

**NEWSLETTER 5/1**  
**Friday February 29, 2008**

**FROM THE HEADMASTER**  
**Dr Peter Casey**

This week we held our first College Assembly with awards presentations for Academic Excellence and Academic Achievement. The student body appeared quite receptive to the idea and listened attentively to the presentations by Dean, Mr Stephen Hill.

**Points from this Week's Assembly**

- Well done to our boys on the smooth start to the year and attention to turning up at the right time for the right class with the right equipment. I am pleased that we will this year report on such aspects to congratulate our students and inform parents of how well students are preparing for class as well as their habits of participation and achievement.
- I thank the staff for their professionalism and enthusiasm to be with our boys and prepare engaging lessons. I believe that is the best way to overcome discipline issues for boys: loving them all enough to take the time to work together collaboratively to ensure that our curriculum is well-considered and well presented.
- Congratulations to the Junior School staff on the successful completion of Term 1 camps for all of Years 7 and 8. Fantastic work all round. I hope the enthusiasm of the camps carries on to our classrooms and to the pool this week for swimming carnivals. Our thanks go to Mr Richards, Mr Brady and Mr Clark, all the staff students and former students and staff who all contributed to such great success.

The Legends Dinner in the Halls of History on Saturday evening was a very uplifting affair, celebrating the achievements of Construction Industry Magnate, Graham Duff, the Founder of Hotondo Homes, Kevin Renwick OAM, and Olympic rowing coach, Chris O'Brien. The messages these old boys put before our past and present students and their partners were simple but formidable.

The student body is to be congratulated for its performances at the SPC Swimming Championships on Monday and the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. Next year it is our intention to have the Senior School Carnival on Wednesday afternoon which will free up many more students to support their house representatives.

Good luck to our First XI as they combat Ballarat Grammar in next weekend's Grand Final as well as those other teams whose seasons are drawing to a close already.

**Positions of Leadership 2008**

I am pleased to announce that the following boys have been appointed to positions of leadership for 2008.

	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Vice Captain</b>
<b>Volleyball</b>	Matthew O'Sullivan	Patrick Craig
<b>Tennis</b>	Tom Young	Cody Stewart
<b>Lawn Bowls</b>	Patrick Styles	Alistair Lambert
<b>Athletics</b>	Daniel Ross-Smith	Glenn Kirby Chris Munn
<b>Swimming</b>	Timothy Rodger	Rhys Allan Michael Keem

	<b>Captain</b>	<b>Vice Captain</b>	<b>Band Leader</b>	
<b>Music</b>	Mark Torpy	Finlay Gustus Paul King	James Seery	
<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
	Tim Milroy	Jake Gordon	Jack Ferguson	Andrew McNiece



**2008 'Legends Dinner': Kevin Renwick, Noel Renwick, Chris O'Brien, Graham Duff and Bonnie Duff**

## FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Mr Steven O'Connor

### College Assembly

The College gathered for another of its fortnightly Assemblies this week and in this forum we were able to acknowledge a number of events, groups, individuals and activities that continue to contribute to the life of the College. The Captain of Boats, Thomas Kavanagh took great pride in presenting all of the pennants and trophies from the recent historic clean sweep at the Head of the Lake regatta to the College and Headmaster, Dr Casey. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket side were presented with their caps by the Headmaster and the Captain of Cricket, Brad Whittaker, addressed the Assembly. The boys and staff were entertained by a group of Year 7 Drama students through their mime performance of a piece titled, 'Being lost in a thick, scary forest'.

This week also saw the first of the Headmaster's Excellence Awards presented as well as a number of Academic Endeavour Awards to boys in Year 11 and 12. Mr Joe Doolan, the Director of Mission spoke to the boys about the opportunity to become involved in the World Youth Day programme to be held in Sydney later in the year.

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

### Swimming

This week has seen the SPC Swimming Championships and Senior School House Swimming event as well as the Junior and Middle School House Swimming Carnival. An enormous amount of time and effort goes into preparing for these events from many staff and boys. Thanks to Br Brian Davis, the Director of Swimming, Mr Chris Gleeson, the Director of Sport, the Heads of House and Heads of School as well as a large number of parents who volunteered as officials on the day. The results from the Championships and Carnivals will be written up via the Director of Sport. Well done to all competitors involved in this week's swimming!

### Term Two dates

I would like to clarify the term dates for boys in Term 2:

<b>Monday, April 7</b>	<b>Classes commence for all students</b>
<b>Thursday, April 24</b>	<b>No classes: Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews</b>
<b>Friday, June 20</b>	<b>Term Two finishes</b>

Unfortunately there has been some confusion about the end of term date. I am not sure how this came about but I apologise for this. Term Two classes will finish on Friday June 20 for all boys. Year 10 students will undertake Work Experience placements commencing the week of **Monday June 23**.

Term Three will commence for all students on **Tuesday July 15**.

### Driving through the College grounds

Unfortunately one of our younger students was accidentally knocked off his bike by a car leaving the O'Shea Gates on Wanliss Road last week. Whilst this incident was purely accidental – and most importantly, the boy in question was fine apart from being a bit shocked, it highlights the absolute importance for parents and visitors to take extreme care whilst driving through the College grounds or past the College at any time. Sometimes our boys think they are immortal and that nothing bad will happen to them; in this context, the College will continue to work with our boys and emphasise to

them the important safety issues surrounding their conduct whilst at the College and on their way to and from school. In the meantime, I would like to remind all parents to take every care when driving around the College. I thank all parents for their support and care in this area.

### Casual Clothes Day – Thursday March 6

The Year 12 Student Council will run a casual clothes day to raise funds for the Edmund Rice School, *Embul-bul*, outside of Nairobi, Kenya on Thursday March 6. Embul-bul is run by Brother Laurie Collins, formerly Principal of St Patrick's prior to current Headmaster, Dr Peter Casey. A number of staff from Edmund Rice schools in Victoria, including our own Mrs Taylor and Mrs McLennan are visiting Br Collins over the Easter holidays and will present the money raised to the school when they arrive.

As usual, the boys will be asked to make gold coin donation at Pastoral Care next Thursday, but I would encourage them to be more generous if possible, given the connection the College has with Embul-bul and the fact the Mrs Taylor and Mrs McLennan are visiting during their holidays.

## COLLEGE DEAN

Mr Stephen Hill

This week we presented the first of the Headmaster's Excellence and Academic Endeavour Awards for 2008.

The first Headmaster's Excellence Award for work of an exceptionally high standard was presented to Year 11 student **Nathaniel Winfield**. Nathaniel's award acknowledges the quality of the computer game he produced last year in Year 10 IT Programming. Nathaniel's game showed knowledge well above that expected by a Year 10 student, a knowledge he was prepared to share with others in his class. Nathaniel's enthusiasm for computer game design and construction has extended beyond the classroom having recently completed a two-day gaming workshop at Deakin University. The College congratulates Nathaniel on an outstanding piece of work.

The second Headmaster's Excellence Award was also presented to a current Year 11 student, **Ashley Jan**. Ashley's Award acknowledged his outstanding result in Year 10 Mathematics last year when he attained the best score in the Year 10 Semester Two Exam. The award not only recognises Ashley's excellent exam result, but also acknowledges the way Ashley was able to apply what he learnt from his Semester One experiences to improve his exam revision and sitting technique for Semester Two. Ashley is looking to apply the lessons of 2007 to his study of VCE Unit 3/4 Further Mathematics this year. Congratulations Ashley.

Three Academic Endeavour Awards were also presented at the College Assembly. All three acknowledge the sustained effort of each student over an entire year. All three students receiving the Award came from the same 2007 VCE Unit 2 Accounting class. The three students awarded an Academic Endeavour Award were current Year 12 students **Callum Leonard**, **Jacob Hughes** and **Liam Toohey**. The success each student achieved in Accounting was the result of year long sustained effort and their ability to apply knowledge accumulated over the entire period to an end of year exam. Congratulations to all three boys.

Teachers will be nominating students for either of the Headmaster's Excellence Award or the Academic Endeavour Award throughout the year and are therefore constantly looking for boys who produce work of an exceptional standard or for those students who apply themselves fully. The challenge for each student is to consider if the work they submit truly reflects their level of ability and is the result of applying themselves fully to the task.

## SACRED SPACE

Director of Mission  
Mr Joe Doolan

### Hope for the Future Edmund Rice Education Australia

For the staff members and student leaders who attended the regional launch of Edmund Rice Education Australia at St Kilda last week, a most memorable symbol was the multi-coloured ribbons that represented the many Christian Brother establishments in southern Australia. Many schools were listed and the dates of commencement were given as students placed coloured bands in a large urn symbolising the achievement of the Order. Our first reflection extends to Brother Patrick Ambrose Treacy and the energy of these founding communities, our second extends to the laity and the cooperation that the brothers gained from the Christian community.

The establishment of hundreds of schools attests to the energy and vision of these brothers echoing the fervour of the founder. But they had to sell the idea to the local church. The fact that these places got going in such a short time attests to the encouragement that the Body of Christ gave to this venture. Brother Treacy arrived in 1868 and the first school was opened in 1891 at Victoria Parade.

How did the Brothers keep the community on side and establish so many schools in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century?

They must have offered a certain hope to the local Catholic families.

Authentic Christian hope is often expressed itself in a radically countercultural way of life. The Christian brothers certainly modelled that. The Christian way of life expresses practically the hope offered by God's promises. The suggestion that colleges be set up for the education of young boys was an answer to the promise of God for many families:

*"I will never forget my people"  
"I will shepherd my flock".*

We at St Patrick's College endeavour to continue to offer God's word of hope to the community. We are energised by the story of the establishment by Christian Brother's schools in our land.

## DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

### Sport

Good luck to the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket Team as they take on Ballarat Grammar in the Grand Final this weekend. Good luck also to the Senior Rowers who head off to Penrith – NSW on Wednesday to compete in the National Championships.

### St Patrick's Day Mass and Celebrations

The College will celebrate St Patrick's Day with Mass at 11.30 am on Friday March 14. This is also where Year 12 students and Student Leaders are presented with their 2008 badges.

His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell will be visiting the College on St Patrick's Day to celebrate the Opening and Blessing of the Br R. M. Miller Science and Technology Wing which will commence at 9.30 am and the Blessing of the OCA Pavilion at 6.30 pm.

### Head Lice

Whenever we get a report of head lice, the College is committed to advising all parents to check their children's hair for head lice, and if found commence appropriate treatment immediately.

Head lice are small, wingless, bloodsucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. They only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly, usually within 24 hours.

### Finding the Eggs

Lice can crawl or hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

1. Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
2. Comb sections of hair with a fine-tooth, head lice comb.
3. Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
4. Look at the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
5. Repeat combing every part of the hair at least 4 or 5 times.

If lice or eggs are found, hair should be treated.

### Removing the Eggs

Head Lice lotion and combs are available at Chemists and Supermarkets. No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications as per instructions on label of product.

For further advice or information, please contact your nearest chemist.

A student with head lice is required by law to be excluded from school until treatment has commenced. Thank you for your vigilance in regards to this matter.

## SENIOR SCHOOL

Head of Senior School  
Mr Hamish McCrum

This week the College Swimming Carnival was held. The quality of the swimming at the Senior carnival was very high and the coaching and practice the students have engaged in was highly evident. Nunan House managed to take a slender lead in the Senior carnival. Go Nunan!

On Wednesday afternoon Tom Hafey addressed the Year Twelve students and after school he spent time talking with the senior football squad. Tom aged 77, was asked by one of the students what he did to keep in shape. His impressive response was outlining a daily routine that includes a seven kilometre run, 200 push-ups, 700 sit-ups, a swim in the bay and some stretching, no smoking, no alcohol, and no lollies, cakes or biscuits.



After watching him and talking with him it is easy to believe he sticks to this regime. Tom also finds time to read over 20 books a year, some biographies, self-help books and novels. He used examples of footballers and others to give messages that can be extrapolated to other areas of boys' lives. Tom encouraged the boys to make the most of the opportunities that Year Twelve provides, to see themselves as part of a team and therefore to be a positive influence on those around them.

In the school sense, homework and class work are the training. The message to the boys is to have a mindset of, 'what else can I do' rather than aiming for the minimum. He also quoted a statistic that seven of the last 29 Brownlow medallists had been rejected by their former clubs. No doubt all of these people had felt extremely hurt, had their self-confidence shattered and yet were able to work their way back to being the best – a great message regarding perseverance.

I feel inspired to make a few changes myself; I am even approaching a stage where I will be able to forgive Tom for beating my home town of Kyabram in successive grand finals while he was Captain Coach of Shepparton!

A reminder that all Year 12 boys will again be required at the College next Wednesday afternoon.

On March 11 to 13 inclusive, the Year Ten students will rotate through a series of activities rather than the normal scheduled classes. These will include undertaking the Differential Aptitude Tests, attend a Retreat and undertake some workshops on Occupational Health and Safety, Careers and leadership. A letter will be distributed to each Year Ten student next week providing more detailed information.

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**GALVIN HOUSE: JAMES GRINTER**

As a new student to the College James has contributed in a very positive and supportive manner, and has been a very good role model in promoting Galvin House Spirit through his active participation.



**GALVIN HOUSE: DWAYNE HECTOR**

As a new student to the College Dwayne has contributed in a very positive and supportive manner, and has been a very good role model in promoting Galvin House Spirit through his active participation.



**GALVIN HOUSE: ALEX GEORGIU**

As a new student to the College Alex has contributed in a very positive and supportive manner, and has been a very good role model in promoting Galvin House Spirit through his active participation.



**KENIRY HOUSE: RHYS ALLAN**

For his exceptional AV and hospitality work at the 2008 Legend's Dinner, in particular the warm welcome he extended to key note speaker Graham Duff and his wife Bonnie.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL  
Head of Middle School  
Mr Terry Blizzard**

The first of the Middle School camps will be held at Barwon Heads next week. Included below are the details as previously published: -

**Monday March 3 to Tuesday March 4**  
PEL008 & 006

**Wednesday March 5 to Thursday March 6**  
PEL000 & 004

**Tuesday March 11 to Wednesday March 12**  
PEL010 & 009

**Monday March 17 to Tuesday March 18**  
PEL003 & PEL005

**Equipment List for Individuals**

Each student will require the following equipment as a minimum:

- Sunglasses
- Sun Hat (wide brim)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen & Lip balm
- Small torch
- Towel for bathroom.
- Sleeping Bag.
- Personal hygiene. E.g. Soap, Shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, face washer etc.
- Swimwear: Board shorts, 'rashie' or t-shirt, beach towel, thongs or sandals for beach.
- Two complete change of clothes (For warm and cool weather)
- Supper (as arranged in homeroom).
- Plate, bowl, cup, cutlery
- **Cut lunch for Day 1.**
- **Money for lunch on Day 2.**

## Optional

- Wet suit (although all wetsuits and equipment will be provided).

## Please do not bring

- Electronic games.
- Body boards, surfboards and snorkelling equipment (Go-Ride-A-Wave will supply).
- CD Players or other Walkman systems.
- Lollies

## Premises and sleeping arrangements

Groups will be accommodated at Christian Brother "Sunnyside", 20 Ewing Blythe Road Barwon Heads 3227.

Boys will be required to supply sleeping equipment and to either supply a tent or use those provided.

## Travel arrangements

Each group will travel to and from Barwon Heads on a school bus. The students will need to be at school at the usual time. It should be noted that all groups will **return between 5:30 and 7:00pm** to St Patrick's at the conclusion of their camp.

## Staffing and groups

The students will operate in groups of 25 and will be accompanied by two staff. We have outsourced two reputable companies to conduct the activities; "Go-Ride-A-Wave" and "Ecologic".

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

Head of Junior School

Mr John Richards

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday boys in Year 7 and 8 participated in the Junior School Swimming Sports. The day was quite successful with a high participation rate amongst the boys. Thanks very much to Director of Sport Mr Chris Gleeson for his preparation, organisation and attention to detail in the running of the day.

## Year 7 Retreats Postponed

The Year 7 Retreat programme advertised on last week's newsletter have been postponed until later in the school year and will not take place next week. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Year 7 Observatory Visit

As part of our study of Astronomy in Science, each Year 7 student is invited to attend an optional excursion to the Ballarat Municipal Observatory at the corner of Magpie and Cobden St, Mt Pleasant. This is located just up the hill from Sovereign Hill.

The students will have the opportunity to use the telescopes to view Saturn and other heavenly objects, hear informative talks, and view demonstrations about Astronomy as well as watching a three-dimensional movie. The evening promises to be interesting and informative.

Sessions begin at 7.15 pm and finish about 9.15pm. The cost for students is \$6 and adults who participate \$12, payable on the night. This covers use of telescopes, the 3D movie and Tour of the observatory. A free return ticket will be given if the weather is not fine.

Classes have been booked to attend on the following night:

**7B and 7D Monday March 3: Mr Carmody and Mr O'Loughlan**  
**7C, 7G and 7I Tuesday March 4: Mr Corden**  
**7E and 7H Wednesday March 5: Mrs Bridges**  
**7A and 7F Thursday March 6: Mr Weadon**

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## YEAR 8: MATTHEW STEWART

For the very positive contribution that he made to the Year 8 camps. During the camp at Apollo Bay, Matt was always willing to do a little extra to help out.

## DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

## From Director of Cricket

Mr Damian McKee

**First XI BAS Round 9: St Patrick's 10/182 defeated Ballarat College 9/98.**

Winning the toss and sending our opposition in is usually an act of desperation, however our skipper made the correct decision as the wicket at SPC held a few demons and some excellent line and length bowling made the job hard for the BCC batsmen as they had to contend with balls flying around their ears as well as protecting their stumps. At 2/2 College struggled throughout their innings and it wasn't until some late innings aggression their total looked reasonably competitive on a difficult wicket. The BCC batsmen batted their overs out courageously to post 9/98. It was gutsy stuff but unfortunately for our friendly rivals no-one was prepared to take the attack up to us. Best of our bowlers was Ben Nankervis who came on fifth in line and took 4/15 from 8 overs (8/2/4/15). Brad Hallam continued his incredible run with the ball with 16/6/1/17; Nick O'Brien bowled two aggressive spells for 13/8/2/13 - that's right; Thirteen overs for thirteen runs!

One couldn't blame our batsmen if they were thinking that the wicket may jump and kick when it was our turn to bat and it was Peter Colbourne who immediately demonstrated a positive attitude making eleven before being bowled by an unplayable in-cutter. Ben Nankervis, fresh from his bowling stint, then combined with Matthew Begbie for a match winning partnership of 66 runs with Matt playing some magnificent shots before missing one for 36. Really it ended up being Ben Nankervis' day as he set about taking the BCC attack apart with thirteen 4's and one 6. His innings of 96 was one of the highlights of the season as we set up a comfortable victory, all out for 186.

## Grand Finals Next Week

**First XI:** St Patrick's vs. Ballarat Grammar at St Patrick's College, Main Oval. Playing times are 4.00pm to 6.30pm on Friday and 12.30pm to 6.00pm on Saturday.

**Second XI:** St Patrick's vs. Damascus College on Thursday February 28. Playing times are 4.00pm to 7.00pm.

## **Second XI 25/25 BAS Round 6: SPC 7/198 defeated Ballarat Grammar 10/79.**

The Second XI recorded a convincing victory over BGS at Grammar on Thursday evening making their highest score for the season and then bowling the opposition for only 79. The star of the match was the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI skipper, Jason McNiff who blasted 78 runs from only 43 deliveries. Jason has been the mainstay of the team over the year and it was his turn to 'tee-off' hitting eight sixes and two fours. Brad Hallam made 34 from 20 balls and Rhys Mundy finished with 29 not out from only 14 balls. It was certainly the most dominant performance of the year and all augers well for the Grand Final.

With the ball, Brad Hallam took 3/17, Josh Brown 1/34, Jared Hall 1/8, Daniel James 1/1. Pat Richards bowled three economical overs (generally unheard of in 25/25 cricket) finishing with 2/9 and David King won the 'Kleenex' award for 'cleaning up the tail' and finished with 2/4.

### **Junior Cricket**

#### **Year 7 BAS Round 4:**

##### **SPC Blue 6/122 defeated SPC Green 8/94.**

Best players for Blue: Luke Wilson 4 for 1 (a remarkable hat trick off the first three balls of the innings!) Sam Willian 30 not out, Joel Otavi 29.

Best players for Green: Andrew Fay 30 not out, Simon Langdon 24 not out, Michael Davies 2/5.

#### **Year 8 BAS Round 3:**

##### **SPC Blue 0/82 defeated Ballarat Grammar 3/57.**

Matt Lewis 23 not out, Dylan Pavlich 30 not out, Jack Murch 2/7.

##### **SPC Green 5/76 lost to Ballarat High 2/79.**

Jack Romeril 23 ret., Jayden Hayes 12, James Costigan 1/19, Ben Haintz 1/15.

#### **BAS Round 4:**

##### **SPC Blue 6/82 tied with SPC Green 4/82.**

Prominent players were: Lachlan Phyland 23 retired, James Donovan 16 retired and 2/7, Mitch Hastings 1/5, Callum Klein 1/7, Dylan Pavlich 16 retired and 1/2, Matt Lange 12 retired. Nick Powell, Jack Romerill and Nick Johnson also batted well.

## **DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

**Mr Mark Waddington**

### **Boarding 2008**

In 2008 the College has expanded its boarding numbers to 46 with an influx of students from all parts of the state and three new Indigenous boarders from Timber Creek in the Northern Territory. This expansion in numbers has necessitated the re-commissioning of Kenny House which has proved particularly popular with new and returning boarders as we have been able to bring the boarding pool table out of mothballs!

The College's Boarding Leaders have done a great job in ensuring that the transition into the College has been near seamless for new boarders and are to be commended upon their leadership and willingness to engage new students. In 2008 the Boarding Leaders are:

**Nangle House: Captain – Calvin Anzac VC Christopher Munn**  
**McCann House: Captain – Dermott Sullivan VC Jared Hall**  
**Kenny House: Captain – Ambrose Crittenden VC Dominic Bushell**

On the weekend of March 15/16 the boarding community will be visiting Apollo Bay for a change in routine. Boys will participate in a

sea kayaking or mountain bike riding session, attend Mass and have some free time for beach activities as well as some retail therapy!

During the holidays a number of members of the boarding team will be visiting the Timber Creek community as we seek to further strengthen our relationship with the community. If you have old children's sized football jumpers at home gathering dust, please consider donating them to the Timber Creek community. Jumpers can be left at the Front Office, marked to the attention of Mr Mark Waddington.

### **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](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au) **Please note that Year 7 2009 Enrolment closes on March 28, 2008.**

### **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](mailto:cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au)

### **Friends of Music**

#### **Mrs Trish King**

The Friends of Music held the first meeting recently and welcomed the new Director of Performing Arts, Mrs Kathleen Plastow. Future fundraising events were discussed and the Annual Chocolate Drive will be happening once again in April. Each family involved in the Music programme will receive a box of chocolates to sell to family and friends for return on the first day back of Term 2 - Monday April 20.

The next Friends of Music meeting will be held on **Wednesday March 19** at 5:00 pm, following Senior Band rehearsal. All parents are most welcome to attend and help support music at St Patrick's College.

### **From the Archives**

#### **Br Brian Davis**

#### **Brian Vear (SPC 1952 – 1956)**



Brian Vear attended St Patrick's College from 1952 to 1955 as a boarder from Euroa. Brian was destined in his final year of 1955 to be a participant in two stirring and significant sporting contests.

In 1955 St Patrick's College won the Head of the Lake, which is the blue ribbon event of the Ballarat Public Schools' rowing for the first time since 1937. Vincent Colbert (stroke) and Charlie Castle (3) occupied the same places as they did the previous year, as did the Cox, Brian Hickey and Mr S.O. Wilton was once again Coach. The two new crew members were Brian Vear and Tom Scarff, who were tall, strong boys, who fitted in perfectly with the others to form a beautifully balanced combination. In the race itself, St Patrick's moved to the front in effortless fashion about a third of the way through the contest and was never headed as it won easily by three lengths from Ballarat Grammar.

Later in 1955, Brian represented the College in 1st XVIII Football, with new coach, Br Justin Kelty who had the task of winning back the BPS Premiership which was lost for the first time in the previous year against Ballarat College. In the critical game for the 1955 championship, the backline of Murphy, Vear, Crough and McKinnie saved the day on countless occasions when College were running rampant before half time. When College fought back late in the game they could not penetrate the defence of McKinnie, Vear and Morganti enabling St Patrick's College to regain the coveted BPS Premiership.

After graduating from St Patrick's College, Brian represented Australia at the 1960 Rome Olympic Games in the bow seat of the Men's Coxless Four, which was eliminated in the repechage. In doing so, he was the first College Olympian. Four years later, he once again rowed for Australia at the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games in the bow seat of the men's eight.

Brian spent his life giving back to the sport at which he excelled. In the early seventies as St Kevin's College was developing its rowing and did not have its own shed, Brian coached the Head of the Lake crew in the Associated Public Schools' Rowing.

Brian was a stalwart of the Banks Rowing Club and as President in 2006, was awarded Life Membership of Rowing Victoria, for long and sterling service while working for Banks and successfully competing as well. Brian was heavily involved as an organiser and competitor in the Masters Rowing and was Chairman of the Organising Committee for both the 2004 Australian Masters Rowing Championships at the Sydney International Regatta Centre and the 2006 Australian Masters Rowing Championships at Nagambie in Victoria.

At the memorial held for Brian on Wednesday February 27, Gill Brewster from the Victorian Olympic Council presented an Olympic flag to Brian's family.

**(Sources: St Patrick's College 1952-1955 Annual Magazines; Guerin-Foster History of Australian Rowing, Sykes Racing Website).**

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

### Canteen

Canteen Roster Monday March 3 to Friday March 7. 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 March 3

Jan Burgess, Bernadette Driscoll, Maureen Mason, Julie Ronan, Pam Ryan, Susan Haase, Jane McDonough, Debbie Coutts

### Tuesday March 4

Claire Torpy, Jenny McErvale, Karen McMaster, Simone Meagher, \*Julianne Allen, \*Catherine Clarke, \*Julianne Slater, Maria McOwan.

### Wednesday March 5

\*Maria Cook, \*Kathy Harris, Kathy Walters, \*Debbie Lee, Robyn Lavery, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Margaret Rowe.

### Thursday March 6

Cheryl Clough, Jo Cowan, Catherine Craig, Libby Harrison, Colleen O'Sullivan, Bridget Vallance, Cathy Van Rijin, \*Monica Dickson.

### Friday March 7

\*Catherine Schuuis, Suzan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, \*Katherine Mundy, \*Michelle Salvatore, \*Glenda Jones, \*Linda O'Hagan, \*Donna Waightman, Dianne Dibono, \*Helen Spratling.

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

### Uniform Shop

**Please contact Annette on 5333 7486 for personal fitting appointments.**

### **Uniform Shop hours effective Term 2:**

Tuesday 12 - 4.00 pm

Thursday 12- 4.00 pm

**In order for parents to purchase long pants, the Uniform Shop will also be open on Thursday April 3 from 12-5.00 pm.**

## EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE

### Retreat In Daily Life

Retreat In Daily Life will be offered to people in the Ballarat region in June 2008. Please note the following dates in your diary.

**June 5 - June 20, 2008.** Details and enrolment forms will be available in April. Enquiries: Maureen McAloon ph: 5332 7797 email: [maureen\\_mcaloon@hotmail.com](mailto:maureen_mcaloon@hotmail.com); Peggy Nijam ph: 5330 2693 email: [peggy@vic.chariot.net.au](mailto:peggy@vic.chariot.net.au)

### **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.

**\$130 1 player family**

**\$200 2+ player family**

### Enquiries

**Leeton Hocking Club President Mobile: 0417 529 76**

**Peter Hoban Club Secretary Mobile: 0412 850 291**

## COMING EVENTS

### **Saturday March 1**

Scholarship Testing Day, 9 am  
CEO Youth Summit  
Scotch Merchantile Regatta Nagambie Senior Crews

### **Sunday March 2**

CEO Youth Summit

### **Monday March 3**

Year 9 Camps

### **Tuesday March 4**

Year 9 Camps

### **Wednesday March 5**

Year 9 Camps  
Australian National Championships Regatta – Penrith

### **Thursday March 6**

Year 9 Camps  
Year 7 Maths World Day  
Australian National Championships Regatta – Penrith

### **Friday March 7**

Year 7 Maths World Day  
Australian National Championships Regatta – Penrith

### **Saturday March 8**

Australian National Championships Regatta – Penrith

### **Sunday March 9**

Australian National Championships Regatta – Penrith

### **Monday March 10**

Labour Day – Public Holiday

### **Tuesday March 11**

Year 9 Camps  
College Assembly  
Year 10 Retreat/OHS/DAT  
Outdoor and Environmental Studies Excursion – Queenscliff

### **Wednesday March 12**

Year 9 Camps  
Outdoor and Environmental Studies Excursion – Queenscliff  
Year 10 Retreat/OHS/DAT  
Year 7 2009 Information Night  
BAS Swimming Carnival

Tom Hafey speaking to the Senior School students



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