

NEWSLETTER 3/1 Friday February 17, 2012

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Well done to all for their participation in the Blessing and Opening of the Jo Walter Field, and the Academic Assembly last Friday. Despite oppressive heat in the O'Malley Sports Centre, the boys were attentive and respectful, something commented upon by many of our guests. The assembly was addressed by Mr Frank Rice, an Old Collegian, former long-serving staff member, subsequently Principal of St Brendan-Shaw College in Devonport for twelve years and now Principal Consultant to the Catholic Education Office Melbourne.

At the opening, Mrs Jo Walter spoke feelingly and entertainingly of the work of the Ladies Auxiliary in the 1970s and 80s. The strong contingent of 'Old Girls' present thoroughly enjoyed being reunited and reminiscing, rewriting history as often happens on these occasions.

A theme that struck me through the day was the good works that many people have contributed to our community over many years. As ever, we take much of this for granted on a daily basis. But it is important to name our motivation for what we do, and enable those who follow us to share that language and understanding. Edith Piaf famously sings of regretting nothing: 'Non, je ne regrette rien'. We are the sum of our parts, our wins and our losses, our wise choices and our poor misdirections as we journey through life.

James Murray was the first editor of the Oxford English Dictionary, published in 1879. In a letter to the politician Lord Bryce, on December 15 1903, Murray wrote:

'I think it was God's will. In times of faith, I am sure of it. I look back and see that every step in my life has been as it were imposed upon me – not a thing of choice; and that the whole training of my life with its multifarious and irregular incursions into nearly every science and many arts, seems to have had the express purpose of fitting me to do this (*editing the Oxford English Dictionary*) ... So I work on with a firm belief (at most times) that I am doing what God has fitted me for, and so made my duty; and a hope that He will strengthen me to see the end of it ... But I am only an instrument, only the means that he has provided, and there is no credit due to me, except that of trying to do my duty; Deo soli Gloria (*To God alone be the glory given*)'.

Murray concluded that it was his experiences of every kind in life that equipped him for what was to be his ultimate's life's work. Who knows why we choose what we choose when we are faced with life choices, but ultimately those experiences form us and equip us for the duty to which we are called. Therefore we hold fast to our path, confident that it is God's work. To God be the glory given.

Enjoy each moment of each day.

Peter M Casey

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldwell

Uniform and Presentation

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all boys and parents of the importance of wearing the correct uniform at all times. All boys should wear their suit coats to school every morning – unless the forecast maximum temperature is above 28°C.

Generally speaking, the boys wear the uniform very well and they speak of their pride in it. Shirts and ties are to be worn correctly at all times – shirts in and ties done up.

All of these matters are routine or procedural. They are quite important as we impress on our boys the importance of personal pride and presentation, as well as the significance of maintaining the good name of the College.

Head of the Lake Regatta

Sunday March 4 is the annual BAS Head of the Lake Regatta. I would like to wish all of our rowers and their coaches the very best as they prepare for this important regatta. A large number of supporters will support the crews as the race returns to Lake Wendouree and I am looking forward to being there to witness the regatta and to celebrate the efforts of all involved. Good luck!

Each school participating in the Head of the Lake Regatta is allowed 200 students to be part of their school "Cheer Squad". Preference will be given to Senior School students, however students in the Junior School and Middle School are welcome to support our rowing crews.

Mobile Phones

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all boys and parents of the College's guidelines regarding the use of mobile phones by students at the College. The College acknowledges that many boys have mobile phones and that parents like the assurance of being able to contact their son(s) via a mobile phone, particularly about travel arrangements or variations to other important aspects of the daily routine. Once the bell rings to indicate movement to class, all mobile phones must be turned off and put out of sight by all boys. Any mobile phones that disturb the teaching and learning process at the College will be confiscated by staff. Boys may access their phones at recess or lunch breaks if necessary but are NOT to have them turned on or on display during classes or any official College activity.

Many mobile phones come with cameras. The use of this camera facility to capture any still or video footage of any person or activity associated with the College is strictly prohibited. Boys will face serious consequences if they are involved in this practice and mobile phones will be confiscated.

I would ask parents to emphasise the wise and proper use of mobile phones if they possess them. I thank everyone for their support in this area.

College Assembly

The College gathered for another of its fortnightly Assemblies this week and in this forum we were able to acknowledge a number of events, groups, individuals and activities that continue to contribute to the life of the College.

Dr Peter Casey presented the Student Council members to the College community and we acknowledged these positions through the presentation of badges to these young men. Students were acknowledged through academic awards as well as being provided with an update on the Fr Michael Quinn Academic Shield. Further details regarding this can be found in the Deputy Headmasters Teaching and Learning section of the newsletter.

All in all, it was a good Assembly – one which touched on so many of the wonderful facets of life here at St Patrick's. I look forward to our next Assembly during which those boys involved in activities which embody the College's four pillars: *Faith, Tradition, Excellence and Joy* will be acknowledged and celebrated; it is a very heartening experience!

Swimming

This week the Junior and Middle School House Swimming Carnival took place as well as the Senior School Swimming Carnival and the SPC Swimming Championships. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for these events from many staff and boys. Thank you to Mr Brendon Gilbert, Director of Swimming, Mr Chris Gleeson, Director of Sport, and Heads of School as well as a large number of parents who volunteered as officials on the day! I encourage all of our students within the Junior and Middle Schools to have a go and become actively involved in as many events as possible.

Bus Travellers

With so many students from the Ballarat area catching school busses it is important for all students and their families to be fully aware of behaviour expectations while on the bus and the consequences for breaching these. The start to the 2012 school year has seen most students behaving in the manner that St Patrick's expects, however, there have been some concerns raised by both students and parents that have resulted in warnings being issued on some busses. Poor behaviour on the busses jeopardises the safety of all and often intimidates younger students.

It is the responsibility of bus drivers to transport students to and from school safely and this job is made more difficult if students are behaving in a distracting manner.

The following list includes the expectations of all St Patrick's students travelling on any bus either to and from school or on school based activities:

- Where possible students refrain from moving around the bus and remain in seats at all times.
- Students are not to engage in any physical contact at any time.
- No items are to be thrown around or from the bus.
- Consumption of food and drink is at the driver's discretion however; all rubbish is to be appropriately disposed of.
- The use of offensive language is not acceptable.
- Behaviour that intimidates other students is unacceptable.

Any other behaviour jeopardising the safety of bus travellers is also unacceptable.

Students not abiding by this list of expectations will face suspensions from the bus along with other school based consequences.

Clarification of any detail outlined above can be sought by contacting Chris Caldow at the College.

Parenting Tips

10 Questions to help you keep in touch with kids

Whether it is at the dinner table, walking to the park, in the car on the way to another training session or music lesson, getting ready for bed or waiting for tea to cook there is some quiet space. What do you do? How about asking a question or two? Listening to your children's answers for just five minutes may do more to build your relationship than five months of telling them what to do!

1. What is your favourite time of day? Why?
2. What do you most enjoy doing with your family?
3. Other than recess or lunchtime, what did you most enjoy at school today? Why?
4. If our family had to move to another town, what would you miss most?
5. If you could invent one thing what would it be?
6. How do you decide who your friends will be?
7. Which day is usually your best day each week? Why?
8. Why do we have laws/rules?
9. If you were Mum or Dad, what would your top five rules be?
10. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why there?

Michael Grose (www.parentingideas.com.au)

If you continue to get one word answers, grunts or monosyllables remind your son that a key component of intelligence is being able to express it. Persist with these and other questions and they may realise that it might just be easier to talk to you!

City of Ballarat Immunisation Programme

The City of Ballarat Immunisation Service will be conducting the school immunization programme for boys in Years 7 and 10 on Wednesday, February 29. The recommended vaccines for secondary school students in 2012 are as follows:

Year 7:

Hepatitis B – a 2 dose course of hepatitis B vaccine given 4 – 6 months apart;

Chicken pox (Varicella) – all Year 7 students will be offered the chicken pox vaccine. Those students who have had the disease or a chicken pox vaccine in the past DO NOT require this vaccination.

Year 10:

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertusis (whooping cough)

The vaccinations will take place on Wednesday, February 29 at 10:00am for Year 7 students and 12:00 noon for Year 10.

Boys in Years 7 and 10 have been given a letter explaining the programme as well as the consent cards. Please return these cards to your son's Pastoral Care Teacher by **Friday, February 17** even if your son is not being vaccinated.

I commend this service to you and your son and thank you for completing the consent forms and returning them to the College by the due date.

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning
Ms Elizabeth Till

College Assembly

At the last College Assembly, we acknowledged the individual successes of a large number of Year 12 students from 2011. Early in the year, a letter was sent to each family summarising the achievements of the Class of 2011.

Throughout the year, Classroom teachers, Year Level Co-ordinators and the Heads of Schools will challenge each student to achieve his personal best. Importantly, they will also be able to support and assist each boy to achieve this. Students are asked to take the time to listen, and most importantly act, on their advice.

This week's assembly was not about acknowledging individual success rather, it was about acknowledging how each student has, or can, contributed to a team result.

For students and families new to the College, the Father Michael Quinn Academic Shield is presented annually at the College Speech Night. Fr Quinn attended SPC from 1893 to 1894 and was a foundation student of the College. He was Dux of the College 1893, matriculated 1894, and was ordained in 1900 for the Diocese of Ballarat, becoming the first Parish Priest of Charlton. He died October 11 1932.

The Quinn Academic Shield is awarded to the House that receives the greatest number of academic points each year. Academic points are awarded for work practices on all interim and semester reports and for graded achievements on semester reports.

- All work practices graded as 'Excellent' will receive two points.
- All work practices graded as 'Very Good' will receive one point.
- All assessed pieces of work with a percentage result of 80 -100% will receive two points.
- All assessed pieces of work with a percentage result of 70 - 79% will receive one point.

Points will also be allocated for the outstanding academic achievements:

- 50 points - Academic Endeavour Award (to acknowledge students who have completed a piece of work to the very best of their ability regardless of how this work compares with other students' work)
- 75 points - Headmaster's Excellence Award (to acknowledge work of an exceptionally high standard)
- 100 points - Chris Nolan Award (top 15% of students in each year level at the end of each semester)
- 100 points - College Academic Excellence Certificate (for students who receive a Chris Nolan Award in both semesters)
- 100 points - Subject award winners
- 100 points - Class dux
- 100 points - Religious Education prize winners
- 200 points - All VCE Unit 3&4 students receiving a study score of 40 or above
- 500 points - All Year 12 students with an ATAR score above 80
- 1000 points - All Year 12 students with an ATAR score above 90
- 2000 points - College Dux

The progress points for the Quinn Academic Shield are as follows:

Galvin 29126
Ryan 27865
Nunan 27793
Keniry 26421

Congratulations to Galvin House.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Geoff Brodie

Two key themes have been prominent at the start of this year. The first is the invitation to enter into the tradition of St Patrick's College, and the second is the contribution of so many to the living reality of that tradition. This two way *conversation* is an essential dynamic in the transforming role of the College.

Let us consider the invitation made to many individuals. We have conducted the Year 7 camps that are always a popular and effective initiation into College life. The range of experiences moves through learning the College War Cry, meeting Old Boys and getting to know fellow travellers. Our new staff have been introduced to the entire school community and continue to meet together to discuss the achievements and challenges of a new beginning. Information nights and social gatherings have been conducted with a key focus on new families. We have already gathered several times as an entire community to express our shared hope and joy for the future.

We turn now to the individual contributions already made by so many. Students have been outstanding in their participation at whole school assemblies. They have made a great start to classes and have also been signing up to represent the College in extra-curricular activities. Grounds staff have presented surrounds that are a thing of beauty, and administrative staff reversed the restful inertia of the summer break many weeks ago. Teachers continue to prepare lessons that engage and expand student horizons. All this brings the tradition of the College into the lived reality of the everyday.

So let us pause to consider the source and reason for all this. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life". (John 3:16) Blessed Edmund Rice, inspired by faith in this promise, established schools that invite and share that mysterious and perfect love. We have commenced another year inspired by faith and motivated by love.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr Joe Carmody

Years 7 and 10 Immunisations

These will take place on Wednesday February 29 with Year 7 students at 10.00 am and Year 10 students at 12.00 pm.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – Years 7 and 12

Parent/Student/Teacher/Interviews will be conducted over two afternoons for Years 7 and 12 on Tuesday March 6 from 4.00 pm – 8.30 pm and Thursday March 8 from 4.00 pm – 8.30 pm.

For parents new to St Patrick's we use an internet-based booking system called Parent-Teacher On Line (PTO). Using this system will enable families to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

Please note: Please expect mailout correspondence to be sent out next week which will include full instructions and personal PIN numbers for parents.

Year 8-11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be held in Term 2 on Tuesday May 1 from 3.45 pm – 8.00 pm and Wednesday May 2 from 3.45 pm – 5.30 pm.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Elizabeth Ryan

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent Information Night last Thursday evening. As promised the power point of the Senior School presentation is available on the St Patrick's College website so that you can review any matter discussed at your leisure. To assist you in locating this the following steps need to be followed.

1. **Go to St Patrick's College homepage at www.stpats.vic.edu.au**
2. **Click on *Curriculum***
3. **Click on *Learning at SPC***
4. **Click on *Schools***
5. **Look under *Senior School***

Further, the link to assist boys in projecting a realistic ATAR score (<http://atarcalc.com>) referred to by our VCE Coordinator Mr Hamish McCrum is also readily accessible on own school home page by following the steps outlined above.

Today you will find published on the St Patrick's College homepage the VCE Semester One Assessment Calendar. This Calendar has also been distributed electronically to all year 11 and 12 students and a hard copy will be sent home to all families in the next mail out.

The Year Ten Term One Assessment Calendar has also been published electronically today and is also available on the College website.

These Calendars provide both parents and students with a comprehensive summary of when assessment tasks in all subject areas will take place in Semester One and will be a useful tool in assisting your son to organize and plan his homework and study.

Organization is the first step to maximizing ones VCE results. Mastering the skills of getting organized, staying focused, and seeing work through to the end will help in just about everything you try to accomplish in life.

Part of being organized is to designate an area for home study. Ideally this is not in your bedroom (as the temptation to nap is too great!) nor is it in front of the television. Rather, it should be in a well ventilated room away from the plethora of distractions in the home.

The next step to being organized is to draw up a homework and study timetable. To do this, time needs to be allocated to all "must do" tasks and then the remaining hours need to be assigned to homework, study and of course recreation. Guidance will be given to boys in how to organize their time during pastoral care sessions. Next week the distinction between homework and study or subject revision will be considered.

A copy of the VCE Rules and Procedures 2012 has also been placed on the College Website for easy reference. All VCE Unit 3/4 students will receive a hardcopy.

Applications for 2012 VCAA Special Examination Arrangements close on March 2, 2012. An application form is available from the VCE Coordinator, Mr Hamish McCrum. Please do not hesitate to

contact Mr McCrum to discuss the VCAA criteria should your son have special needs or a long term medical condition.

May Gods peace be with you and your families.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Neal Arthurson

The Parent Information Evening held last Thursday was well attended and was an excellent opportunity for parents to meet their son's Pastoral Care Teacher and learn a little about what's in store for the year.

The first two weeks of the school year have run smoothly with Year 9 boys immersing themselves with the day to day activities on offer at the College.

Camps

Parents of Year 9 students should have received the mail out outlining the specific arrangements for the upcoming Term One Camp. I ask all parents to return their son's medical form promptly. I am sure our young men will benefit from the camp and build on the relationships that they are forging with their Pastoral Tutor and fellow class mates.

Camp Dates 2012

Term 1 – Queenscliff

Rooms 9G and 9H– Monday March 5, Tuesday March 6 and Wednesday March 7

Rooms 9A and 9B – Wednesday March 7, Thursday March 8 and Friday March 9

Rooms 9E and 9F- Tuesday March 13, Wednesday March 14 and Thursday March 15

Rooms 9C and 9D- Monday March 19, Tuesday March 20 and Wednesday March 21

Term 2 – Melbourne

Rooms 9C 9D 9E 9F – Monday May 7 to Friday May 11

Rooms 9A 9B 9G 9H – Monday May 21 to Friday May 25

Term 3 - Immersion Week and Challenge Week

Immersion Week – August 27 – 31

Challenge Week – September 17 – 21

Term 4 – Grampians Outdoor Education Camp

Monday October 29 to Friday November 2

ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr Peter Brady

Students and staff of the Junior School must be commended on their excellent start to the school year. Classes have settled well and as the boys and their teachers get to know each other better, an air of positivity and eagerness is apparent.

Our Year 7 classes have completed their camps at Log Cabin Lodge and Mr Gerard Willis and Mrs Jacinta Burge have indicated that all groups had an enjoyable time being involved in such a variety of activities. Hopefully many new friendships were formed within the

various groups. It was great to hear that the boys were using their manners, particularly at meal times.

Thank you and well done to each of the Pastoral Tutors for their time and commitment to the Camp programme.

Congratulations to our Year 8 boys (last year's Year 7's) who received Chris Nolan Awards at last week's Academic Assembly. It is a fine achievement to receive such an award and no doubt you will continue to strive to do well in all of your subject areas. The challenge for all of our boys is to always aim high and I am sure that our new Year 7 students will be making every effort to do so.

Well done to all boys who competed enthusiastically at this week's Swimming Carnival and congratulations to those who were able to achieve placings in their respective events. Good luck to those boys who will be representing the College at the BAS Swimming Championships.

Extra Curricular sporting opportunities are about to commence and I would encourage those interested in participating to make contact with the designated Coach or Team Manager. Any Junior School student who has a query about after school sport should contact Mr Chris Gleeson, Director of Sport or one of the Year Level coordinators.

Commencing in Week 5, the Junior School will be conducting a weekly 'After School' session for students who have either not completed homework or not made a genuine attempt to complete classroom work. This session will be on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.35p.m. until 4.20m. Subject teachers will determine if a student is required to attend a session and the relevant Year Level coordinator will issue a note to be signed by a parent and or guardian advising of the need for the student to attend. Ideally there will not be any students attending these sessions.

Finally can we please continue to remind our boys of the importance of being organised, of using their diaries productively, of always be polite and of wearing their uniform with pride. In turn, providing the boys with regular positive feedback and telling them 'well done' is of paramount importance.

**Year 7 Coordinator
Mr Gerry Willis**

Nobody can say that Year Seven students aren't thrown into the thick of life at St Patrick's. On Monday, February 6, after only two days of school, 7A, 7F and 7H found themselves at Log Cabin Lodge, Creswick, participating in the first of four camps designed to help the boys get to know each other and provide first hand experience of the traditions of the College. Swap over day was Wednesday, February 8, when 7E and 7G came out to Creswick and stayed until Friday.

Both camps got off to great starts with Mr Jamie Bobrowski conducting some challenging team building activities for the boys. The facilities at Log Cabin Lodge provided ample opportunities for the boys to push themselves out of their comfort zone and take on challenges that they may not otherwise undertake. Activities included the giant swing, flying fox, archery, frisbee golf, trampolines, bungee tramp, hut making, canoeing and raft building. The boys also participated in a bushwalk, camp fire with damper, a quiz night and a talent show that provided many laughs for all involved. Tug of war and bull rush also proved to be popular activities.

Dr Casey and members of the Student Congress visited both camps, providing the opportunity for the boys to be introduced to the College Song and War Cry. While the words of the War Cry may still be a bit of a mystery to some of the boys, the enthusiasm they displayed in

chanting the War Cry certainly showed they are well on their way to becoming true Paddy Boys.

A highlight of the camps was the involvement of the Year 12 students from 2011. It is a credit to these young men that they give up their free time to give back to the

St Patrick's community and assist the next group of Year Sevens as they begin their journey through the College. Wisdom and advice abounded throughout the camp, with one constant message being prevalent; namely, the more you involve yourself in the life of the College, the more you will get out of it. I would like to thank Adam Spencer, Joseph Baxter, Matthew Norman, Jeremy White and Patrick Thorpe for their involvement in the first week of camps.

The boys from 7H were asked to describe their feelings about their time on camp. Here are a few of their comments:

"I thought camp was the best camp I've ever been on because there were a lot of fun activities and I met a lot of new friends." (Jack Curnow)

"My only negative was that camp wasn't long enough!" (Braydon McKinnon)

"Going to Log Cabin Lodge was surely my most favourite experience. I enjoyed the big swing, flying fox, archery, canoeing and hut building. The food was lovely, especially the desserts." (Thomas Hughes)

Finally, a big thank you to the dedicated staff who accompanied the groups in our first week of the programme: Mr Greg Shawcross, Mrs Maria Richards, Mr Juri Kaczkowski, Mr Barton Hill, Mr Neil Henderson, Ms Rachael Leighton, Mr Brett Earl, Mrs Shandelle Scholten and Mr Scott Ware. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful support of our hosts, Grant and Christine Laidlaw, whose amazing hospitality allowed the boys to have such an enjoyable time.



**DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Mr Chris Gleeson**

The Western Highway Late Bus

The College will once again be offering the Late Bus Service for students participating in after school activities. Thank you to the parents who have returned the Late Bus application form. Forms are still available for students to collect from Student Services or on the College website at www.stpats.vic.edu.au/curriculum.

Once registered for the term, students are reminded to place their name on the Late Bus Register in Student Services no later than the end of recess on the day of travel. Students will need to do this for

each individual trip. If there are any questions, please direct to Student Services.

Please note: This service cannot be offered in the first or last week of each term.

Sport Uniform

The College Sports Uniform consists of the navy blue polo shirt and navy shorts. This is well documented in the College Student diary and can be purchased at The College Shop. Students will not be able to represent the College unless they are wearing the College Sports Uniform. Some sports and activities will have separate items of sports specific apparel such as the First XVIII and students will be advised as required.

BAS Sport

The Ballarat Associated Schools (BAS) Sport Competition for Term One will soon be underway. The following sports are offered in Term 1 with most competitions commencing in Week 3.

Please listen and watch carefully for morning notices as teachers in charge will place notices regarding sign ups and start up meetings for each sport.

SPORT	DAY	Week	COACH/MANAGER
TERM 1			
Lawn Bowls	Monday	3	Mrs Clare Kavanagh / Mr John Fitzsimmons
Cycling - Valedrome	Tuesday	TBC	Mr Matt Taylor / Mr Andrew Chamblings
SPC Junior House Cricket	Tue/Wed	3	Mr Michael Busscher / Mr Gerard Willis / Mr Keiran Baxter
Intermediate Tennis SPC Blue (Year 9)	Tuesday	3	Ms Kara Hart
Intermediate Tennis SPC Green (Year 10)	Tuesday	3	Ms Sarah Hughes
Senior Volleyball Blue and Green	Wednesday	3	Mr Daniel Sutton/ Mr Hamish McCrum
Senior Golf	Wednesday	3	Mr Jeremy Daniel
Year 7/8 BAS Cricket	Wednesday	3	Mr Greg Shawcross
Junior Baseball	Wednesday	3	Mr Shane Murphy
1st XI Cricket	Fri / Sat	1	Mr Luke Corden
25/25 Cricket (2nd XI) SPC Blue	Thursday	3	Mr Joe Carmody
SPC House Tennis	Thursday	3	Mrs Deb Jordan / Mr Claudio Procaccino / Mrs Elizabeth Downey
SPC House Lawn Bowls	Wednesday	TBC	Mr Garry Fitzsimmons
1st IV Tennis	Friday	2	Mrs Louise Klopak / Mr Emmanuel Desfosses
2nd IV Tennis	Friday	2	Mrs Louise Klopak / Mr Emmanuel Desfosses
Cycling - BRCC Cycle Challenge	Varies		Mr Matt Taylor / Mr Andrew Chamblings
Rowing	Varies	1	Mr John Cumper / Mr Jamie Lynn
Weights Room	Varies		Mr Damian Kinnerlsey
Swimming Squad	Varies	1	Mr Brendan Gilbert / Mr Guy Skillen
Gymnastics Squad	Varies	1	Mr Don Pennell

Sports Carnivals IT support			Mrs Nikki Hexter
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Please see the relevant teacher or your Pastoral Care teacher for more information.

House Sport

In Term One there will be five sports available for participation under the House banners of Keniry, Galvin, Ryan and Nunan. These sports will include Cricket, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Swimming and Athletics. For further information please contact the appropriate Year Level Coordinator or the Director of Sport

Future editions of The Crest will have further details regarding House sport including the Swimming Carnival.

If you require in further information regarding draws and venues, please email cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au.

Cricket

Director of Cricket
Mr Michael Busscher

First XI vs The Crusaders

SPC 3/96 defeated The Crusaders 10/94

In an excellent team performance the 1st XI recorded a repeat win against the travelling 'Crusaders' team on Wednesday February 8. The Crusader's team featured former Test and Shield players as well as current Melbourne Premier League players. The team was Captained by old boy Michael Sheedy (SPC 1994-99). It also featured cricket 'Legend' Merv Hughes who played 53 tests for Australia. The Crusaders team consisted of and included 4 "SPC old boys" **Michael Sheedy**, Charlie Best, Dan Streker, Chris Read, Merv Hughes, **Justin Graham**, James Cole, Alex Bell, Tim Dale, **Peter Colbourne**, **Brad Whitaker** and Sean Griffin. Once again, we thank The Crusaders for coming out to Ballarat and playing our First XI

SPC managed to bowl the Crusaders out in the 35th over for 94, leaving a chase of 95. Great spells of bowling from Jakob McDowell (2/12), Hayden McCrow (3/8) and Matt Short (4/14) as well as some great keeping from Blake Thomson (5 catches) saw to this.

In reply SPC got off to a slow but steady start thanks to Matt Short and Matt Crouch, but it was Joab Mead who was the hero for SPC, grinding out a match winning 57 not out with some, at times patient and others dominating batting. He was ably supported by Blake Thomson and Michael Peart to help see SPC over the line 3 down, with 10 overs to spare. Well done to all of the boys involved and once again thank you to The Crusaders for adding St Patrick's into their busy schedule.

Next week will see the start to our Junior House competition which is played over both a Tuesday and Wednesday Night from 3.45pm until 5.30pm here at school. This competition is available to all interested Years 7 and 8 students. We also offer the Junior BAS Competition which is played on a Wednesday Night until approximately 5.30pm against the other BAS schools.

1st XI
Coach
Mr Luke Corden

SPC 6/106 lost to BHS 6/107

In the biggest upset of the season, SPC came up short against a passionate Ballarat High School.

Losing 2 early wickets put SPC on the back foot. However a steady partnership between Blayde Baker and Michael Peart got SPC to a respectable score of 106 off their 20 overs with Baker top scoring with 47 not out.

BHS managed to maintain a steady run chase courtesy of some wayward bowling from SPC, however seemed assured of victory until Joab Mead put the brakes on with late wickets guarantee a nail biting finish. With 2 balls to spare BHS was able to hit the winning runs.

This Friday on the SPC Main Oval, St Patrick's are up against long time rivals Ballarat Clarendon College.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Mr Gavin Nash

Key Development Dates 2012

College Open Mornings

Each Friday morning the College will be conducting tours for prospective students and their families. This is an ideal opportunity to see students and staff in action in a wide range of learning areas. Current parents are also most welcome to attend.

To book a place on a tour this term or in 2012 please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

2013 Scholarship Testing Day for Year 7, 10 and 11 entry level Scholarships - Saturday February 25, 9 am. *All scholarship and enrolment information is available by contacting Ms Caitlin Bennett – cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au*

Receiving 'The Crest'

'The Crest' is the College's weekly newsletter which is available to all members of the College community in a variety of formats. It is an important medium for communicating important information about programmes, events and educational initiatives as well as recognising the outstanding achievements of students in a range of curricular and co-curricular areas.

The Crest is available to members of the College community via:

- Email – the e-newsletter is distributed each Friday to all members of the College community with a current email address registered with the College. To update your email contact details please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett at cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au
- Hard Copy Format – students can collect a hard copy of The Crest each Thursday afternoon from 3:00 pm from the Student Reception Desk. Parents who would like a hard copy of The Crest mailed to them each week can arrange for this service by emailing Ms Caitlin Bennett – cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au A cost of \$20 per term applies for this service.

We trust that you enjoy reading about the many exciting events happening at the College and learning of outstanding student achievements. If you have news to share with the College community regarding student achievements please contact the editor of The Crest. Mr Gavin Nash on 53 311688 or gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au

THE COLLEGE SHOP
Ms Michelle Lloyd

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE

10% discount on all Sports Uniform items, including SPC skins, from Monday February 20 until Friday February 24.

Sports socks, size 7-10, have now arrived at a cost \$10 each.

College Shop Hours

College Shop Closed will be closed on Tuesday March 6 due to staff Professional Development. The College Shop will be **closed** all day on **Tuesday March 6**. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Shop Hours

Monday to Friday from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm. Other times by appointment.

Please contact the College Shop Manager Ms Michelle Lloyd on 5322 4313 for all enquiries.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday February 20 to Friday February 24. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

Monday February 20

Elaine Collier (8.30 am-2 pm), Jenny Gilbert (8.30 am-2 pm), Janet Santilli (8.30 am-2pm), Jill Watkins (10 am-2 pm) Louise Miles (10 am-2 pm), Denise Gillingham.

Tuesday February 21

Kerry Fiegert (10 am -12 pm), Helen Turley (10 am-12 pm), Maria Madden, Nadine Parini, Debbie Lauton (11.30), Lauretta Gaffney (11.30 am).

Wednesday February 22

Please note that meat will not be served for Ash Wednesday

Helen O'Brien (12 pm) Monica Kirby (12 pm), Bernadette Martin (8.30 am-11 am), Gabrielle Fraser, Robyn Lavery Gabby Prendergast, Molly Martin, Samantha Whitehouse.

Thursday February 23

Kerryn Guest (9 am-2 pm), Simone Adamczyk (10 am-2.30 pm), Sharren Mullane (11 am-2 pm), Christine Jennings (8.30 am-11.30 pm), Jo Alexander (11.30 am-2.30 pm), Maxine Pryor (8.30-11.30 am).

Friday February 24

Janice Holloway (10 am-2 pm), Debbie Jew (lunch), Barb Peters, Jodie Butler (10 am-12 pm), Julia Walker (8.30-11.30 am), Jodie Ilsley 11.30 am-2.30 pm), Amanda Elliott, Heather Savage/Trudy West (11.30-2.30 pm), Karen McPherson (9.15 am-11.15 am).

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

RSA and Food Handlers Courses

For those interested in volunteering their services to College events, The College is offering interested community members in completing the Responsible Serving of Alcohol and Food Handlers courses.

If you are interested please come to the Friends of St Pat's meeting on February 21 at 7.30 pm in the College Boardroom.

For further details please contact Mr Chris Caldwell at the College at ccaldwo@stpats.vic.edu.au

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

'100 Year Anniversary of the Head of the Lake Regatta Dinner'

Saturday March 3 2012

OCA Pavilion

Guest Speaker: Chris O'Brien

Master of Ceremonies: Christian Ryan

Time: 7pm-11pm

Cost: \$40 per head includes drink on arrival and 3-course meal.

Further drinks will be available at bar prices.

Please RSVP your attendance to the Director of Development, Mr Gavin Nash on 5322 4450 or gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au prior to 5pm Monday February 27, 2012.

Payment can be made online through the payment-portal at www.stpats.vic.edu.au or at The College Shop.

COMING EVENTS

Monday February 20

Year 12 English Orals

Tuesday February 21

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Year 7 2013 Enrolment Interviews 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Friends of SPC Meeting 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Wednesday February 22

Year 12 English Orals

Ash Wednesday

Year 7 2013 Enrolment Interviews 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Thursday February 23

Year 12 English Orals

Friday February 24

Year 12 English Orals

Opening Morning Programme 9:00 am-11:00 am

BAS First XI Cricket v Ballarat Grammar (Away) 20/20 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Saturday February 25

Scholarship Testing Day 9:00 am-12:00 pm

BAS First XI Cricket v Ballarat Grammar (Home) 2 day format 10:00 am-6:00 pm

