

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

What a great week. I hope that you were moved as I was by the Prime Minister's apology to our indigenous peoples. Now let our deeds match our words. My words from our first regular College Assembly held last Tuesday dealt with Sorry Day and Boatrace and I include them for your reading.

Sorry Day

'As we gather for this first of our regular fortnightly assemblies, we recognise the traditional custodians of this beautiful land, the Wuthorong people, and pay them respect.

'Tomorrow, celebrated as our national Sorry Day, brings a day of national significance and an apology of more than symbolic gesturing. I believe that we have a responsibility to honour our Indigenous Australians, and to offer them the respect we Christians believe is owed to all men and women.

'Pope John Paul II's 2001 address to the Catholic Bishops of Australia was very strong on the point of recognising the past and moving forward together:

"The Church will support the cause of all indigenous peoples who seek a just and equitable recognition of their identity and their rights... Whenever the truth has been suppressed by governments and their agencies or even by Christian communities, the wrongs done to the indigenous peoples need to be honestly acknowledged... The past cannot be undone, but honest recognition of past injustices can lead to measures and attitudes which will help to rectify the damaging effects for both the indigenous community and the wider society. The Church expresses deep regret and asks forgiveness where her children have been or still are party to these wrongs. Aware of the shameful injustices done to indigenous peoples in Oceania, the Synod Fathers (Australian Church) apologized unreservedly for the part played in these by members of the Church, especially where children were forcibly separated from their families... Governments are encouraged to pursue with still greater energy programmes to improve the conditions and the standard of living of indigenous groups in the vital areas of health, education, employment and housing."

Apostolic Exhortation to the Church in Oceania

'As a College community we have welcomed indigenous boys and young men. We have committed to this path. We seriously need to make them welcome as we would welcome all members of our diverse but rich community.

'Pope John Paul II said to Australia's Indigenous in Alice Springs in 1986: *"You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus*

wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

Pope John Paul II's Address to Indigenous Australians.

Boatrace Week

'Boatrace week offers us an opportunity to celebrate much that is good in the spirit of St Patrick's College: unity of purpose, athletic endeavour, pursuit of excellence, commitment to task, recognition of achievement, and representation of the Green White and Blue and the famous Shamrock. As such we welcome Boatrace Week and wish all of our rowers, coaches, staff and families well. I thank each one for his and her efforts under such difficult circumstances once again. I congratulate our Director of Rowing, Mr Lynn, on having 14 crews represent us in such a year. It is good for us all to be with each other and our rowers during the week and on Sunday to offer our support. I encourage our senior students particularly to make the trek to the Barwon for a great celebration.

'I am also conscious that some boys can be carried away by the excitement of the moment or the potential anonymity of the crowd, a very cowardly act. I expect us to be able to emphasise the doings of our crews rather than bagging out the opposition. We have plenty to shout about. St Patrick's College cannot accept dangerous behaviour or lewd language and chanting and any offenders during the week or on Sunday will be sent away from the group.

'For Sunday boys can leave jackets and ties at home, wearing normal uniform shoes, socks, pants and white shirt. Some seniors will be wearing a uniform Cheer Squad top. Those who have not ordered these will wear the regulation white shirt, without any additions or colouring. Face paint is permitted but noisy instruments are not. If the weather is cool, you may wear the College jumper, not an assortment of spray jackets and tops. Part of establishing identity is having some appearance of looking uniform. Crews will wear their one piece for presentations if we are fortunate enough to win a race. I look forward to our rowers representing us with pride and their best endeavour. The results will take care of themselves.'

Peter C



FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Mr Steven O'Connor

Student Achievements

I wish to congratulate two Year 9 boys on their recent selection in the State Under 15 Cricket side which will play in the National Cricket titles to be held in Maroochydore in Queensland in late March. Mathew Begbie and Nicholas O'Brien have been selected in the State Side which is a magnificent achievement. I wish them well as they head to Queensland for the Nationals and for the remainder of the 1st XI Cricket season.

David Ranger

David Ranger (College Captain 2007) has recently been presented with the Australian College of Education Senior Student of the Year Award for 2007. It is a great honour for David to have received this award, particularly against a strong field of students nominated by their respective schools in Ballarat and around the region. The ACE Senior Student of the Year award is awarded to a student who is an exemplary student academically, who has had a thorough and on-going involvement in co-curricular activities, who has a genuine commitment to social justice issues and community service and who has shown leadership skills as a senior student. As I mentioned, David was up against a very strong field of potential winners and the College was delighted that the local Chapter of ACE decided to give the award to David. I was pleased to be present at the ceremony at the Town Hall last week and on behalf of the College community, I extend our sincere congratulations to David on this fine achievement.

Head of the Lake Regatta

This Sunday 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 travel down to Geelong to support the crews and I am looking forward to being there to witness the regatta and to celebrate the efforts of all involved. Good luck!

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 cameras 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.

Road Safety – Sturt Street

Once again, I have been contacted recently by members of the general public expressing concern about the safety of our boys crossing Sturt Street at the front of the College. All boys are to cross this busy road via the Pedestrian Crossing which is located at the eastern end of the property (out the front of Ballarat and Clarendon College). Boys who continue to run the gauntlet by crossing at any other point along Sturt Street run the real risk of being involved in a tragic accident. I have reminded staff of the importance of monitoring and policing this vital safety issue and hope that parents whose boys walk to school or home via Sturt Street will talk to them about the importance of doing so safely via the controlled crossings before and after school.

SACRED SPACE
Director of Mission
Mr Joe Doolan

Beware! The Wonderful Readings of Year A

It is only every three years that the readings on a Sunday incorporate the classic texts of Year A in the Catholic lectionary. These Gospels we hear each Sunday during Lent include three great stories from John's Gospel. The woman of Samaria who meets Jesus at the well is a wonderful narrative of conversion and confusion concerning Jesus.

Chapter 9 of John is devoted to the story of the man born blind and traces the miracle of Jesus and the many reactions of various people to this gift. The story of the raising of Lazarus once again prefigures the death and resurrection of Jesus, also incorporating a element of puzzlement. We have heard these stories for decades and look forward every three years to their repetition. The question is: Can these ancient narratives evoke new responses for us this year?

This question for me is prompted by the totally flabbergasting experience of reading Fr Frank Moloney's commentary on the raising of Lazarus. The weeping of Jesus over his friend is a compassionate touch alerting us to his humanity and sense of loss. Wrong, wrong, wrong! Moloney asserts that the weeping is over *the disciples* and their total inability to understand his message. This interpretation I am still grappling with, the insight has ruptured my comfortable lesson and occasional homily on the weeping Jesus. So, back to the books one goes each year trying to glean some new insight into the message and mandate of Christ. One thing is for sure, each time we hear the Gospel stories we cannot merely 'roll the arm over' and trot out the tired lines.

The living word of the Gospel that we hear in Year A incorporates some slashing stories for our prayer and reflection. And they might destabilize our comfortable interpretations somewhat. Perhaps that's a good Lenten penance for us!

DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE
Mr Kelvin Porter

Parenting Tips

30 Great Questions to keep in touch with kids

Whether it is at the dinner table, walking to the park, in the car, getting ready for bed or waiting for food at a restaurant there is some quiet space. What do you do? How about asking a question or two? Listening to your children' 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 play time and lunch time, what did you most enjoy at school today? Why?
4. If our family had to move to another town, what would you miss the most?
5. If you could become a cartoon character, which one would you want to be? Why?
6. If you could invent one thing what would it be?
7. How do you decide who your friends will be?
8. Which day is usually your best day each week?
9. Why do we have laws/rules?
10. Who is the Prime Minister and what do they do?
11. What bothers you most?
12. If I gave you \$10 today, what would you do with it?
13. If you went on a Mastermind programme what would be your subject?
14. In the film Pinocchio, Jiminy Cricket played Pinocchio's 'conscience'. What does a conscience do? Where does it come from? Do you have one?
15. Does making friends mean that you should learn to ask great questions? What are five questions that kids your age would like to be asked?
16. Who are the three greatest people you've ever learned about? What makes them so 'great'?
17. What is the best gift you've ever given to anyone? What made it so special?
18. In all the things you've had to forgive people for, what has been the toughest thing to forgive? Why?
19. If you could talk to anyone in the world on the phone for 30 minutes, who would you talk to? What would you ask them?
20. How many capital cities of countries can you name?
21. What does it mean to be a 'true friend'? Why do you have friends? Do you want friends or need them?

22. When you've done something wrong, is it ever hard to say, "I'm sorry." Why?
23. Is there someone in your life you can't stand to be around? What bothers you the most about them?
24. What is your favourite room in the house?
25. If you were Mum or Dad, what would your top five rules be?
26. Which do you like more – being alone or with other people? Why?
27. What is the best job in the whole world?
28. Why do wars get started between countries? What causes them? What stops them?
29. What would you do with a million dollars?
30. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? Why there?

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Ms Elizabeth Till

2007/2008 Rowing Season

The 2007/2008 Rowing Season is quickly coming to an end. Good luck to all rowers and coaches for this Sunday's Head of the Lake in Geelong.

Subject Changes

Semester One changes have now closed. This is to enable all boys sufficient time in class to meet the required learning outcomes.

Year 8 Camps

Year 8 camps continue next week and with the forecasted weather coming up, all boys and staff should have a great experience.

SENIOR SCHOOL
Head of Senior School
Mr Hamish McCrum

On Wednesday evening I had the pleasure of meeting many parents and students at the Year 10 Welcome Evening. Hopefully those who attended will now have some understanding of the sequencing of events throughout the year and will feel a little more familiar with the staff they will be working with over the next three years. One of the main points emphasised was that it is important to build a solid foundation in Year Ten, on which to construct good Year Twelve results and career prospects.

Given that all subjects at the Year Twelve level have a very significant written examination, the importance of reading and writing at every opportunity can not be overstated. The value of becoming involved in wider aspects of College life, be it sport, the arts or social justice is also seen to be very beneficial. Boys who realise their academic potential tend to be heavily involved in a range of co-curricular activities.

This week the whole College is caught up in the excitement of Boat Race. The training the rowers have done is behind them and now the big moment has all but arrived. It is fantastic to see the College pride and spirit that manifests itself this week and we all hope crews row to their potential. Should this bring home any trophies we will be delighted for the boys that earned them.

All Senior School students are reminded that there is assistance available with their mathematics on Monday afternoons from 3:45 to 5pm, in Wilding 102. Some students who are capable or otherwise have attended and used this as a structured homework time, and then accessed help as they need it. This is a perfectly acceptable use of a facility that has as yet to be oversubscribed.

Year Twelve students and their parents are reminded of the following when it comes to students driving to the College:

- The preference of the College is that students do not drive their own cars to school.
- A further preference of the College is that students do not carry passengers to or from the College, given the statistical risk applicable to males in this age group, and the increased risk when there are passengers.
- No students are to drive on the College grounds.
- Having arrived at school, no students are to leave the College in their car or another student's car before the end of the school day.
- Students are not to return to their cars to inspect them or collect items from them during the school day.
- Students who drive despite our recommendations are to hand their keys in to student reception on arrival and collect them at the end of the school day.
- Students who drive are to register the make, model and registration of their car with their Head of House.

We ask that you discuss the above at home and give due consideration to our preferences.

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



NUNAN HOUSE: EDWARD LONG

For the gentlemanly manner in which he assisted a single sculler who had overturned his boat at the Barwon Regatta on Saturday. Edward and other boys jumped up quickly and helped retrieve the boat from the water and then carried it quite a distance back to the racks.



KENIRY HOUSE: CODY STEWART

For the gentlemanly manner in which he assisted a single sculler who had overturned their boat at the Barwon Regatta on Saturday.



KENIRY HOUSE: JOSEPH FORD

For the gentlemanly manner in which he assisted a single sculler who had overturned their boat at the Barwon Regatta on Saturday.



GALVIN HOUSE: CHRISTIAN VAN RIJIN

For his willingness to help others and consideration for their environment.



GALVIN HOUSE: LUKE JONES

For his willingness to help others and consideration for their environment.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL
Head of Junior School
Mr John Richards**

The 2008 year has commenced well in the Junior School. The Year 7 Orientation Camp programme has been most successful and enjoyable for all concerned.

The boys have commenced their inculcation into life at St Patrick's and are well on the way to becoming true "Paddy Boys". Hopefully by now they are making new friends and moving outside of their comfort zones to try new things and make new friends. Thanks must be extended to Mr Howard Clark for his organisation of the Year 7 Camps and also to the staff who have given of their own time to attend and supervise the camps. We were fortunate to obtain the services of former staff member Mr Trevor Hunt to run the day-to-day operations of the camp. Trevor's efforts in assisting us with the camp programme were greatly appreciated.

Year 8 Camps

This week has also seen the bulk of the Year 8 Camp programme take place. Camps have been operating at Apollo Bay and Lorne. The boys have been fortunate enough to participate in a wide range of activities including fishing, swimming, bushwalking and visiting local points of interest.

Next week two remaining camps will take place at Apollo Bay:

Monday February 18 – Wednesday February 20 8F

Wednesday February 20 – Friday February 22 8B

Boys are reminded that Mobile Phones, MP3 players, Gameboys and the like, are not permitted on camp.

Junior Swimming Carnival

The 2008 Junior Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday February 27 at the Eureka Swimming Pool commencing at 11:30 am. All boys will be participating in swimming events and will require their swimming gear, towel, hat sunscreen, lunch and a drink.

Year 7 2009 Information Evenings

The Year 7, 2009 Information Evening will be held on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:30 pm in the College Chapel. An Information Evening will also be held at Bacchus Marsh on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30 pm in the Bacchus Marsh Parish Hall. If you are aware of any families interested in enrolling their sons at the College for Year 7, 2009 and beyond, these evenings present great insight into what is on offer at St Patrick's College, Ballarat.

Enrolments for Year 7 2009 close on Friday, March 28 at 4 pm.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

The Western Highway Late Bus

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. Students are reminded to register their name on the late bus register in Student Services no later than the end of recess on the day of travel. They will need to do this for each individual trip. If there are any questions please direct them to Mr Chris Gleeson at the College.

SPC House Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival for Junior and Middle School will be held at the Eureka Swimming Pool on Wednesday February 27. House meetings are being held to allow students to sign up to events. Students are asked to wear their House Polo Shirt on the day so that the Houses are easily identified.

SPC Swimming Championships

The SPC Swimming Championships for all selected students will be held at the Eureka Swimming Pool on Monday February 25. For more information please contact the Director of Swimming, Br Brian Davis at the College.

BAS Sport

The BAS Sport Competition is now in full swing. If you require further information regarding draws and venues, please email cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au. Best wishes to all rowers competing in the Head of the Lake in Geelong this weekend under the leadership of Mr Jamie Lynn, the Director of Rowing. Full results from the weekend will be published in next week's Crest. Please find BAS results below:

1st IV Tennis

Round 1: SPC 6 SETS 48 GAMES def BCC 0-11

An outstanding win to the start of the season in the 1st IV. Congratulations to Shaun Lyle, Mitch Taylor, Codey Stewart and Thomas Young.

2nd IV Tennis

Round 1: SPC 4 SETS 32 GAMES def BHS 2 27GAMES

A convincing win to the 2nd IV Tennis. Well done to Zac Pietch, Ryan Mitchell and Mitchel Phelps.

Intermediate, Junior BAS and SPC House Tennis

The Intermediate and Junior BAS Tennis competition will now follow the same competition structure as the Senior Tennis. Each competition will have an A and B Grade division. SPC will enter two teams in each division those being SPC Blue and SPC Green. Due to the large numbers of interested students, players will be rostered to play throughout the season with teams selected and students notified at the beginning of the week. Thank you to the following staff that are assisting with the tennis programme this season. Junior coaches; Mr Steven Callahan and Mrs Margaret McIntyre, Intermediate coaches this year are Mrs Laura Fazzalari and Mrs Margaret Carison. The Senior Tennis coach is Mr Hamish McCrum and the House Tennis coach is Mrs Ursula Bridges.

All students are invited to participate in the House Tennis competition at the College on Wednesday afternoon's beginning at 3.45.

Lawn Bowls

Mr Barry Schuurs

St Patrick's College defeated Damascus College in the first round of the Lawn Bowls season. The team of Patrick Stylus, Alistair Lambert and Jake Gordon defeated their opponents 14 - 5. The team of Pat Cashin, Chris Thornton and Mark Snel were also victorious with a score of 18 - 2. The accumulated score of 32 - 7 is a fantastic start for the Lawn Bowls team. Congratulations to Patrick Stylus who, as Captain of the team played especially well. There was a great deal of interest in Lawn Bowls this year. Unfortunately only six boys can play on any one evening. Boys who expressed interest in playing lawn bowls with the College will be notified of a time to play in the near future.

Senior Volleyball

Mrs Fiona Carroll

St Patrick's College lost to Ballarat and Clarendon College 0-3.

In the first game of the BAS Senior Volleyball season which commenced on February 6, an inexperienced, yet enthusiastic St Patrick's Team came up against the premier's of last year's competition, Ballarat and Clarendon College.

The St Patrick's team combined well and showed great persistence and promise against College's highly skilled and experienced players.

The boys hope to go through the rest of the short season undefeated so as to meet College again in the Grand Final. Congratulations are in order to all boys on their excellent attitude and efforts of the St Patrick's Team.

Team members: Matt O'Sullivan (Capt), Damian Farrell, Patrick Craig, Brodie Leishman, Andrew Wallis, Jack Ferguson and Tom O'Loughlin.

Better players: Damian Farrell, Jack Ferguson and Brodie Leishman.

Director of 1st XI Cricket
Mr Damian McKee

First XI

Last weekend the First XI completed a 'double header' of matches on Friday afternoon against BCC (Round 6) and another one day match against BGS (Round 7). The success in both matches has placed the team on top of the ladder with two matches to play before the final.

BAS Round 6

St Patrick's 7/97 defeated Ballarat College 10/96

BCC won the toss and decided to bat and they were immediately in trouble losing their opener very early. Nick O'Brien was given the new ball and he bowled a fiery opening spell that must have created doubt in the BCC batsmen. Although a little 'out of tune', Ben Hayes still bowled plenty of balls that troubled our opposition and the pressure built up by O'Brien, Hayes and Liam Young was enough to cut a path through the BCC middle order leaving our visitors all out for only 96 runs. Robert Ryan bowled a magnificent spell of left arm spin and pinned the middle order down with his flight and guile. Brad Crouch bowled an immaculate line and length and he is proving to be the most difficult bowler to score against in the BAS competition.

Our innings was punctuated with at least four interruptions with rain. Each restart proved to be more and more difficult on our opponents, who were gallant in their efforts to control their footing and a wet ball. In the end it was some solid, if not spectacular batting, which enable us to pass the total with ten overs to spare. Rain was a persistent threat to the result of the match but it managed to stay away for long enough for us to record our victory. It must be said that Justin O'Brien led our batting for the second match in succession. In each innings Justin has been called upon to make a score under pressure situations and he has delivered magnificently.

Liam Young 6.5/2/3/11, Pete Colbourne 3/1/2/5, Ben Hayes 5/1/2/21, Justin O'Brien 17 not out.

BAS Round 7

St Patrick's 5/96 defeated Ballarat Grammar 10/90

This match proved to be the match for top spot on the ladder. Once again we lost the toss and BGS decided to bat. History will tell that it was a great toss to lose as the Main Oval wicket had quite a bit of moisture under the surface which led to their opener popping up a catch on the first ball of the innings to Nick O'Brien (caught and bowled). Our bowling has been nothing short of magnificent all year and this innings was no exception. Dom Bushell, Ben Hayes, Liam Young, Nick O'Brien, Ben Nankervis, Brad Hallam, Jared Hall and Brad Crouch all took turns at the crease and all bowled an exceptional line and length. In fact our bowling depth is embarrassingly long and strong. Brad Crouch bowled his six overs for only five runs (12 overs for 15 runs for the weekend).

Ballarat Grammar must have been quietly confident that 90 would have been a difficult score to chase on a seaming wicket. Fortunately we got the runs comfortably with 20 overs to spare. Two partnerships were all that was required; 35 runs between Jared Hall and Daniel Nicholson and 47 runs between Daniel and Brad Whittaker steered the team home safely.

Nick O'Brien 7/2/3/19, Liam Young 9/2/2/17, Brad Crouch 6/4/1/5, Daniel Nicholson 42.

First XI Ladder: SPC 30, BGS 27, BHS 18, BCC 9.

Junior Cricket

Year 7 BAS Round 1

SPC Green 3/161 defeated Damascus 5/104.

Darcy Osbourne 32, Matthew Cashin 32, Matthew Coon 15, Luke Wilson 15 not out, Matthew Dwyer 2/10

SPC Blue 4/98 defeated Ballarat College 5/84.

Cooper Wells 1/9, Tom Wardell 1/0, Pat Tansey 1/5, Andrew Fay 1/4, Josh Cullinan 31 not out, Jake Laidlaw 31 not out.

Year 7 BAS Round 2

SPC Blue 3/148 defeated Damascus College 3/94.

Riley Orr 32 not out, Pat Tansey 32, Tom Wardell 29, Aden Nestor 1/6 Paul Barresi 1/9.

SPC Green versus BGS has been rescheduled for Thursday March 6.

Year 8 BAS Round 1

SPC Green 6/69 defeated by Damascus College 2/85.

Steven Lench 21 retired, Oliver Hayes 13, Jayden Hayes 1/15, Josh Benfield 1/7. Our fielding in the damp and slippery conditions was excellent.

SPC Blue 4/126 defeated by Ballarat College 5/135.

James Ellis 2/5, Riley Henderson 32 ret., Charles Cook 26.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

St Patrick's College Foundation

'Dinner with the Legends'

SPC Foundation 'Dinner with the Legends' 2008

The seventh annual Foundation 'Halls of History -Dinner with the Legends' will be held at the College on Saturday February 23, 2008. The Dinner will feature Graham Duff (SPC 1955-1960) Past CEO Leighton Pty Ltd, Chair of North Melbourne Kangaroos Football Club and Chairman of Racing Victoria as well as Olympian Chris O'Brien (SPC 1980-1985, Olympic Rowing Coach and Kevin Renwick (OAM) (SPC 1946-1949), CEO of Hotondo Homes

As with past 'Legend's Dinners the night is sure to be a wonderfully entertaining night. It would be great to see current families at the night to experience first hand the wonderful contribution these old boys have made to the incredible story of St Patrick's College. Please complete and return the booking form included with this edition of The Crest.

Cultural Exchange Programme

Each year the College hosts 25 students from Shibuya Junior High School in Japan for a 10 day cultural exchange visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to learn more about the Japanese culture first hand and a great opportunity for boys studying Japanese to improve their language skills. In 2008 the visit is from March 5 until March 17. Families are paid \$275 for hosting a student for the 10 day period. Students from any year level are eligible to host the Japanese students and the College is in real need of assistance for the 2008 programme.

If you are able to assist please contact Mr Mark Waddington or Mr Howard Clark.

Enrolment @ St Patrick's College, Year 7, 2009

The College will conduct a Year 7, 2009 Information Night on Wednesday March 12 from 7:30 pm in the College Chapel. Families will be able to learn more about the exciting curricular and co-curricular opportunities provided by the College and will be able to participate in a series of interactive classroom experiences in a variety of subject areas. To receive a 2009 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au *Please note that Year 7 2009 Enrolment closes on March 28, 2008.*

Scholarships @ St Patrick's College, 2009

To encourage and recognise the pursuit of excellence in all areas of school life, St Patrick's College offers scholarships for Year 7, 10 and 11 entry level in the categories of academic excellence, art, performing arts, music, sport, leadership and general excellence. All categories have an academic component and boys must sit a scholarship test conducted by the Australian Council for Educational Research at the College on Saturday March 1 at 9:00 am. To receive a 2009 Scholarship Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au *Applications close Monday February 25.*

College Open Mornings

Each Friday morning in February and March 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 please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (29 January 2008 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (14 July 2008).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by February 29, 2008 for the first instalment and August 1, 2008 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$215 for primary students and \$430 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Schools receive the school portion electronically twice a year and parents/guardians receive their portion via two cheques. Students turning 16 years in 2008, will be paid on a pro rata basis and not on the 70/30% basis.

Payment Amounts

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through the College will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after February 29, 2008 and prior to, or on, August 1, 2008 must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 75.25	\$ 150.50
	School	\$ 75.25	\$ 150.50
Two	Parent	\$ 32.25	\$ 64.50
	School	\$ 32.25	\$ 64.50
	Total	\$ 215.00	\$ 430.00

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday February 18 to Friday February 22. Please, if unable to attend phone Veronica 5335 6244, Cheryl 5339 3655 or the College Canteen on 5322 4481, preferably the evening before your rostered day.

Monday February 18

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

Tuesday February 19

Vicki Burton, Wendy Johnson, Cathy Keem, Rhonda Robson, Loretta Toohy, *Wendy Dumaresq, Kerry Fiebert*.

Wednesday February 20

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

Thursday February 21

Sandra Jobling, Trisha Hughes, *Jo Rix, Marie Loader*, Carolyn Tuppen*, Sharyn Eva, Robyn Pavilach, *Cathy Simpson, and Kerry Guest.

Friday February 22

Orla Connaughton*, Sharren Mullane*, Annemaree Wilson*, *Sheryn Bucknall*, Anita Houlihan*, Deidre Walsh*, Debbie Jew*, Barb Peters*, Melissa Harris*, Judi James*, Sarah Howard*.

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

Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

Uniform Shop hours:

Tuesday 1 -5 pm
Thursday 1-5 pm

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

St James Youth Group is running again in 2008.

If anyone is interested in joining please contact
Julia Walsh on 0419537273 or 5335 9838

Or

Bridget Gourley on 0437 453 172.

Membership is Free

GUIDE DOGS VICTORIA OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 2 MARCH, 2008 10AM – 4PM

Located on Chandler Hwy, Kew (Melway 45B1)
Free parking off site with shuttle bus service

Join Dr Harry Cooper, Wags the Dog and loads of our adorable puppies for the Guide Dogs Victoria's annual Open Day.

With Guide Dog demonstrations, live entertainment, giveaways, show bags, competitions and loads of fun activities for the kids, Open Day is a fantastic family day out.

Entry via gold coin donation

Visit www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au for full details and parking information or phone: 9854 4444

No pets allowed.

Raising Teenage Boys

is a job for the whole community

“Pathways to Manhood”

Father and son programme

Come to a free talk at

St Patrick's College

(Follow the direction signs in the school from Reception)

Monday February 18 at 7.30pm

At Pathways we have a team of highly qualified and caring facilitators. The programme starts as a bush camp that is designed to acknowledge and honour the change from boy to young man. The boys have the opportunity to hear the stories of older men and ask questions in a sharing environment. They are exposed to a series of safe yet demanding ordeals to test and challenge them physically, mentally and emotionally. Fun processes such as sharing of personal experiences, story telling, adventure and relationship building activities are also part of the programme. It is a guided journey towards a deeper understanding of what it means to live a balanced adult male life in today's world.

The aim of Pathways is to bring out the potential in young men and have them full of hope and inspiration as they look to the future.

“Pathways to Manhood” was the greatest experience for me and my Dad. Thanks.

Narayan, 12 years

*“Pathways to Manhood” was and is the best thing I have ever done, because I did it for my son.”***Michael, father**

For bookings phone 02 6684 3392 or email
admin@pathwaysfoundation.com.au

COMING EVENTS

Saturday 16 February

First XI Cricket Round 8 BHS vs SPC (Away)
Rowing State Championships Nagambie Senior Crews

Sunday 17 February

Boat Race
Head of the Lake Geelong - All Crews, from 10 am

Monday 18 February

Year 8 Camps – 8F

Tuesday 19 February

Year 8 Camps – 8F

Wednesday 20 February

Year 12 Chemistry Excursion – all day – Ms Pope
Year 8 Camps – 8F, 8B

Thursday 21 February

Year 8 Camps – 8B

Friday 22 February

First XI Cricket Round 9 SPC vs BCC (Home)
Year 8 Camps - 8B

Saturday 23 February

First XI Cricket Round 9 SPC vs BCC (Home)
OCA Legends Dinner – from 5.30 pm

Monday 25 February

SPC Swimming Championships – Eureka Pool 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Tuesday 26 February

College Assembly
Year 7/10 Immunisations

Wednesday 27 February

Jnr/Middle House Swimming Carnival 11.30 am start

Saturday 1 March

Scholarship Testing Day, 9 am, Wilding Wing

St Patrick's College Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner 2007

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

Copies of the Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner PowerPoint presentations are also available on CD.
 CD at the following price:
 Powerpoint CD \$5.00

The last day for orders will be **Friday February 15** (NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED). Orders can be picked up from Monday February 25. Please be aware that the Front Office will be closed from 20/12/2007 – 21/1/2008.

CONTACT DETAILS	
Student Surname:	
Student First Name:	
Year Level 2007:	
Name of Parent:	

TYPE	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Speech Night DVD:		
Powerpoint CD		
	TOTAL:	

Please tick the appropriate payment selection

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Card Number:			Amount: \$
Expiry Date:			

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE, CALENDAR 2008
TERM DATES

Term 1:

Monday	21	January	Office Opens
Thursday	31	January	Term 1 Classes commence
Monday	10	March	Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday	20	March	Term 1 Finishes 2.30pm/ College Assembly
Friday	21	March	Good Friday

Term 2:

Monday	7	April	Staff Day
Tuesday	8	April	Term 2 Classes commence
Friday	25	April	ANZAC Day
Monday	5	May	Edmund Rice Day / Mass
Monday	9	June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday	20	June	End of Term 2. Classes finish 2.30pm

Term 3:

Monday	14	July	Staff Day
Monday	14	July	Yr 10 Work Experience week.
Tuesday	15	July	Junior & Middle School Staff Day / Senior School Classes commence
Wednesday	16	July	Term 3 Junior / Middle School Classes commence.
Friday	19	September	Term 3 Finishes 2.30pm / College Assembly Per 6&7.

Term 4:

Monday	6	October	Staff Day
Tuesday	7	October	Term 4 Classes commence.
Friday	24	October	Year 12 Finish
Monday	3	November	College Holiday – Exeat
Tuesday	4	November	College Holiday – Exeat
Friday	21	November	Speech Night
Saturday	22	November	Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Friday	28	November	Year 11 Final Day
Friday	5	December	Year 10 Final Day
Friday	5	December	Year 7, 8 & 9 Finish
Friday	12	December	Teaching Staff Finish
Friday	19	December	Office Closes



Rowing Captain Thomas Kavanagh addresses Guests, staff and students at Assembly this week.

