

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Welcome back to a cooler week full of challenge on many fronts. Like you I have spent much time considering the plight of all those who have suffered at the hands of the bushfires. Staff and Student Council have several avenues for practical support of the victims which I encourage everyone to support. The first of these is a casual clothes day and sausage sizzle next Monday February 16. Other avenues we are convening include collection of non-perishable food items, coordinating staff and students to visit the Blood Bank and the donation of time for working with community rebuilding programmes.

We pray for all who have lost property, livestock, livelihood and lifestyle. Above all, we pray for those who have lost their lives and loved ones. May the victims be with God and God with all of us. May they rest in peace.

The National Apology

This week marks the first anniversary of the Nation's apology to the Stolen Generation. I pray that we at St Patrick's College are making progress in redressing past wrongs and opening the way to equality of opportunity for all Australians, including our Indigenous.



**Year 7 Camp at
Log Cabin Lodge Creswick**

Community Educator of the Year

On Tuesday evening Mr Mark Waddington, our Director of Community Development, was recognised at a Civic Reception hosted by Mayor Judy Verlin as Ballarat's Community Educator of the Year. The occasion was the Australian College of Educators' launch of the 2009 Education Year. The award recognised Mark's role as a fine teacher and a well-known community sports administrator, but it highlighted his roles in the re-establishment of Boarding at the College and the Indigenous Programmes now underway. Mark said that he 'was honoured to accept the award on behalf of the College community'. Well done.

A Shared Thought

You may recall that Irish historian, Dr Daire Keogh worked with us last year and brought his family to Ballarat. He communicated with me from Dublin on Sunday evening about the bushfires. I offer you sections of my reply, including Dorothea Mackellar's "I love a sunburnt country" which was picked up in Federal Parliament on Tuesday. I think it is good to reflect on that poem and on this beautiful land we share, in the good times and the bad.

'Dear Daire

'Greetings from a much cooler Ballarat than we have had for some time. On Saturday we had our hottest day on record- in Melbourne 46 Celsius and in Ballarat 44 Celsius. Here we had violent winds directly from the west cutting straight across our ovals - we managed to beat Ballarat High School in cricket.

'The death toll from the bushfires is confirmed at 108 and climbing. The intensity of the heat, the smoke, and the cinders and the speed with which the fires move has to be seen to be comprehended. To some extent we accept these as a way of life and death in Australia but in the north, in Queensland there is massive flooding taking place with 200mm of rain in 24 hours.

'Have you ever read Dorothea Mackellar's poem: "I love a sunburnt country"? If not, here it is and to me it is evocative of all the beauty of our land, and the cycles that we have grown to accept.

*The love of field and coppice,
Of green and shaded Lanes,
Of ordered woods and gardens,
Is running in your veins;
Strong love of grey-blue distance,
Brown streams and soft, dim skies -
I know but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.*

*I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of drought and flooding rains,
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel sea,
Her beauty and her terror -
The wide brown land for me.*

*The tragic ring-barked forests
Stark white beneath the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon.
Green tangle of the brushes
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops
And ferns the crimson soil.*

*Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When sick at heart around us
We see the cattle die -
But then the grey clouds gather
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady, soaking rain.*

*Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the Rainbow Gold,
For flood and fire and famine,
She pays us back threefold;
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
The filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze.*

*An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land -
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand -
Though Earth holds many splendours,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown Country
My homing thoughts will fly.*

‘Now that the Keoghs have seen a fair bit of our countryside, you can try to imagine how the eucalyptus oil ignites on a massive scale’.

May God bless us all in at this time and may God bless the boys!

PeterC

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER
Student and Staff Wellbeing
Mr Chris Caldow

Uniform and Presentation

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all boys and parents of the importance of wearing the correct uniform at all times. All boys should wear their suit coats to school every morning – we are blessed in Ballarat with having cool weather in the mornings, even in the hottest of spells. If warm weather persists, a decision will be taken and an announcement made regarding the wearing of suit coats of an afternoon as the boys head home.

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

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

Head of the Lake Regatta

I wish to extend the best of luck to all rowers and their coaches as they represent the College in this year’s Head of the Lake Regatta at the Barwon River. Enormous amounts of time and effort have gone into another rowing season and I hope that all crews enjoy the success they deserve at the Boat Race on Wednesday February 18. Many thanks must go to all rowing coaches, in particular Mr Jamie Lynn for his direction of the Rowing Programme at the College. Regardless of the results this Wednesday all boys and staff involved in Rowing can be proud of their efforts and can be rest assured that the College community is proud of all involved. Best of luck!

Mobile Phones

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all boys and parents of the College’s policy 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 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 class or at any official College activities.

Many mobile phones come with a camera function. The use of this camera facility to capture any still or video footage of any person or activity associated with the College is strictly prohibited as it contravenes Privacy Laws. 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 with their sons. I thank everyone for their support in this area.

Media Attention regarding the Fires

There is no doubt that the tragic fires last weekend have been a focus of the media attention this week. This can raise all sorts of reactions in many people, particularly your sons. They may be feeling less safe and be particularly anxious as a result. Take the time to talk about these events with your son. I have been amazed at the compassion and willingness to support the communities that have been devastated by these fires within the boys. Each of them, in their own way, is trying to make sense of the situation and work out what it is that they can do to help. The Student Council have been actively seeking ways to help and support the communities that have been involved with the fires throughout Victoria.

Parenting Tips

10 Questions to help you keep in touch with kids

Whether it is at the dinner table, walking to the park, in the car on the way to another training session or music lesson, getting ready for bed or waiting for tea to cook there is some quiet space. What do you do? How about asking a question or two?

Listening to your children’s answers for just five minutes may do more to build your relationship than five months of telling them what to do!

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

10. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be?
Why there?

Michael Grose (www.parentingideas.com.au)

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

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

Student Planner Use

The last two weeks have been marked by a series of year level based Parent Information Evenings. One of the key points stressed at each of these sessions was the importance of the College Student Planner as a tool to support learning. The message was simple and clear – planning and success go together. Effective use of the Student Planner is a skill that is an essential ingredient to a successful study programme. As such, time and effort must be devoted to cultivating it as a habit. While teachers will do their utmost to ensure that students make continued and effective use of the Planner, parents can support their sons and the College by considering the following tried and proven ‘musts’ for efficient and effective Planner use:

- The students and their planners must be inseparable partners at school and be brought home each night.
- In every class all work set and the date that it is due should be recorded; this must be done immediately when their teacher tells them; don't wait till afterwards, it's too easy to forget.
- They should write it in the 'Priorities/Due In' column (left side of each week view) and also record it on their Forward Year Planner (pp. 196-199).
- After school, before they leave for home each night, they should look at the home study that has been recorded in their Planner during the day for each subject and then take the required books and folders home. It is important to look extra closely on Friday nights before the weekend.
- If they haven't a great deal to do on a particular night, they should look ahead in their Planner for what is coming up and make an early start, especially on reading and preparation for assessment tasks. Boys may start revising for an upcoming test or do extra study to add depth to their understanding and knowledge.
- That night or before they leave for school the next morning, a good idea is to check what is coming up for the day ahead. Any preparations or pre-reading required? Any work due in? Any sport or music practice? When they know this, they can plan their day more effectively.
- Every Sunday night after tea, they should spend 15 minutes planning their upcoming week in the 'Priorities/Due In' and 'Things to do' sections. Also, on individual days highlight work that is due in. This puts them in control and reduces their anxiety.
- When they have assessment tasks, essays or tests coming up they should look in the *Index* on page 2 and the *Breakup of Focuses* on page 3 for the focus that will help their efforts. The focuses will cover most of their needs and positively develop their study habits.

Learning to use a Planner is a lifelong skill and one that will benefit your son well beyond his years at St Patrick's.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your son's progress please do not hesitate to contact his Pastoral Group Tutor.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mrs Maree Moore

No amount of preparation or knowledge of the harshness of the Australian physical environment could, or would have, prepared anyone for last weekend's devastation. The one solace in the entire calamity is that the nation has united to bring assistance and hope to the many people so profoundly affected.

As a Catholic Christian Community we are united in prayer and invite you to pray with us.

PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY THE BUSHFIRES

God of love, our hearts bleed with empathy as we witness the suffering of individuals and communities brought about by the devastating impact of bushfires. The loss of life, injury and destruction leaves us shocked and numb with sorrow.

We pray that our compassion may give birth to action as we struggle to respond to this crisis. Through financial donations, practical assistance and prayer may we offer support to those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected.

Gentle God, be with the medical teams as they endeavour to heal the scorched bodies and minds of those injured by the flames. Give strength and perseverance to the fire fighters, military personnel and volunteers who continue to battle the blaze. Guide the police, forensic experts and other agencies who must deal with the aftermath of this catastrophe.

We know that new life will one day sprout from the blackened remnants of the bush. We believe also that out of the smouldering ashes of suffering and death there will be resurrection and eternal life. Yet, our hope may be of little help to those preoccupied with pain and overwhelmed by grief.

Merciful God, we ask you to bring comfort and relief to the people affected by the fires: may they feel the embrace of your compassion through our love and concern for their well-being. We make our prayer in the name of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection offer eternal life to those who have died and hope to those who have survived.

Amen.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Subject Changes

Semester One subject changes have now closed. This is to enable all boys sufficient time in class to meet the required Learning Outcomes. Based on Semester One results some boys may change subjects at VCE Unit 2.

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mrs Kathleen Plastow

Godspell

St Patrick's College and Loreto College are proud to present the musical 'Godspell'. This is a fantastic opportunity for all boys from Year 7 to Year 12 to be involved either on stage or behind the scenes. Audition forms are available from the Music Office and must be returned by Friday February 13. Auditions will be held next week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the Drama Room.

Rehearsals will be held on subsequent Tuesdays and Thursdays. If there are any boys still interested in auditioning it is not too late to obtain a permission form from Mrs Crowley in the Music Office.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr Michael Busscher

This week has seen the final of the Senior School Information Nights completed. Thank you to Mrs Fiona Carroll for conducting the Year 10 Information Night and Mr Jamie Bobrowski for launching the new Year 10 Leadership Programme. This is a wonderful initiative for the entire Year 10 cohort. Thank you to all of the parents who have been able to attend these nights; it has been a perfect opportunity for me to meet many of the St Patrick's families and for you to put a face to the new Head of Senior School.

The Senior School is a vibrant place and over the coming weeks as Term One unfolds I hope that all boys are able to achieve success in their chosen areas of study. In order for the boys to achieve their desired results at the end of the year they need to start setting individual standards now. Dedication and commitment to study on a nightly basis is the key to success. I would like to personally congratulate each Senior School student who is putting in their best effort so far. Special congratulations must go to the Year 12 students who are working exceptionally well in the non-direct teaching periods whenever they present themselves in the Kelty Resource Centre.

Please find attached to this week's Crest a Wednesday Afternoon Calendar for Year 12 students so that the boys time can be better utilised each week.

Parents of Year 10 students are reminded that the Year 10 Immunisation Forms must be returned to the College prior to Tuesday February 17.

Finally, I would like to wish all of the Rowing Team good luck at the upcoming Head of the Lake Regatta.

Important Dates for Senior School Students

February 18: Head of the Lake/River Boat Racing

March 4: SPC Senior School Swimming Championships

March 17: St Patrick's Day Mass

March 23-26: Year 10 Retreats, DAT Testing, Leadership Programme, Career Voyage and Safety and Work Training experiences.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Terry Blizzard

Welcome to the St Patrick's College Middle School 'Stepping Stones' programme for 2009. A year of positive challenges for all boys and their parents.

With an emphasis on Respect, Responsibility and Awareness, the Stepping Stones programme is aimed at assisting boys in the transition from boyhood to manhood. Challenges relating to self, others and the environment will be placed before the Middle School boys regularly throughout the year. An important component of the programme is the camp experiences held in Terms 1 and 2.

Camp Experience Dates

Term 1 Camp

March 4 – 6

PEL 003 & 005

March 10 – 12

PEL006 & 010

March 11 – 13

PEL000 & 004

March 16 – 18

PEL 008 & 009

Term 2 Melbourne Experience

May 18 – 22

PEL004, 006, 008 & 010

June 1 – 5

PEL000, 003, 005 & 009

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

Junior School Camps

The Year 7 Orientation Camps have taken place over the past two weeks at Log Cabin Lodge, Creswick. The camps have been a great opportunity for students to get to know one another and to experience a wide range of team building activities. Thanks are extended to Year 7 Coordinator Mr Gavin Webb and the Year 7 Pastoral teachers for their efforts in planning and implementing the camp programme.

Some Year 8 boys have also been on camp in the past week at Lorne and Apollo Bay.

Year 8 camps continue at Apollo Bay over the coming weeks as per the dates below:

Year 8 Camp Dates

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| March 4-6 | 8F |
| March 11-13 | 8G |
| March 23-25 | 8H |
| March 25-27 | 8C |

Commencing Year 7

After two weeks of school it is timely to reflect on the start of the school year. For parents with boys in Year 7 you will be noticing the fact that your son will be coming to terms with the many demands placed on students at secondary school level.

Many Year 7s that I have spoken to are indicating that they are enjoying the numerous things that St Patrick's has to offer. I encourage every Year 7 boy to become involved with some activity around the College, whether it be sporting, cultural or in the social justice sphere. By becoming involved in a co curricular activity it is an excellent way for the boys to get to know other students and members of staff.

Please be aware that from time to time your son may well feel uncertain or anxious about some aspect of his schooling. This is both normal and natural and every student will feel this way from time to time. It is important that parents support their sons and enable them to confront their fears and anxieties without necessarily fighting their 'battles' for them.

If you do have any concerns regarding your son's transition to secondary schooling please contact your son's Pastoral Tutor as a first port of call.

Homework

One of the greatest challenges facing students commencing their secondary education is the ability to manage and plan their study programme. According to College Policy, it is recommended that boys in Years 7 and 8 set aside 60 to 90 minutes per weeknight for study and completion of homework. An expectation of 60 to 90 minutes of homework over each weekend is also a recommendation.

The development of sound study habits is of utmost importance to your son's development as a student. It is important that your son has:

- A designated area in which to study away from distractions such as television and computer games.
- A designated study time each night. It is of vital importance to establish a routine.
- The foresight to manage time effectively. To work around sporting and other commitments throughout the week
- The ability to record tasks for completion in the Student Diary. This takes the guesswork out of what needs to be completed on a nightly basis.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding homework or assignment work please contact your son's subject teacher to clarify the situation.

College Intranet

The College Intranet contains a wide range of educational resources and other vital information regarding life at St Patrick's. Access to the Intranet is via the College website: <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/>

Then proceed to the *SPC Community* heading and click on the *Student Intranet* link.

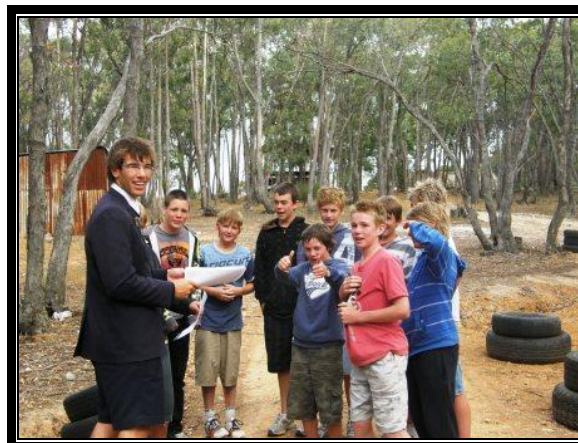
At this point you will be asked to enter a username and password. The user name is your son's **student number@delphine**. For example **24680@delphine** followed by your son's password.



Once logged in your son will be able to find a range of useful, educational resources, worksheets, assignments and other items via the **Learning Areas** section.

Swimming Sports

Please note that the Junior and Middle Schools Swimming Sports will be held on Thursday February 26 at the Eureka Swimming Pool. Boys will require: lunch, drink, sunscreen, swimming gear, towel and goggles or the day. Boys may wear full College Physical Education uniform to school on this day.



Year 7 Camp at Log Cabin Lodge

DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Mr Chris Gleeson

The Western Highway Late Bus

The College will once again be offering the late bus service for students participating in after school extra curricular activities. Thank you to the parents who have returned the Late Bus Application Form. Forms are still available for students to collect from Student Services or via the College website from the Sports page.

Once registered for the term, students are reminded to place their name on the Late Bus Register in Student Services no later than the end of recess on the day of travel. Boys will need to do this for each individual trip. If there are any questions, please direct them to Mr Chris Gleeson.

SPC House Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival for Junior and Middle School will be held at the Eureka Pool on Thursday February 26. House meetings are being held for students to sign up to events. Students are asked to wear their House Coloured Polo Shirt on the day so that the College Houses are easily identified.

SPC Swimming Championships

The SPC Swimming Championships and Senior Carnival for all selected students will be held at the Eureka Pool on Wednesday March 4. For more information please contact the Director of Swimming, Br Brian Davis

First XI Soccer

The College is pleased to announce that a Soccer tour for students in the senior and intermediate programme will be offered in 2009. The tour, which focuses on the AIS in Canberra, will be conducted in the first week of the Semester break. A Tour Proposal is located on the Soccer page of the College Website. For more information please contact Mr Chris Gleeson or First XI Coach Mr Tony Beggs.

Please click on the link below to access the Soccer Page
<http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/soccer.php>

From the Director of Cricket
Mr Damian McKee

BAS Round 6: St Patrick's 9/178 defeated Ballarat High 10/104

With every match leading up to the Grand Final being a potential knock out final for all teams in the BAS competition the First XI enjoyed an important victory over BHS last Saturday.

Surprisingly asked to bat first in sweltering 43 degree heat SPC were held together for the first 33 of 40 overs by Peter Colbourne. Desperately unlucky in previous matches, Peter played sensibly in the extreme conditions compiling 47 runs as wickets fell around him. When Peter was dismissed SPC were 9/121 with only seven overs remaining. It certainly looked as though SPC would be at least twenty runs short of a 'par' score.

David Dickinson was joined at the wicket by Tom McGregor and the young pair not only put on a match winning unbroken partnership of 57 runs but also compiled this in only seven overs. David finished with 21 not out and Tom smashed 41 not out off only 20 balls, hitting 14 runs off the last three balls of the innings.

The BHS team were exhausted after enduring the heat and the disappointment of a significant last wicket partnership. However they were not prepared to let the match drift away without an aggressive attempt at the total they were chasing. Nick O'Brien and Peter Colbourne opened the innings with aggressive bowling and this was met with equally aggressive batting from our opposition. At the half way point of the innings BHS were in front on a comparative score and looked in good shape. SPC skipper Brad Whittaker brought himself into the match with his part time off-spinners and experienced immediate success. Debutant Josh Plozza bowled economically for two wickets and by the 25th over the match was virtually concluded at 6/85.

Best Players: Peter Colbourne 47 & 4/1/1/20, Tom McGregor 41 not out & 4/1/1/12, Brad Whittaker 6/1/2/17, Josh Plozza 6/3/2/8, David Dickinson 21 not out & 5/0/1/18.

2nd XI 25/25

BAS Round 4: St Patrick's 7/105 defeated Ballarat Grammar 10/95

The first game back after the break saw the Senior Squad bolstered by the four new boarding students. Having won the toss and electing to bat SPC were off to a very slow start and failed to fire throughout the innings. There was conservative batting apart from a solid score of 38 from Tom Pridgeon and a quick fire slog of 24 not out from Sean Mundy.

Chasing the eventual total of 106 to win the Ballarat Grammar side, despite the loss of early wickets, were well on top of the run rate in the beginning stages of the game. Accurate bowling from Lennecke 4/0/2/20, Watson 4/0/3/27 and Plozza 4/0/3/28 enabled SPC to snatch victory in a close match. SPC have a lot of work ahead of them in their quest for triple premierships glory.

Junior Cricket

St Patrick's College offers two cricket competitions for Year 7 and 8 boys in Term 1.

1. **The BAS Interschool Competition** (Year 7 boys on Tuesday, Year 8 boys on Wednesday).
 - a. This is a good competition played against other schools in Ballarat and is particularly appropriate for boys who have not played cricket before. It is a dual pitch concept where teams are playing on two ovals close to each other at the same time.
 - b. Matches are played 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.
- d. All players must wear their PE/Sport uniform.
- e. The competition is coordinated by Mr Luke Corden and teams will be on display via the student's Year Level Coordinator's office the Friday before each round.
- f. Teams will be selected in Homeroom Groups due to the Junior School camps.
- g. The competition begins in Week Three.

2. **Junior House Cricket Competition** is conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.50 pm – 5.30pm. This competition is for both Year 7 and 8 boys combined and gives the boys the opportunity to represent their House.
 - a. This competition is generally appropriate for boys who play for a club currently and are ready for the challenge of turf cricket.
 - b. The match is played over two afternoons. **Students interested should be available for both afternoons.**
 - c. Matches are played on the Hill and Main Oval at SPC.
 - d. Each player must wear the following uniform for each match.
 - i. House colour PE shirt.
 - ii. Navy Blue PE Shorts OR cricket whites.
 - iii. White socks. NOT school socks.
 - iv. Cricket spikes are preferred.
 - v. Wear proper supportive underwear not boxer shorts.
 - e. The competition is coordinated by Mr Damian McKee and the Year 8 Congress Leaders. Teams will be on display via the student's Year Level Coordinator's office the Friday before each round.
 - f. The competition begins in Week Four.

Rowing

The Rowing Programme under the direction of the Director of Rowing Mr Jamie Lynn is in final preparations for the Head of the Lake on February 18. Well done to Jamie and all coaches for their effort so far. Congratulations also to the boys who have again prepared well for the competition phase.

Boatrace Dinner

The Boatrace Dinner will be on Friday February 20 in the Old Boys Pavilion. Tickets can be purchased from either Student Services or Front Reception. Rowers are \$15 and parents \$20. The evening commences with dinner at 7.30 pm and concludes at midnight. Attire for the evening is semi formal.

Tennis **Rd 1**

First IV Bye

Second IV SPC Def BCC Sets 6 - 0 Games 24 - 4

The Senior Tennis competition started last Friday with the First IV having a bye. The Second IV defeated Ballarat College 6 sets to nil, 24 games to 4. This is a great start to the season! Congratulations to Tom Young, Steve Bongiorno, Ryan Michell and Nick Bowker.

Volleyball Results Rd 1

First VI SPC Def BCC Sets 3 – 0 Points 66 -57

The First VI had a convincing first up win in BAS Senior Volleyball. The first round match was of a good standard. Congratulations to coach Mrs Fiona Carroll and Nick Johnston, Clayton Zanella, Sam Morrissey, Lachlan Clydesdale, Tom O'Loughlin and Luke Brown.

House Tennis

Week 1

House Tennis commenced with the first week of introduction sessions at the tennis courts on Wednesday night. Thirty students were present with many more interested boys unavailable due to camps and other commitments. All the boys participated and had fun and is sure to be a great competition in Term 1. Next week a further introduction session will be held. All are welcome.

Student Achievements

If anyone is aware of any outstanding achievements of our students outside of College sport please email Chris Gleeson with some details to allow recognition in The Crest. cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & STANDARDS OFFICER

Mr Jamie Bobrowski

Victoria's Fire Devastation

Following the devastation of the Victorian bushfires in the past week St Patrick's College have initiated a range of practical responses to assist individuals and communities in need. Please read below to see how you may be able to help those affected by the fires.

Red Cross

A group booking will be arranged for those staff and students who would like to help support Red Cross. The Blood Bank has been inundated with support and has asked donors to consider donating over the next 3-4 weeks to maintain good supply. Forms will be available for those interested in donating. Donors must be 18 and over.

A non perishable items trailer

A non perishable goods items trailer has been organised for SPC staff and students. These goods will be delivered to fellow Catholic school Assumption College, Kilmore who have many families that been severely effected by the fires. It is hoped that the trailers can be filled by members of the College community on Monday February 16.

NUNAN HOUSE

Head of Nunan House

Mr Warrick Bottrall

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Nick O'Brien

Congratulations to Nick O'Brien who has been awarded the Ballarat Sportsmen's Club, Junior Sportsman of the Year Award.

While Nick has been a shining ambassador for SPC sport in Cricket, and Football he has also worked tirelessly to achieve elite level representation. Nick has already been an U16 All Australian representative in Cricket and an U15 All Australian representative in Football. Add to this he is a member of the Victorian Country U15 Football, Victorian U15 Cricket and Central Highlands U16 Cricket.

Nick would like to thank the College for the ongoing support of his balance between school studies and sports. In particular Mr Howard Clark and Mr Damian McKee for their support during this great period in his sporting life.

'Atomic' Underage, an event held at 21 Arms will be headlined by Year 10 student Bartholomew Harney. Bart is one of three DJ's on stage at 21 Arms. Event details can be viewed at www.myspace.com/atomicunderage Nunan House wishes Bart good luck with this fully supervised drug, alcohol and smoke free event.

Well done to all Nunan boys to a great start to the year.

KENIRY HOUSE

Head of Keniry House

Mrs Nikki Hexter

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all Year 7 Keniry students and their parents to the St Patrick's College community. I do hope that they thoroughly enjoyed the camp at Creswick last week and took the opportunity to get to know one another and their pastoral tutors, Mr Tim Bennett and Mrs Rebecca Dean. On the Thursday afternoon, Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, Deputy Headmaster Mr Chris Caldwell, Head of Keniry Mrs Nikki Hexter and Keniry Student Houses Leaders, Jarryd Allan, Ashley Jan and Tom Blood attended the camp. During this time the boys were taught the College Song and War Cry. Ask your boys to see if they remember any of the words to the War Cry. If not they can be found in the College diary. An interesting read at that!

On Tuesday this week, the Junior and Middle School House Assembly was held. This time was used to allow students to sign up for swimming events for the House Swimming Carnival to be held on Thursday February 26. If your son has signed up for an event, it is important that he fulfils his role by swimming in the event on the day. If he cannot fulfil this commitment please make sure your son informs the Head of House as soon as possible so that a replacement can be found.

It would be terrific to see two Keniry boys in each race on the day for Years 7 to 9. Empty lanes, means no points towards the Keniry House. On the day boys are required to wear their Keniry House polo top, SPC PE shorts and sneakers. If it is cold on the day boys are able to wear their Keniry House rugby jumper. This will be a great day to show the Keniry House spirit!

Throughout the year a number of College activities relating to public speaking, debating, music, community service, academic studies and sport will be happening. Involvement in these activities will add valuable points to Keniry towards the overall House Shields. Boys will need to listen to the morning messages to know when meetings and events are being held. By the end of the year, it would be great to see every one of the 297 boys in Keniry House having been involved in at least one of the co-curricular activities available at the College. For more information regarding the House Shields and how boys can contribute points, please see the display cabinet outside the main staffroom.

Congratulations Stephen Weightman

Congratulations to Stephen Weightman who was awarded the 'Sportsmanship Trophy' for his personality, court demeanour, playing ability, determination and appearance at the Interstate Badminton Series in Altona.

Each week in The Crest, Keniry students who have achieved success in the wider community for community service, sport and public speaking will be acknowledged. If you would like your son's achievements to be recognised in this way, please email Mrs Nikki Hexter at nhexter@stpats.vic.edu.au.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

Enrolment @ St Patrick's College, 2010 Year 7

The College will conduct the 2010 Year 7 Information Night on Tuesday February 17 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 2010 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Please note that 2010 Year 7 Enrolment closes on March 20, 2009.

Scholarships @ St Patrick's College, 2010

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 levels in the categories of academic excellence, art, performing arts, music, boarding, 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 February 28 at 9:00 am. To receive a 2010 Scholarship Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

Applications close Friday February 20.

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

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. A print friendly version of The Crest is available as part of the e-newsletter. 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 annum applies for this service.
- A PDF newsletter can be downloaded from Friday each week via the College website – www.stpats.vic.edu.au

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 Mark Waddington on 53 311688 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

St Patrick's College
Parents and Friends Committee
Mr Bernie Wilson, President

Meeting dates and events for 2009 (Tuesdays)

Term One 24 February
24 March (AGM)

Term Two 28 April
26 May
23 June

Term Three 28 July
25 August

Family Dinners:
Bacchus Marsh Dinner:
Tuesday 26 August
Ballarat Dinner:
Tuesday September 8

Current Positions

President: Bernard Wilson
Secretary: Lynn Prosser
SPC Staff Representatives: Mr Chris Caldow
Mr Mark Waddington

If you would like any further information about Parents and Friends, please contact Bernard Wilson on 0419 330 708 (mobile) or 5341 2662 (home). Alternatively previous meeting minutes can be located on the College website (www.stpats.vic.edu.au - P&F link).

RIP

The College community offers its prayers and support to Paul (SPC 1977-1983) and Nicky Ballinger and their extended family upon the tragic passing of their daughter Abby this week.

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 (28 January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13 July 2009). The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **February 26 2009** for the first instalment and **August 6 2009** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$221** for primary students and **\$443** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2009 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday February 16 to Friday February 20.

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. The canteen provides an invaluable service to students as well as funds for student programmes and urgently requires additional volunteers. If you are able to assist, even if only for a few hours a month please contact Cheryl or Veronica.

Currently the Canteen is in need of volunteers. If you think you may be able to help out in any way please contact Cheryl or Veronica on the above contact numbers.

Monday February 16

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

Tuesday February 17

Vicki Burton, Wendy Johnson, Cathy Keem, Rhonda Robson, Loretta Toohey, *Wendy Dumaresq, *Kerry Fiegert, *Sara Sullivan, *Gabrielle Coxall, *Helen Turley.

Wednesday February 18

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

Thursday February 19

*Marie Loader, *Cathy Simpson, Kerryn Guest, *Maree Torpy, Lisa Hewitt, * Sue Molik, *Jayne Figueroa, *Lyn Fullerton.

Friday February 20

*Orla Conaughton, *Sharren Mullane, *Annemaree Wilson, *Sheryn Bucknall, *Anita Houlihan, *Debbie Jew, *Barb Peeters, *Melissa Harris, *Judi James, *Sarah Howard, Janice Holloway.

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

Uniform Shop

Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.

Uniform Shop hours:

Tuesday 12-4 pm
Thursday 12-4 pm

COMING EVENTS

Saturday February 14

1st XI Cricket BAS Round 7 SPC vs BCC
Morongo Regatta – Geelong Junior Crews

Tuesday February 17

College Assembly – Summer Sports
2010 Year 7 Information Night 7.30 pm

Wednesday February 18

Head of the Lake – Barwon River 5.00 pm

Thursday February 19

Year 10 Discrimination Workshop (sessions 4 & 5 Chapel)

Friday February 20

1st XI Cricket BAS Round 8 – SPC vs BG
Open Morning Programme 9.00am

Saturday February 21

1st XI Cricket BAS Round 8 SPC vs BG

Monday February 23

Pathways Foundation Raising Teenage Boys 7.30 pm

Tuesday February 24

Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday February 25

Ash Wednesday

Thursday February 26

Swimming Carnival Junior & Middle School

Friday February 27

Open Morning Programme 9.00 am
1st XI Cricket BAS Round 9 BHS vs SPC

Saturday February 28

Scholarship Testing 9.00 am
1st XI Cricket BAS Round 9 BHS vs SPC

Monday March 2

Whole College Photo

Tuesday March 3

College Assembly
2010 Year 7 Information Night – 7.00 pm St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh

Wednesday March 4

SPC Swimming Carnival
Year 8F Camp – Apollo Bay
Year 9 Camp

Thursday March 5

Year 8F Camp – Apollo Bay
Year 9 Camp

Friday March 6

Year 8F Camp – Apollo Bay
Year 9 Camp

Saturday March 7

Boarding Exeat Weekend
1st Cricket BAS Grand final

Monday March 9

Labour Day Holiday

Year 12 2009

Wednesday Afternoon Calendar

Term One

| DATE | Commitment | Times and Place |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Wednesday February 4 | Year 12 Assembly | 2.00 pm in College Chapel |
| Wednesday February 11 | Year 12 Assembly | 1.15 pm in College Chapel |
| Wednesday February 18 | Head of the Lake/River | Barwon River (5.00pm) |
| Wednesday February 25 | Year 12 Assembly (Edmund Rice Presenter) | 2.00 pm in College Chapel |
| Wednesday March 4 | SPC Swimming Carnival | Eureka Swimming Pool |
| Wednesday March 11 | | |
| Wednesday March 18 | | |
| Wednesday March 25 | | |
| Wednesday April 1 | | |

Term Two

| Date | Commitment | Times and Place |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wednesday April 22 | | |
| Wednesday April 29 | | |
| Wednesday May 6 | SPC Vs PEGS | 1.30pm at SPC |
| Wednesday May 13 | SPC Vs Box Hill | 1.30pm at Box Hill |
| Wednesday May 20 | | |
| Wednesday May 27 | | |
| Wednesday June 3 | | |
| Wednesday June 10 | Year 12 VCAA Mid Year Examinations | As Required in the Pavilion |
| Wednesday June 17 | SPC Vs Bendigo Secondary College | 1.30 pm at SPC |
| Wednesday June 24 | | |

All Year 12 students need to be aware that Wednesday afternoons can be used for:

Year 12 Assemblies;
 Guest/Motivational speakers;
 Supplementary SAC catch-up time for missed SAC's; and
 Private Study.

St Patrick's College Speech Night and Valedictory Dinner 2008

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

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

PowerPoint DVD \$5.00

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

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

| CONTACT DETAILS | |
|--------------------|--|
| Student Surname | |
| Student First Name | |
| Year Level 2008 | |
| Name of Parent | |

| TYPE | NUMBER | AMOUNT |
|------------------|---------------|--------|
| Speech Night DVD | | |
| PowerPoint DVD | | |
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**St Patrick's College 1st XI vs Ballarat High School –
Saturday February 7**



Year 7 Camp at Log Cabin Lodge, Creswick

