

NEWSLETTER 9/1
Friday March 30, 2012

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Fortunately many of you have continued your prayers and candles for my good health. For this I am grateful: for my own sake without looking for miracles, but I also believe that being conscious of others and their situation and lovingly holding them in your hand before God is good for the one who offers the prayer- it is a graced moment. I often think that my frequent mistakes give many people opportunities to be forgiving and hence earn multiple brownie points.

Today I hope to hear that recent blood tests show my prostate cancer is clear. On Tuesday I travel to the Melbourne Private Hospital for heart surgery and so I will be out of actions for a few days. This is addressing my three diagnosed cardiac arrhythmias. Next week I will be a new man. Fortunately Chris Caldwell and Elizabeth Till, with the assistance of many others as usual, will keep the ship afloat. I thank you all, for your support.

May God travel with us all, and may you have much joy in the travelling.



Mr Basil Tierney (SPC 1933-40) addresses Old Boys, staff and guests at the St Patrick's Day Luncheon held on Friday March 16.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldwell

End of Term I

The end of term has come about quickly and all parents should receive an important mail out early next week which includes a series of important documents. The mail out will include the Term I Interim Reports and information regarding the online booking system for the Years 8 – 11 Parent/Student/Teacher interviews scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 – Wednesday May 2. As well as donation cards and information about the 2012 Edmund Rice Day Walkathon and Celebrations which will take place on Friday May 4.

I would encourage all parents to sit with their son(s) and go through their Interim Reports with them. It is important to discuss the strengths and weaknesses as indicated by teachers with the boys and then to make appointments to follow these issues up and work with the teachers on May 1 or 2. Please don't be put off by your son saying that it is not necessary to come in and talk with his teachers – regardless of the status of his Interim report, teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss the progress he is making in their classes. This conversation can happen at any stage but I feel that it is important to take advantage of a time put aside for these conversations to take place. Please come along and talk with us about your son(s) and the progress being made this year.

The Student Council have decided that they would like to raise \$40,000 in this year's Edmund Rice Day Walkathon. That equates to about \$40 per boy. Again, I would encourage each boy to make a start on asking for donations from friends, family and neighbours during the holidays. The money raised will go directly to various agencies and places who appreciate the generous support we give them as a school. Encourage your son to make a big effort this year and to reach the \$40 target!

There are many gifts that education brings for the young, and I believe that one of the great gifts that St Patrick's College offers as an Edmund Rice school is the gift of empowerment. This week at SPC we begin the process of launching our annual Walkathon.

We are lucky on many counts to have this Walkathon. Firstly it gives the boys a sense of history. They are joining the generations of others who undertook these small selfless acts to raise money for good things for people in need. With this they begin the process of understanding the incredible joy of Christian charity - that unique Christian insight that teaches us that the greatest joy in life comes from service, not being self-serving.

But for me today another great lesson comes from the fact that the Walkathon is an antidote to the cynicism and powerlessness brought on by our global village. In our small community, using our Edmund Rice networks, we have connected with other communities across the globe to identify real need and to support people in ways that genuinely transform their lives.

I would like to congratulate all students and their families for the tremendous start to the school year. We welcomed over 300 new students to the College which brought our total number to 1339. It is a credit to the boys, their families and the staff here that so many students are enthusiastic about their schooling and are developing a connection and sense of belonging to St Patrick's.

The term has had many highlights, including the three main whole school events; Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and St Patrick's Day Mass and Assembly. These events, along with the regular curriculum, sporting and music offerings have resulted in a very busy term but also one that we hope the boys have enjoyed. We would like to commend the efforts of all the students, especially those who have generously given their time outside of normal classes to represent the College with distinction.

We would like to thank all parents and students who have supported the College's three major events that have all taken place during Term One. These events are crucial in developing a school culture that reflects the values we stand for. The College events take an enormous amount of time to prepare and both staff and students devote hours of work to ensure they run smoothly and are enjoyable experiences for the boys.

In light of the importance we place on these events, it is disappointing when students do not attend and even more disappointing when parental permission is given for students to miss the event for what seem to be frivolous reasons. Students often put pressure on parents and carers to stay at home or miss school for a variety of reasons so it is crucial that parents support the College and insist students attend school except in cases where they are genuinely ill.

Term Two Reminders

Trousers

All boys are reminded that when they return in Term Two, they should be wearing navy blue trousers. Boys are to wear trousers during the Winter terms of Terms Two and Three. Trousers are available for purchase from The College Shop. If required, trousers should be purchased before term commences to avoid any problems with uniform once the term commences on April 17. The College Shop will be open during the term break from 8:45am – 3:30pm, Monday to Friday if new trousers are required.

Hair

Holidays are often a very good time to have a haircut to tidy up and get ready for a new school term. A number of boys are pushing the College's guidelines on acceptable hair cuts and styles presently and rather than leading to the inevitable clash, I would expect boys to show some initiative, make sure their hair is acceptable and avoid this conflict at school. Guidelines are published in the Student Diary for anyone unsure

Scarves

Students are able to purchase College Scarves from The College Shop at a cost of \$15. These woollen scarves are navy blue with an embroidered College Crest.

Thank you

Thanks to all boys that continually wear their uniform correctly, i.e. top buttons done up, ties correctly positioned, shirts tucked in, suit coats worn to and from school and their hair according to the College guidelines.

Thanks to all boys who show respect for themselves, their peers, staff and others within our community. Thanks to all boys who respect the learning environment at St Patrick's College and strive to do their best at all times.

Thanks to all staff members at St Patrick's College for your diligent efforts and the opportunities that you have provided throughout Term One. Without the generosity and willingness of staff, activities such as camps, excursions and liturgies could not take place. I hope that all members of the St Patrick's College community have an opportunity to relax and enjoy time with their families over Easter. Good luck to all involved with the Melbourne Football Tour over the holidays including students and staff!

Term Two Dates

I would like to clarify the Term Two dates for all boys:

Tuesday, April 17 **Classes commence for all students**
Friday, June 22 **Term II finishes**

Term Two classes will finish on Friday, June 22 for all students. Boys in Year 10 will undertake Work Experience placements commencing the week of June 25.

I hope that all boys and their families have a holy Easter and a happy holiday to end what has been a very busy first term! I look forward to seeing all boys back at school on Tuesday, April 17 for classes.

Careers and Transition **Mr Anthony Meehan**

Gordon TAFE Annual Awards in Excellence

Congratulations to Dylan Baker (SPC 2001-06) who took home \$2000 in prize money at the Gordon TAFE Annual Awards for Excellence. The awards recognised students who achieved top honours for hard work during their tertiary studies. Dylan has also been awarded the title of Apprentice of The Year. Former Gordon student and Cats skipper Cameron Ling addressed guests at the night congratulating the winners.

Dylan fast tracked his schooling and completed a Certificate IV in Building and Construction and has been dubbed a leader in his field. Most of Hayden's work is multi-million dollar projects, which gives an insight into his capabilities.

Congratulations Dylan!

FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Teaching and Learning
Ms Elizabeth Till

College Assembly - March 27 **Year 12 Orals**

All Year 12 boys studying English were recently required to prepare and deliver an oral presentation as part of their 2012 English assessment. At this week's College Assembly, we heard from two of the Year 12 boys, James Fahey and Hamish Kelly. At a previous assembly Dominic Barry delivered his oral to the school community.

Being able to deliver a dynamic and engaging oral presentation is a valuable skill that can have a tremendous impact on student learning now and for any potential career in the years to come. The message students hear from their teachers is clear - being able to speak confidently in public makes a difference in so many situations.

Speaking in public is often cited as the number one fear of adults. If I was to ask staff how many of them would be comfortable giving a speech to over 1300 students who gather for our assemblies, I am sure a number would be quite anxious. All students will be required to make a number of oral presentations and speeches in their time at St Patrick's. Don't allow your anxiety or your nervousness to keep you from making that all important oral presentation or speech.

We know that being able to speak well in public is a wonderful means of communicating and networking. Public speaking can be your best tool for getting personal exposure very quickly. It introduces you to new people who get to hear about you and your interests or abilities without having to say it individually to each person in the room.

Being able to deliver a vibrant and energetic oral presentation or speech is a valuable asset that can have a tremendous impact. An important thing for students to know is that no one is born as an excellent public speaker – it is a skill that can be learned and developed over time. Most of the famous speakers have gone through the same experience that many of the boys have been through in recent weeks. What made them successful was their effort in preparing and practicing their speech.

We concluded by acknowledging the efforts and success of the thirteen Year 12 boys who attained a result between 95% and 100% for their English oral. Six boys who received outstanding results in both their oral and language analysis task.

Headmaster's Excellence Awards were presented to the following boys:

Mitchell Clarke
James Fahey
Bryce Fullerton
Jack Furness
Alistair Kane
Hamish Kelly
Callum Klein
Patrick Linnane
Zak McMurray-McKay
Edward Meagher
Michael O'Reilly
Kieren O'Riley
Jordan Stones

The following boys received a Headmaster's Award for both their Oral and Language Analysis task.

Dominic Barry
James Fahey
Hamish Kelly
Zak McMurray-McKay
Jordan Stones
Kieran O'Riley

**DIRECTOR OF MISSION
Mr Geoff Brodie**

Have you ever stopped to wonder why our society 'downs tools' at key times of the year? It is easy just to accept this as only part of our tradition. However, to recall the source of that tradition is to keep it authentic as it grows in meaning and value through each generation. Easter is the great festival that reminds us to place love at the centre of our lives.

This is a love, perfected by Jesus on the Cross, which places the concern of the other person ahead of our own interest. The reward of this love is a joy that transcends and transforms all our human efforts. We experience this joy first in our families.

The tradition of society-wide holidays reminds us that the family is a powerful force for good in society. In promoting the centrality of the family the Church seeks to make society fit for human living.

Despite all the advances in communication and transport we still value *being together* as irreplaceable. Being together retains a unique power to re-connect and unite us. The great Easter liturgies are a special time to reconnect and unite us within the love God has for His whole human family. May this Easter Season be a time of great joy for you.

Finally, I ask that you continue to keep the Karras family in your prayers this Easter Season.

**ACTING DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Mr Joe Carmody**

Term 2 Commences

Tuesday April 17 – Week B of timetable.

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – Years 8, 9, 10 and 11

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – Years 8 - 11 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.

Correspondence for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be sent out early in Term Two which will include full instructions and personal PIN numbers for parents for PTOonline. Each family member will only receive ONE pin number which is used for all members of the family. If parents do not have access to the internet interviews can be arranged by phoning Student Services on 03 5331 1688.

Please access the system as follows:

- Go to the school's home page www.stpats.vic.edu.au
- Click the PTO icon as shown here
- Enter your surname and PIN, provided on the attached slip
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please notify Mr Joe Carmody at jcarmody@stpats.vic.edu.au.



**DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE
Mrs Julia Petrov**

Kelty Resource Centre Holiday Hours

The KRC will be open for study and borrowing during the holiday break from Monday to Friday – 9am to 4 pm.

English texts in Audiobook format

English texts are available as Audiobooks. Many students find it useful to listen to their English texts, which provide the following benefits:

- Improve reading comprehension, fluency, language acquisition, vocabulary development and improved achievement;
- Provide demonstrations of proficient/fluent reading – appropriate phrasing, intonation, pace and articulation;
- Allow access to high quality literature some of which students would be reluctant or unable to read by themselves;
- Hold us to texts – they don't allow us to skip, skim or twist things;

- Can create a much stronger emotional connection with the text. Texts can become more memorable and students will respond to discussion in a more engaged manner;
- Get students past barriers like old fashioned literature styles, unusual vocabulary and unfamiliar dialects;
- Allow students to enjoy classic plays and poems the way they were meant to be performed creating an effective link to great literature.

Overdue Library Books

All students are asked to please return any overdue library books to the KRC. Boys are welcome to renew any loans by returning books to the KRC. Families will be charged for any lost Library books.

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Mr Alex Hunt

Boarding Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Monday April 16

At the commencement of Term 2 Boarding Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be held. The interviews will be conducted from 3.30 pm to 5pm on Monday April 16.

If you would like to meet with one or more of your son's teachers please phone Student Services on 5331 1688 to schedule an appointment between 3.30 pm-5pm.

Appointments will be for 10 minutes each.

Timings for interviews will be determined according to return travel distance home. Priority will be given to families who will be travelling a considerable distance to get home.

If you would prefer to have a telephone conversation with your son's teacher please call Student Services at the College.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mrs Elizabeth Till

It seems only yesterday that we were commencing the school year and yet ten weeks of teaching and learning have flown by. I would like to thank parents for their active support and participation in the teaching and learning of their son this term.

In the forthcoming mail out parents should note the "Parent and Student Alert" which is a concise summary of the homework and study expectations of all students undertaking a VCE Unit 3 subject this year. As stated in previous Crest articles it is imperative that the boys adopt and maintain a consistent approach to their VCE studies.

The Age VCE and Careers Expo

Don't know what direction to take next year? The Age VCE and Careers Expo may help you make a decision.

The Age VCE and Careers Expo is an annual event which enables Senior School students and parents to be able to participate in a wide range of seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and VCE study skills.

More than 150 organisations will be in attendance, enabling students to talk with specific course and program advisers directly about their services. There is a minimal entrance cost of \$10 per student. A limited number of free passes are available from Mr Anthony Meehan, Careers and Transition Coordinator.

This year the Expo will be held at the Caulfield Racecourse commencing Friday May 3 and running through to Sunday May 6. To find out more, please visit The Age website at www.vceandcareers.com.au or alternatively check out the posters displayed in the Wilding Wing.

May Gods peace be with you and your families during the Easter season.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Neal Arthurson

With the end of Term One fast approaching, I congratulate all boys on the manner in which they have embraced Year 9 and the Stepping Stones Programme. It is appropriate to reflect once again, on what the Middle School is attempting to achieve with your son.

The Core subjects along with the Immersion programme, Extension programme, Pastoral Care programme, Electives and Camps, (Stepping Stones Programme) aim to provide the boys with the capacity and motivation to be:

- 1) People with a faith base, with strong social competencies and resilience;
- 2) Team players with appropriate negotiation, communication and co-operative skills;
- 3) Critical and Creative thinkers with an ability to problem solve;
- 4) Responsible, reflective, respectful, self-regulating and independent of mind and;
- 5) Eager to learn and explore the world around them.

As we strive to embody these attributes and attitudes we must continue to remind ourselves that Year 9 boys are essentially, learning how to be good human beings.

In developing relationships with, and engaging the boys, it is worth remembering that boys:

- 1) Learn what they consider to be useful and enjoy using skills to solve real-life problems;
- 2) Prefer active over passive learning activities and favour working with their peers during learning activities;
- 3) Tend to be moving away from dependence on family to establishing autonomous views and modes of operation;
- 4) Derive standards and models of behaviour from their peers and acceptance by the group is central to confidence and wellbeing;
- 5) Want (need) significant adults to love and accept them and need frequent affirmation.

I also encourage the boys to take responsibility in regard to the following:

Revision and School Holidays

Revision is a key step in learning. Revision works best if it is done when it's easy not when it's tough. A little time spent over the term break organising and updating study cards or revision notes, and reviewing the terms work relevant to semester one exams, is an excellent way to begin Term Two.

Remember that revision needs to be carried out:

- At the end of the day
- On the weekend, then
- At the end of term

Holiday suggestions and ideas

- At the beginning of the holidays have your bag, books, new workbooks and school uniform prepared and ready for Term Two.
- Over the term break make sure you finish reading your English novel.

- Choose a task, project or something you have always wanted to do, and enjoy working on that instead of watching TV, or just 'hanging around'.
- Make the decision to come back to school ready to begin an excellent term, relaxed and ready for another challenge.

In testing conditions the boys fielded and bowled well taking regular wickets to leave Grammar with a small, but by no means, easy target of 78.

Jakob McDowell was precision personified with the ball, ending up with 2/10 from his 4 overs. Matt Short pitched in with 2/19 and Joab Mead continued his great form with the ball to end up with 1/7 from 3 overs.

In reply, SPC got off to a shaky start, losing 2/17. However a match winning partnership from Joab Mead (20) and Jack Peeters (15) ensured that SPC stayed on course. Blayde Baker (11 not out) kept the innings ticking over until he fittingly hit the winning runs to ensure that SPC would come out as premiers. Congratulations to all the boys on a fantastic end to a great season.

House Cricket Junior House Grand Final

In perfect batting conditions, Nunan House won the toss and decided to send the opposition in to bat. The decision seemed to have backfired initially with the Ryan openers putting on steady runs until Tom Walton was run out in the classic mix up with good fielding by James Waller. Taylor Sutton and Harry Blomley batted superbly to take the score past 50 off the first 14 overs. When Harry retired at 30 and Gordon Johnstone was run out for 7 it looked as if Nunan might make inroads into the Ryan middle order. However, when Sam Jackson arrived he dispelled any notion of a mini collapse. His hard hitting included one massive six over the fence of the main oval.

The Nunan House bowling was relieved when Cashin came on to bowl from the northern end. In a mesmerising spell he snared the prize wicket of Sam Jackson as well as Aiden Lourey and Lachie Frawley, finishing with the excellent figures of three for three off three overs. Tudenham, Rumler, Griffiths and Godson also chipped in with wickets. Harry Blomley returned at the end to finish his innings unbeaten on 39 which also included a six. In the end, the Ryan score of 116 off 30 overs looked as if it would be enough to secure the glory of the grand prize.

The chase began the next evening under glowering skies and the decision to bat second looked doomed with Nunan at 2 for 9 after just 7 overs. Four of the five opening bowlers bowled a maiden over to begin their spell and Nunan looked well out of the game at 3 for 37 at the halfway mark.

However, Nick Martin and John Brodie dug deep and with solid defence blunted the searing pace attack of the Ryan House bowling line up. The sense of urgency increased with the passing overs and both Martin and Brodie were on the qui vive for every conceivable single; turning ones into twos where possible. When Martin fell for 28 to the bowling of Lachie Frawley with the score at 4 for 67, it left ten overs to get 50 runs, and with Brodie still in solid occupation, it was, in the immortal words of Richie Benaud, "Game on".

Brodie's retirement at 30 brought about a mini collapse, but still the runs mounted steadily as the pressure started to tell on the Ryan fielders; wides and byes were the third and fourth highest scores for Nunan. Tension mounted as Mr Corden revealed the total to win at the end of each over and still the wickets tumbled. With one over to go and just 11 runs from glory, John Brodie re-entered the arena to complete his innings against the quick Sam Jackson.

The match hung in the air for a few vital seconds until the Ryan fielder grabbed the chance with both hands and secured the victory for Ryan House. Congratulations boys on a game well played.

On behalf of the St Patrick's College Cricket Programme I would like to thank the Headmaster Dr Peter Casey and the Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson, for their continued support.

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL Mr Peter Brady

As Term One draws to a close it is pleasing to report that the vast majority of our Year 7 and Year 8 students have had a productive term. The last couple of weeks have certainly been hectic with assessment tasks due, various tests being completed, assemblies to attend and the Athletics Carnival to prepare and then participate in. Enthusiasm has abounded and the Junior School staff should be commended on the manner in which they have guided and encouraged the boys.

The Smart Generation Campaign

This week I attended the Ballarat launch of 'The Smart Generation' campaign which is aimed at making Year 7 boys more aware of the dangers of alcohol consumption, particularly at an early age. Next term and throughout the remainder of 2012, staff will be implementing a programme which will strongly encourage the boys to make wise decisions in the future in relation to drinking alcohol. The focus will also be on creating discussion at home and parents will also be reminded of their responsibilities.

Interim Reports

Interim reports have been sent home this week and I trust that parents and students gain a clear indication of your sons progress, application and effort. Early next term Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will be conducted for all Year 8 students and these meetings will also provide an opportunity for positive discussion and future direction. Finally, it is vital that we continue to promote open and regular communication between the home and school and I commend our Junior School staff and parents who have done so during Term One.

After a well earned break, Mr John Richards returns as the Head of Junior School at the commencement of Term Two. Mr Jamie Lynn, Year 8 Co-ordinator will also enjoy long service for Term Two with Ms Sarah Hughes and Mr Peter Brady continuing as Year 8 Co-ordinators.

Happy Easter break to all, and may we reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for the benefit of others.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

BAS Sport

Cricket

**Director of Cricket
Mr Michael Busscher**

BAS Grand Final

St Patrick's College 5/78 defeated Ballarat Grammar 8/77

In trying conditions the skill of SPC proved to be too much for Ballarat Grammar, as SPC went on to become the premiers for the BAS 2011/2012 Season. In wet, cold and windy conditions, SPC won the toss and sent Ballarat Grammar in to bat. Immediately things went the way of SPC, with Oliver Hayes (1/10) removing the dangerous Luke Merryfull for just 4.

I want to publically acclaim our amazing array of coaches, especially Mr Luke Corden, who worked tirelessly throughout the season with the boys.

I also must thank the boys who make themselves available each week to represent St Patrick's College on the field. In a season that began in the 2011 Term Three break with a three day tour to Mildura, a six day Tour of Tasmania, culminating to the BAS Grand Final the First XI boys have achieved much.

Finally, I must thank each of the boys' parents who perform their role as taxi driver, weekly game spectators and overall support crew. I know the boys appreciate your support.

We look forward to the start of the 2012/2013 season.

Swimming
Director of Swimming
Mr Brendon Gilbert

2012 BAS Swimming Carnival

What a tense and stressful BAS Swimming Carnival 2012 was. The day was a mix of emotions; constant elation as individuals won their events and disappointment and frustration as others were narrowly beaten.

The St Patrick's boys made their way to the Eureka Pool at 9.15am for their photos and warm ups. It was a fantastic day for swimming; mild and sunny, and the boys were excited and ready for the challenge that lay ahead. At 10.00am a flood of students from Ballarat Clarendon College, Ballarat Grammar School, Ballarat High School, Damascus College and Loreto College embarked on the journey to take out the BAS Swimming Carnival for 2012. St Patrick's have held the Title for the past thirty two years and were aiming to make it thirty three.

The events started at 11.30am with the boys participating in the individual 50 and 100 metres Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly. It was impressive to see the effort the boys were putting into their events. The boys would often make their way out of the pool gasping for breath and completely exhausted. This was reflected in their results as SPC were constantly finishing either first or second.

In the Butterfly events there was a noticeable turn as Ballarat Grammar excelled in claiming victory for many events and St Patrick's constantly finishing second or third with the odd fourth. However at this point SPC were still quietly confident but aware Ballarat Grammar would be close behind, maybe even ahead.

After lunch the scores were announced: St Patricks 121 points and Ballarat Grammar 124 points. Now the boys were feeling nervous about possibly losing the thirty two year stranglehold on the BAS Swimming Title.

Freestyle and Medley relays dominated the afternoon and this was the chance that SPC had to claw back some points as they were worth double and would place a margin between Ballarat Grammar. There were eleven relays in total; SPC won three of them, placed second in six and came third in the remaining two.

The Carnival was wrapped up with the last event finishing at 3.00pm. The boys boarded the bus in a sombre mood; heads down and very quiet as it was thought that SPC had finally been defeated. The final scores were to be announced the next day.

That evening the Director of Swimming drove three of the Year 9 swimmers back to the Queenscliff Camp when a phone call was received confirming that in fact St Patrick's had won the BAS Carnival by six points; St Patrick's 556 and Ballarat Grammar School 550.

There were many emotions; elation, joy, happiness and relief that St Patrick's had won the BAS Swimming Carnival for the thirty third year in a row. Special mention must go to the Junior and Middle School swimmers who contributed greatly towards winning the BAS Swimming Title.

The following boys deserve a special mention as they did themselves and the College proud:

Declan Hanrahan, Year 7 - Won all four of his events;
Kaiyn Humphrey, Year 7 - Won three events and placed second;;
Michael Roger, Year 8 - Received two firsts and two seconds;
Billy Sullivan, Year 8 - Received two first and two seconds;
Josh Benfield, Year 12 - Received two firsts, one second and one third.

Student Achievements

If anyone is aware of any outstanding student achievement outside of the College please email Mr Chris Gleeson to allow recognition in The Crest at cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Mr Gavin Nash

St Patrick's Old Collegians Association Presents the 11th Annual "Halls of History-Dinner with the Legends"

Saturday May 5, 2012 in the OCA Pavilion
Featuring the induction of St Patrick's College "Legends":

ABC Grandstand's Peter Walsh (SPC 1967-70)
Fr Brendan Davey (SPC1946-53)
Bryan Thomas (SPC 1974-79)

And Masters of Ceremony
Paul Coburn (SPC 1975-1980) and Ralph Barba (SPC 1975-1980).

This is a not to be missed social event for all past students, friends of the College and anyone interested in learning about how these people have gone from the hallowed Halls of St Patrick's College to positions of leadership within our community. Tickets are limited and will sell quickly. Please complete and return the booking confirmation slip inserted with this edition of *The Shamrock* as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Details

The Halls of History Dinner will commence at 6:00 pm with pre-dinner drinks followed by a sumptuous 3-course meal, featuring an entertaining address from ABC Grandstand's Peter Walsh and an interview with, Fr Brendan Davey (SPC 1946-53) and Bryan Thomas (SPC 1974-79). A 'Facere et Docere' Award will also be presented to esteemed former educator of the College Mr John Cosgriff.

For further enquiries please contact the Director of Development
Gavin Nash (03) 53 311688 or gnash@stpats.vic.edu.au

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

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

2013 Year 7 Enrolment

2013 Year 7 Offers of Enrolment have been mailed home to all families. The Confirmation of Enrolment Sheet is to please be returned to the College by Friday March 30. Please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett at the College if there are any further enquiries.

2013 Scholarship Programme

2013 Scholarship offers for Years 7, 10 and 11 will be mailed to all families who have applied at the commencement of Term Two. Thank you to all families who have applied.

THE COLLEGE SHOP

Ms Michelle Lloyd

College Shop Hours – Term Break

The College Shop is open during the term break from 8.45 am to 3.30 pm each day.

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

CLEARANCE STOCK

Compression Tops, pants and Nicks at \$30 each. Hurry!

Term 2 – Winter Uniform

A friendly reminder, that all boys are required to wear long trousers for Terms 2 and 3.

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

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday April 16 to Friday April 20. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481.

Monday April 16

School Holidays – No Classes

Tuesday April 17

Kerry Fiegert, Helen Turley*, Maria Madden*, Nadine Parini*, Debbie Lauton*, Laretta Gaffney*.

Wednesday April 18

Helen O'Brien, Monica Kirby, Bernadette Martin, Gabrielle Fraser, Robyn Lavery, Gabby Prendergast, Molly Martin, Samantha Whitehouse.

Thursday April 19

Kerryn Guest, Simone Adamczyk, Sharren Mullane, Christine Jennings, Jo Alexander, Maxine Pryor.

Friday April 20

Janice Holloway, Debbie Jew, Barb Peters, Jodie Butler, Julia Walker, Jodie Ilsley, Amanda Elliott, Heather Savage/Trudy West, Karen McPherson.

*Not in attendance for the entire canteen duty

Lost Property

The Lost Property box has a large collection of school jumpers. Please check to see if your son is missing his. All jumpers are unnamed and will be donated to charity at the end of Term One. There is also a large number of shoes. Please see Glenis in Student Services.

Ballarat Arts Foundation Inc.

“To encourage and develop the aspirations and talents of emerging visual and performing artists who have lived, worked or studied in Ballarat”.

Visual and Performing Arts students are invited to apply for a Grant to assist them in their pursuit of excellence within their chosen discipline. Application forms, setting out the criteria and process for receiving Grants are available at www.ballaratartsfoundation.org.au

Applications close on March 31 2012. For further information please speak with your Head of Performing or Visual Arts Department or phone Wendy Rechenberg on 0409 35 2268.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

We all do things to enhance our lives; Fitness programs and diets to improve our health ; Professional Development programs to improve our job skills. We offer you an opportunity for married couples to give a wonderful gift to your children by enhancing your marriage through a Marriage Encounter weekend. We invite you to invest in your most precious asset, your marriage. Please join us in 2012. Take a look at our website on www.wwme.org.au Our weekends in 2012 are: 20-22 April, 15-17 June, 10-12 August and 12-14 October.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03)9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

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

COMING EVENTS

Friday March 30

Year 10 Retreat DAT OHS
End of Term 1, Finish 2.30pm

Sunday April 1

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne
Palm Sunday

Monday April 2

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne

Tuesday April 3

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne

Wednesday April 4

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne

Thursday April 5

1st XVIII Football Tour to Melbourne
Holy Thursday

Friday April 6

Good Friday

Saturday April 7

Easter Saturday

Sunday April 8

Easter Sunday

Monday April 9

Easter Monday

Monday April 16

Staff PD Day
Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews (3:30 pm-5:00 pm)
Residential Committee Meeting (5:00 pm-6:00 pm)

Tuesday April 17

Students Commence Term 2
Music Industry Junior Masterclass (3:45 pm-5:00 pm)

Wednesday April 18

St Kevin's v SPC Sports Challenge
Concert Band 1 Rehearsal (3:45 pm- 5:00 pm)

Thursday April 19

SPC Athletics Championships at Llanberris (12:00 pm-3:00 pm)
Group Theory Class (8:00am-8:30 am)
Group Theory Class (3:30pm-4:30 pm)

Friday April 20

AGSV Championships at Royal Melbourne
Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal (4:00 pm-5:00 pm)

