

NEWSLETTER 1/2
Friday April 24, 2009

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Welcome back. I hope that you have been energised by the spirit of Easter, including our Church's re-enactments of the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. I was heartened by the number of our boys I saw at the ceremonies in the Cathedral!

Welcome

We welcome to St Patrick's College Mr Carl Alwert who joins us in the Arts Faculty teaching music and drama. We also welcome Mrs Helen Lee as Sacristan in our Chapel. Helen will coordinate celebrations as well as the general usage of the Chapel and its maintenance.

Prayers and Sympathy

Ms Jo-anne Patching's father died over Easter in St Arnaud and we have a number of friends of the College who are gravely ill. Please remember these and all the members of our community when you pray. I extend our sympathy to all those who have suffered bereavement over the break.

Holiday Activities

There has been much activity around the place with painting and maintenance items under Mr Tony Liston's watch. The Music Camp was a great success through Mrs Kathleen Plastow's work, assisted by Messrs Stephen Hill, Peter Camm, Carl Alwert and Ms Trudi Hooper. The number of students in attendance, the calibre of their performance on Sunday and the obvious support of a throng of parents augur well for the development of our programmes. The Football Camp was an extraordinary opportunity for 45 of our boys thanks to the work of Howard Clark with the support of Messrs Gavin Webb, Chris Gleeson, Mark Waddington, Brett Goodes, Andrew Chamings, Chris Caldow, Peter Blanchfield and several parents particularly Jeff Whitaker. A further 20 boys were engaged in a Football Development Day at Creswick led by Mr Jamie Bobrowski and Mr Shane Hayes. The cast of Godspell used the break to good effect with many full rehearsal days so I hope that the production will be well supported.

Appointments to Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following boys who have accepted appointments to leadership in a number of activities that get under way in Term Two. The badging represents much more than personal accomplishment. I have every confidence that these young men will lead well both on and off the field, court or rostrum.

Activity	Captain	Vice Captain
Captain of Basketball	Bernard Peoples	James McMaster
Captain of Debating	Connor Bourke	
Captain of Football	Marc James	Samuel Howard Robert Lockett
Captain of Hockey	Rohan Hill	Benjamin McOwan
Captain of Public Speaking	Benjamin O'Shea	
Captain of Rugby	Adam Govers	Patrick Adeney Blake Davis
Captain of Soccer	Marcus Lynch	Angus Martin

Parents & Friends Association

A reminder that the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer have been declared vacant prior to the next meeting of the Parents and Friends Association on Tuesday April 28 at 7.30pm. I am pleased to say that we have received nominations for each of these positions. So you can come along not having to worry about being dobbed in on the night to fill a position! If there are further nominations, elections will be held on Tuesday evening.

Interviews

Good luck with the bookings for Parent/Student/Teacher interviews for next Monday. Tell your boys that it is in their best interest to be in attendance. It also short circuits misunderstandings all round.



FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldwell

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews – Monday April 27

No classes will be held on Monday April 27 due to the Parent/Student/Teacher interviews that will take place from 12:30 pm on this day. I remind all boys and parents of the importance of meeting with teachers to discuss the progress being made in specific areas and subjects. Boys should attend the arranged interviews as they are meant to be a three way discussion between each boy, his parents and teachers. I would also encourage parents to make appointments with the teachers involved with their son this year regardless of the subject being taught. These meetings and discussions are an important way for the key stakeholders to communicate with each other about the successes, the challenges and ways forward for each boy.

I have always stated to my students that I am happy to speak with parents and I welcome this opportunity, however it is more significant if the student is present at the interview. If only one person is able to be at the interview, I would encourage the choice to be your son. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Students hear directly what has been said about their learning and behaviour within class.
- If changes need to be made then the student is effectively the only one that can make this change despite the best efforts or intentions of their parents!
- The onus of responsibility for their learning rests with the student rather than the parents.

This is not in anyway meant to discourage parents from attending the interviews along with their sons. I am merely trying to highlight to our young men the importance that they must place upon their own education. Ultimately we need to continue to encourage our boys to be responsible for their own learning throughout their entire life!

Edmund Rice Day

This year's Edmund Rice Day is Tuesday May 5 at the College. This is an important day in the College calendar and will provide the College with an opportunity to gather and celebrate the life and example of Blessed Edmund Rice the founder of the Christian Brothers. The day is also to raise funds for a number of extremely worthwhile charities and programmes around the globe. The Student Council have decided that they would like to raise \$40,000 in this year's Edmund Rice Day Walkathon. That equates to approximately \$40 per boy. Each boy will have by now received his individual donation card which was sent with the end of term mail out. Again, I would encourage each boy to make a start on asking for donations from friends, family and neighbours over the next few weeks. The money raised will go directly to various agencies and places who appreciate the generous support we give them as a school. Encourage your son to make a big effort this year and to reach the \$40 target!

2009 Ballarat Youth Survival Guide

The Ballarat Youth Survival Guide 2009 is a card that has been designed for young people to know where to go when they need help with personal or family problems. The 2009 production has been a partnership between the Regional Youth Affairs Network (Highlands), Community Action for Youth (CAFY), Ballarat Community Health Centre, City of Ballarat Youth Services, School Focussed Youth Services and the University of Ballarat (UB Tech.).

Due to the importance of the information contained on these cards and the opportunity for students to access this information, the College has decided that the cards will be distributed to all Year 9 to 12 students on Thursday April 30, 2009. The cards do contain some references that are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church based around same sex attraction. If any parents object to their son receiving a card, please contact the Deputy Headmaster, Student Wellbeing, Mr Chris Caldwell before Thursday, April 30 2009.

Whole School Activities

There are a number of whole school activities occurring within the next three weeks. I would like to take the time to outline our expectations with regards to these events. When students and families sign up for a place at St Patrick's College they agree to the whole package and do not get to choose which parts of the package they will participate in. Attendance is compulsory at all whole school functions including the Athletics Carnival and Edmund Rice Day. If your son is going to be absent on any of these days could you please ask him to come and see Mr Chris Caldwell. I will follow-up all absences on both of these days.

Parenting Tip

Ten Tips for Talking to Your Kids About Anything

Raising a child is probably the most gratifying job any of us will ever have - and one of the toughest! In large part, that's because times have changed. We live in an increasingly complex world that challenges us everyday with a wide range of disturbing issues that are difficult for children to understand and for adults to explain.

1. Start early.

Kids are hearing about and are forced to cope with tough issues at increasingly early ages, often before they are ready to understand all aspects of these complicated ideas. Additionally, medical research and public health data tells us that when young children want information, advice and guidance, they turn to their parents first.

2. Initiate conversations with your child.

While we want our children to feel comfortable enough to come to us with any questions and concerns, and thus give us the opportunity to begin conversations - this doesn't always occur. That's why it's perfectly okay at times even necessary, to begin the discussions ourselves.

3. ...Even about sex and relationships.

If you feel uncomfortable talking about such sensitive subjects, particularly sex and relationships with your young child, you're not alone. Many parents feel awkward and uneasy, especially if they are anxious about the subject. But, for your kid's sake, try to overcome your nervousness and bring up the issue with your child.

4. Create an open environment.

Young children want their parents to discuss difficult subjects with them. However, our kids will look to us for answers only if they feel we will be open to their questions. It's up to us to create the kind of atmosphere in which our children can ask any questions - on any subject, freely and without fear of consequence. How do you create such an atmosphere? By being encouraging, supportive and positive.

5. Communicate your values.

As a parent, you have a wonderful opportunity to be the first person to talk with your child about tough issues like drugs and violence before anyone else can confuse him with "just-the-facts" explanations that lack the sense of values and moral principles you want to instil. Likewise, when talking with your child about sex, remember to talk about more than "the birds and the bees," and communicate your values.

6. Listen to your child.

How many times do we listen to our children while folding clothes, preparing for the next day's meeting, or pushing a shopping cart through the supermarket? While that's understandable, it's important to find time to give kids our undivided attention. Listening carefully to our children builds self-esteem by letting our youngsters know that they're important to us and can lead to valuable discussions about a wide variety of sensitive issues. Listening carefully also helps us better understand what our children really want to know as well as what they already understand.

7. Try to be honest.

Whatever your children's age, they deserve honest answers and explanations. It's what strengthens our children's ability to trust. Also, when we don't provide a straightforward answer, kids make up their own fantasy explanations, which can be more frightening than any real, honest response we can offer.

8. Be patient.

Often it can feel like forever before a youngster gets his story out. As adults, we're tempted to finish the child's sentence for him, filling in words and phrases in an effort to hear the point sooner. Try to resist this impulse. By listening patiently, we allow our children to think at their own pace and we are letting them know that they are worthy of our time.

9. Use everyday opportunities to talk.

It's important to try to talk with your kids about tough issues often, but there isn't always time in the day to sit down for a long talk. Also, kids tend to resist formal discussions about today's toughest issues, often categorising them as just another lecture from mum and dad. But if we use "talk opportunities," moments that arise in everyday life, as occasions for discussion, our children will be a lot less likely to tune us out.

10. Talk about it again - and again.

Since most young children can only take in small bits of information at any one time, they won't learn all they need to know about a particular topic from a single discussion. That's why it's important to let a little time pass, then ask the child to tell you what she remembers about your conversation.

Source: Edited text from www.healthresources.caremark.com

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning
Mr Stephen Hill

Director of Music
Mrs Kathleen Plastow

The University of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra Gala Concert

The University of Melbourne Symphony Orchestra is performing a Gala Concert at the Melbourne Town Hall on Thursday April 30, from 7.30 pm to 9.30pm.

St Patrick's College will provide transport for this out of school activity at a minimal cost dependant on numbers. This offer is also available to parents and guardians and other interested family members. The Gala Concert is a free general admission performance which we see as a fine opportunity to enjoy and share a great experience.

Conductors Marco van Pagee and Benjamin Northey together with the students from the Faculty of the VCA and Music will present a program including: Nielsen-Flute Concerto, soloist Jessica Jiang,

Debussy-Trois Nocturnes, Stuart Greenbaum-Kosciuszko and Stravinsky-Le Sacre du Printemps - Firebird Suite (v. 1919)

If you require further information please contact Mrs Andrea McDonald in the Music Department on 5322 4439 or by email at amcdonald@stpats.vic.edu.au. A reply initiated before Friday April 24 would be greatly appreciated.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mrs Maree Moore

**Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!**

In the early days after the Resurrection we see that Jesus' disciples really struggled to come to terms with his death. Jesus had shared his long term expectations of God's plan, yet they had failed to understand.

(Jn 20:24-26)

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

They dispersed, grief stricken, lost, anxious and fearful for their personal safety, concerned that they might also be pursued by the authorities that had executed Jesus. It is little wonder that in their panic the disciples were unable to recognise Jesus.

I find it both gratifying and challenging to read that it was in opening their minds and hearts that the disciples truly came to faith.

This same invitation is constantly open to us all to open our minds and hearts to the working of Christ in our lives. The Risen Christ draws us out of confusion to understanding, from mystery to revelations. This is Christ's Easter gift to us.

DIRECTOR OF KELTY RESOURCE CENTRE

Mrs Sara Taylor

Boys, Blokes, Books and Breakfast!

St Patrick's College held its inaugural *Boys, Blokes, Books and Breakfast* on Monday March 30 2009. Over one hundred boys and men attended the event in the Old Collegians Pavilion. Once breakfast was eaten there was an animated hum of conversation as the boys and blokes discussed their favourite books.

The student leaders did a wonderful job cooking a breakfast of bacon and eggs and there was certainly plenty to be enjoyed. Members of the Ballarat Miners and the North Ballarat Roosters attended the morning, some with books in hand. There were many comments about the book displays and the quotations about the importance of reading from leading literary, political and sporting people. Australian writer Scot Gardner was the MC and engaged his audience with tales of his own reading past.

Following the breakfast, Scot then entertained the Year 7s with three workshops throughout the day. The workshops proved to be very popular and informative for both the boys and their English teachers.

A reading culture is rapidly developing within the College which can only improve our performance in National Testing and in the Victorian Certificate of Education. Most importantly it will serve to develop a life long love of reading in our boys as they move into manhood.

I would like to thank Ms Jo Hall in particular, for the enormous amount of work she undertook to ensure this event was a great success. Thanks must also be extended to Mrs Pam Delahunty, the Year 7 WIRED Programme Coordinator, Mr Glenn Fisher, Mr Rhys Allan and Mrs Trish Pearsall all of whom contributed to the morning.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews take place on Monday April 27 in the Wilding Wing. Families will have received Individualised Booking Forms with the last mail out. Please note that to enable the maximum number of interviews to take place, no classes will operate on this day. Interviews will run from 12.30pm to 8pm and boys are expected to accompany parents at the interviews. If your son has their Interim report labelled 'Recommended' then every effort to attend would be expected.

College Athletics

The College Athletics Carnival takes place on Tuesday April 28. All students are expected at school on the day competing, assisting or supporting their House. This day has special significance as it is one of the few days when all House Year levels come together for an event.

Edmund Rice Day

The annual Edmund Rice Day will take place on Tuesday May 5. Deputy Headmaster of Student Wellbeing Mr Chris Caldwell has sent home information regarding this day in the term mailout.

Year 7 and 8 Parenting Workshop

Parenting Adolescents: The Challenges, The Changes and Coping – Thursday May 7 in the Old Collegians Pavilion from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

For further information please contact Mrs Cathy Walls, Student Counsellor at the College on 5331 1688.

Siemens Science Experience

There is an opportunity for Year 9 students to participate in a three day hands on practical science programme at a number of Universities from December 2009 through to January 2010. Each programme includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions and career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers. Any student or parent who would like any further information with regards to this experience should please contact Ms Elizabeth Till on 5322 4415 or at etill@stpats.vic.edu.au

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr Michael Busscher

I hope that all members of the Senior School enjoyed a relaxing and well earned Easter break. As always students were provided with co-curricular activities including the Football and Music camps as well as participation in the ongoing College Production rehearsals. Thank you to all staff, parents and students involved in these activities which truly enliven the spirit of St Patrick's College for all concerned.

I would especially like to mention that Year 11 boys Heath Ryan and Kieran Lock made a presentation to the Bacchus Marsh Lions Club over the term break and gained a \$500 contribution towards the Papua New Guinea Expedition Service project which will commence later this year. This involves buying and installing solar cells on the roofs of a PNG jungle village. They have also been invited back to make another presentation after our return from PNG. Heath and Kieran organised this event themselves with parental support. This was an excellent initiative shown by both these boys and testament to the success of the Social Justice programme.

I hope that boys have found time to connect with their families and rekindle their spirit to tackle Term Two head-on. Parent/Student/Teacher interviews to be held on Monday April 27 will be an ideal opportunity for both parents and their son to discuss the intricacies of a now completed Term One. I once again look forward to meeting our myriad of parents on this special occasion. I would also like to remind all Senior School students that they must be wearing long trousers throughout Terms Two and Three.

Term Two will be busy for all members of the Senior School so forward preparation will be the key to many successes this term. The Year 12 boys will have important VCAA Examinations and the opportunity to attend the 2009 Formal, whilst the Year 11 and 10 students will also be very busy sitting examinations towards the end of Term. In this endeavour I wish everyone good luck, positive studying and clear passage over the next nine weeks.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mr Terry Blizzard

Melbourne Experience Information Evening **Wednesday April 29** **Old Collegians Pavilion, St Patrick's College**

The Year 9 Melbourne Experience Information Night will be held on Wednesday April 29 at 7.30 pm in the Old Collegians Pavilion. There will be a number of staff available on the evening to answer any queries you may have.

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

Learning with the Brain in Mind

On Thursday April 2, the Year 8 boys participated in a session with John Joseph called 'The Brain Man' as part of the College's commitment to implementing brain-based learning across the College. The boys participated in many interesting activities involving information about the structure and function of the brain as well as 'hands on' sessions which included the dissection of a sheep's brain and the creation of a 3D model of a brain.

The day was followed up by a Parent Information session in which John touched on the issue of the importance of sleep in the development of young people and a range of other issues. For those who were in attendance the evening proved to be of great value.

Parenting Adolescents: The Challenges, The Changes and Coping

All Year 7 and 8 parents and guardians are invited to a special evening on the topic of Parenting Adolescents: *The Challenges, The changes and Coping*.

Please come along for an informative and interactive evening which will provide parents with the opportunity to meet and discuss with others the joys and challenges of being a parent or guardian of an adolescent.

Topics discussed on the night include:

Communication
 Adolescent development
 Youth culture
 Sibling rivalry
 Conflict resolution

Presented by St Patrick's College and CentaCare, Ballarat

Date: Thursday May 7 2009 from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Where: St Patrick's College Old Collegians Pavilion

For further information please contact Cathy Walls, Student Counsellor at the College on 5331 1688

DIRECTOR OF SPORT

Mr Chris Gleeson

Term 2 Sport

All details for Term 2 sport can be found on the College website with many sports now having the first start up meetings and first training sessions. Please keep abreast of the morning notices for more information.

St Patrick's College v St Kevin's College Annual Fixture

The annual sports challenge this year hosted by St Patrick's College under the most beautiful skies was an outstanding success. Thank you to all the coaches and managers of the SPC and St Kevin's teams for their hard work at the start of the season. Thank you also to the grounds staff who prepared the College playing fields which were all the more impressive given the fact that we are in the middle of the worst drought on record. Thank you to the umpires especially Mr Juri Kaczowski who officiated in the soccer. On the day we also had the support of the local umpires and referee's associations.

Well done to Ms Tamara Westwood who not only managed the basketball programme but also assisted in the administration and preparations for all sports. Finally thank you to the support of the staff on what was a great day for the College.

For the record we ended up with two and a half wins each. Full details of all sports are below.

Basketball

SPC 62 Def SKC 32

Best Players SPC – James McMaster, Bernie Peoples, Lachlan Madder, Ryan Erkamps.

SKC - Decklan Harrick, Seb Kleynhans, Joe Fraser, Jon Coralie.

Points Scorers SPC - James McMaster 21 points, Bernie Peoples 16 pts, Ryan Erkamps 8 pts, Ash Constable 6 points, Tom Gall 6 points.
SKC - Decklan Herrick 14pts, Seb Kleynhans 7pts, Jon Coralie 3 pts, Matt Peric 3 pts.

Both teams made a slow start and were taking their time executing their offence which was reflected in a score line of SPC 9 to SKC 3 at quarter time. Miners recruit and rookie SPC coach BJ Cater ,spoke calmly to the boys at quarter time after which the pace of the game began to quicken and the SPC team, playing its first match for the season developed a ten point lead at the half, 21 points to 11. A dominant display in the third quarter opened up a 23 point lead at three quarter time with the score SPC 46 to SKC 23. The last quarter was a relatively even affair however the hard work had been done with SPC rounding out victory on the home court.

Hockey

SKC 13 Def SPC 0

The first ever challenge match in Hockey was always going to be a difficult encounter for SPC. The SKC team featured a number of State and National representatives and easily stamped their authority on the game in the early stages.

The inexperienced SPC team were simply no match for their Melbourne counterparts in the first half. There was an avalanche of scores by SKC going into the half time break 10 goals to 0. After half time the SPC team were able to rally and although forward advances were few they were able to minimise the scoring and to their credit refused to give in. Coach John Sullivan said "it was a great experience for our boys in what was their first competitive match for the season".

Football

SPC 10.12.72 Def SKC 3.6.24

Best Players - Marc James, Josh Cowan, Pat Britt, Jordan Alexander, Shaun Lyle, Hayden Walters.

SKC - Sebastian Purcell, Tom Cunningham, Jarryd Cachia, Tim Whitty.

The match with the longest history in the challenge provided a very tight and hard fought contest. Opening with a slight wind advantage SPC were able to build a small lead in which they were able to maintain in the second quarter. After half time SPC were able to rise to a higher level with their play. There were many excellent passages of play with fast movement of the ball and highly skilled kicking to strong marking leading forwards. Along with a victory the style of play should give the boys much greater confidence as they head into the start of the BAS season and the much anticipated MCC Herald Sun Shield Round 1 match against Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School on May 6.

Soccer

SPC 1 Drew SKC 1

Best Players - Josh Antonelli, Angus Martin, J Krusche, Marcus Lynch, Kyran Taylor, Scott Berg.

SKC - Joshua Colismo, Luke Davrin, Connor Pain, Joshua McMonagle-Ihaz, Andrew Lightfoot, Ed Ring

Goals SPC - Kryan Taylor 1. **SKC** - Jonathon De Biase 1

The new look St Patrick's Senior Soccer team deserved their 1-1 draw against the annual rivals St Kevin's College on the new College soccer pitch. The game was fast and high skills were shown with good passing under heavy traffic for most of the game.

We scored early at eight minutes when Jacob Krusche found Marcus Lynch on the left wing. An accurate pass was received and with his expected acceleration Marcus broke through and set off for the goals. He centred to Kyran Taylor who had come to add support and the flick on to the advance of Marcus saw him brought down heavily well inside the box. Kyran as expected put the ball sharply to the left of the goalkeeper and he was unable to save the goal.

SPC appeared to be on top for most of the first half however against the play we made one error and the SKC sharp shooter put a hard shot on which was stopped but not contained by Tom McKinnon. The spilled ball was mopped up by their striker to level the scores.

The SPC backline was very solid all game with Joshua Antonelli a revelation on the back right and the impregnable Jacob Krusche and Angus Martin central defence network too strong for the St Kevin's forwards.

Different players were tried up front with little success though Michael Trigger came on and immediately gained us a free kick just outside the box. Kyran Taylor's kick low to the right brought out a top low diving save off their keeper.

Meanwhile SPC got on top of the SKC centre players with William Georgiou and Alex Antonelli showing that they will be great allies to Kyran Taylor. The last 15 minutes centred around Tom Young coming back on and using his strength to open up spaces. A flurry in the six yard area off a corner could have gained SPC the lead with Marcus coming close to scoring however his shot went across the face.

The result was pleasing turning around from last year's 1-3 loss and augurs well for the BAS season in 2009.

Rugby

SKC 72 Def SPC 0

This was the first challenge match between the two schools in the sport of Rugby and it was always going to be a difficult match for the SPC boys who after last years premiership were rebuilding with many younger players. SKC is renowned as a strong Rugby school in the premier APS division and unfortunately on this day the SPC boys were no match for their opposition. The score line however was not a true reflection of the day with 30 points for SKC coming in the last seven minutes of play. Despite all the effort and courage shown the SPC boys could simply not hold back the size, strength and power of the SKC forward pack.

Volunteers required

To assist the SPC Term 2 Sports programme volunteers are sought in a range of areas including umpires and team managers. 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 or log onto the College webpage for more information

Basketball Referee Course

The Ballarat Basketball Stadium is running a referee course beginning in May. The course will run over three sessions at a cost of \$45, which includes a green referee shirt, whistle and rule book as well as a Level O Referees certificate.

It is a great way to stay fit and get involved in the sport of basketball. Any person who is interested in obtaining more information or to register is asked to contact the Director of Basketball, Miss Tamara Westwood at the College. There is a limit on participation numbers.

KENIRY HOUSE

Mrs Nicole Hexter

At the beginning of the year I mentioned that I would like to see every one of the 297 boys in Keniry House involved in at least one co-curricular activity at the College by the end of the year. 161 students have already taken on that challenge during Term 1. 21 of them are involved in at least three co-curricular activities which is a fantastic effort. These boys were awarded with a certificate at the end of the term to recognise their contribution.

One activity that is hopefully going to boost this number is the Athletics Carnival to be held on Tuesday April 28. There are 235 Keniry students signed up for the track and field events. The Swimming Carnival was a close race between Nunan and Keniry, so let's try and get one up, and overtake the Nunan boys! On the day boys are required bring their own lunch and drink and to wear their Keniry House Polo top, SPC PE shorts and sneakers. Thongs are **not** permitted.

If it is cold on the day boys are able to wear their Keniry House Rugby jumper. Students are encouraged to leave all valuables at home or locked in their locker at school to avoid items being lost. Parents are welcome to join us at Llanberris Reserve to support their son(s) – just remember to wear blue to show your support for Keniry House!

The Edmund Rice Day Walkathon is coming up in Week 3 on Tuesday May 5. This is the feast day of Edmund Rice. All students are strongly encouraged to fundraise at least the minimum amount of \$40. This will greatly assist us in achieving the school grand total of \$40,000.

Over the term break Brayden Allan participated in the Under 17 Australasian Badminton Championships which involved the best players from all over Australia and New Zealand. Brayden played in the Second Victorian team which played quite well in the four day team's event finishing third overall in Australia and New Zealand, being the second best team in Australia which is a fantastic effort! A highlight for Brayden was when the team bet the number one NSW team for the bronze medal in a close match. NSW were strongly tipped to win however the Victorian team dug deep to narrowly beat them.

After the team's event the Individual Championships started over four days. Brayden was seeded five from eight in the men's doubles and nine from 16 in the mixed doubles. Brayden played very well ending the week in the top 32 Singles players in Australia and New Zealand and also in the top 20 in just Australia, top 16 in Doubles in both Australia and New Zealand, the top 10 in just Australia, top 16 in Mixed in Australia and New Zealand and again in the top ten in just Australia. Well done Brayden and we wish you all the best in what the future lies ahead for you in the badminton world!

Each week in The Crest I would like to acknowledge Keniry students like Brayden who have achieved success in the wider community for community service, sport, public speaking or in the performing arts. If you would like your son's achievements to be recognised in this way please email the details to Mrs Nicole Hexter at nhexter@stpats.vic.edu.au.

RYANHOUSE

Mr Damian McKee

House Lawn Bowls

House Lawn Bowls concluded in the last week of Term One and Ryan House took out the Grand Final in a closely fought match against Keniry House. Members of the Ryan House victorious team were:

Daniel Cobden
Josh Plozza
Sean Mundy
Dominic Boschetti

Music

Congratulations and well done to all the Ryan House Band members who participated in the Music Camp at Lake Dewar in the last week of the term break. Thank you to Mrs Kathleen Plastow, Mr Stephen Hill, Mr Peter Camm and Mr Carl Alwert for their time and effort.

John Hickey
Paul Barresi
Connor Bourke
Simon Gradkowski
Joe McKee
Lachlan Mulquiny
Ben O'Shea
Tim O'Shea
Jeremy Seymour-Quest
Thomas Thorpe

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

Mr Mark Waddington

St Patrick's College
Parents and Friends Committee

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 28 at 7.30 pm in the College Board Room. All Welcome!

The next meeting of the Parents and Friends Association will be held on Tuesday April 28 at 7.30 pm in the College Board Room. Please make every effort to attend – and bring a friend or two. Positions on the 2009 Executive have been filled so you are in no danger of leaving as the new President or Secretary! For more information please contact Mark Waddington on 0429 990 980 or mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au

If you would like any further information about the invaluable work of the Parents and Friends, please visit the College website (www.stpats.vic.edu.au - P&F link).

ARCHIVES

Br Brian Davis

The Torpy Trophies

In 2006 the Torpy family donated a series of trophies to the College. A summary of the Torpy family success is detailed below:

- John Torpy (SPC 1961-1964) won his trophies for the Under 17 and Open Athletics in 1961 and 1962, 1st XVIII Best First Year Player in 1962 and for Character and Application to Study and Sport in 1964.
- Gerard Torpy (SPC 1961-1965) won his trophies for the Under 14, 16 and 17 Athletics.
- Patrick Torpy (SPC 1968-1971) was the Under 11 and 13 Athletics Champion.
- Peter Torpy (SPC 1961-1966) won the Under 13 Athletics in 1965.



These trophies were restored and resilvered in preparation for their permanent display at the College. Currently the collection is being featured for the next fortnight in The Gerald Coffey Display Centre, located on the western side of the Edmund Rice Student Services Centre.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Roster Monday April 27 to Friday May 1.

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.

Monday April 27

Parent Teacher Interviews – No Classes

Tuesday April 28

No Canteen – House Athletics Sports

Wednesday April 29

Kathy Walters, *Debbie Lee, Robyn Lavery, Christine Laidlaw, Simone Adamczyk, Paula Bandy, Melinda Nicholls, Daydie Burgess.

Thursday April 30

Bridget Vallance, *Kelly Day, *Angela Smith, Cathy Van Rijn,* Anne Fay, Sue McDougall

Friday May 1

*Catherine Schuurs, *Susan Azzopardi, Janice Foley, Bronwyn Stewart, Mary Hopkins, *Kathy Harris *Katherine Mundy, *Helen Spratling, *Donna Weightman, Dianne Debono

***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:

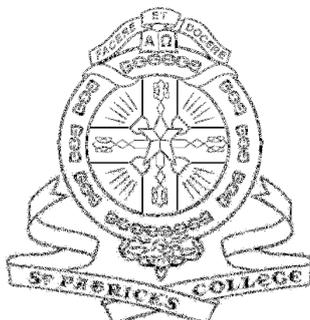
Tuesday 12 -4 pm

Thursday 12-4 pm



Music Camp 2009

The St Patrick's College Old Collegians Association



Presents the 8th Annual "Halls of History" Dinner with the Legends" Saturday May 2, 2009 In the OCA Pavilion

*Featuring the induction of St Patrick's College "Legends":
Col. Mark 'Pup' Elliot (SPC 1974-1979) –
one of the nation's leading defence force personnel currently on duty in Iraq
Jamie McKew OAM (SPC 1960-1965) –
founder of the Port Fairy Folk Festival*

*Drew Petrie (SPC 1995-2000) –
AFL North Melbourne star and Olympic oarsman James Marburg (SPC 1995-2000)
And Masters of Ceremony*

Paul Coburn (SPC 1975-1980) and Ralph Barba (SPC 1975-1980) from Radio SEN.

Tickets are sure to sell quickly, so please return this flyer with your payment to guarantee your place at this historic occasion.

I wish to purchase _____ tickets at \$70 per person to attend the 2009 Halls of History Dinner.
Total \$ _____

Please reserve me _____ tables of 10 @ \$700 per table for the 2009 Halls of History Dinner.
Total \$ _____

Please return this form, together with your payment to "The Development Office, Locked Bag 31, Ballarat, 3350. For credit card payments the form can be faxed to the Development Office – (03) 5331 8150.

*For further enquiries please contact the College Development Manager, Mark Waddington (03) 53 311688 or
mwaddington@stpats.vic.edu.au*

Name: _____

Attached is a cheque (payable to SPC OCA) for \$ _____.

Credit Card Payment: Visa Card Master Card

Credit Card Details

Expiry Date _____

Signature: _____



**The Annual Challenge fixtures
between
St Patrick's College and
St Kevin's College**





Music Camp 2009





St Patrick's College

INVITES
ALL YEAR 7 & 8 PARENTS/CARERS
TO A SPECIAL EVENING

PARENTING ADOLESCENTS: *The Challenges, the Changes and Coping*

Date: Thursday May 7 2009 from 7:30pm-9:30pm
Where: St Patrick's College Pavilion

Come along for an informative, interactive evening. The evening will give parents the opportunity to meet and discuss with others the joys and challenges of being a parent/carer of an adolescent.

Topics discussed on the night include:-

- Communication
- Adolescent development
- Youth culture
- Sibling rivalry
- Conflict resolution

Presented by St Patrick's College and CentaCare, Ballarat

For more information contact Cathy Walls, Student Counsellor on 5331 1688

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REPLY SLIP: Please return to SPC Student Services by May 1

I/We will/will not be attending the Parenting Adolescents Night on May 7

FAMILY NAME: _____

STUDENT/S NAME/S: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

COMING EVENTS

Monday April 27

Parent/Student Teacher Interviews 12.30 pm – 8.00 pm – Wilding Wing

Tuesday April 28

BAS 2nd XVIII and Intermediate Football Rd 1

Athletics BAS Carnival

Jun B Soccer

Badminton Grading Night

Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30 pm - College Board Room

Board Executive Meeting – 7.30 am

Wednesday April 29

Year 9 Parent Information Night - Melbourne Experience - 7.30 pm

BAS Junior Football Rd 1

OES Unit 1 Coastal Experience

SPC Athletics Carnival

Thursday April 30

Inter B Soccer

Friday May 1

Class of 2004 Reunion – Clyde Hotel Carlton, 7 pm

Saturday May 2

Rugby 2nd Division – CGS vs SPC - 1.15 pm

U16 Division 2 – CGS vs SPC – 12.00 pm

OCA Dinner with the Legends – 6 pm OCA Pavilion

Tuesday May 5

Edmund Rice Day and Assembly

Athletics BAS Carnival

BAS 2nd XVIII and Intermediate Football Rd 2

Jun B Soccer

Board Meeting 7.30 pm

Wednesday May 6

1.30 pm MCC Herald Sun Shield SPC vs PEGS at SPC

Junior B Football

Thursday May 7

Roll Call Photos

Parenting Adolescents: The Challenges, the Changes and Coping – Thursday May 7 – Pavilion 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm

Inter B Soccer

Friday May 8

Mother's Day Mass and Breakfast, 7 am

Sunday May 10

Year 12 Outdoor Education Studies Camp – Gippsland – departs 4.00

Mother's Day