

NEWSLETTER 5/2
Friday May 22, 2009

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Welcome to another week that has brought the many joys and some of the unwelcome pain of our human situation as a Catholic school in the tradition of Edmund Rice.

On Monday I received an email from one of my colleagues, the Principal of Catholic Regional College Sydenham, announcing the death of a student. The email read 'Sadly, one of our Year 12 students, Phil Vrkic passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday evening. Phil was a popular boy, excellent athlete and bright student. Our Year 12 students have been shocked by his sudden death.' On Tuesday morning I received the following from Nazareth College in Melbourne: 'Nazareth College mourns the tragic death of Year 10 student Samuel Hsuing. Samuel was struck by a hit run car. Staff and students have been touched by this young man who had a passion for learning and sport. We celebrated his life with the Chinese Christian community on Saturday'.

For some time I have been conscious of the situation of another colleague, Maree Johnston, the Principal of St Joseph's College Melbourne, who is in intensive care and there are grave concerns for her wellbeing. Early on Wednesday morning I received a phone call informing me that her condition had deteriorated. Of our four big candles of Faith, Tradition, Excellence and Joy, I have this morning lit the Candle of Joy in our Chapel to remind any visitor that we are praying for those in great need at this time. I chose the candle of Joy because my experience of Maree has been meeting a person who has lived life to the full and brought joy to all those she has met.

Death is a fact of life and we cannot deny it or shrink from talking about it. I receive an email from one or other of my colleagues in principalship at least once a month, probably more frequently, announcing the death of a student or staff member, usually unexpected and often in tragic circumstances.

In this context I encourage each of you to live:

To live a worthwhile life- worthy of the dignity that we share as sons and daughters of God, made in the likeness of God and brought to life by the breath of God; you have nothing to fear from death if you are living a worthy life;

To live life to the full - don't turn your back on good opportunities;

To live a life filled with love - love those God gives us to share our lives with;

To live a life that radiates joy- the joy that can only come from being loved and from loving I return.

While talking about death it seems strange but my final exhortation is: Be happy!

Please continue to pray for the repose of Rhys Marshall who died on Saturday morning and for Digby Gram from last year's Year 12 who is now on a charge of manslaughter.

Many of you, particularly in the Senior School, have been concerned for the wellbeing of Mr Steven Callahan, who is obviously unwell. I wish to inform you all that Mr Callahan is stepping aside from his teaching for the foreseeable future as he deals with the cancers that have beset him for over ten years. We are grateful to Mr John Cosgriff for his preparedness to come out of retirement to assist us. I have reassured Mr Callahan of our prayerful support as he deals with his illness.

I ask you to pray for those who cannot currently live a life of joy because they are weighed down by the sadness of their circumstances. Pray that God will release them from their shackles and take the scales from their eyes, so that they can see past the immediate problem to what St Irenaeus calls the glory of God: man fully alive.

*I will not die an un-lived life.
I will not live in fear of falling or catching fire.
I choose to inhabit my days,
to allow my living to open me,
to make me less afraid,
more accessible,
to loosen my heart until it becomes a wing,
a torch, a promise.
I choose to risk my significance
to live so that which came to me as seeds,
goes to the next as blossom
and that which came to me as blossom
goes on as fruit.*

Dawn Markova

May God bless us all.

PeterC



Philosopher, author and Old Collegian Raimond Gaita addressing VCE students.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldow

Homework and Study

Usually, the most significant issues for parents with regards to homework is the amount of work set, whether the workload is achievable and whether or not they can motivate their son to work effectively. So how do we view homework at St Patrick's?

Firstly, homework times are laid out in the diary in terms of recommended hours of study. With regard to the difficulty of work, most homework is designed to either conclude or reinforce concepts or skills taught in the classroom lesson. I often hear parents rightfully say that they cannot do the maths or do not know what the teacher wants for a history project. Although this sometimes has parents believing their contribution in relation to homework is not of great value, the opposite is the case.

Most studies I have read about homework see it as a task that does more than reinforce classroom learning. Homework does other very important things. For example, it enables parents to be aware of what learning is taking place and what isn't. It is also an avenue where parents can display an active interest in their son's education. One of the highest indicators of student success is not the education or wealth of families but their preparedness to take an interest and involve themselves in their son's learning. This contribution by parents tells a student that school work matters a great deal and assists him to get through difficult moments by being an emotional support while the student is doing the work. Parents do not need to know how to solve a maths problem or to understand the concepts behind a novel to be able to talk to their sons about how they might work through an issue.

Similarly, a parent needs to know nothing other than how to congratulate their son on a great hour's work with a hug and a smile. This can make the whole task seem worthwhile and for some, bearable.

Some helpful hints for families regarding homework are:

- Provide a quiet environment for the work to be done - avoid bedrooms where possible because students often get distracted when alone. The best places are often a kitchen or dining-room table where someone is around doing other things. Many students find doing homework alone quite unpleasant so your presence can make a huge change to the way they approach homework.
- Negotiate well defined times and use gentle reminders to keep your son on task.
- Make sure there is plenty of time for recreation and favourite TV shows are not missed.
- Some students are very poor at organisation. Sound guidance regarding having his homework table set up appropriately, working to timelines and undertaking a variety of tasks can really assist students.
- Encourage your son to have a friend whom he can phone to clarify a problem that is insurmountable.
- Provide him with good advice about speaking to teachers or accessing information from other sources
- Some students overdo their homework. You need to make sure they are being effective with their time. If your son seems to be taking too much time, talk to the teacher; remember efficiency is an important skill to learn.
- Homework is not simply projects and maths problems; it can be reading a novel, active revision or completing a drawing.
- Some students avoid doing the things they're not very good at. If your son is like this, teach him to do the uncomfortable work at the beginning and in short bursts.

- We know that some students are not natural academics and try to avoid home study. If your son is like this, it is important to make sure that you work in close partnership with him and show an understanding for his struggles whilst guiding him with his studies.
- Occasionally parents offer quite generous rewards to students who are not natural academics such as a new bike or a trip to Queensland. These sorts of incentives rarely work for young people as they are too distant. Usually the best incentives are ones that are part of the fabric of each day or week and just may involve a favourite TV show or being taken surfing on the weekend.
- Most young people will bend over backwards for their parents if they have a sense that their parents are doing the same for them

Finally, we know that there are times when some students really struggle with either the work load or understanding. Your involvement and appreciation of their situation can be a great benefit to them. This is especially the case for VCE students.

Please contact your son's subject teacher, the Year Level Coordinator or the College Counsellors, Mrs Cathy Walls or Mrs Shannan Sosinski if you feel your son is having difficulties. I am sure that you will find that our teachers would appreciate your involvement and will do their best to try and help whatever the problem might be. I sometimes hear parents say something to the effect that 'Well, he is in Year 11 or 12 this year. It is up to him - time for us to pull back.' However, often the opposite is the case and although you may not be able to provide practical support, your moral support and interest can make a huge difference during a stressful year.

So homework is something that students need to do to get through the volume of work that their educational schedule requires. However more importantly it is a way that parents can join in and contribute to a very large component of their every day life reinforcing its value and providing wise counsel in times of need.

Whole School Photograph

As you may be aware an error has been made with the labelling of the student names on the back of the whole school photograph. One entire row has been omitted from the list of names. The company producing the photograph, Group Portraits has apologised for this error and is in the process of producing a sticker containing the missing row of student names. When these stickers arrive parents will be notified through The Crest of the process associated with the distribution of these stickers. A reminder to all families that the whole school photograph should have been returned to Student Services.

Bus Timetable Changes June 12

As of June 12 there will be changes to the school bus timetables. For the convenience of families the timetables are available for download via the St Patrick's College website. Please follow the link to see if there are any changes that will affect your sons travel arrangements to and from school.

www.stpats.vic.edu.au – News & Events – Bus Timetables June 12.

Peace and Social Justice

Mr Matthew Taylor

Matthew Hogbin, Year 11

On Wednesday May 13 a group of students, chosen for their efforts in social justice activities at St Patricks College ventured to St Kevin's College in Richmond to take part in the gathering of students from Edmund Rice Southern Region schools. Students networked with fellow students addressing "Justice and Peace issues which are facing us in the world."

Brother Philip Pinto is the Congregational Leader for the Christian Brothers. Br Philip addressed the students on the issue of Justice and Peace. Br Philip is an inspiring speaker who uses stories to convey the message of Social Justice for all people. All boys were inspired to act upon issues that are prevalent in society and the world.

One such story was particularly astonishing to hear. A woman sits in a court room waiting for her case to be heard. In front of her in the dock is a group of six security guards. The woman is asked to recount her story, she points to one particular guard and says that three years earlier this guard had entered her house and had taken her son, he had put a gun against his head and shot him dead. He then dragged the body outside the house and placed it on a pile of sticks, covered him with petrol and burnt him in front of her.

Sometime later he returned and came into her house. This time he took her husband. She had no idea what had happened to him or where they had taken him, until two years later when the guard came back again and took her blindfolded to a river where she saw her husband alive, laying tied on top of a pile of sticks.

The guard then covered him with petrol and set him on fire. Just before her husband died he cried out 'forgive them, for they know not what they do'. On hearing this, the judge asked the woman what she wanted to happen to this guard. The woman responded that she wanted three things.

Firstly, she wanted the guard to take her back to the river where her husband perished so that she could collect the ashes and give him a proper burial.

The second was that she wanted to adopt the guard as her son. She said he should visit her twice a month. This guard had taken all that she had loved and lived for and she felt she needed to love something. That something was the guard because she would then be able to share the love she still had in her with him.

The third was that she wanted to forgive him, as her husband had done just before he died, she too wanted to forgive him for the wrongs he had done. The woman asked the clerk to help her over to the dock, as she was very frail, so that she could embrace the guard, so that he was aware that he truly had her total forgiveness.

At this the guard collapsed to the floor, overcome with emotion.

Brother Philip also spoke about self respect and how if we were to be true to ourselves, we could not simply continue to do nothing with the life we have been given. He said to the boys that when they walk through the door to go home, they will be different from what they were when they came in. They will now always act upon injustice in our world, for the good of all.

A highlight for one of the boys was the presentation of a certificate of appreciation and acknowledgement from Br Philip and the Christian Brothers, for the Social Justice initiatives that are undertaken at St Patrick's College. Matthew Hogbin was awarded this certificate for his work in The St Vincent De Paul Conference and The Social Justice Conference here at St Patrick's College.

With the inspiration of Br Philip, all students are encouraged to consider joining either the St Vincent De Paul Conference or the Social Justice Conference from Year 10 to 12 to work with other students in an effort to carry the message of Peace and Social Justice for all.

In the words of Brother Philip Pinto, "Move out and immerse yourself in the life of the poor. God will do the rest".

Matthew Hogbin receiving his Social Justice certificate from Br Phillip Pinto.



FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER **Teaching and Learning** **Mr Stephen Hill**

Academic Awards

The first award presented at this week's Academic Assembly was an Academic Endeavour Award to Year 8 student **Nicholas Whelan** in recognition of his efforts in English this semester. Like a number of boys I have written about this year, Nicholas maximises his use of class time and makes every effort to ensure that he is fully prepared for each lesson. He regularly asks his teacher Mrs Maree Moore for help and makes a conscious effort to manage his weekly homework load. Aside from these important work habits, there are two aspects of Nicholas' efforts in English that I want to draw your attention to. The first is how Nicholas has set up his English workbook – pages of drafting immediately followed by pages of the completed task. The second is his use of the drafting process itself – through either his own re-working, help from Mrs Maree Moore or assistance from home. The simple strategies of the dividing of his work book along with his commitment to drafting and re-working have contributed to Nicholas maximising his results in English this year. Well done Nicholas!

The second award was another Academic Endeavour Award and was presented to Year 7 student **Christopher Callil** in recognition of his efforts in guitar this semester. This is Christopher's first year of learning the guitar and he is thoroughly enjoying the challenge of learning a new instrument. This enjoyment is reflected in Christopher's exceptionally well kept and filled-in Practice Record Book and his very good progress in reading sheet music. These as well as Christopher's commitment to regular practice have resulted in his excellent progress with the guitar this semester. Congratulations Christopher.

The first of the Headmaster's Excellence awards was presented to Year 12 student, **Michael Tuppen** in recognition of his successful completion of the Australian Business Week programme at Deakin University during the Term One break. Michael was one of just 60 Victorian secondary school students to be chosen for the programme. The Australian Business Week programme takes place over six days and requires students to complete tasks such as running a mock multi-million dollar company, preparing for and participating in mock court trial, creating a mock product and producing a trade display for this product. Michael also attended presentations from Ernst and Young, a team-work speaker and the CEO of Disney Australia.

As someone who hopes to study Commerce at Deakin next year, Michael thoroughly enjoyed all that the Australian Business Week programme offered. Michael's message for all students is to take a risk and make the most of every potential opportunity that comes your way. Michael's involvement in the Australian Business Week programme came about because he followed through on the information given to him by his teacher Ms Virginia Ryan. Students were reminded that the next time they hear or see of an opportunity through the daily notices or a College email that they should take a chance and follow it up. They just might end up having an experience such as Michael's.

A Headmaster's Excellence Award was presented to Year 8 student **Thomas Hoy**, in recognition of his outstanding work completing the *Natural Hazards* task in Humanities. Thomas' research assignment on the 2006 Grampians bushfire was very well researched and presented. One of the features of Thomas' assignment was the level of detail included in the completed task. In speaking with Thomas about how he decided what to include and what to leave out of the assignment he made particular reference to his use of the assessment rubric given to him as part of the task. Thomas said that he used the rubric as a planning tool by only including information relevant to what was going to be assessed. All students should be using the rubrics or assessment criteria given to them as a planning tool to ensure that like Thomas they are meeting the requirement of each assessment task to the level required. Well done, Thomas on your efforts.

The final Headmaster's Excellence Award was presented to Year 8 student **Andrew Groch**, in recognition of his consistently outstanding results in Mathematics this semester. Mr Brady, Andrew's Mathematics teacher, describes him as having an excellent understanding of mathematical concepts and an ability to sort information, organise his calculations and complete the various steps to arrive at the correct answer. In speaking with Andrew it became clear that this relatively simple three step strategy of sorting information, organising calculations and solving these calculations helps him to answer a range of problem solving based tasks. Congratulations Andrew on your successes this semester.

Year 10 student **Matthew Norman** was invited to speak at the assembly about the recent Ballarat Science and Engineering Challenge. Mr Harry Kennedy, President of the Rotary Club of Wendouree, then presented the runners-up trophy and certificates to the students who participated in the Ballarat Science and Engineering Challenge. Students who participated in the Challenge included:

Alexander McPherson
Blair Keys
Carl Giles
Dimitry Makeev
Jack Callil
James McMillan
Jaz Plinius-Wiese
Jonathan Willey
Joshua Paddon
Kieren Hickey
Killian Plastow
Liam Davie
Mathew Thorne
Matthew Norman
Patrick Ross-Taylor
Patrick Thorpe
Regan Boyce
Scott Azarnikow
Scott Erkamps
Timothy McOwan
Toby Ford
Tyler Brandenburg
Zac Reale

Careers and Transition Coordinator **Mr Anthony Meehan**

Second Semester Subject Changes

Year 9, 10 and 11 students who wish to make a subject change request for Semester Two will be able to do so from the week beginning May 25. Students must firstly obtain a form from the VCE Coordinator Mrs Elizabeth Ryan, the relevant Year Level Coordinator or from the Careers and Transition Office. Secondly, Parent and Teacher approval must be sought by having the form signed. To discuss career pathway options please make a booking with the Careers and Transition Coordinator Mr Anthony Meehan through the Edmund Rice Centre.

Work Experience Week June 22 to 26

Year 10 students and parents are encouraged to have paperwork completed and returned to the College by the end of this month. Many major employers like to have one month's advance notice of placements. It is hoped that all forms be fully signed off and copies sent to employers and parents confirming details two weeks prior to the work experience week. Please contact Mr Meehan on 53224407 if difficulties in securing a placement are still being experienced.

Upcoming Careers Dates

- May 24** Careers in Sports Medicine and Science Seminar, Albert Park
- May 25** Career of the Month Sessions – Ambulance Paramedic, at the BLX Ballarat
- May 27** Deakin Medicine Information Evening in Ballarat
- May 27** Focus on University of Melbourne Commerce, Parkville
- May 28** Career of the Month Sessions – Ambulance Paramedic at the BLX Ballarat
- June 4** Focus on University of Melbourne Engineering, Parkville
- June 9** Focus on University of Melbourne Arts, Parkville
- June 10** Focus on University of Melbourne Performing Arts, Parkville
- June 11** "Your future, your choice" – a Year 10 Event at Deakin Geelong

For more details on any of these events please contact Mr Anthony Meehan at the College on 5322 4407.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MISSION **Mrs Maree Moore**

Traditionally, The Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May to a reflection upon the courage and strength of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Little is known of her personal history. Her genealogy is given in Luke 3. She was of the tribe of Judah and the lineage of David (Psalm 132:11, Luke 1:32). She was connected by marriage with Elizabeth, who was of the lineage of Aaron (Luke 1:36)

Mary was the wife of Joseph and the Mother of Jesus Christ. In scripture we read of Mary in (Matt 2:11, Matt 1:23, Luke 1:27; Act 1:14). We know that Mary resided in Nazareth with her parents before becoming the wife of Joseph.

The angel Gabriel announced to her that she was to become the mother of the promised Messiah (Luke 1:25). After this she visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was living with her husband Zacharias, at Maon. Immediately upon entering the house she was saluted by Elizabeth as the mother of her Lord. Mary then responded with her hymn of Thanksgiving.

Soon after this a decree from Augustus (Luke 2:1) required that Mary and Joseph should proceed to Bethlehem for a census. Whilst there, Jesus was born in an inn (Matt 1:21)

Following Jewish tradition, Jesus was presented at the temple when he was 12 days old. Quite soon after this the family fled to Egypt for safety. On the family's return the following year, they lived in Nazareth. It is in Nazareth that Mary resided for about 30 years. During these years only one event is recorded: when Jesus was 12 years old the family travelled to Jerusalem. Here Jesus was found among the learned teachers in the temple. (Luke 2:41-52)

After the commencement of Jesus' ministry little is noted about Mary. She was present at the marriage in Cana. We find her some time later at Capernaum (Matt 12: 46-49). Finally, we find her at the cross of Jesus with her sister Mary, Mary Magdalene, Salome and nameless other women. (John 19:26). From that time on we know that John looked after her. The time and manner of her death are unknown.

Throughout her entire life Mary is portrayed as women of absolute faith and trust. In this age of arrogance it is enlightening to look towards Mary as a model of courage. Mary knew and experienced all that life holds with its darkness, triumphs and mystery. But throughout all of this turbulence, her faith was unshaken.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Coming Events

Year 7 Loreto Interaction Day

All Year 7 students will be involved in a Sports Interaction Day with Loreto students on Thursday May 28 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm. All parents will receive a letter from Year 7 Coordinator Mr Gavin Webb which will outline the activities of the day.

Mid-Year Exams

It is important for boys to commence preparations for the Mid-Year Exams. Please find below the Year Level exam dates.

Unit 3 Exams and the GAT

Tuesday June 9 to Thursday June 11.

Year 11 Exams

Friday June 12 to Friday June 19.

Year 10 Exams

Friday June 12 to Friday June 19.

Junior and Middle School Exams

Monday June 15 to Thursday June 18.

A detailed timetable of all exams will be attached to The Crest in future weeks along with Exam regulations and the daily organisation of this period.

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

Mr Michael Busscher

Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-63)

On Wednesday philosopher, author and Old Collegian Raimond Gaita (SPC 1958-63) best known for his autobiographical novel 'Romulus My Father' visited the College. Year 11 and 12 students were privileged to be able to listen to Raimond and gain much knowledge of the writing process which will assist them throughout their academic lives and beyond.

On behalf of all of the St Patrick's Senior School students thank you to Raimond for sharing his time and vast experience with us. I am certain that the boys appreciated this opportunity immensely.

All Year 12 boys have been sent invitations to the 2009 Year 12 Formal and at this time should be busy organising their tables for the evening. As well as this the Year 12s have been organising the Year 12 Retreat dates and gaining valuable study time as Unit 3 comes to an end. In the case of Accounting, Biology, Chemistry and Physics students are busily preparing for their up-coming VCAA Examinations.

Year 12 boys driving to school

An important reminder to all Year 12 parents that your son must register with the Year 12 Coordinator, Mr Graham Swinton if he will be driving to and from school. This is vitally important for the welfare of the boys and families concerned.



Raimond Gaita addressing VCE students

HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mr John Richards

Term 2 is progressing well and the boys in the Junior School are working productively to learn new skills, utilise newly acquired knowledge and to complete set assessment tasks.

It is at around this time of the term that the importance of organisational skills and established study routines are of the greatest importance. By now your son should have a well established pattern of nightly study: a designated study time and space away from TV and other distractions.

If this is not the case it is never too late to start. Your son should be making good use of his study diary to arrange his homework activities and to plan work around other commitments such as football training and family commitments.

End of Semester exams occur in the final week of term, June 15 to 19. The Year 7 boys will sit formal exams in Mathematics and English. Boys in Year 8 will sit their formal exams in Mathematics, English, Science and SOSE. It would be well within their interests to spend a little time each evening to review the semester's learning.

NAPLAN Testing

Last week the Year 7 boys participated in the annual NAPLAN testing. The aim of NAPLAN testing is to assess student knowledge and skills in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals regarding student achievement which can be used to inform teaching and learning programmes.

NAPLAN tests provide point-in-time information regarding student progress across Australia in literacy and numeracy and are intended to complement teacher judgement and the wide range of formal and informal testing programmes that are already in use. Results of the testing will be made available to parents later in the year.

Lost Ipod

An Ipod was lost from the PE change rooms on Friday May 8 during sessions 7 and 8. If you find the Ipod or know anything of its whereabouts please contact Mr Chris Caldow or Tom Edmondson, 8D.

Items of Value

A reminder to all that items of value: phones, mp3 players, cash or game consoles for example should be secured in students' lockers when not in use. Students should also consider the necessity of bringing such items to school as they are often of considerable value and cause great disappointment if they are misplaced.

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



YEAR 8: MATTHEW SPRATLING

For his pleasant manner and fine attitude towards his studies.

DIRECTOR OF SPORT Mr Chris Gleeson

Term 2 Sport

First XI Hockey Mr John Sullivan

St Patrick's College - 3 Defeated Ballarat High School - 2

Round 1 witnessed a victorious start to the year for the SPC First XI defeating Ballarat High School, 3 goals to 2. The boys were pumped when Jesse Hennessey scored the first goal just after the 10 minute mark in the first half and set out many other attacks on goal unfortunately to no avail. BHS responded strongly by levelling the score, one all at half time.

The second half saw some tempers beginning to flare as lack of fitness and the pressure of a two all draw increased. Sean Gayton was under immense pressure in goals from a consistent barrage of shots from BHS. However SPC were fortunate to score the final goal of the match to record a 3-2 win.

Goals: Jesse Hennessey 2, Zac Pietsch 1.

Best: Jesse Hennessey, Liam Brookes, Jacob Weeks.

Soccer

First XI Mr Tony Beggs

Round 2: SPC - 5 Defeated BGS - 0

After a convincing win against Ballarat High School the previous week, St Patrick's faced Ballarat Grammar at home to continue its unbeaten start to the season. SPC dominated the opening moments of the game, with Marcus Lynch running on the left-hand side, creating chances for forwards Lachie McLean and Michael Ferguson. Only a lack of composure in front of goals prevented St Pat's from taking a lead. However 17 minutes in, a great attacking run and cut back down the bi-line by Will Georgiou resulted in the opening goal.

Less than five minutes later, SPC doubled its advantage when a great turn and shot by McLean found the top right corner of the net. A couple more chances were missed before the interval where St Patrick's went in with a comfortable 2-0 lead.

The second half was a carbon copy of the first, with Grammar doing very little attacking and having to repel SPC's constant attacks. It was not long before the lead was 3-0 as Scott Berg brilliantly played in Charlie King, who finished neatly past the keeper and into the bottom corner of the net. St Pat's continued to control all the play, with Charlie King, Scott Berg and Josh and Alex Antonelli seeing plenty of the ball. Tom Young then provided one of the goals of the season with a stunning strike from 25 metres that pierced the top corner of the net for his second and St Pat's fourth goal of the game. Daniel Mahoney on debut rounded out the scoring with a clinical finish past the keeper to score the fifth and final goal of the game allowing St Pat's to remain undefeated in the BAS competition after 2 rounds.

Goals: Tom Young, Will Georgiou, Lachie Mclean, Charlie King, Daniel Mahoney.

Best: Will Georgiou, Scott Berg, Marcus Lynch, Tom Young, Alex Antonelli.

Intermediate Mr Les Lindorff

BAS Round 1 SPC - 0 drew with Ballarat Grammar -0.

Best: Cam Ferguson Dylan Lewis Will Cousins Jonathan Lenkic.

Even though the match was a draw all boys played well. Cam Ferguson, Dylan Lewis and Jonathon Lenkic played very well throughout the match and deserve credit for this. Well done to all of the players.

Junior SPC Blue 4 defeated SPC Green 2

Goals: SPC Blue: Brody Duggan 3, Nic Richardson 1.
SPC Green: Sam Hines 1, Lachie Murphy 1.

Best Players: SPC Blue: Mitchell Lewis, Hamish Clydesdale, Nic DeJong, Mitchell Ellis, Steven Butler.

The SPC Blue team played against the SPC Green team in what turned out to be a highly competitive game played in beautiful conditions. Even though the boys were a little leg weary after the walkathon and afternoon activities they strived hard for their respective teams. The Blue team scored first with a goal by striker Brody Duggan. Minutes later the Green team scored.

At half time the score was tied. In the second half the Blue team increased its offensive pressure and after a number of missed opportunities Brody Duggan managed to score again. To SPC Green's credit the team attacked and scored, again levelling the scores. Through the inclusion of Caleb McGrath in defence and the excellent goal keeping of Mitchell Lewis, the boys were able to repel any more attacks. Nic Richardson was then able to score his first goal for the year to give the Blue team the lead. Brody Duggan scored again close to the end of the game resulting in the final score. All boys are to be congratulated on their endeavour, especially the Year 7 boys in the team. The excellent contributions of Louis Gillett and Anthony Schuurs throughout the game were also very pleasing.

Badminton **Mrs Clare Kavanagh**

A Grade

SPC/LC 5 games defeated BCC 1 game.

Best Players: Ben Couch, Nick Johnston and Brayden Allan.

B Grade

SPC Gold 4 games 116 points defeated BCC 2 games 81 points.

Best Players: Ben Kemp, Pat Hoy and Matt Norman.

C Grade

SPC White 5 games 120 points defeated BHS Green 1 game 81 points.

Best Players: Jonathan Willey, Sam Wilson and Adam Spencer.

SPC Blue 6 games 126 points defeated LC Blue 0 games 44 points

Best Players: Ben Sculley, Alex Hobson and Drew McCarthy.

SPC Green 6 games defeated LC 0 games

Best Players: Eamon McDavid, Tyler Brandenburg and Anthony Zreikat.

D Grade

SPC Blue 6 games 126 points defeated BG White 0 games 77 points

Best Players: Tom Hoy, Ben Howes and Andrew Grouch.

SPC Green 6 games 126 points defeated BG Red 0 games 69 points

Best Players: Mitch Martin, Josh O'Brien and Chris Callil.

Rugby

Mr Graham Swinton

Director of Rugby Union Football

Junior Rugby – Round 1

Haileybury 31 defeated SPC 5

Best Player: Tim Rennie

Junior Rugby has commenced this year with a great degree of enthusiasm. At present we have a list of twenty two players, the majority of whom have never played the game before. This year we are fortunate to have the services of Michael Goodman on exchange from the UK to assist with preparing the boys for the season. Michael has brought with him a great degree of enthusiasm and experience that is preparing the boys well as they take to the field each week.

The season commenced two weeks ago with our boys making the long trip to Haileybury College, Keysborough. As this was the first game for each of our boys, the opening stanza of the match saw Haileybury come out and hand our lads a lesson in rugby. The second half however was a vastly different story. The St Patrick's boys by now had time to steady and the defence under the direction of James McDougall held up well only conceding one try for the half.

The forwards led by Jaykeb Lench and Tim Rennie started to see plenty of the ball resulting in a try through Jaykeb Lench following an inspirational tackle and thirty metre run. Sam Micich, Tom Hardy and Jacob Johnson contributed very well. The score line certainly didn't do justice to effort of the SPC boys.

Round 2

Marcellin College 29 Defeated SPC 14

Best Player: Jaykeb Lench

Last Saturday saw the SPC boys play their first home game for the season against Marcellin College in front of a large crowd. SPC started the game well with Jaykeb Lench once again scoring the first try for the team. James McDougall, who has spent a good deal of time and effort perfecting the place kick, converted beautifully. SPC's hard work was undone by sloppy tackling and complacency allowing Marcellin to run in some easy tries. In the second half Jaykeb Lench scored again shrugging off a host of opposition backs to cross the line for the third time this season.

Many positives were taken out of the match, such as the superb tackling by Jaykeb Lench, Jacob Johnson and Reece Evans who provided the tackle of the day with a massive hit on a Marcellin opponent. Well done to all boys.

This week in the home game against Scotch College SPC will need to increase the tenacity and intensity of the tackling across the team. This week's game kicks off at 10 am. Players will need to be in the rooms and ready to commence the warm up at 9 am. Vocal spectators are most welcome to support the boys who are rapidly learning the nuances of the game.



Senior Basketball

SPC Blue 68 defeated MCC 58

Leading Scorers: Josh King 26 points, Steve Jew 14 points and Ben O'Keefe 11 points.

The boys started off well jumping out to an early ten point lead which they maintained for the first half. MCC were scoring too many easy points through a lack of defence by SPC but this was addressed at half time by coach Jamie Phillips.

The second half was much like the first with SPC leading by 22 points before MCC knuckled down and began scoring, bringing the game to within 6pts. SPC managed to steady and were eventual winners by 10pts.

SPC Green 33 defeated by BCC Black 69

Leading Scorers: Ethan Stewart 10 points, Alec DelPapa 9 points and Matt James 6 points.

The Ballarat Clarendon College team were a tough match for SPC Green to encounter in the first round, but the SPC boys never backed down and continued playing right to the end of the game. Clayton Zanella worked hard around the basket while Liam Atwood and Matt James worked tirelessly on both ends of the court. Well done to all the boys who played.

Futsal

Vikings Regional Championships Tuesday May 19 at the Ballarat MinerDome

Five teams represented the College in three age groups Junior, Intermediate and Senior at the Vikings Regional Championships. It was an excellent day with good sportsmanship shown by all competitors.

The Intermediate Futsal team captained by Michael Trigger won the Regional competition, winning all of the games on the way to the final during which all eleven players experienced court time. All boys played well and showed good sportsmanship. It was great to see the skills exhibited by the players.

The following boys from Year 9 and 10 represented the College.

Carl Smith, Alex Antonelli, Will Georgiou, Sam Lockyer, Brayden Allen, Michael Trigger, Aaron Blomely, Charles King, Todd Butler, Ben Haintz, John Goad.

Football

Mr Howard Clark
Director of Football

BAS Football Round 4

Ballarat College 14 – 11 – 95 Defeated SPC White 4 – 1 – 25

Best Players: Andrew Fay, Tyler Constable, Aden Nestor, Jack Peeters, Jack Ryan, Bryson McDougall.

Goal Kickers: Bryson McDougall 2, Jack Ryan 1, James Slater 1.

A hard fought match saw a fast running game by College prove too good for the Ryan boys this week. A great fight back in the first quarter to level the scores at quarter time which was highlighted by Bryson McDougall kicking two goals for the term. Despite a big margin the boys fought hard until the final siren.

SPC Gold Defeated Ballarat High School

Best Players: Joel Anstis, Matthew Coon, Jack Fowler, Caleb King, Matthew Cashin, Eden Marson.

Goal Kickers: Joel Anstis 3, Matthew Cashin 2, Eden Marson, Matthew Coon 2, Jack Fowler 1, Nick Powell.

In a match which see-sawed throughout the afternoon Nunan (SPC Gold) managed to steal victory in the dying seconds against a very competitive Ballarat High School side. The victory was a result of weeks of improvement in our individual skills and a collective effort to implement team strategy. Nunan players managed to do all of the basics right (leading into space, kicking to the lead, manning up and tackling well) and these basics were the difference. Another solid performance from Caleb King in the backline, excellent work in the middle by Matt Coon and Harry Murphy all helped move the ball to the forward line where Joel Anstis and Matt Cashin who kicked three and two goals respectively. Congratulations on an excellent win.

Senior Football

2nd XVIII

SPC Green 17 – 7 - 109 Defeated BHS 1 – 0 - 6

Goal Kickers: Caleb Hepworth, Brad Whittaker 3, Drew Murphy, Mitchell Rodd 2, Brad Brennan, Lochie Dickson, Justin O'Brien, Cameron Carter, Kieran Toohey, Nick Clifton, Dylan Prozzo 1.

Best Players: Patrick Dwyer, Drew Murphy, Caleb Hepworth, Brad Whittaker, Mitchell Rodd, Dylan Prozzo, Justin O'Brien.

In Round 4 of the 2nd XVIII BAS Competition SPC Green played against BHS. In a very one sided affair SPC Green dominated play from the outset. Paddy Dwyer was winning a lot of clearances and disposing of the ball well. Drew Murphy continued his consistent form and picked up many possessions whilst Mitch Rodd and Brad Whittaker were good targets up forward. Caleb Hepworth and Justin O'Brien were unpassable down back before Caleb went forward and kicked 3 goals. Everybody was certainly more switched on this week and used their voice constructively.

SPC Blue 14 -20 - 104 Defeated Ballarat Clarendon College Black 2 -5 - 17

Goal Kickers: Joel Owin 4, Peter Colbourne, David Herbert 3, Andrew Wallis, Matt Cullinan 2, Bongeraard Timaepatua.

Best Players: Peter Colbourne, Andrew Wallis, Joel Owin, Josh Plozza, Matt Cullinan, Clay Jenkins, Sam Morrissey.

SPC Blue once again managed to generate an inordinate amount of scoring opportunities against an undermanned and undersized Ballarat Clarendon College Black Team. During the first three quarters the team played an attractive brand of hard running, accountable football but were wasteful in front of goal.

With the team holding a 95 point lead at three quarter time the intensity of the match dropped as did the commitment of the players to maintain structures and work for each other. It was however very pleasing for the team to open their account for 2009.

Josh Plozza was again a dominant force in the ruck and generated great supply for hard working runners Andrew Wallis, Joel Owin and Clay Jenkins. Josh's ruck work was exceptional and he also took several strong marks around the ground. Peter Colbourne provided a constant target up forward, marking strongly and setting up opportunities for other players. Matt Cullinan and Sam Morrissey also displayed fine aerial skills and ensured that Clarendon forward sorties were few and far between.

Special mention must go to Norman Tipiloura and Jayson Puatijimi who willingly filled in for Clarendon and were clearly their best players on the day. Norman marked strongly around the ground and Jayson impressed all with his pace and exquisite kicking skills, the highlight being a 30 metre left foot torpedo punt pass to an unmarked team mate – an impressive effort given he is a natural right footer!

SPC Blue are on the march at last and look forward to the challenge of taking on Damascus College next week.

1st XVIII

Round 2 BAS

Ballarat College 13 – 4 – 82 Defeated St Patrick's College 10 – 8 – 68

Goal Kickers: Matt James 4, Shaun Lyle 2, Marshall Rippon, Tom Lamb, Tom Cullinan, Jake Dunne 1.

Best Players: Nick O'Brien, Tom Lamb, Edward Arthurson, Matt James, Jesse Dundon, Justin Gordon.

In a game of two very different halves, Ballarat Clarendon College inflicted St Patrick's College's first defeat of the season to continue the great rivalry that exists between both schools. Played at Ballarat Clarendon College, College played the better football in the first half and at the 16 minute mark of the second quarter, had kicked eight unanswered goals and led by 45 points.

St Patrick's College were able to kick a late goal in the second quarter to go into the main break 39 points in arrears. The difference in the score-line was due to a number of factors however the most glaring was our inability to win any contested ball. This is an area that we have been exceptional at all year and unfortunately some players deviated away from our game plan and were exposed in this area. One of the core values within our Team Game Plan is we must win our own ball and at times during the first half, this certainly wasn't achieved.

The loss of Patrick Britt (our most consistent player this year), early in the second quarter with a broken fibula certainly unbalanced the team adding to the eight players missing from the MCC Herald Sun Shield Team the week before. With Victorian Country commitments (Ben Peters and Josh Cowan) and six players unavailable due to school commitments (Outdoor Education Camp) the composition of the team was quite different from previous weeks and the changes were seen within the group as being a wonderful opportunity for players on the fringes to enhance their claim for a more permanent birth within the team.

In the second half, a huge transformation came over the game and against the odds, at the 16 minute mark of the last quarter St Patrick's College had whittled the lead down to an achievable eight points. A lapse in concentration and our inability to be clean with our disposal over the last few minutes, meant we were unable to get over the line, being eventually beaten by 14 points. It speaks volumes of the group that after being in such a poor situation at half time they were able to get themselves in a winning position deep into the 80 minutes of scheduled time. It is important that we learn from the mistakes that were made early and when confronted with a similar situation that not only the playing group, but also the coaching panel are able to remain positive and quickly and decisively respond to the challenge before them.

Next Week

SPC v Ballarat Grammar
Monday, May 25 commencing at 4:00pm

Flying Boomerangs v SPC Wednesday, May 27

Venue and time to be advised. The Flying Boomerangs are an elite Under 18 National Indigenous Team and will provide a great challenge for the team. Thank you to Aaron Clark for providing players with this experience.

Dreamtime at the G

Three Indigenous students, Trent Clark, Ben Barry and Mikey Smiler have been selected to play in the West Vic Eels team in the curtain raiser to the Essendon v Richmond game at the MCG on Saturday night as part of 'Dreamtime at the G' celebrations. The boys will play the Tiwi Island Premiers the Imalu Tigers. Congratulations and best wishes to the boys in representing their community and their school.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Josh Cowan and Ben Peters who have been selected in the Victorian Country Squad that will compete in the Under 18 National titles commencing on Saturday May 30.

ARCHIVES **Br Brian Davis**

The Tobin Trophies

On April 24, 2006 Daniel Tobin donated to the College trophies won by his great uncles, Frank and Daniel Tobin from the Athletics Championships from 1919 to 1922. These trophies have been restored ready for display. Frank and Daniel's great, great nephew Adrian Tobin re-established the family connection with St Patrick's College when he commenced at the College in 2007. This link has been extended further with Harrison Tobin commencing Year 10 this year.



**1922 Senior Athletics Cup
won by Frank Tobin.**

The Tobin Trophy 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.



**1919 Mile and 220 Yards Championships
won by Frank Tobin**

(Sources: Frank and Daniel Tobins' great nephew Daniel Tobin and the St Patrick's College Archives).

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & STANDARDS OFFICER

Mr Jamie Bobrowski

One Night of Homelessness

Each night there are 36,000 homeless young people in Australia. Of great concern is that this represents a staggering one in 70 people from the 12 to 25 age bracket.

Open Family Australia's Street Outreach Workers are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide unconditional support to young people on the street.

In 2005/2006, the Workers intensively supported 590 at-risk and alienated young people with 15,340 episodes of support for these clients. In addition the Open Family Australia Workers conducted hundreds more casual street contacts and referrals.

Open Family worked with 58 different ethnic backgrounds throughout the last year and are currently proactively working with new and emerging ethnic communities to assist individuals and families through this often difficult transition period.

Once a young person has been linked into the appropriate community services and no longer requires the intensive support of an outreach worker they are exited from the programme. Key referral destinations included health services including general practitioners, community health services and hospitals (22%), youth and welfare services (19%), legal services (14%), educational institutions (10%), and employment agencies (13%).

How we plan to help?

To harness and further develop the positive experiences on offer to the students of St Patrick's College, we invite all Year 10 students to experience *One Night of Homelessness*. This challenging and at times confronting experience is to be conducted on Thursday May 28, 2009. It will introduce our boys to just some of the conditions of what these young people in Australia experience on any given night.

One Night of Homelessness will enhance the College philosophy of a boy's journey into manhood by exposing them to real life situations designed to give a greater appreciation of what life really is. This night will consist of a range of challenges and experiences including eating a meal from a soup kitchen, sleeping with only the assistance of a blanket, exposure for a small period of time to the elements of nature and informative sessions from Open Family who are working with homeless youth on a daily basis as mentioned above.

When: Thursday May 28 and Friday May 29

Time: Commencing at 7.30pm on Thursday evening and concluding at 8 am Friday morning.

Where: St Patrick's College

For further information contact Mr Jamie Bobrowski – jbobrowski@stpats.vic.edu.au or 53 311688

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

Canteen

Roster Monday May 25 to Friday May 29.

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 May 25

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

Tuesday May 26

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

Wednesday May 27

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

Thursday May 28

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

Friday May 29

*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. SPC Scarves are also available to help stave off the chills of winter!

Uniform Shop hours:

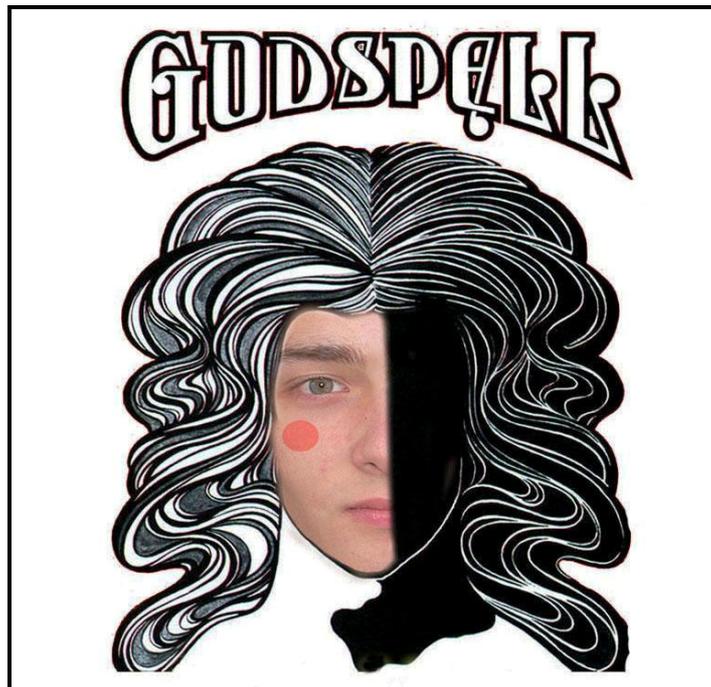
Tuesday 12 -4 pm

Thursday 12-4 pm



St Patrick's College and Loreto College students rehearse for 'Godspell'.

**St Patrick's College in conjunction with Loreto College
Proudly Presents:**



**St Patrick's College
Sir Bernard Heinz Theatre**

Dates

June 4 – 7.30pm

June 5 – 7.30 pm

June 6 – 1 pm & 7.30 pm

Bookings: St Patrick's College, Front Reception
Bookings Open: Tickets selling fast! Don't miss out!

COMING EVENTS

Saturday May 23

Rugby 2nd Division – MGM vs SPC 11.15 am
Rugby U16 Division 2 – HC vs SPC 11.15 am
Rugby U 14 – SPC vs MC 9.00 am

Tuesday May 26

Jun B Soccer 4.00 pm
Board Exec. Meeting – 7.30 am
Parents & Friends Meeting – 7.30 pm

Wednesday May 27

Jun B Football 4.00 pm
Foundation AGM – 12.00 pm
OCA AGM – 12.45 pm
OCA Regional Dinner – Shepparton, 7pm

Thursday May 28

Year 10 – One night of Homelessness Experience
Year 7 Sports Day with Loreto College

Saturday May 30

Rugby 2nd Division – IGS vs SPC 11.15 am
Rugby U16 Division 2 - IGS vs SPC 10.00 am
Rugby U 14 – IGS vs SPC 9.00 am

Monday June 1

Year 9 Melbourne Experience - PEL000,003,005,009.

Tuesday June 2

Social Justice Assembly
Year 9 Melbourne Experience - PEL000,003,005,009.
Senior & Middle School Cross Country
Board Meeting – 7.30 pm

Wednesday June 3

Year 9 Melbourne Experience - PEL000,003,005,009.
First Year 12 Retreat

Thursday June 4

First Year 12 Retreat
College Musical – Godspell – 7.30 pm

Friday June 5

College Musical - Godspell –7.30 pm
Year 9 Melbourne Experience - PEL000,003,005,009

Saturday June 6

College Musical Godspell - – 1.00 pm & 6.00 pm
Boarding Exeat Weekend

Monday June 8

Queens Birthday – Public Holiday
College closed – Boarders to return from 3pm



SPC vs Marcellin College