

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Greetings in this last week of classes for Years 7 to 10. Our Year 10s, having successfully completed their exams, have been in Melbourne looking at universities and other facets of life after St Patrick's College. Years 7 to 9 have been completing their exams in preparation for the big clean-out! The Junior and Senior School Awards Ceremonies were both enjoyable occasions. The Junior School ceremony attracted about 500 parents and grandparents.

Other activities this week have included our domination of the Lord's Taverners Cup in Cricket, a masterful batting display against St Patrick's College Launceston for the Br H.T. Breach Cup, second-hand book sales, Orientation Day for 204 new Year 7s, orientation 'sleep-in' for our new boarders, the Board and Committees Dinner and the Year 12 Council Leadership Camp.

At the final Board meeting for the year, Mr Frank Nolan handed over the chair to Mr Dennis Foley after five very successful years. Mr Adrian Doyle was elected as Deputy Chair and Frank will remain on the Board Executive. At the dinner which followed in the OCA Pavilion, Dennis Foley spoke on behalf of the College community in thanking Frank for his achievements and leadership of the Board since 2004. Frank in his address covered the full gamut of the activities of the Board and its Committees and their significant contribution to the richness of school life.

From the Year 12 Council Leadership Camp, I can happily reassure you that the leadership of Council and Congress in 2009 is in very capable hands. We have an outstanding group of young men who have accepted formal positions of leadership and I look forward to working with them as they try to balance youthful idealism with the practicalities of flourishing in Year 12.

Regards

PeterC



The Year 12 Leadership Camp at Apollo Bay

## DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Joe Doolan

### Praise and Thanks At the end of the year

The ring around began quickly. Anna rang Rita and she immediately shared the news and tried to ring Matthew. The long study, examinations, instructions and flight simulations were over: he is now a 747 pilot and heads off to London on his first flight.

The conversations on that and subsequent days took the form of **praise**. It is two or more people in discussion about a third party that has achieved some distinction. We shall see the same dynamic in the next few weeks whence the VCE results are announced. Parents and grandparents will chat about the level of excellence gained by the student. The activity is one of praise.

It is different from thanksgiving. In the **thanking** process only two parties are required: the benefactor and the person benefited. In praise at least three parties are needed: the benefactor, the one benefited and the one(s) to be informed of the gift.

In an article by Alexander Di Lella on the Psalms he noted the simple experience of children in these activities of praise and thanksgiving. Children highlight the difference between these two notions of acclamation. Praise comes spontaneously to them whereas thanks might have to be taught. If a mother gives a child a special gift the recipient immediately goes about telling others of it. They don't have to be taught to praise. It is instinctive and automatic. It emanates from the effusive happiness they feel and must share. They don't have to rationalise or plan a response, it occurs naturally.

It is thanks that might require some schooling. Children sometimes have to be reminded to say thanks to someone. Sometimes they need a reminder because in their merriment they may have forgotten to offer the gratitude statement.

"Go and thank.....for the gift" is a simple instruction that parents share.

These two notions are central to the religious dimension of the College. In recent weeks we have celebrated two evenings with award ceremonies and a Year 12 Valedictory Dinner. In each of these functions the key elements are praise and thanks. If we do not correctly address these the celebrations will fall flat in some respect.

The praise that is shared around is the achievement of God who once again has enabled a group of young people to complete another year of their secondary schooling. God not only created each one of them but also placed them in this community of St Patrick's College. We do not have to venture many kilometres from Sturt Street to find some young people who would relish the thought of attending a well-serviced and resourced College with experienced teachers and an administrative support staff that serve pastoral and educative needs.

We also know that in outback Australia and in other countries some adolescents could hardly dream of attending such a school. We have much to praise God for at the end of a school year. We need to tell each other what The Benefactor has done for us. The rhetoric of praise must to be modelled and needs to be sincere. God has done great things for us, Holy is his name. At the Eucharist we celebrated for the graduating class the theme was clear:

*"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."  
"It is right to give him thanks and praise."*

We also need to thank God and thank each other. The concluding liturgies of a College rightfully single out the many and varied ones who served us during the year. We take great pains to include as many as possible in this list. This is educative for us to name the ones who helped enable the college to run smoothly: the maintenance people, the ones who deliver out good and services, the team who vacuum the classrooms each night, and the staff members who meet before and after school to set the agenda and craft the lessons.

As we bring to conclusion the academic year we have to practice giving praise to God and rehearse offering thanks. These crucial human, not merely Christian, skills we can master. It will serve us well in life to be good at praising and thanking our Great Benefactor. It is also a preparation for an afterlife whence these activities take on eternal proportions.

## COLLEGE DEAN Mr Stephen Hill

### VCE English Studies Novels 2009

The VCE English Studies Novels for those boys who have ordered them early for 2009 are now available for collection at the College Student Services.

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION Ms Elizabeth Till

### Middle School Exams and Finish

Middle School exams and classes finish Friday December 5. The Year 9 Graduation Ceremony commences at 1.15 pm in the College Chapel and all parents are welcome to attend. The final dismissal for the boys is at 2.30 pm.

### Junior School Exams and Finish

Junior School exams and classes finish on Friday December 5 at 2.30 pm.

### Final Crest and Mail Out

The final 2008 edition of The Crest will be mailed home as part of the last mail out to all families for 2008 next week. The mail out will also contain Semester Two Reports and further information for the 2008 school year. Information regarding the 2009 school year will also be included.

## SPORT Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson

### Rebel Sport Shopping Spree

On Friday December 5 Rebel Sport will be holding a schools' purchase night with 20% of the marked price of all goods in the store. The 5% will return to St Patricks College to assist with the running of the sporting programme. This is a great opportunity to get all your Christmas presents at Rebel Sport.

### Bacchus Marsh Late Bus

All students and parents are reminded that the late bus will not run in the last week of term, 2008 or the first week of 2009 as is the usual practice. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Laurie McInerney for driving the late bus each Tue, Wed and Thur to enable this service to be provided.

### World Aids Day – Monday December 1

This week saw the launch of World Aids Day with the Ballarat Community Health conducting a fun run around Lake Wendouree. This tragic disease affects over 30 million people across the world and it was fantastic to have the Ballarat community unite to reflect on this. Congratulations to Jack Gudgeon and Charles Martin, both promising Year 9 athletes who represented the College on this special occasion.



**Runners from various Ballarat schools unite to celebrate World Aids Day. Pictured far right is Jack Gudgeon and fourth from right is Charles Martin. Both boys are in Year 9. Next to Charles is old boy and premiership coach of the North Ballarat Roosters Mr Gerald FitzGerald (SPC 1973)**

### Junior Volleyball Mr Juri Kaczowski

Congratulations to the Junior Volleyball team that won the Junior Premiership for Term 4. This was an outstanding achievement with a high level of play at times. Thanks very much to Mr Juri Kaczowski for his leadership and coaching. The boys have generated their talents and developed into a terrific team. Well done boys.

## **Intermediate Volleyball** **Mrs Fiona Carroll**

Congratulations to the Intermediate Volleyball team that won the Term 4 Premiership. 2008 saw for the first time an Intermediate Volleyball competition with St Patricks being represented by three teams. Well done to Mrs Fiona Carroll for her dedication to the sport and for assisting the boys to learn and develop throughout the term. The sport of volleyball is in very good hands with Mrs Carroll and Mr Kazckowski.

## **From the Director of Cricket** **Mr Damian McKee** **First XI**

### **Cricket Br H. T. Breach Cup**

It has certainly been a busy week for SPC cricket with our friends from SPC Launceston visiting us for the annual match for the Br H. T. Breach Cup. I would like to sincerely thank the following families for volunteering to take billets for the week; Jeff and Trish Colbourne, Jeff and Tonia Whittaker, Paul and Leanne Hayes, Dennis and Janine Carter, John Prozzo and Nicole Steeper, Maria and Stuart McGregor, Marie Young, Phil and Debbie Crouch, Gloria Spriggs, Jim and Penny Dickinson, Chris and Melissa Begbie, Tim and Helen O'Brien and Terry and Sue Blizzard.

This generosity continues to build on a sense of community between the two schools and we look forward to playing Launceston next December.

### **Lord's Taverners Cup**

As well as hosting SPC Launceston, SPC competed this week in three rounds of the Lord's Taverners Cup. The Cup is the cricket version of the MCC Herald Sun Shield and this year it involved a round robin competition with five other premiership winning schools from around Victoria which included Melbourne Grammar School, St Peter's College Cranbourne, St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully, Notre Dame College and Eltham College. SPC won the three rounds to progress to the final against Melbourne Grammar School on Friday. The result of this match will be published in next week's edition of The Crest.

### **Round 1: Monday December 1 - St Patrick's College 7/193 defeated St Peter's College 10/126.**

Played on the Main Oval SPC were sent in on a green wicket. After losing a couple of early wickets (Justin O'Brien 9 and Austin Murphy 5) a 124 run partnership between Peter Colbourne (71 not out) and Mathew Begbie (73) pushed SPC's score towards a possible 200+ total for the allotted 50 overs. Begbie hit some beautiful shots through the off-side and was prepared to loft the ball over the in-field. Peter Colbourne played a safer, sheet anchor role making sure he was still at the crease by the end of the innings, which was invaluable given that wickets fell consistently once Brad Whittaker had lost his wicket.

St Peter's started confidently with the bat and were quickly 20 runs of five overs before Liam Young struck in consecutive overs. Brad Crouch and David Dickinson both bowled beautifully and gave nothing away in either line or length to the opponents.

Hayden Walters, playing his first match in the First XI took a wicket in his first over and bowled with good pace over the next five. Overall it was a comfortable win against an older and more experienced team.

**Mathew Begbie 73, Peter Colbourne 71 not out, Brad Crouch 10/2/3/30, Liam Young 6/3/2/10, David Dickinson 8/1/2/26, Hayden Walters 5/0/1/16.**

### **Round 2: Tuesday December 2 - St Patrick's College 5/107 defeated St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully 10/105.**

Bowling first SPC made short work of St Joseph's running through their batting line-up. Liam Young, Caleb Hepworth and Brad Whittaker all bowled well. Cameron Carter bowled his ten overs economically which was encouraging as he works on consolidating a spot in the First XI team.

The total was never a problem thanks to an aggressive innings by Austin Murphy (60) which included 7 fours. Austin was ably assisted in a 47 run partnership by Matthew Crouch (22). Matt continues to impress at the top of the order, not bad for a Year 7 student!

**Liam Young 6/3/2/6, Brad Whittaker 8/1/3/15, Caleb Hepworth 4/1/3/7, Austin Murphy 60, Matthew Crouch 22.**

### **Round 3: Wednesday December 3 - St Patrick's College 9/174 defeated Melbourne Grammar 10/140.**

At home on Hill Oval MGS sent us in on a new, well grassed and flat wicket. Lachlan Dickson and Andrew Dickinson were watchful against a tight attack putting on 86 runs for the third wicket. This proved to be the difference between the two teams with Austin Murphy 17 and Tom McKinnon 20 not out, the only other batsmen to reach double figures.

At lunch the SPC team thought that they were fifty runs short of 'par' and this certainly looked the case when the MGS openers got off to a flyer (0/41 off 9 overs). Then two significant events that changed the match occurred. The very impressive fast bowler Ash Gunn bowled the MGS top scorer with a beautiful 'yorker' and then our captain for the day, Robert Ryan brought himself on with almost immediate success. The MGS batsmen found it difficult to cope with Robert's flight and control and slumped to 6/88 at the half way point of their innings.

In the end Melbourne Grammar collapsed to be all out for 140, thirty-four runs short of SPC's total.

**Lachlan Dickson 43, Andrew Dickinson 51, Tom McKinnon 20 not out, Robert Ryan 10/1/4/24, Caleb Hepworth 9/1/1/28, Ash Gunn 8.1/1/1/20.**

## **Student Achievements**

### **Victorian Country Track Championships**

The **Victorian Country Track Championships** were held in Maryborough on Saturday and Sunday November 29-30. Charles Martin, Ciaran Conoughton, and Connor Dickson all competed in a flying 200, sprint, scratch race and an individual pursuit Ciaran received a Bronze medal in the 2km individual pursuit. Congratulations to all boys!

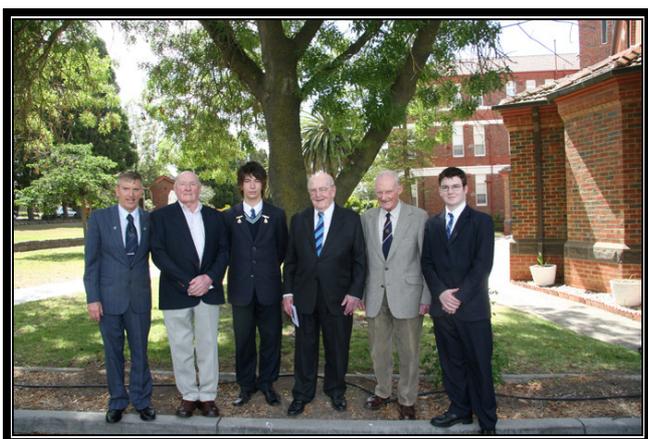
If anyone is aware of any other student achievements please forward via email to [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au)

## **ARCHIVES**

**Archivist**  
**Br Brian Davis**

### **Les Coleman Funeral**

Last Thursday, November 27, Liam O'Riley and Liam Flynn along with Br Brian Davis attended the funeral for Les Coleman at Nazareth House in Camberwell. Here they met up with loyal Old Collegians and friends of Les, Laurie Larmer, Basil Tierney and Mark Whitty.



From left to right; Br Brian Davis, Mr Basil Tierney, Liam O'Riley, Mr Laurie Larmer, Mr Mark Whitty and Liam Flynn

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

**Dobson's Uniform Shop**

**Extended Trading Hours  
December 2008 - February 2009**

**Trading Hours December 2008**

<b>Tuesday December 9</b>	12 noon - 4 pm
<b>Thursday December 11</b>	12 noon - 4 pm

**Trading Hours January 2009**

<b>Thursday January 21</b>	2.00pm -5.00pm
<b>Friday January 23</b>	2.00pm -5.00pm
<b>Monday December 26</b>	Closed - Australia Day.
<b>Tuesday January 27</b>	1.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Wednesday January 28</b>	1.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Thursday January 29</b>	8.30-10.30am & 1pm-5pm. School resumes.
<b>Friday January 30</b>	1.00pm -4.00pm.

### Second Hand Book-Sales

The format of the Second-hand Book Sales will be similar to 2007. In an effort to provide a fair system, the College will once again price and sell all books available for purchase. Students can continue to sell their books privately should they wish. To avoid congestion, each year level has been allocated a date to buy and sell their books. Please find listed below the allocated venue and time for the Book Sales for each of the Year levels. The sale of the books will be held in the Senior School Wilding Wing in WIL 001.

Every book submitted for sale will need to have a pink slip inserted in the front cover outlining **Name, Year Level** and **Homeroom Number**. The slips can be collected from the Student Services Centre. The Year Seven students who are submitting their books for sale will need to have the Books handed in on Monday December 1 at 9:00am. All other Year levels need to submit their books for pricing by 8:45am of the nominated day.

### Year Level Date and Time

Year Level	Date and Time
<b>Year 9 - 2008 selling to Year 9- 2009</b>	Friday December 5 2.30 pm
<b>Year 8 - 2008 selling to Year 8- 2009</b>	Friday December 5 2.30 pm

With the sale of any book, the funds will be credited to the student's school fees for 2009. With the sale of any Year 12 book, the funds can be either collected at the Front Reception or, if negotiated with the administration staff, sent by post. This system once again continues to provide individual families with the opportunity to purchase books at a reduced rate. It is anticipated that a book in excellent condition will be priced at two thirds of the recommended retail price, in good condition half price and in poor condition one third of the recommended price.

Students will need to check whether or not their books have been sold by going to WIL 001 on Friday December 12 between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Books still remaining in the College after Friday the December 12 at 4:00 pm will be offered to charity.

## EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

### The Eureka Festival

**Thursday November 20 to Sunday December 7**

Don't miss a day of free fun and music

### Eureka Sunday Celebrations with free family fun and music festival

Come and enjoy a day of free music and fun at the Eureka Centre and Stockade Gardens. Spend the day at the historic gardens, join in activities, look at the display boards and explore the Eureka Centre. Food vendors will be supplying a range of tasty things to eat.

For full details please visit: [www.ballarat.vic.gov.au](http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au) or call 5333 1854.

### Come to Life, it's Christmas!

Come and see the Christmas lights turned on – and have a Christmas party in the street with your family, friends and neighbours.

There'll be a juggling unicyclist, games for kids, Latin-American music, carols, a funky Father Christmas and his BMX trickster elves...and loads more!

Come along, eat, drink and be merry and enjoy the many ways that we can celebrate Christmas.....

### Features include:

- Coward-Lemke Music School
- Meet our Olympians Jodie Willis-Roberts and Shayne Reese
- Multicultural Women's Choir
- Thursday Night Choir
- A Funky Father Christmas and Trickster Elves
- Dancing in the street with Los Locos
- Healthy food stalls
- Community displays

Join the party in the 400 block of Sturt St (near Myer) from 6.30pm on Friday December 5.

## COMING EVENTS

**Friday December 5**

Year 10 Call back day  
Year 7-9 Exams  
Year 7-9 Final Day

**Friday December 19**

College Office Closes

**Monday January 19**

College Office Re-Opens

**Tuesday January 27**

Boarding Students Arrive – 3pm

**Thursday January 29**

Classes commence – all year levels

### The Year 12 Leadership Camp at Apollo Bay



# St Patrick's College Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner 2008

Copies of the Speech Night DVD are now available for purchase  
at the following price: **\$25.00**

Copies of the Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner PowerPoint presentations  
are also available on DVD which also includes photos taken at Speech Night  
and Valedictory Dinner.

**Powerpoint DVD \$5.00**

The last day for orders will be Friday February 13.  
**(NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED).**

Orders can be picked up from Monday March 2. Please be aware that the  
Front Office will be closed from 18/12/2008 – 19/1/2009.

<b>CONTACT DETAILS</b>
<b>Student Surname</b>
<b>Student First Name</b>
<b>Year Level 2008</b>
<b>Name of Parent</b>

TYPE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Speech Night DVD		
Powerpoint DVD		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	

Please tick the appropriate payment selection

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**Barwon River Lake Colac Regatta**



# St Patrick's College

## 2009 Term Dates

### **TERM 1:**

Thursday, 22 January	Leadership
Friday, 23 January	New Staff Induction Day 2
Tuesday, 27 January	All Staff – Staff Day 1
Wednesday, 28 January	All Staff – Staff Day 2
Thursday, 29 January	Students Commence Term 1
Friday, 3 April	End of Term 1

### **TERM 2:**

Monday, 20 April	Classes commence for all students
Friday, 19 June	End of Term 2 classes for students
Monday, 22 June	Report writing day
	Work Experience commences for Year 10
Tuesday, 23 June	Staff PD Day
Wednesday, 24 June	Report Collation and Schools' PD Day
	End of Term 2

### **TERM 3:**

Monday, 13 July	Staff PD Day
Tuesday, 14 July	Classes commence for all students
Friday, 18 September	End of Term 3

### **TERM 4:**

Monday, 5 October	Staff PD Day
Tuesday, 6 October	Classes commence for all students
Friday, 4 December	Last day of classes for Year 7-9 students
Friday, 11 December	Last day for teaching staff
Friday, 18 December	College Office closes