pm

**Where:** Trench Room, Ballarat Town Hall

**RSVP:** Jodie Downey on 5320 5593, 0407 556 212 or email [jodiedowney@ballarat.vic.gov.au](mailto:jodiedowney@ballarat.vic.gov.au)

This workshop will shape the parent and community member part of the SSMART Answers Conference, which is being held on September 9 and 10. The conference is held every two years. It is driven by young people (Years 10 to 12), involves schools, parents and community members tackling the issues of substance misuse, alcohol and risk taking. SSMART Answers is coordinated by Council, funded by AER (Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation), VIC Health and supported by a variety of other organisations.

## Child Abuse Prevention Service – CAPS

Parenting isn't always easy, so it's good to know that help is available! For free, confidential, 24 hour, parent and carer support call CAPS on 1800 688 009. CAPS support workers can help;

- If you are finding it hard to cope with your children.
- If you are having issues with the behaviour of your children.
- If you would like information about communicating with or disciplining your children. If you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child you know.
- If you think you might harm a child.
- If you need clarification about what child abuse actually is.
- If you want to report abuse but don't know how.
- If you have any questions or need any information about child abuse.
- If you need help but don't know where to get it.
- Or if you just need someone to talk to!

**You can find out more information at**

**[www.childabuseprevention.com.au](http://www.childabuseprevention.com.au) or call 1800 688 009.**

## COMING EVENTS

### Sunday August 9

MCC Herald Sun Shield Grand Final - 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) - Melbourne

Music Tour to Brisbane departs

### Thursday August 13

Fifth 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

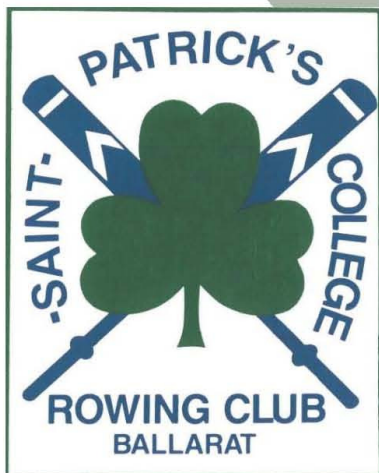
### Saturday August 15

Feast of Assumption

**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 SPC TRAVELLERS BREAKFAST

**Tuesday and Thursday of Each Week!**

**Commences Tuesday August 4**

**Hot Takeaway Breakfast & Drink**

**FREE!**



**Available during Term 3**

**Please sign up by contacting  
Mr Chris Caldow at [ccaldow@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:ccaldow@stpats.vic.edu.au)**

**Please advise Mr Caldow of any special dietary requirements.**

*Kindly sponsored by St Vincent de Paul.*



**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!**