

## NEWSLETTER 6/1 Friday March 6, 2009

### FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dr Peter Casey

Welcome to the end of a week of uncertainty and fluctuating temperatures. The Whole College Photograph taken on Monday was done with a minimum of fuss and a great deal of goodwill. I thank the staff and students for their cooperation. This cooperation was evidenced again on Wednesday in the chilly conditions for the Senior Swimming Sports. My thanks to all those who do the simple things well on a daily basis - this sets the scene for the big days.

The gentle rains have been a soothing anaesthetic to dull the pain and heartburn of the last few weeks but particularly of Tuesday's wild weather. Some of the boys were witnesses to the flames as the Sturt Street electricity wires came down, plunging us into darkness. Fortunately the actions of the CFA and Powercorp saw power restored promptly. On Wednesday Mr Bobrowski delivered our cache of non-perishable food items and a cheque from student fundraising to our colleagues at Assumption College Kilmore. The Casual Clothes day raised in excess of \$4,000. Given the number of their families, both students and staff, who have lost everything in the fires, they were most appreciative of the support of our College community. We were also able to transport materials, including 100pair of work boots, donated through Anglicare, to whom we are most grateful.

#### RIP Philip Coghlan

We were saddened to hear of the death on Wednesday of Mr Philip Coghlan (SPC 1963-72), husband of Rhonda, father of Richard (SPC 1998-2003) and Stephen (SPC 1999-2004), brother of James (SPC 1960-67). Philip and Rhonda have been great supporters of the College over many years, particularly through the Rowing Club.

#### Farewell Mrs Marcella Crowley

Mrs Marcella Crowley finished at the College last Friday for family reasons. We are currently seeking a replacement for her classes in Music and Drama. I am sorry that Mrs Crowley has resigned as we had high hopes for the Arts with her support.



#### Visitors

Last Friday I enjoyed the company at the College of three former Headmasters of St Patrick's College: Br Paul Nangle (HM 1972-77), Br Bill Wilding (HM 1978-83), and Br Tom Kearney (HM 1984-88). It was good to experience the enthusiasm of these leaders of the College who share a passion for the good of our boys, past and present.

From them I think that I heard that we should enjoy each moment and sleep well at night for having done our best each day as it passes.

May God bless us all.

PeterC.

### FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldwell

#### Bus Travellers

With so many students from the Ballarat area catching school buses it is important for all students and their families to be fully aware of behaviour expectations whilst on the bus and the consequences for breaching these. The start to the 2009 school year has seen most students behaving in the manner that St Patrick's expects, however, there have been some concerns raised by both students and parents that have resulted in warnings being issued on some busses. Poor behaviour on the buses jeopardises the safety of all and often intimidates younger students. It is the responsibility of bus drivers to transport students to and from school safely and this job is made more difficult if students are behaving in a distracting manner.

The following list outlines the expectations of all St Patrick's students travelling on any bus, either to and from school or on school based activities:

- Where possible students refrain from moving around the bus and remain in seats at all times.
- Students are not to engage in any physical contact at any time.
- No items are to be thrown around, or from the bus.
- Consumption of food and drink is at the driver's discretion however; all rubbish is to be appropriately disposed of.
- The use of offensive language is not acceptable.
- Behaviour that intimidates other students is unacceptable.
- Behaviour jeopardising the safety of bus travellers is also unacceptable.

Students not abiding by this list of expectations will face suspension from the bus along with other school based consequences.

There have also been a number of buses that have been cancelled by the Department of Transport due to dangers associated with extreme fire risk on Friday February 27 and again on Tuesday March 3. Unfortunately we received no notification of the cancellation of buses on Friday February 27. We were informed of the cancellation

of buses for Tuesday March 3, after school on Monday March 2. The bus companies have stated that they are informing us as soon as they know but it is too late for the College to be able to inform students. If you are in any doubt as to whether a particular bus service is running then I suggest making contact directly with the relevant bus companies.

Clarification of any detail outlined above can be sought by contacting the Deputy Headmaster Mr Chris Caldwell at the College.

#### **Wanliss Road**

I remain extremely concerned regarding students crossing Wanliss Road, particularly at the end of the school day. All boys must ensure that they look both ways when crossing Wanliss Road and cross when it is only safe to do so! I am working with Ballarat and Clarendon College and the City of Ballarat in an attempt to make this area safer for our students. In the interim, all students must take care and please do not assume that motorists will stop for you or even see you!

#### **Summer Uniform**

Boys will be allowed to wear the College shorts up until and including Thursday, April 2. All boys must be wearing long trousers to school from Monday April 20; trousers must be worn until the end of Term 3. Parental support is also needed in ensuring that students are not wearing wrist bands, rings or jewellery of any kind to school.

#### **Whole School Photograph, Monday March 2**

As you can imagine the logistics involved with getting nearly 1200 students and 150 staff in place for a whole school photograph was quite a challenge! The photograph was taken on St Roch's Oval and will be distributed to families at the beginning of Term 2. I thank the entire student body for their patience and cooperation prior to and during this process. Well done!

### **DIRECTOR OF MISSION**

**Mrs Maree Moore**

As we enter the second week of Lent one is drawn to reflect on what is the reality of a spiritual journey.

Given that most people are busy and occupied with the tension of keeping 'many balls in the air at once', it does well for us not to neglect our spiritual well being.

In a recent article I was reading, Janiene Wilson wrote:

*I believe that what is needed, for want of a better term is God-attentiveness. A shaking up of our world, an impingement of global discontent, has the capacity to shake us out of our torpor, our low-grade dissatisfaction with life and our half-hearted Christian way of being. We need to focus on our inner spiritual resources. Perhaps it is only then we will realise how separated from God we really are... We can believe and be truly devout, yet be in a situation where, it is a case of God "over there somewhere", while we stand alone over here, over burdened and lost in our own little world..*

On the other hand, close communion with God gives an experience of true identity but requires sacrifice of individual identity as being separate, distinct and invulnerable.

All of the above is truly difficult, especially if we are not supported by a faithful Community.

This week, here at the College we have received an outline of the Ballarat City Catholic Lenten Liturgies and Reflections. Can I suggest that spending time attending these gatherings will energise your personal faith journey? Details can be found in this edition of The Crest.

### **DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Ms Elizabeth Till**

#### **Labour Day Holiday – Monday March 9**

Monday March 9 is the state Labour Day holiday. The College will be closed this day.

#### **St Patrick's Day Mass**

The College will celebrate St Patrick's Day Mass Tuesday March 17 at 11.30 am. Year 12 boys will also be presented with their 2009 badges at this time.

#### **Sport**

Good luck to teams competing in the various BAS Finals over the coming weeks and to our BAS Swim team who defend their Championship Title on Wednesday.

#### **Year 10 Retreat/OHS/DAT/ Leadership Days**

All Year 10 students will be involved in a four day rotation of events starting Monday March 23. Classes will operate in threes and students will spend one day on Retreat, another undertaking the DAT (a diagnostic test used in VCE subject selection counselling later in the year), another completing OHS Certificates on-line that are required for Work Experience in Term 3 as well as being presented with Career information and a session based around Personal Development and Leadership. With the importance of each of these events it is essential that Year 10 boys attend each day of the rotation. VET students are required to attend school on all of these days.

### **DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Mrs Sara Taylor**

#### **Boys, Blokes, Books and Breakfast Morning**

The Wide Interest Reading English Development (WIRED) Programme involves Year 7 to 9 students reading a novel of their choice for one English session a cycle. Our WIRED programme's central focus is to develop a reading culture at St Patrick's College in partnership with the community, parents and staff of the College. The main way to break down the stereotype of reading being a 'nerdy' activity for middle school boys is to actively encourage the use of male role models. As boys enter high school the emphasis is often on strength, masculinity, social acceptance, sports, hierarchies and power.

Reading can threaten boy's fragile sense of self and growing masculinity unless male role models prove reading to be a worthwhile pursuit. It is with this thought in mind that we extend an invite to the men of St Patrick's community to attend our 'Boys, Blokes, Books & Breakfast Morning'. Students from Year 7 to 9 along with their father or other significant male in their life, are invited to attend a cooked breakfast in the Old Collegians Pavilion. All men and boys attending will be asked to bring their favourite book to discuss with others in attendance. Special guests include the North Ballarat Football Club, the Ballarat Miners and the hilarious author, Scott Gardner. The event will be held from 7am to 8am on Monday March 30 2009.

The cost for breakfast is \$5.00 per person and will be a choice of bacon, sausage and egg rolls or cereal and a muffin with tea and coffee and juice. See you there!

**HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Mr Terry Blizzard**

**Camp Experience Dates**

**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**

**Year 8 Camps**

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

**Year 8 Camp Dates**

<b>March 11-13</b>	<b>8G</b>
<b>March 23-25</b>	<b>8H</b>
<b>March 25-27</b>	<b>8C</b>

Boys are reminded that they should be responsible for packing their own equipment for the camps. Mum and Dad shouldn't be taking responsibility for this!

The Year 8 Camp at Apollo Bay is an excellent opportunity for the boys to gel as a class group, to make new friendships, get to know staff in a setting outside of the school environment and to enjoy the many pleasures of the Victorian south coast. In addition to this the boys will have the opportunity to learn about Victoria's maritime history through visits to the Cape Otway Lighthouse and the Apollo Bay Cable Museum.

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**YEAR 8: KELLY LYLE**  
 For his generous assistance during the recent Swimming Sports.



**YEAR 8: MATTHEW CROUCH**  
 For his representation in the Victorian VSSSA Under 15 Cricket Team in Cobram-Barooga during the week.

**DIRECTOR OF SPORT**  
**Mr Chris Gleeson**

**SPC House Swimming Carnival**

The House Swimming Carnival for Junior and Middle School was held at the Eureka Pool on Thursday February 26. It was a great day with warm weather and lots to celebrate for our students and staff. Events were held over 25 and 50 meters with novelty events also included in the programme.

The day was made more special by the outstanding leadership of the Year 12 students who ensured there was much cheering and good fun between the Houses. I would like to thank those boys for their outstanding leadership.

There were some wonderful performances on the day including Year 7 student Liam Hanrahan who took first place in Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. Year 7 student Paddy Taylor-Potter took second place in Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly and Freestyle. In Year 8 Gene Bergman was placed first in Backstroke and Freestyle and Jeremy Seymour-Quest took first place in Breaststroke, second in Butterfly, Freestyle and third in Backstroke. In Year 9 Marcus Simpson was placed first in Backstroke, Freestyle and third in Butterfly and Alex Thompson was second in Freestyle, third in Backstroke and Breaststroke.

At the conclusion of the Junior and Middle School Swimming Carnival the points table shows Nunan in front by a narrow three points.

<b>909 Points</b>	<b>NUNAN</b>
<b>906 Points</b>	<b>KENIRY</b>
<b>777 Points</b>	<b>RYAN</b>
<b>735 Points</b>	<b>GALVIN</b>

**SPC Senior Swimming Championships and House Carnival**

The SPC Swimming Championships and Senior Carnival for all selected students was held at the Eureka Pool on Wednesday March 4. The format of the day has changed from recent years allowing the combination of the SPC Swimming Squad and the Senior House Carnival. This has allowed an opportunity to showcase all the talented swimmers in the one event while ensuring the ability to participate and earn points for the Houses is still paramount. Under the guidance of Br Brian Davis the Swimming Squad will this year aim for a 30<sup>th</sup> consecutive BAS title. Through the leadership of the Heads of House and House Captains, swimmers in Senior School represented their House with distinction.

**The results of the senior carnival were as follows:**

91 Points	RYAN
85 Points	NUNAN
85 Points	KENIRY
64 Points	GALVIN

The results of the SPC Swimming Championships will be published in next weeks Crest. Unfortunately, a computer malfunction caused by the wet and windy weather, meant that the results were unavailable at the time of printing.

It was disappointing that there were few spectators on hand to witness the fantastic swimming that was on display. The event was placed on a Wednesday afternoon to allow the Year 12 students the opportunity to come and support their House. While the programme may need some minor adjustments it is hoped that the Year 12 students in 2010 are keen to contribute to enhancing our rich tradition of excellence in swimming.

### **House Swimming Champions**

To determine the House Swimming Champions for 2009, points will be tallied from each of three events.

1. The Junior and Middle School Carnival.
2. The Senior House Events
3. The SPC Swimming Championships.

Watch out for next weeks Crest where we are able to announce the overall winners of the House competition for 2009. Thank you to all the staff that have assisted with the running of the two carnivals. Special thanks to the Heads of House for generating such spirit in the Junior and Middle School, to Tamara Westwood and Nicole Hexter for their administrative assistance and to Steven Yaakoob and Michael Goodman for their assistance on the day.

### **Tennis**

#### **Rd 2 February 27**

**Mr Hamish McCrum**

#### **First IV**

**SPC 5 games and 43 sets, defeated MCC 1 game and 14 sets.**

Congratulations to all the boys who managed to not drop a set in their single games for the afternoon.

#### **Second IV**

**SPC 4 games and 42 sets, defeated BGS Gold 2 games and 29 sets.**

Congratulations to the Seconds Tennis team for being able to complete their doubles games without losing a set. Well done to all!

### **House Tennis**

#### **Week 3**

**Ms Ursula Bridges**

This year a total of 50 students took part in the House Tennis competition. Currently only two Wednesday afternoons in Term 1 took place with yesterday being cancelled due to the weather. The competition was both fun and provided some strong players. Due to the vast number of players, all games were played best of three so that all students have a fair go.

#### **Week 1**

After the first week of competition, Galvin and Ryan Houses were leading the waypoints-Gavin winning at 25 points vs. Keniry only 16 points. Ryan House did well at 25 points while Nunan struggled with six points.

#### **Week 2**

In Week two, Galvin maintained the first position leading with 71 points. Ryan moved into second spot, with Keniry in third and Nunan House maintaining fourth position.

Special mention to Ben O'Keefe (Galvin) for helping out in setting up tennis games.

### **Volleyball Rd 2 February 25**

**Mrs Fiona Carroll**

#### **SPC Lost to BCC 41 points to 65**

SPC were defeated by BCC in a very well played and exciting game. Final scores were 41 – 65 points. With two rounds remaining, SPC look to be a team to be reckoned with when the finals draw nearer. Congratulations and good luck to all the boys for the remaining matches.

### **Lawn Bowls**

#### **Rd 3 V DC at Webbcona**

#### **SPC Def DC 37 shots to 16.**

Congratulations to Pat Styles, Pat Cashin, Luke Polmear, Nick Clifton, Tim Slater and Will Perkins. Well played boys!

### **House Lawn Bowls**

#### **Mr Chris Gleeson**

The House Lawn Bowls competition will begin next Wednesday March 11 and will run for three weeks. The competition will be played at the City Oval Bowls Club and we thank the club for their assistance. Players should have confirmed their interest with their Head of House and should wear their House sports uniform.

### **BAS Track Cycling**

Due to the winds and rain the first week of the BAS Track Cycling programme was postponed on Tuesday March 3. We look forward to reports in future editions of The Crest.

### **Volunteers required**

To assist the SPC Term 2 Sports Programme volunteers in a range of areas including umpires and team managers are sought. If you are interested in assisting in these sports specifically including football, soccer and rugby please contact Mr Chris Gleeson via email at [cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au](mailto:cgleeson@stpats.vic.edu.au) or log onto the College webpage for more information

### **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**

Good luck to the First XI and Coach Mr Damian McKee in the Grand Final this week. Play starts at 4pm on Friday and continues on Saturday on the Main Oval. All are welcome to attend.

### **House Cricket Round 2**

**Ryan 6/114 defeated Nunan 7/107**

**Ryan Best Players:** Jack Peeters 30 retired & 3/0/0/6, Nick Treloar 25 & 3/0/1/19, Josh Cullinan 19 & 3/0/1/5, Mitch Crosier 3/0/1/11, Aden Nestor 3/0/1/8, Andrew Fay 3/0/2/14.

**Nunan Best Players:** Matt Spratling 21 & 2/0/1/8, Pat Lannen 21, Toby Hutt 19, Edan Marsden 2/0/1/6, Jake Crawford 2/0/2/7, Josh Hayes 3/0/1/11.

### **Galvin 4/145 defeated Keniry 6/105**

**Galvin Best Players:** Daniel Dickson 32 retired, Scott Boadle 30 retired, Jake Wilkie 32 retired & 3/0/1/5, James Vanderkley 15, Peter Oakley 3/1/2/12, Douglas Mai 2/0/1/9, Daniel Phylant 2/0/1/6.

**Keniry Best Players:** William Petrowski 31 retired, Ned Tansey 2/0/1/14, Pat Tansey 3/0/1/19, Jackson Holloway 3/0/1/12, David Tuppen 3/0/1/16.

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket

#### **BAS Round 9: St Patrick's 7/217 defeated Ballarat High 10/213**

Ballarat High always seems to lift when playing SPC. We sent BHS into bat and were immediately on the back foot with a number of their players batting aggressively and taking advantage of our stump-line bowling. At 4/81 in the 20<sup>th</sup> over it looked as though we could easily run through the BHS tail but to their credit they rallied with two significant partnerships to post a score of 213 all out. It could have been worse as BHS lost their last four wickets for 17 runs with nine overs remaining. Once again David Dickinson was a chief wicket taker with 4/46 and Peter Colbourne bowled well for 3/49. Other wicket takers were Tom McGregor (1/29) and Liam Young (1/12).

This was always going to be a tough total to chase but our batsmen took heart from the fact that it was a quick outfield and a small ground.

We lost Justin O'Brien, nicking a ball behind early to be 1/6 and then David Dickinson edged a ball down leg side to be 2/13. Although losing early wickets has been a problem for the team this season a strength has been our ability to rebuild the innings with a partnership. The partnership came from Peter Colbourne and Matthew Crouch. The two put on 71 before Peter was sent back by Matt and run out for 22 (the second week in a row that he was sent back and run out by a Crouch!). Matthew meantime was batting beautifully pushing 2's and 4's through the field and on the alert for singles. He was 80 not out at tea and seemed determined to post his maiden century for SPC, however he was trapped in front for 88 shortly after the resumption of play. A fine knock from a Year 8. From that point we accumulated partnerships of forty runs here and there before a fine knock of 48 not out by Austin Murphy enabled us to overhaul the BHS total in the 59<sup>th</sup> over. A great game of cricket! Best Players: Matthew Crouch 88, Austin Murphy 48 not out, Peter Colbourne 22 & 12/2/3/49, David Dickinson 11/0/4/46.

#### **Basketball Volunteer Programme – Are you interested in a career in sport?**

The Ballarat Basketball Association is offering an opportunity for students in Year 10, 11 or 12 to be invited to join a programme which goes beyond ability and skill, and opens up the fields of sports administration, sports technical support and sports presentation.

Students who participate will gain official recognition in a range of volunteer skills applicable in the first instance to basketball, but in the longer term will have benefits across the sports domain.

The programme will run after school or of an evening and will provide training in score table, referee and statistics duties, practical experience in home game/event presentation and an introduction to the administrative world which supports a major sports venue in Ballarat.

Once trained students will be offered placements within the various volunteer bodies at the WIN MinerDome and will commence or enhance a resume of participation which will hold them in good stead if they follow the call of "a career in sport". The BBA will cover all costs associated with the presentation of the program, and will meet affiliation and registration costs for students who elect to move into the volunteer pool. It will not cover travel costs for Ballarat based participants, but will consider support for those travelling from regional towns such as Maryborough, Daylesford and Beaufort.

Any interested student should contact the Director of Basketball Ms Tamara Westwood in the sports office.

## **KENIRY HOUSE**

**Mr Damian McKee**

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### **KENIRY HOUSE: BRAD CROUCH**

For his representation in the Victorian VSSSA Under 15 Cricket Team in Cobram-Barooga during the week.

## **RYAN HOUSE**

**Mr Damian McKee**

### **Pathways Foundation – Raising Teenage Boys**

On Tuesday March 10 at 7.30pm a speaker from the Pathways Foundation will give a talk to parents on Raising Teenage Boys in the Old Collegian Pavilion. This talk will provide practical and useful tools that you will be able to adopt into your parenting practices.

#### **Specific topics covered in the talk include**

- The fundamental psychological differences between a child and a healthy adult
- The changing needs of boys and girls as they approach adulthood
- Rites of Passage in a contemporary society
- Self-Initiation vs Assisted Rite of Passage
- Boundary setting
- Communication is the key : how to avoid breakdown
- The critical importance of self esteem and how to build it
- How to keep teenagers safe
- Teenagers are a chemical wonder
- Practical parenting tips

Last year Pathways delivered talks to over 2,500 parents in schools across Australia. There is no charge to parents to attend. We sincerely hope that you will support us in offering this talk and help us create a positive future for our boys.

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### **RYAN HOUSE: NICHOLAS O'FARRELL**

For his House spirit at the Swimming Carnival on Wednesday

## DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

### Indigenous Education Programme

Mr Brett Goodes, Indigenous Education Manager

As part of the Indigenous Programme at St Patrick's College, we offer the boys a wide range of experiences to broaden their horizons and challenge them to explore a range of vocational pathways. The first experience for the year was a trip to Melbourne to view some out some Indigenous Art at the National Gallery and to watch the likes of Chris Judd and Eddie Betts take to the training track at Carlton.

The day started well with 22 of the boys excited to jump on to the bus and leave for "the big smoke" as some of the boys call it.

A short trip to Melbourne was best spent by some of the boys catching up on some much needed sleep, but for some it was a good chance for boarders to meet day students.

First stop Federation Square, to have a look at the permanent Indigenous Art Gallery in the National Art Gallery of Victoria.

The boys were told the rules and conditions of entry, this includes "DO NOT TOUCH ANY OF THE ART WORK". Boys being boys a Totem Pole was accidentally bumped and security was on to us very quickly. Let's say it was a very nervous remaining 30 minutes for both staff and security!

Thankfully all ended well, with the boys noting that some of the painted Totem Poles were from the Tiwi Islands with the artist having the same last name as Norman Tipiloura, a Year 11 boy from the Bathurst Island.

Part of the Indigenous Programs for Term 2 is to educate the boys in life skills and the more general things in life that can be taken for granted. Therefore we had decided to catch the trams to from the CBD out to Princes Park. For some this experience was a first and when we later discussed the experience on the way home some of the boys thought it was a bus.

Lunch time was spent in the grounds of Princes Park watching the younger Carlton Players warm up and doing some extra skill work before the main training session starts. To the boys great excitement the big guns started to run out on to the track, Judd, Stevens Fevola, Betts, and even some local boys, Shaun Grigg (SPC 2002-2007), and Michael Jamison from the North Ballarat Roosters. All of a sudden the boys were up and about, snapping photos and cheering out to their favourite players.

At the conclusion of training the boys had the great privilege of meeting Eddie Betts who shared some of his own life experiences. Some of the key learnings for the boys included:

- Eddie stressed the importance of schooling as he never completed his and finds it very hard to read, write and understand contracts that he has to sign for football. And even socialising with the other players he finds it difficult to have a proper conversation, relating it back to his lack of education. Hence he has enrolled in a course to develop his literacy.
- The greater opportunities he received by moving away from home to follow his dream of becoming an AFL player. How he felt home sick but stuck at it because he knew that it would benefit him in the end.
- He loves going home to see his family and friends but knows not to get lured into drinking and other poor life style habits that his cousins and friends have adopted.
- Being involved in classes at a TAFE level to catch up on his literacy skills has reinforced the importance of schooling as it has been something he has regretted ever since he had left.

Participants were asked to reflect on the day in their English classes and to write an essay about day and what they had learnt from the time they had spent in Melbourne. I was pleased to see that the boys had written about the importance of leaving home to gain an education and to give themselves the best opportunities for the future. And just to show its not all serious many mentioned how they "caught the bus (tram) from the city to the football ground"!

During Term 2 we will be running programmes every week and plan to keep the St Patrick's community informed of our progress and initiatives within the Indigenous Programme.

### Enrolment @ St Patrick's College, 2010 Year 7

A reminder that the closing date for 2010 Year 7 applications is rapidly approaching. To receive a 2010 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 2010 Year 7 Enrolment closes on March 20, 2009.*

### St Patrick's College

Parents and Friends Committee

Mr Bernie Wilson, President

### Meeting dates and events for Term 1, 2009 (Tuesdays)

#### Term One

24 March (AGM)

#### Current Positions

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

### Tuition Fee Raffle – Return those Tickets ASAP!

The annual Tuition Fee raffle is currently being held. First prize in the raffle is a year's free tuition for one student. Please return all sold tickets to Student Reception as soon as possible to be eligible to win this great prize. All proceeds from the raffle will go to projects that benefit all students at the College. As the old saying goes, "you've got to be in it to win it"!

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](http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au) - P&F link).

## EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

### Canteen

*Canteen Roster Tuesday March 10 to Friday March 13.*

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 March 9

**Labour Day Public Holiday – College Closed**

### **Tuesday March 10**

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

### **Wednesday March 11**

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

### **Thursday March 12**

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

### **Friday March 13**

\*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.**

**Football Shorts and Football Socks have now arrived in the Uniform Shop.**

### **Uniform Shop hours:**

Tuesday 12 -4 pm

Thursday 12-4 pm

## **EVENTS OUTSIDE THE COLLEGE**

### **St James Parish Primary School Sebastopol**

#### **Do you want to be a Debutante this year?**

The St James Parish School Deb Ball for 2009 is being held on Friday 21st August, 2009 at the Ballarat Lodge. An information night will be organised for the coming weeks.

Please contact Nicole Cassells on 5336 3696 or 0439 332 228 after 7pm any night to discuss your interest and details.

### **The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back**

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

#### **Are you eligible?**

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY
- the Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- the Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004
- an Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

### **What can you claim?**

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper
  - educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
  - stationery and art supplies
  - school textbooks and associated learning materials
  - trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.
- ❗ Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)

### **When can you claim?**

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

- ❗ **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

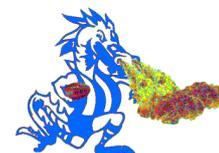
If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

➤ For more information:

- visit [www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au](http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au)
- phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.

### **Golden Point Junior Football Club**

**White Flat Oval - Hickman Street, Ballarat.**



#### **Training Commenced**

**Under 10's, 12's and 14's**

Tuesday February 24 at 4.30 - 5.30pm

**Under 16.5**

Monday February 23 at 5.00pm

**Registration Night** Thursday March 12 4.30 - 7pm

Players needed in all grades – if you want to play Football – join the Pointies!

**Enquiries most welcome** - contact John 0417 314 921 or Peter 0408 508 674

### **Victoria Park Soccer Club Inc**

The Victoria Park Soccer Club is looking for people interested in joining their club. They have teams ranging from Under 8 to Seniors, Girls and Boys.

Training is held on Thursday Evenings from 5 pm at Military Drive, Victoria Park. Games are played on Sundays.

**For information please contact:**

**Lisa Weyers: 5334 2472**

**Ron Catlin: 5332 1765**

**Or in writing to PO Box 1230 Bakery Hill 3354.**

## COMING EVENTS

### Monday March 9

Labour Day Holiday

### Tuesday March 10

Year 9 Camp -PEL006 – 9D

-PEL010 - 9A –NA/JD

Pathways Foundation Raising Teenage Boys – 7.30 pm talk 7.30 pm

Year 7 Galvin Retreat

### Wednesday March 11

Year 9 Camp -PEL006 – 9D

-PEL010 - 9A

-PEL000 – 9E

-PEL004 – 9B

Year 8 Camp – 8G

Year 7 Keniry Retreat

BAS Swimming – All day

### Thursday March 12

Year 7 KD Humanities Excursion Eureka Stockade –

1.10 pm – 3.00 pm

Year 7 F Humanities Excursion Eureka Stockade –

9.00 am 10.30 am

Year 9 Camp - PEL006 – 9D

- PEL010 - 9A

- PEL000 – 9E

- PEL004 – 9B

Year 8 Camp – 8 G

Year 7 Nunan Retreat

### Friday March 13

Year 9 Camp - PEL000 – 9E

-PEL004 – 9B

Year 8 Camp -8 G

Year 7 Ryan Retreat

### Monday March 16

Year 9 Camp - PEL008- 9C

-PEL009 – 9F

BAS History Launch – 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

### Tuesday March 17

St Patrick's Day Mass 11.30 am

OCA 1920-70s Luncheon, 12.30 pm

Year 9 Camp -PEL008- 9C

-PEL009 – 9F

### Wednesday March 18

Year 9 Camp - PEL008- 9C

-PEL009 – 9F

### Thursday March 19

Year 7 – 10 Immunisations

## CITY OF BALLARAT PARISHES 2009 LENTEN JOURNEY

### Sunday Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

6.00pm

Ballarat North, Wendouree, Ballarat East

6.30pm

Sebastopol

7.00pm

Cathedral, Redan

#### Sunday am

8.00am

Redan

8.30am

Cathedral

Waubra (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Learmonth (2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

9.00am

Ballarat East (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Clarendon (2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

10.00am

Ballarat North, Sebastopol,

Wendouree, Nazareth House

10.30am

Cathedral, Redan

Buninyong (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

Ballarat East (2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

#### Sunday pm

5.00pm

Cathedral

### Weekday Masses

#### Monday

7.00am

Nazareth House

12.05pm

Cathedral

#### Tuesday

7.00am

Nazareth House

9.15am

Redan

11.00am

Convent of Mercy (check Sunday Bulletin)

12.05pm

Cathedral

5.30 pm

Loreto Sisters

#### Wednesday

7.00am

Nazareth House

9.15am

Sebastopol

9.30am

Ballarat North

10.00am

Nazareth House, Wendouree

11.00am

Convent of Mercy (check Sunday Bulletin)

12.05pm

Cathedral

#### Thursday

7.00am

Nazareth House

9.15am

Redan

9.30am

Ballarat East (check Sunday Bulletin)

11.30am

St John of God

12.05pm

Cathedral

#### Friday

7.00am

Nazareth House

9.15am

Sebastopol

9.30am

Ballarat East (check Sunday Bulletin)

10.00am

Wendouree

12.05pm

Cathedral

#### Saturday

9.30am

Nazareth House

10.00am

Cathedral

