

NEWSLETTER 5/3
Friday August 14, 2009

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Greetings as we end another action-packed week at the College. While Immersion Week has consumed the Middle School, our musicians have headed off to Queensland and our sportsmen have farewelled the annual BAS versus Associated Grammar Schools of Victoria competition, a victim to our ever increasingly complex schedules.

The most widely publicised event of the week has been the First XVIII Grand Final of the MCC Herald Sun Shield against our old foe, Assumption College Kilmore. The build up to the game across Ballarat and the level of community support was extraordinary. It was also greatly appreciated by our players and coaches. The match capped off another good season for our flagship team captained by Marc James with the assistance of Sam Howard and Robbie Lockett, and under the dedicated leadership of Mr Howard Clark as Director of Football and Senior Coach. Congratulations to all concerned on a marvellous performance as ambassadors of the College.

As we rush from class to class and from activity to activity, I am reminded of the words of Fr Michael Whelan: 'God is present to the world through us, with us and in us. And God's presence is always God's action, and God's action is always a loving that liberates'. Take time to reflect on our presence to each other, so that our godliness may shine through, enlivening and enlightening those who grace our path.

May God bless us all.
PeterC.

1st XVIII MCC Herald Sun Shield Team



FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldow

BULLYING

The circumstances surrounding the recent tragedy at Western Heights has highlighted why our firm stance on a zero tolerance of bullying must remain a prominent part of our student management work. Our College policy ensures that any students who are named as victims, bullies or bystanders are interviewed by Year Level Coordinators in order to ensure all incidents of bullying are followed up on and taken seriously.

In order to be fully effective in countering bullying behaviour at St Patrick's we require assistance and cooperation from parents. If you are aware of your son experiencing a difficult time, being harassed or bullied by way of anyone, either in person or via electronic means please ensure that either your son or you contact the school immediately.

Recently, students from all year levels completed a bullying survey. Accompanying this survey are a variety of units dealing with bullying and its impact, which are taught throughout the curriculum. In addition students and staff were given the opportunity to participate in a Cyber Safety programme that was conducted during Pastoral Care this week. Please be aware that any message sent through electronic means is traceable even if it has been deleted and many parents are now opting to involve police in bullying issues. I encourage parents of any student who may receive intimidating messages to ensure they save these messages and print them out to assist with any investigation that may be required.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

As I have stated on numerous occasions, I constantly marvel at the opportunities that are on offer at St Pat's. The last fortnight provides a snapshot of some of the activities on offer. There have been a range of sporting activities from football, rugby, soccer, hockey, cross country, table tennis, squash and basketball. Each of these sports have provided students with an opportunity to play in finals against other Ballarat schools, develop teamwork and build friendships with your peers. More detail regarding these activities is contained later in this edition of The Crest.

On a personal note, I have been fortunate enough to be involved with the First XVIII Football Team as a member of the coaching staff. I am appreciative of the opportunities that I have been given by Coach, Mr Howard Clark along with other members of the coaching staff including Mr Gavin Webb, Mr Brett Goodes, Mr Brendan James and Mr Andrew Chamings. The boys have been willing to learn, have been accepting of advice given and offered their best on all occasions.

This has resulted in a Grand Final win against Ballarat Clarendon College and a loss by 10 points to Assumption College at the MCG on Sunday for the MCC Herald Shield Grand Final. On both occasions I have been proud of the boys, but more so on Sunday in the way that they conducted themselves after a crushing loss against an old foe. We learn more about the character of our young men in times of adversity and it is much more difficult to be gracious in defeat than it is in winning!

Our musicians have set off on a Music Tour to Queensland to compete in a range of different musical events. Some of our budding engineers have been involved with an engineering day with VicRoads; there have been retreats for all of the Year 8 and 11 students as well as Influential Male Evenings for the Year 10 students.

We are also in the process of electing the College Captain, Vice Captains and House Captains for 2010 school year as well as busily selecting subjects for 2010. The Year 9 students are currently involved in an Immersion Week and the Year 12 Outdoor Education students are currently at the snow learning cross-country skiing. Add to this, reports at our last College Assembly from students involved with the Kokoda Trail and Japan Trip and the launch of the Football Tour to Ireland. There is much on offer and on behalf of the College community I thank the staff for their willingness to be involved in these activities and more. St Pat's is a truly dynamic environment and we all have much to be thankful for.

Message of Thanks

Please find below a message of thanks from the Loreto College Deputy Principal Mr Pat O'Shea following a presentation from College Captain Stephen Kirby and Vice Captains Lachlan Barker and Liam O'Reilly who spoke to Loreto College students last week on their positions of leadership at St Patrick's College.

I would like to thank the St Patrick's school leaders, Stephen Kirby, Liam O'Reilly and Lachlan Barker for speaking to the Year 11 Loreto students last week. The boys described their experiences this year and they offered their advice on the key elements to positive leadership. They even hinted at ways to manipulate the management – always important advice! The boys spoke very confidently and articulately. They have obviously represented their school with great pride.

*Mr Pat O'Shea
Deputy Principal
Loreto College*

Top Ten Parenting Tips

Boys Town in Sydney was founded by a priest, Fr Thomas Dunlea in 1940. The Salesian Order has operated Boys Town since 1952.

As part of anniversary celebrations this year the staff at Boys Town have compiled a list of Ten Top

Parenting Tips that I thought you might find helpful.

- Listen to what your child says.
- Talk and problem solve together.
- Allow mistakes, especially your own, but theirs too.
- Have clear and high behaviour expectations.
- Be consistent in applying consequences.
- Maintain boundaries and routines but allow some choices within.
- Talk about a crisis afterwards, when there is calm.
- Know your own buttons and pick your battles.
- Never ask a child to do what you are not prepared to do.
- See the joy and positives in your child and tell them often.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching & Learning
Mr Stephen Hill

2010 Subject Selection

The mid point of Term Three marks that point in the school year where students in Years 9, 10 and 11 must submit their proposed 2010 subject selections.

Current Year 9 students are required to submit the *2010 Year 10 Subject Selection Guide* to their Pastoral Group Tutor by **Friday, August 14.**

Current Years 10 and 11 students are required to submit their *2010 Subject Selection Guide* to their Pastoral Group Tutor 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 Transition and Careers Coordinator, Mr Anthony Meehan as a matter of urgency.

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

2009 Whole Staff Formation

The St Patrick's College two-day Staff Formation Programme is to be held on Thursday August 20 and Friday August 21 at the College. The Staff Formation Programme requires all staff at the College to explore and more fully understand what it is to work at a Catholic school for boys in the tradition of Edmund Rice. This year's programme will be led by Fr Chris Gleeson SJ.

Fr Chris was ordained priest in 1975, taught English and History and was Executive Assistant to the Jesuit Provincial for two years. He has an Honours History Degree and Dip. Ed. from Melbourne University and a Bachelor of Divinity from the Melbourne College of Divinity. He was appointed Head of Xavier College, Melbourne in 1981 and after 11 years in his role and a brief period as Chaplain of Newman College, was appointed Head of St Ignatius College Riverview, Sydney, from 1993 to 2002. After being assigned in September 2005 to the Jesuit Community of Toowong in Brisbane, he has become a member of the Jesuits' Loyola Institute team responsible for developing and providing Ignatian formation programs in Australia and overseas. In April, 2006, he was appointed Director of the new Faber Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Brisbane.

Fr Chris continues to influence education, notably as a member of the inaugural Board of Edmund Rice Education Australia, which focuses on the management and administration of the Christian Brothers' school system in Australia.

To allow all staff to participate fully in Fr Chris' programme, the College will be closed to students on Thursday August 20 and Friday August 21.

Debate and Public Speaking
Debate and Public Speaking Coordinator
Ms Victoria Moore

Speak Up and Speak Out!

Over a period of one week the Public Speaking and Debating voices have been heard near and far. Students of St Patrick's from Year 8 to 11 have been competing in Royal South Street Debating, Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award and the Thant Trophy.

Peter Oakley, Charles Robinson, Pat McKinnon, Sam Willian, Dan Taylor, James Vanderkley, Justin Williams, Tim Rennie, and Lachlan Dodds competed in the Years 7&8 Section; many for the first time. All the boys represented themselves brilliantly, but unfortunately on the day were not successful in their argument.

Bradley Brennan, Connor Bourke and Dermott Conaughton endeavoured under very trying circumstances in the Year 11&12 Grade and were pipped at the post by Daylesford. Also stepping up were Gordon Hutcheon, Scott Quinn and Kieren O'Riley who were exceptional considering little experience - Scott and Gordon were supported by Kieren who is a very talented Year 9 student.

Joseph Baxter, Killian Plastow and Adam Spencer, who in their own words, 'broke our season's streak', by winning their debate in the Year 9&10 Grade. Ben O'Shea, Connor Bourke and Joseph McKee were splendid, winning convincingly in their debate. Unfortunately for both teams they did not gain a place in the semi-finals in which the four highest scoring winning teams compete.

The Legacy Public Speaking Competition was held at St Patrick's on July 30, 2009. Peter Oakley and Anthony Zelencic spoke with confidence, highlighting their great talent. This competition is open to students in our region aged 12 to 14 years. Fortunately for St Patrick's both of these boys are keen to compete again next year, using their experience from this year. Andie Dunwoodie (Head Adjudicator) commended both boys and gave them encouraging words of advice to assist them to prepare for next year.

And finally Ben O'Shea and Connor Bourke attended the annual Thant Trophy held at University of Ballarat, on Monday August 3. The trophy is where students represent countries in a UN style Debate dealing with vetoes, passing of bills and security issues. Connor reported that it was a fantastic experience though it was frustrating when the United States continued to veto any and every proposition. Connor feels that they may be in with an outside chance to go to the next level. We have received notification that the boys competed at an extremely high standard and are now invited to attend the semi finals at the Melbourne Town Hall at the end of August.

I would like to thank all of the students for their fantastic efforts. They represented themselves and the school admirably and I look forward to the upcoming Breach and Purton Oratory along with the Purcell and Doyle Debates which will be held at St Patrick's on September 3. Congratulations to all of the boys and thank you to the parents and staff for their support and encouragement.

Transition and Careers Coordinator
Mr Anthony Meehan

Deakin University Open Days
Sunday 16 August - Warrnambool Campus
Sunday 23 August - Melbourne Campus at Burwood

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

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre
VTAC Information Evening for Year 12 Students and Parents

This evening will focus on:

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

Plus all your questions answered by staff from VTAC.

When: Monday August 10 at 7.30 pm

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

Monash University Parent Information Evening - Ballarat
Monday August 24, 2009

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts

Ballarat Grammar School

201 Forest Street, Wendouree

Are you a parent of a student in Year 11 or 12? If so, we invite you to attend Monash's Parent Information Evening to find out more about the University, and to also gain some useful tips on how you can support your son or daughter as they consider their future and further study options.

This seminar presentation will provide an excellent opportunity for parents to find out more about the range of course and campus options at Monash University, and will also provide valuable information about applications and selection, equity schemes and scholarships, student support services, accommodation options and living in Melbourne.

For more information and bookings visit:

www.monash.edu/study/events

Telephone: 03 9903 4758

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

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Ms Elizabeth Till

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 is a Boarding Exeat Weekend.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL
Mr Michael Busscher

This week has been another very busy week in the Senior School.

Year 10 Subject Selection Process

All Year 10 boys and their parents have had multiple opportunities of spending 30 minutes with various members of the Senior School staff working out the best possible alternatives for their VCE subject selections. Firstly, I would like to thank all staff who assisted in this invaluable process and secondly I would like to thank all of the parents who were most appreciative of receiving this opportunity.

Retreats

The fifth Melbourne Retreat commenced this week which is to be followed by the last two remaining retreats. From all accounts these experiences have been going very well and boys are returning with greater insight into the world of the needy, homeless or new arrivals to Australia. I have also received very positive feedback regarding the Year 11 Retreat and the effect that this retreat has had on our boys. Hopefully this new found understanding of what it is like to be a true man unfolds throughout these young boys lives and continues to make some impact on the world in which they live.

Parent/Student/Teacher interviews

Finally, it is important to note that we are completing Week 5 of Term 3 and with Mid-Semester Reports and subsequent Parent/Student/Teacher interviews currently being contemplated, now is a good time for all boys to take stock of where they are and where they hope to go as the end of another year begins to come into sight. I would like to encourage all Senior School families to undergo this exercise and begin to project your concerns and dreams towards a positive conclusion to 2009. With this in mind I suggest that the upcoming Senior School Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be most invaluable for all families to attend.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Terry Blizzard

It has been a particularly frenetic week in the Middle School with all boys participating in Immersion Week. In the next edition of The Crest I hope to have some insightful reflections from some of the boys about the range of activities undertaken. As I write this there are boys in Collegians Court preparing rockets to be propelled into the stratosphere, boys being assessed by the judges on the quality of their muffins in St Pat's Master Chef (not a cravat to be seen though!), a group of boys arriving back from the VIS and another group making scaled house frames in the Technology Centre. These are really just a snap shot of a broader range of activities that are designed to give the boys experiences that day to day school doesn't allow.

The enthusiasm and cooperation of the boys has been outstanding. I have received nothing but positive feedback from teachers about the willingness of the lads to take up the challenges of something new and they have been very complimentary in their own feedback. I am looking forward to reading the student reflections.

Diaries

All boys were given a Homework Diary at the commencement of the school year and it has come to my attention that these diaries are not being utilised to full capacity. Could all parents please address the issue of the Homework Diary with your son to ensure that the correct information is being recorded. I suspect some boys are not entering the appropriate information correctly or at all. If this is the case please feel free to contact the appropriate Pastoral Tutor so that we can monitor future use. Below is the Middle School 'Ten Steps Homework' guide that may be of benefit to some students and parents.

1. Check your diary.

(Ask yourself 'what am I doing in this subject? What should I be doing about it at home? When is it due?')

2. Decide which tasks are most urgent.

(Are all the due dates in your diary?)

3. Complete set homework tasks.

(Do them in order of priority.).

4. Work on long-term projects and assignments.

(Don't leave these until the night before.)

5. Write long-term projects in your diary each day so you don't forget.

6. Revise for tests and other assessments.

(Everything you are taught will be assessed in some way.)

7. Read all your handouts and place them in appropriate folders.

8. Proof read your written work.

9. Let your parents know when you need more paper, pens equipment etc.

10. Clean out your schoolbag when you finish homework, then pack it ready for school.

(Do you need to take sports uniform or equipment? Musical instrument and/or sheet music? Set work or assignments due tomorrow?).

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

2010 Ireland Tour

Places are filling fast for the 2010 Ireland Tour. 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 the 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 or the Director of Football Mr Howard Clark at hclark@stpats.vic.edu.au

Director of Athletics

Mr Shane Hayes

BAS Cross Country

The team is busily preparing for the final event of the season of the annual BAS Lap of the Lake. Thank you to Mr Shane Hayes and Mr Peter Ryan and good luck to the team in their preparations for the event. A reminder that training continues each Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Please check the morning notices for more information.

BAS v AGSV Winter Carnival

Wednesday August 12 saw the annual BAS v AGSV Winter Exchange. 2009 will be the last time the combined schools participate after what has been a long association. SPC had representatives in the following sports of Football, Hockey, Cross Country and Basketball. Results will be published in the next edition of The Crest. Congratulations to the following boys and the staff involved.

BAS BOYS BASKETBALL
Staff: Ms Tamara Westwood
Ash Constable
Jack Bennett
Bernie Peoples
James McMaster
Oliver Whiteley
BAS BOYS CROSS COUNTRY
Staff: Mr Shane Hayes
Scott Berg
Scott Spriggs
Angus Martin
Tom Martin
BAS BOYS FOOTBALL
Staff: Mr Howard Clark
Shaun Lyle
Ben Peters
Marc James
Nicholas O'Brien
Sam Howard
Richard Bamblett
Jordan Alexander
Nicholas O'Keefe
Edward Arthurson
Jake Dunne
BAS BOYS HOCKEY
Rohan Hill
Liam Brookes
Ben McOwen
Zac McMurry

Soccer

Mr Tony Beggs

First XI

The First XI Grand Final was scheduled to be played on Wednesday July 29. In a very unusual chain of events and in accordance with the BAS rules governing the sport a playoff was required between Ballarat College and Ballarat Grammar school to determine who would play SPC in the Grand Final. Ballarat Grammar School was victorious and will now play against SPC on Wed 19 August 19 on the St Patrick's College Shed Oval.

BAS v Geelong (GISSA) Senior Soccer

Full Time: Ballarat BAS defeated Geelong GISSA 3-0

Scorers: Charlie King, Sam Gray, Angus Martin.

Best: Scott Berg (Best on ground), Angus Martin, William Georgiou, Charlie King, Tom Gray, Joshua Antonelli.

The Team

St Patrick's College: Angus Martin (captain), Tom McKinnon, Charlie King, Tom Young, Daniel McIntyre, William Geoiou, Scott Berg, Michael Trigger, Joshua Antonelli, Alex Antonelli.

Ballarat Clarendon College: Sam McDonald, Tom Gray, Sam Gray.

On August 5, 2009 the Ballarat Associated Schools combined Soccer team played against the Geelong team made up from players from independent schools in the region. After a spate of withdrawals, mostly through injury, a squad of 13 made the trip to Kardinia International College.

St Patrick's was the most represented school with ten players whilst the remaining three were from Ballarat Clarendon College.

Ballarat took immediate control of the match with sure passing from the centre play of Will Georgiou and Scott Berg and a number of chances were offered to the forwards. The GISSA defence played reactively, however after five minutes Charlie King playing back right was presented with time just outside the 18 yard box. He sized up and delivered a perfect swinging ball left to right into the far right of the net.

The second goal followed quickly when after a series of attacks, Sam Gray gathered the ball 25 metres out and played a delightful swinging strike left of the keeper for Ballarat's second.

Ballarat continued to dominate despite the uneven bounce causing some loss of possession in the centre. Defenders Tom Gray and Angus Martin were able to mop up their attacks and used the left wing and Joshua Antonelli to relieve most pressure. However, after one counter attack from GISSA, our defence was split with their striker through. He fired powerfully but keeper Tom McKinnon timed his jump perfectly to tip it over the bar safely.

Sam McDonald was placed forward (far away from his usual keeping role) and he turned out to be revelation with his height causing GISSA all sorts of trouble with his heading of high balls inside the box. He went close to scoring but at half time BAS still led Geelong by the two goal margin, however we had the advantages in the second half.

The second half realised a tighter defensive effort from GISSA and they put more pressure on our central possessions of Will Georgiou and Michael Trigger. Scott Berg had to use his pre-emptive skills down the left flank to lead Ballarat forward which he did on many occasions. His crossing to the right flank set up opportunities and from one of these we gained a corner via Tom Young's work. Angus Martin had arrived forward from the defence and in a scrappy piece he received the ball in the centre and had enough time to turn on the ball and shoot the ball under the keeper's control for our third goal.



Ballarat Associated Schools vs Geelong

Hockey

First XI Hockey

Mr John Sullivan

SPC 4 Defeated BCC 1

Round 10, the final match for the 2009 season was a victorious game for the SPC boys defeating Ballarat Clarendon College 4 goals to 1.

Starting the match with one player short was of a concern however we soon discovered both teams were a player short and it was only a matter of minutes before the SPC boys took control of the first half and applied a good deal of pressure on the goals. Several passages of play resulted in shots at goal however the prize eluded us.

With perseverance comes success and the boys were able manoeuvre the ball well with the first goal netted by Ben McOwan followed closely by a goal from Liam Brookes who received a scorching pass into the 'D' from Zac Pietsch. The half time score was 2 - nil.

BCC scored early in the second half with SPC scoring shortly after when Jacob Weeks scored from a mighty flick into the top corner of the net and Zac McMurray followed soon after with another goal taking SPC to a 4 -1 win.

Goals: Ben McOwan 1, Liam Brookes 1, Zac McMurray 1, Jacob Weeks 1.

Best: Jacob Weeks, Zac Pietsch and Ben McOwan.

Thank you to the parents, family and friends who have attended throughout the season to encourage the boys. You are all a positive presence at the games and it has been great to chat with you during the matches.

Basketball
Ms Tamara Westwood

Junior Basketball
August 4 2009

Year 7
SPC Green 67 defeated BG 17
Leading scorers for SPC Green: Josh Leviston 15, Liam Edwards 14 and Eddie Stalker 12.

SPC Blue 44 defeated DC 38
Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Simon Lewis 14, Matt Johnston 14.

Year 8
SPC Blue 62 defeated BG Blue 37
Leading Scorers for SPC Blue: Alex Brown 14, Nick McMaster 14, Max Rawlings 14.

SPC Green 109 defeated BCC 34
Mr Fred Spittle
Once again SPC played BCC Black in a convincing win. Jack Gunn was back from injury and took little time to settle into the team rhythm. All boys worked solidly, unifying into a good playing team to increase the SPC score margin from last week's result of 90-47 to 109-34. A great effort!

Leading Scorers for SPC Green: Josh Cullinan 35, Tom Young 22, Jack Gunn 12.

Squash/Racquetball
Ms Colleen Pope and Ms Kara Hart

A Grade
SPC2 126 def. Ballarat Clarendon College (BCC) A 114

B Grade
SPC B2 132 def BCC B 89

C Grade
SPC C 140 def Grammar C 105

D Grade
SPC D1 135 def BCC D 77
SPC D2 49 lost to High School D 135

E Grade
SPC E 125 def BCC E 96

Table Tennis
Mrs Marianne Kambourdis

A Grade
SPC 6 defeated BCC Red 0

B Grade
SPC Blue 6defeated BCC Red 2

SPC Green won on forfeit to BG Gold

C Grade
SPC Blue 6 defeated BCC Red 0

D Grade
SPC Green 6 defeated BCC Gold 0

E Grade
SPC Blue defeated BCC Red

Keniry House
Mrs Nicole Hexter

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



YEAR 7: DOMINIC SLIWA
For his positive attitude towards learning in Physical Education and striving towards his personal best.



YEAR 7: NICHOLAS DE JONG
For his positive attitude towards learning in Physical Education and striving towards his personal best.

Ryan House
Mr Damian McKee

Stick & Stones Play

What makes people aggressive, and what can we do to stop the cycle of violence?

On Monday August 17 Brainstorm Productions will present the play **"Sticks and Stones"**. The play is an entertaining way to promote discussion and to provide students with guidelines for the College Anti-bullying and Harassment policy. The message is clear – Violence is not on – at school, at home, on the street, anywhere! We must learn constructive ways to deal with our anger.

The play will assist in creating a safe and harmonious environment for students and staff. It is also an important element of St Patrick's College's anti-bullying action plan.

Year 7 students will view the play from 12 to 1pm. Year 8 students will then follow and view the play from 2pm – 3pm. Please contact either Mr Damian McKee or your son's Year Level Coordinator if you do not wish your son to attend.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
Mr Mark Waddington

A New Look for the St Patrick's College Website

www.stpats.vic.edu.au

After a considerable period of planning by the Public Relations and Marketing Committee the new look St Patrick's College website will be officially rolled out will become 'live' 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

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

2010 College Captain

The 'Top 30' Year 11 students are now in the next phase of the journey to becoming the 2010 St Patrick's College Captain. These students are now in the process of preparing their applications where they are required to meet the key selection criteria.

Each student in Years 10 and 11 together with staff members and the current Student Council have recently voted to select the student whom they believe is worthy of the honour and responsibilities that come with the role of being St Patrick's College Captain.

The College Captain of St Patrick's College will work closely with the Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster (Welfare) and Student Leadership and Standards Officer (SLSO) and Heads of Houses to ensure that all students of the St Patrick's College community embark on a leadership journey together. The College Captains role will be to represent and lead the students and to stimulate and inspire them to be great human beings within our community.

The final phase of the 'Top 30' Journey will take place on Wednesday August 19 2009 where each nominated student will be involved in a team building and leadership experience over a four hour period which is designed to provide an environment and an experience to build powerful and effective student leaders. This process involves challenging the students physically and psychologically.

The 2010 College Captain will be announced shortly.

Nominations for Student Congress 2010

Nominations for the 2010 Student Congress are now being taken. Any student interested in nominating themselves to a position of Student Congress is asked to complete a nomination form which can be obtained from Pastoral Tutors or Mr Jamie Bobrowski. Students must be aware of the commitments required of students as members of Congress and are expected to attend all congress meetings which are held twice per term.

The Student Congress shall, subject to the Constitution, have the power to pass motions and recommend action to the Headmaster in Council with respect to:

- i. Social Justice
- ii. Educational policy
- iii. Educational facilities
- iv. School grounds
- v. Sporting activities
- vi. Social activities
- vii. Fund raising for charities
- viii. Indigenous issues
- ix. Liturgy
- x. Music (Choir)
- xi. Edmund Rice Day
- xii. Other matters that the Congress may be directed towards by the Headmaster in Council.

Stages in Nomination

1. If you wish to nominate yourself, you need two colleagues within your pastoral group to support your nomination vouching that you are worthy of such an honour.
2. Simply complete a nomination form from your pastoral tutor and clearly write your name, Tick a box indicating your year level in 2010 and circle which House you represent.
3. Once you have completed the nomination form please return it to your pastoral tutor before the end of pastoral group session on MONDAY 17 August 2010.
4. All nominated students names will then appear on an official Ballot form which will be used when the Australia Electoral Commission holds elections in the College Boardroom on Monday 24 August 2010.

Any enquires please contact 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 or by emailing veterans@dpcd.vic.gov.au

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Dr Peter Vardy Conference

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

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

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

St Patrick's College Rowing Club Trivia Night

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

When: Friday August 28

Where: St Patrick's College Old Collegians Pavilion

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

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

Canteen

Roster Monday August 17 to Friday August 21

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 17

Elaine Collier, Liz O'Loughlin, Tracey Stalker, Janet Santilli, Colleen Stephens, Jenny Gilbert, Betty Armstrong, *Jill Watkins, *Louise Miles, *Denise Gillingham.

Tuesday August 18

Vicki Burton, Wendy Johnson, Cathy Keem, Rhonda Robson, Loretta Toohey, *Wendy Dumaresq, *Kerry Fiegert, *Sara Sullivan, *Gabrielle Coxall, *Helen Turley.

Wednesday August 19

Kim Tibbles, Helen Cotter, Helen O'Brien, Monica Kirby, Cheree Cosgriff, *Silvana Peters, *Leonie Spencer.

Thursday August 20

Staff Retreat – No Classes

Friday August 21

Staff Retreat – No Classes

***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

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 or call 1800 688 009.

Faith Questions: Is there really a God?

Well known Melbourne journalist Martin Flanagan from The Age newspaper together with visiting US theologian and pastor Fr James Bacik will discuss the big questions of faith and spirituality in today's culture and society.

Monday August 17 at 6pm, Newman College, 887 Swanston Street, Parkville, Melbourne. A meal will follow in Lygon St, Carlton. Shared transport may be available. Enquiries: Vin Dillon 5337 7121.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday August 15

Feast of Assumption
Music Tour – Brisbane

Sunday August 16

Music Tour – Brisbane returns

Monday August 17

Year 11 Outdoor and Education Studies - Mt Buller
Junior School - Sticks and Stones Workshop

Tuesday August 18

College Assembly
Year 11 Outdoor and Education Studies - Mt Buller

Wednesday August 19

Year 12 Seminar – Ace Your Exams 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm

Thursday August 20

Student Free Day - Staff Formation Day
Boarding Exeat

Friday August 21

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Saturday August 22

OCA Reunion Programme – 40 year reunion 6.00 pm

Monday August 24

2010 Year 9 Student Information sessions 8 and 9

Wednesday August 26

John James Medal Night 7.30 pm
Year 7 and 10 Round 2 Immunisations
Sixth Year 12 RE Retreat leaves

Thursday August 27

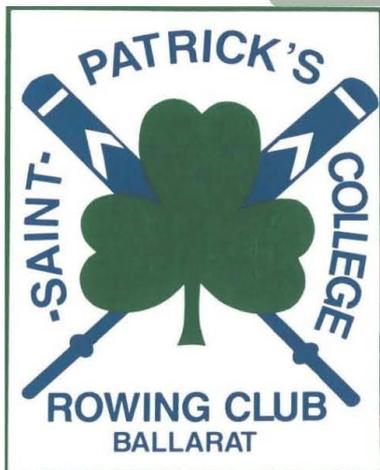
Sixth Year 12 RE Retreat returns

**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**

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!