

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

In revisiting the week, I was once again struck by the variety of talents amongst our boys and the generosity of our staff. Amidst many very positive activities I reflected on the joy of our Year 7 camps.

The Year 7 camps are a great example of life at the College. Year 7s are in their slightly overwhelmed state of shock and awe at finally arriving at St Patrick's College. The Year 12s who visit the camps grow in stature as they realise that they are now the giants they remember from their own Year 7 camps five years ago- as we drive out to Creswick, I enjoy asking them about their own memories from that time, now eons ago, when they were on Year 7 Camp. It is surprising how much they remember and what was significant to them in their induction. Last year's Year 12s who work as leaders on the camps are made up of some of our greatest men, and some who have done well to survive the experience of SPC - but they all turn up as volunteers because they want to give back to the College. The staff members present vary from those who have marked up 30+ years of Year 7 camps with us, to those who have joined us within the last week. Their expectations and apprehensions cover an incomprehensible continuum but their generosity of spirit is common as is their aspiration for good outcomes for our neophytes in Year 7. I think that it must be strange for them to encounter the 'secret men's business' of the College song and war cry. Our patter about it probably makes the situation worse. But ultimately it all comes together as a happy rite of passage into being a 'Patty Boy'. Some things we take for granted and others we learn to appreciate as being core to our being.

As we approach Boatrace week, be mindful that as a school community we have high standards and we have great spirit, but the boys should never compromise our standards because of an exuberance of spirit. We need to be measured in our responses to youthful enthusiasm. I look forward to our collective support of the boys in the lead-up to what is a demonstration of athletic competence and good teaching, not Armageddon. As ever, we wish all of our boys well in their endeavours- from every classroom to the Year 7 Camps, to Music Camp to Boatrace, and everything in between.

Much Joy.

PeterC



2012 Music Camp

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldwell

Head of the Lake Regatta

As many of you are aware, the Head of the Lake Regatta returns to Ballarat on Sunday March 4 this year. I encourage as many students as possible to attend this event to support our crews. All supporters must register their name with Mrs Glenis Kydd in Student Reception by **Friday February 24** to indicate that they will be attending Boatrace.

Spit Crew members have their official tops to be worn with the School Uniform of short pants, school socks and school shoes. All other supporters must attend in school uniform without tie and jacket and are asked to remain in our designated area for the entire event. The St Patrick's designated area is on the Southern side of Loreto Point closest to the finish line and all boys should meet at 8.30 am on the Jo Walter Field prior to processing to the Loreto Point before the start of the first race at 9.00am.

I would like to wish all of our rowers and coaches the very best as they prepare for this important Regatta. I am looking forward to being there to witness and to celebrate the efforts of all involved. Good luck!

Students in Public

St Patrick's College maintains an excellent reputation in the Ballarat region and it is vital that students continue to enhance this. There are many occasions when St Patrick's students are out in public and the behaviour of most certainly ensures the public perception of the College is a positive one.

There have however been a couple of occasions already this year where the behaviour of students in public has resulted in concerns being registered with the College. This most often occurs in the City centre. It is essential that all students wearing the St Patrick's uniform conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with the College's expectations. I would like to thank parents for informing the College when students are falling below the high standards the College sets.

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 students.

Boys in Years 7 and 10 have been given a letter explaining the programme as well as the consent cards. All cards should have been returned by now to your son's Pastoral Tutor.

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.

Camps

A range of camps have been held in the past month with more to continue in the next fortnight. I hope that the Camp programmes have been a rewarding experience for all boys. I would like to publically acknowledge the Staff that has accompanied the boys on these camps for their dedication, supervision and care. Without their willingness to be involved these camps could not take place so on behalf of the wider College community, I thank all staff who have contributed to the successful organisation and conduct of these camps. I know for a number of staff this has created a significant increase in their workload and disrupted their own family life and routines. Thanks once again for the opportunities that you provide for all of our boys.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday took place on Wednesday February 22 with all Year Levels receiving ashes throughout the day in the College Chapel. This begins the Lenten season and is a significant event within our liturgical calendar. I encourage all parents and boys to think about this event and begin to make preparations for Lent.

Parenting Tips

February 2012

Fostering Moderating and Self Control

Feelings can sometimes appear overwhelming. At times we seem to lose some control over what is happening within our own bodies. Our emotions and passions seem to hijack the command centre.

Two thousand years ago, Cicero wrote of poor self-control as, '*a fundamental defect in one's mind and reason*'. We rationalize instead of acting rationally. We get upset just thinking of a particular moment years ago. We bristle just when we really do need to stay calm. We can't break out of feeling down. We struggle to motivate ourselves in certain jobs. We buy on impulse. We seem powerless other than to follow our feelings, even if we know deep down the direction is not good for us. Not good news.

When our feelings and emotions take over there is a hefty price to pay. A lack of self-control not only degrades us but it is completely counterproductive; we lose control of our lives.

Cervantes captured a deep, self-evident truth when he wrote, '*Many of the greatest foes, those whom we must chiefly combat, are within.*' Either our head guides our emotional life and our passions, or we can end up like Aphrodite described by Homer as, '*the slave of her passions*'. Appetites and passions are wonderful in themselves but they need close management. Our feelings must not manage us. Let us raise children with rich emotional lives, but at all times capable of retaining self-mastery.

Young people are easily manipulated by clever marketing and by peer fashions. But nothing is new. Peter the Hermit wrote in the 11th century, '*The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age; they are impatient of all restraint; they talk as if they alone know everything and what passes for wisdom in us is foolishness in them. As for the girls, they are foolish and immodest and unwomanly in speech, behaviour and dress.*' An indulgent upbringing works much mischief. Lydia Bennet in Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* is '*one of the silliest girls in the country*' according to her doting father. Her portrait would be comical except that her elopement ruins her happiness. It is *she* who, through her adult life, will pay the penalty for the failure of those who had the responsibility for her upbringing.

The first years, when emotions are already '*wiring*', are so important. Researchers place the most critical period at 10-18 months. A child's experiences of parental affection, and of a teacher's loving encouragement are crucial for full development.

Are we raising children to seek pleasure in what is good, true and beautiful? When we have incorporated self-control in our character, we more easily control our temper, we are able to delay gratification by a conscious decision, and we can say no to ourselves so as to check our sensual appetites and passions when they are not good for us or when they harm others. We learn to be content with pleasures in moderation. We grow in patience and exercise habits of courtesy and good manners, and generous habits of service. The virtue even assists us in overcoming our reluctance to make apologies when they are called for, allowing us to build up the essential life-skill of being able to restore relationships.

Strategies for Parents

Example is always the best teacher. Show by example that self-control brings happiness.

Children with impulse control problems are, more often than not, the children of parents with self-management challenges of temper, impatience, curiosity, quickness to sit in judgement of others, laziness, wasting time, disorder, even of infidelity and substance abuse.

We must teach the children in our care to understand emotion and passion.

Let us raise them with a high EQ, to read their own emotions, to harness positive emotional reactions in their studies, in their community service, in their family life, in their support for their peers. Let us do our best to raise and educate children who not only understand the psychology of emotions, passions and feelings but whose default setting is to look to their intelligence for guidance, not simply to follow their feelings or to do things simply *because* they are enjoyable.

Parental guidance is crucial. The natural path for all of can be to develop an aversion for those who give us negative feedback, or who cause negative emotions. But let us raise children who do not lapse into this emotion driven response. We all need correction and critical feedback to become better persons. Seligman reminds us that failing and negative feedback are not necessarily bad things.

Teach about what is right and what is wrong. With a map we are less likely to get lost.

Consult your children. Give children the experience of making their own decisions as they are growing up... it would be inviting problems if parents would so restrict a young person that he or she would enter adulthood without any personal convictions about the need and importance of self-control. Teenagers most at risk are those who have been obliged to conform throughout adolescence, but who have not internalised the behaviours. Bring children into decision making. At least consult them and ask their opinions and advice.

Give plenty of responsibilities and measured freedoms. Insist that there are no privileges without responsibilities. Neither give too much freedom whereby a young person could end up in situations for which he is unprepared and in moral or physical danger, nor too little room to move.

Beware of pitfalls to self-control: TV or computer game addictions, exposure to pornography in the media or on TV, poor eating habits, behaviours which isolate, *Facebook* at study time, slack habits of use of time on weekends, sleeping in excessively. Don't let bad habits become entrenched because a lack of parental will. Set clear expectations, talk to their hearts, and help them to set realistic short term goals. Win these battles early as it can be much harder in mid-adolescence.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Geoff Brodie

We have entered the great season of Lent. Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and good works in preparation for the great joy of the Easter Season. Students and staff came together to celebrate Ash Wednesday on February 22. Liturgies that were led by Fr Patrick Lim. Fr Lim generously gave of his time to lead a separate liturgy for each Year Level. Ash Wednesday is a particularly solemn day in the Church calendar, where solemn may be understood as causing serious thoughts and seeking personal assurances. Solemnity is characterised by dignified formality, as in the proceedings of a formal or ceremonious character (adapted from an on-line dictionary). Our students created this spirit of solemnity through their participation in their Year Level liturgy.

For many students, serious thoughts and solemn assurances began last week with a reflective exercise completed in their Religious Education class. This task asked them to consider the following:
Do my actions **give life and joy** to myself and those around me? Am I responding to the **beauty of God's gift?**

Do some of my habits leave me unhappy? Are those habits a source of sadness for the people I have contact with?

Each student wrote down one new habit that he could start immediately that would be a source of life and joy to him and others. This was followed by a pledge that "*By writing it down I commit to forming this habit. By writing it down I commit to examining each day to check my progress. In all this I pray to be guided by God's love for me*". The student then did the same for one existing habit that he wished to stop.

These pledges were collected and burnt. The ashes were taken by our student leaders to the Shrove Tuesday Mass attended by the student leaders from Ballarat's Catholic Secondary Schools. It was at this Mass that the ashes were blessed by Bishop Peter to be used in our Ash Wednesday liturgies. Through this public ritual our students solemnly wore their private commitments publically on their foreheads. During this Lenten season of solemnity may we all grow in God's love – may we be inspired to lives of peace and justice.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Mr Joe Carmody

Years 7 and 10 Immunisations

This service will be conducted on Wednesday February 29. The recommended vaccines for secondary school students in 2012 are as follows:

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Year 10:

Boostrix - Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (whooping cough)

Boys in Year 7 and Year 10 have been given a letter explaining the programme as well as consent cards. Consent cards were due on Monday February 27 to your son's Pastoral Care Teacher even if your son is not being vaccinated.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – Years 7 and 12 (Unit 3)

Parent/Student/Teacher/Interviews will be conducted over two afternoons for Years 7 and Unit 3 students. These afternoons are 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 an internet-based booking system called Parent-Teacher On Line (PTO) is used. This system will allow you to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

All information has been mailed out to parents in Years 7 and 12 which includes 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.

DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE

Mrs Julia Petrov

The Keltly Resource Centre on behalf of the College, would like to acknowledge the significant contribution Mr Glenn Fisher has made to St Patrick's. This week marks the start of his service to St Patrick's College 25 years ago.

As Head of the Audio Visual Department, Glenn is involved in many different aspects of College life. From managing the Audio Visual requirements for functions such as assemblies and Chapel services to full scale productions such as Speech Night. Glenn is also very much involved in the College's annual stage productions.

His expertise has been regularly called upon with the upgrading of the digital projectors in the new and refurbished classrooms. Glenn also worked closely on the installation of the innovative i-glass screens in the College Chapel.

Major events are often captured through Glenn's camera lens. With the introduction of Clickview online, we now have exceptional access to educational video resources. Glenn is an authority on the provision of Clickview and is often contacted by other schools for his expertise.

We would like to thank Glenn for his continued service to the College and celebrate with him this significant achievement.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Elizabeth Ryan

The annual St Patrick's College Swimming Carnival, held last week at the Eureka Pool provided students with the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting events and engage in some good spirited House rivalry. I would like to commend all the boys on how well they conducted themselves throughout the day.

Last weeks study skills focus was on organisation. An integral part of a student being organised is for them to have a meaningful home study plan or timetable. Parents and teachers can more effectively support and mentor the boys to prepare a home study plan if we adopt a common approach.

The steps used with the students in the Senior School to prepare a home study plan are:

1. Determine when the best time for a student to study is. Remembering you should have no other commitments during this time. So work out when you work best – Morning, Afternoon, and Evening. The best study time is the worst telephone, SMS or MSN time.
2. List all the activities, which cannot be changed. Include meals, favourite TV show, family time, work etc. What is left is how much time can be set aside for study. Remember boys may need to blow off steam so chill out time may also be needed, but not too much.

Further, it is important to monitor the balance between part time work and study to ensure that your son's primary focus is on the successful completion of his studies;

3. Identify blocks of time for each subject;
4. Set achievable targets. Set oneself a goal to achieve each session. Remember take a short break each hour (remember 50/10 rule);
5. Although we strive to stick to the study plan one needs to be willing to be flexible and adapt if necessary.

Finally, if your son is getting stressed about managing the workload, he may access the range of support services available at St Patrick's College: Pastoral Care Teachers, Subject teachers, Librarians, Student Councillors, Year Level Coordinators and the Head of Senior School.

May Gods peace be with you and your families.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Neal Arthurson

In just over a weeks time the Year 9 boys will be attending the Queenscliff Camps. As part of the Year 9 Stepping Stones journey, the boys will be involved in a number of activities, exploring differences between boyhood psychology and manhood psychology. A substantial element of the programme focuses on encouraging the boys to choose appropriate responses to different situations, with the aim of boys becoming proactive rather than reactive. Proactive adults accept responsibility and focus on how they can effectively solve problems. Reactive adults focus on outside conditions, often placing blame on others or circumstances. A key principle the boys will explore is *'Individuals are responsible for their own choices and have the freedom to choose'*.

Homework

There is an expectation that all boys complete between three to four hours of homework per week.

Homework can include:

- Completing set tasks
- Finishing incomplete classroom work
- Summarising notes from class
- Revision of work
- Reading next term's English novel

Most importantly, the boys need to learn the benefits of being organised. The use of the Student Diary will assist with the learning of this skill. I encourage all parents to regularly check their son's diary.

Reminders

All boys are reminded to wear their suit coats to and from school, unless a directive from the College advises otherwise. Boys are also reminded that wrist bands are not to be worn at school.

Ipods and mobile phones are to be kept in school lockers and only accessed during morning recess, lunchtime, or before and after school.

ACTING HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr Peter Brady

This week saw all Year levels participate in the Ash Wednesday liturgies. The focus of the liturgies was to encourage all boys to be proactive during the Lenten period leading up to Easter.

Throughout this significant time of the Church year we will be reminding each other to examine our actions, our habits and also asking ourselves some questions. For example, do some of our habits leave us unhappy and do they cause others to be unhappy? Can I stop this habit? Am I able to choose a habit that I can begin which will be a source of life and joy to myself and others?

It is hoped that the Junior School students have commenced regular homework routines by way of completing set work given by their subject teachers and also by completing their own revision of class work. It is vital that the boys develop a consistent approach and a positive attitude to their home studies to complement what is being taught during the school day. The boys have been reminded of the after school sessions to be held each Wednesday, commencing next week, for anyone who has not satisfactorily completed homework or who has not made a reasonable effort during class time to complete set work.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews for all Year 7 students will be held on Tuesday March 6 and Thursday March 8 between 4.00p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Interviews for Year 8 students will be conducted early in Term 2 during the first week of May.

At the Junior School Year Level Assemblies held this week the boys were reminded of the expectation that they present themselves well when outside of the College grounds. It is important that each individual student conducts himself well and always wears his uniform with distinction.

Finally, thank you to all staff involved with the very successful Year 7 Camp programme, in particular Mrs Jacinta Burge, Mr Gerard Willis and each of the Pastoral Tutors who cared for the boys exceptionally well.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Mr Chris Gleeson

Rowing

Good luck to all Crews in the final preparations of the Head of the Lake. Details for supporters are available under Mr Chris Caldows section in this edition of The Crest.

SPC House Swimming Carnival

The SPC House Swimming Carnival was held at the Eureka Pool on Wednesday February 15. Once again, swimmers represented their House with distinction. The format for 2012 saw the Junior and Middle School events commencing at 9.30am and the Senior School events commencing at 12.15pm. This allowed minimal disruption to Senior School classes. Finals for all Year Levels were conducted in the afternoon. It was a great day with warm weather and much to celebrate for the students and staff. Events were held over 25 and 50 meters with novelty events and an “activities hour” was also included in the programme.

Congratulations to Nunan House on their victory.

The results of the Swimming carnival were as follows:

		Galvin	Keniry	Nunan	Ryan
Individual Points (Program)		1025	1123	1137	1024
Freestyle Final Points	Year 7	7	9	7	13
	Year 8	15	15	0	7
	Year 9	7	0	14	12
Champion of Champions		9	7	12	8
Novelty Points	Walk	371	369	400	470
	Swim	48	46	54	68
	Relay	40	20	30	50
TOTAL HOUSE POINTS		1522	1589	1654	1652
OVERALL POSITION		4th	3rd	1st	2nd

Two records were broken on the day:

50m Breast stroke - Year 8: Boys

Existing Record: Tim. Rogers 0:40.50s

New Record: William Sullivan – Keniry House 0:40.00s

50m Freestyle - Year 8: Boys

Existing Record: Leigh. Weber (2002) 0:28.24s

New Record: William Sullivan - Keniry House 0:28.12s

Year Level Champions

Points for students swimming in the A or B heats in the SPC Classic were collated to determine the Year level champions. Congratulations to these students listed below.

- Year 7 Aiden Domic and Joshua Rose - 25 points
- Year 8 William Sullivan - 32 points
- Year 9 Jack Walter 31 - Points
- Year 10 Liam Hanrahan - 32 points
- Year 11 Jakob Baric - 19 points
- Year 12 Alex Thompson - 28 points

The College Classic

The eight fastest times completed on the day of the Swimming Carnival qualified for the 50m freestyle College Classic. The winner of the College Classic will receive a medal and acknowledgement as the Fastest Freestyle Swimmer at the College. This year’s classic was won by Joshua Benfield in a time of 27.31.

Full results are listed below:

Qualifying Time	Name	House	Year Level	Race Time	Placing
26.59 (1 st)	Joshua Benfield	Galvin	12	27.31	1
27.82 (3 rd)	Connor Aitken	Nunan	10	28.34	2
28.22(5 th)	Jeremy Seymour - Quest	Ryan	11	28.38	3
27.75 (2 nd)	Liam Hanrahan	Nunan	10	28.56	4
28.41 (6 th)	Jack Gunn	Keniry	11	28.66	5
28.12 (4 th)	William Sullivan	Keniry	8	29.19	6
29.47 (8 th)	Paddy Taylor Potter	Ryan	10	29.53	7
28.91 (7 th)	Luke Delahey	Galvin	10	31.66	8

There were some outstanding results on the day. A full list of results is available on the College website. Thank you to all the staff that assisted with the running of the Carnival. Special thanks to the Heads of House for generating such spirit, to Ms Tamara Westwood and to Mr Tim McKenzie for their assistance. The day was made more special by the outstanding leadership of the Year 12 students who ensured there was much cheering and good fun between the Houses.

BAS Sport

Senior Tennis

Round 1

First IV

SPC 4 sets 41 games defeated BCC Red 2 sets 34 games

In a convincing performance, team moral was high and it was great to see the boys encouraging each other in the excellent doubles performances. Nick Purcell won as the No. 4 player winning in a tie-break after being down for most of the match.

Second IV

SPC 3 sets 36 games defeated BCC 3 sets 29 games

In a tight affair, the swirling winds didn't make it easy for both teams, however SPC managed to win both doubles games giving the team a good start. A consistent performance from Ryan Leaney in the doubles and singles helped clinch the tie. The boys are to be commended for their enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship displayed throughout.

Intermediate Tennis

SPC Blue 4 sets 24 games defeated DC 0 sets 0 games
SPC Green won on forfeit by BHS
SPC White 4 sets 24 games defeated BCC Black 0 sets 9 games

Round 2

First IV SPC 25 games lost to BCC Black 46 games

Second IV SPC lost to BGS

Well done to all BAS Senior Tennis players at last week's games held at Hollioake Park. The 1sts lost to BCC Black 25 to 46, however close points and games were consistent throughout the matches. Kelly Lyle won his singles set 8 - 6, and Anthony Jreige had a close set against one of Ballarat's strongest players.

Declan Leishman playing in the 2nds also won his Singles match 8 - 5. However SPC were not strong enough and lost to Ballarat Grammar.

BAS Lawn Bowls Round 2

SPC Blue lost to BHS : 20 to 32

Cameron Speeding (lead), James Meagher (second) and Laurence Cashin (skip) lost 9 to 19.
Lachlan Wood (lead), Charles Cook (second) and Jack Romeril (skip) lost 11 to 13.

SPC Green defeated Loreto: 29 to 23

Rory Conroy (lead), Cameron Butcher (second) and Luke Polmear (skip) won 16 to 13
Will Perkins (lead), Jai Shah (second) and Lachie Kennedy (skip) won 13 to 10

Senior Volleyball

Mr Daniel Sutton

Round 1

SPC Blue 3 sets 65 points defeated Damascus College 0 sets 48 points

Round 2

SPC Blue 2 sets 59 points defeated BG 1 set 53 points
SPC Green 2 sets 59 points defeated DC 1 set 46 points

Cricket

Director of Cricket

Mr Michael Busscher

This week has truly seen the 2011/2012 cricket season began again in full earnest. In Term One of the school year we are involved in four specific competitions. The BAS Competition includes the First XI and Second XI as well as the Junior BAS XI team. Internally is the Junior House competition involving boys in both Years 7 and 8 representing their House in a two day, turf wicket competition.

The College First XI have maintained their fantastic form and they are looking destined to play in the BAS First XI Cricket Grand Final. The Second XI side are also looking set to play in their Second XI Grand Final.

The Junior BAS XI side, under the direction of Mr Michael Busscher, have not completed any games this year due to unseasonal weather. With the sunshine finally brightening up the Ballarat sky we are all hoping that some quality cricket can be contested over the remaining weeks of the season.

The Junior House competition started this week. Round One will see Ryan versus Galvin and Keniry versus Nunan. Full reports will be provided in next week's edition of The Crest. From early accounts all has gone well and the boys have appreciated the opportunity of meeting their fellow cricketers in a battle for supremacy. The Junior House Competition is coordinated by Mr Luke Corden. Assisting Luke is Mr Gerard Willis, Mr Mark Emerson and Mr Kieran Baxter.

Finally, I would like to thank the College Groundsmen for their efforts each week in maintaining the College Cricket pitches up for play. With a multitude of re-scheduled games, weekday and weekend matches and the unpredictable weather Ballarat offers, the Groundsmen's task each week can be made extremely complicated. Thank you!

Cricket Presentation Evening

The 2011/2012 Cricket Presentation Night is to be held in the College Pavilion at 7.30pm on March 26. All boys involved in the 2011/2012 Cricket Programme are invited to attend this gala evening of entertainment and a two course meal. More information regarding the purchase of tickets will follow in next week's edition of The Crest.

First XI

Mr Luke Corden

BCC 5/119 lost to SPC 4/120 with 8 balls to spare.

After winning the toss BCC elected to bat first in excellent conditions. Matt Crouch (1/9), Oliver Hayes (2/14) and Joab Mead (1/12) helped keep things tight, restricting BCC to a competitive 5/119.

In reply SPC lost Blayde Baker (5) early but the wicket brought Matt Crouch (62) and Joab Mead (37), SPC's in form batsmen, together at the crease, and the boys batted exceptionally well to get SPC within sight of victory.

A slight hiccup at the end saw 3 wickets fall quickly, but with only 6 needed for victory, Michael Peart ensured that the day would belong to SPC with a stylish edge between the slips.

Second XI

Second XI Coach
Mr Carmody

St Patrick's College 7/123 defeated Ballarat Grammar 4/122

SPC
Matthew Nunan 33n.o.
Daniel Dickson 22
Luke Todd 3/8

SPC chased down BGS total of 4/122 in the last over of the match. Earlier, Luke Todd bowled superbly taking 3/8 off 4 overs. Matthew Nunan batted throughout the innings scoring an unbeaten 33. All batsmen contributed scoring at around a run a ball pace. SPC remain undefeated with 2 games remaining before the final.

SPC 5/156 lost to Damascus 5/157

SPC won the toss and batted first. After losing early wickets Luke Todd and Daniel Dickson put on a partnership of 89 with each player scoring 38. Unfortunately, SPC bowled far too short and were punished to the close to the boundaries of Hill Oval. Matt Noonan was the best of the bowlers with figures of 2/20.

Junior BAS

Mr Michael Busscher
Junior BAS Coach

Year 8 BAS

St Patrick's College 1/89 defeated Ballarat Grammar 10/38

In the first game for the season and despite the boys being tired after the College Swimming sports, the Year 8 BAS Cricket team were able to put on a very impressive performance in the 2012 season opener to convincingly defeat Ballarat Grammar. Batting first, SPC put on a score of 89 off their 12 allocated overs. Opener Sam McMaster top scored with 23 retired not out, followed by Baiden Cracknell 22 retired not out and Joel Hower 13 not out.

In reply Ballarat Grammar started disastrously having a run out on the second ball of the innings which was to see Gammar collapse repeatedly at the hands of our bowling attack. SPCs best bowlers were Murphy Wilde 3/0 off one over, Jake Selby 2/10 off one over, Alex Mooney 1/3 off two overs and Paddy Walsh 1/7 off two overs. With a number of additional run outs the whole side contributed to this win. Congratulations to all boys and hopefully the team can keep the momentum going for the season.

Junior Cricket
Mr Luke Corden

Welcome to the St Patrick's College 2012 Junior cricket season. Many boys have expressed interest in playing cricket at St Patrick's during term one this year. I am writing to you so that you are aware of the various arrangements that have been made to ensure your son is given the opportunity to do this.

Junior Cricket: There are **TWO SEPARATE** cricket competitions that we offer our Year 7 & 8 boys to be involved in.

1. **BAS interschool competition** that is conducted on **WEDNESDAY** nights.
 - a. This is a good competition played against other schools in Ballarat. Boys will play against Year 8 students from other schools.
 - b. Matches are playing on hard wicket.
 - c. Times of play are; 4.00pm – 5.30pm. Students are transported to and from venues on a hire bus. Parents are welcome to pick their son up from the venue at the completion of the match or back at St Pats.
 - d. All players wear their PE/Sport uniform.
 - e. The competition is coordinated by Mr Luke Corden and teams are posted on the student's year level coordinator's window on the Monday before each round.
 - f. It is possible to play BAS cricket as well as House Cricket but not on the same week.

2. **Junior House Cricket** is conducted on **BOTH TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY** afternoons from 3.45 – 5.30pm. This competition is for both Year 7 & 8's combined and gives our boys the opportunity to represent their house.
 - a. This competition is generally appropriate for boys who play for a club and are ready for the challenge of turf cricket however we encourage boys to play even if they haven't played competitive cricket before.
 - b. The match is played over two afternoons. Students wanting to play **MUST** be available for **BOTH** days.
 - c. Matches are played on turf on the Hill and Main Oval here at SPC.
 - d. Each player must wear the following uniform for each match.
 - i. Wear your House colour PE shirt.
 - ii. Navy Blue PE Shorts OR cricket whites.
 - iii. White socks. NOT school socks.
 - iv. Cricket spikes are preferred but are not compulsory.
 - v. Wear proper supportive underwear not boxer shorts.
 - e. The competition is coordinated by Mr Luke Corden
 - f. The teams are posted on the student's year level coordinator's window on the Friday before each round.

House Sport

In Term One there will be four sports available for participation under the House banners of Keniry, Galvin, Ryan and Nunan. These sports will include Cricket, Tennis, Swimming and Athletics. For further information please contact the Head of House, Director of Sport or Coach.

Please note that Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday March 6 and there will be no play on this night.

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

Week 1 of House Sport will see the following fixtures. Ryan v Galvin, Keniry v Nunan
Week 2 Nunan v Ryan, Galvin v Keniry
Week 3 Galvin v Ryan, Keniry v Ryan
Week 4 Semi Finals 1 v 4, 2v3

Finals Two winners will play off in the final.

Rowing

Good luck to all Crews in the final preparations of the Head of the Lake. Details for supporters are available under Mr Chris Caldwell's section in this edition of The Crest.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Mr Gavin Nash

Key Development Dates 2012

2013 Scholarship Testing Day for Year 7, 10 and 11 entry level Scholarships - Saturday February 25 commencing at 9 am until 12 noon.

The Scholarship Testing will take place in the Senior School Wilding Wing. Please enter via the Alfred Street entrance. Please call the Development Office on 5331 1688 if further directions are required.

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

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

RIP

Houlihan, Tony, grandfather to Matthew Houlihan (SPC 2005-10), Sean (Year 11), Thomas (Year 9), father of Richard (SPC 1972-75), Mark (SPC 1973-78) and Daniel (SPC 1992) passed away on January 9 2012. The College community expresses sincere condolences to the Houlihan family.

THE COLLEGE SHOP

Ms Michelle Lloyd

Please contact the College Shop Manager Ms Michelle Lloyd on 5322 4313 or email at mlloyd@stpats.vic.edu.au for all enquiries.

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. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Shop Hours

The College Shop is open from Monday to Friday each week from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm. All other times by appointment.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday February 27 to Friday March 2. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

Monday February 27

Marlene Murphy, Joanne Boak, Tania Williams, Paula Daly, Theresa, Emerson-Jones, Miranda Fraser.

Tuesday February 28

Joanne Dickson, Moira Devlin, Angela Langdon, Kim Devereux, Cynthia Amor, Kath Hammond.

Wednesday February 29

Lyn Weightman, Andrea Perkins, Robyn Lavery, Gary Lenneke, Mark Allan, Julieanne O'Keane, Maree Dodd, Debbie Loader, Tania Grant.

Thursday March 1

Angela Cushing, Anna McIntyre, Linda O'Hagan, Lisa Timmins, Emerlie Prendegast, Kaylene Murphy.

Friday March 2

Julie Delahay, Janne Ferguson, Marika Rawlings, Andrea Henderson, Tess Brodie, Mary Hopkins, Marita Learmonth, Patricia Coutts.

***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 the opportunity to complete the Responsible Serving of Alcohol and Food Handlers Courses.

For further details please contact Mr Chris Caldwell at the College at ccaldow@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.

Morning Tea with Kim Saville, Deputy Director of St Judes' School, Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa

All Welcome

When: March 7 2012

Time: 9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Venue: Sails on the Lake
Ballarat Yacht Club, Lake Wendouree

For tickets please phone Margaret McDonald on 5343 5315 or Lyn
Featherston on 5331 2524

COMING EVENTS

Monday February 27

SPC Lawn Bowls at Central Wendouree BC (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Tuesday February 28

College Assembly (10:15 am-10:55 am)
SPC House Cricket (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
Intermediate Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Wednesday February 29

Immunisation Round 1 – Year 7 and Year 10 students
SPC House Cricket (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Yr 8 Cricket (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Senior Volleyball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Senior Golf (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Thursday March 1

SPC House Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Friday March 2

BAS First XI Cricket v Ballarat High School (Home) 20/20 (4:00pm-
6:00 pm)
BAS First Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Seconds Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Saturday March 3

BAS First XI Cricket v Ballarat Grammar (Home) 2 day format
(10:00 am-6:00 pm)
Rowing OCA Dinner (7:30 pm-10:00 pm)

Sunday March 4

BAS Head of Lake, All Crews (Lake Wendouree)
Rowing Club Dinner (7:30 pm-9:00 pm)

Monday March 5

Year 9 Camp Queenscliff
McNeil Cup Singles Preliminary Rounds
SPC Lawn Bowls at Ballarat Memorial SC (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Tuesday March 6

Year 9 Camp Queenscliff
SPC House Cricket (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
Year 7 A-E and Unit 3 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (4:00pm-
8:30 pm)
Intermediate Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Wednesday March 7

Year 9 Camp Queenscliff
Australian National Rowing Championships
SPC House Cricket (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Yr 8 Cricket (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Senior Golf (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)
BAS Senior Volleyball (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Thursday March 8

Australian National Rowing Championships
Year 9 Camp Queenscliff
McNeil Cup Singles Finals (11:30 am-3:00 pm)
Year 7 F-I and Unit 3 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews (4:00pm-
8:30 pm)
SPC House Tennis (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

Friday March 9

Australian National Rowing Championships
Year 9 Camp Queenscliff
Opening Morning Programme (9:00 am-11:00 am)

Saturday March 10

Australian National Rowing Championships

Sunday March 11

Australian National Rowing Championships

Monday March 12

Labour Day Holiday



Year 7 Camps





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ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

2012 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Monday, January 23	Office Opens
Monday January 30	Staff Commence
Thursday February 2	Students Commence
Friday March 30	End of Term 1

TERM 2

Monday April 16	Staff Commence
Tuesday April 17	Students Commence
Friday June 22	End of Term 2
Friday June 29	Last day for Staff

TERM 3

Monday July 16	Staff Commence
Tuesday July 17	Students Commence
Friday September 21	End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday October 8	Students Commence
Tuesday, November 27	Year 11 Students Finish
Thursday November 29	Year 10 Students Finish
Friday December 7	Year 7 – 9 Students Finish
Friday December 14	Last Day Teaching Staff
Friday December 21	College Office Closes